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## COMMERCE GROUP IN LADIES NIGHT PROGRAM FRIDAY

Motion Picture Travelogue to Be Exhibited; Matter of Improved Radio Broadcasting Station to Be Discussed; Report on Aluminum Drive

The Boone Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual ladies' night banquet in the basement of the Baptist church Friday evening at 7:30, and a feature of the evening will be a new motion picture recently completed by the Greyhound Corporation, entitled "This Amazing America." The film shows some of the most outstanding scenic attractions throughout America.

The same picture will be shown for the benefit of the general public at the Appalachian State College auditorium at 4:30 p. m. Friday, without admission charge.

Mr. Herman W. Wilcox, president of the Chamber of Commerce, says that this will likely be the only ladies' night event this year, and insists that all members and their ladies make plans to attend.

A number of items of business are to be discussed, the principal one being the movement for the establishment of a modern radio broadcasting system in this city. Mr. Wilcox, in this connection, pays tribute to all who have given their fine services to the present experimental station.

A report on the progress of the defense campaign for aluminum will also be made at this time.

Recent new members of the Chamber of Commerce are New River Light & Power Co., Smithy's Store, Northwestern Bank and A. & P. Tea Company.

## Dr. Cunningham To Preach Here Sunday

President of Davidson College Will Be Heard at Presbyterian Church at 11 O'clock

Dr. John R. Cunningham, president of Davidson College, will preach at the James I. Vance Memorial Presbyterian church on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Since the erection of this church no service has been held in which the memorial aspect has been recognized. Although this is not a memorial service, the congregation will pause in memory of Dr. Vance and will be led in a memorial prayer by Dr. C. G. Vardell, president emeritus of Flora McDonald College.

Dr. Cunningham is peculiarly fitted to deliver the sermon on this occasion, because of the close friendship which existed between him and Dr. Vance. Also because the interest which he has had for many years in the growth and development of the Presbyterian work in Boone.

Dr. Cunningham served as pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Bristol, Tenn., as president of the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., as pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Winston-Salem, and in January of this year became president of Davidson College.

Rev. John I. Rhea, pastor of the church, invites the public "to join with us in this service and to hear a man whose services, perhaps are more coveted than any man of the Presbyterian church in the United States."

## H. A. Cantor Dies In Lewiston, Idaho

Mr. H. A. Cantor, a resident of Watauga county in the early days, died at his home near Lewiston, Idaho, on July 6, and funeral services and interment were in that locality. Among the survivors is a sister, Mrs. Thos. Hampton of Blowing Rock R. F. D.

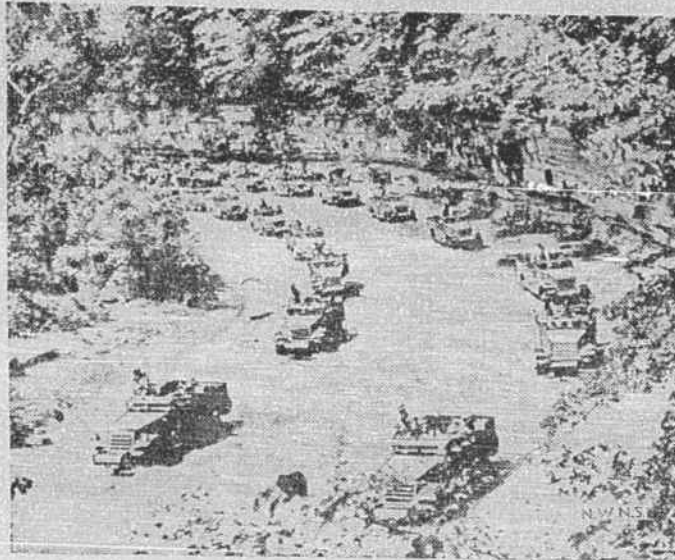
Mr. Cantor was a son of the late George Cantor and was a native of Wilkes county. The family moved to Watauga when he was a lad, and he went to Idaho 56 years ago, where he succeeded well and where he had since lived. Mr. Cantor had visited homefolks and friends in this locality occasionally since he left.

## Camping Group To Meet At Yonahlossee

The Southeastern section of the American Camping Association, of which Mrs. A. P. Kephart is president, will hold its mid-summer meeting at Camp Yonahlossee Friday, the sessions to begin at the noon hour. About 100 directors and others are expected for the gathering.

This section includes ten southern states.

## Armored Division Gets Workout



The U. S. army has released this picture in connection with the first anniversary of the first armored division of Fort Knox, Ky. Scout cars are shown proceeding up a creek during a tactical problem. Major General Bruce Magruder is in command of the unit.

## Watauga County Tax Rate Remains at \$1.25, According to Budget Estimate

### DANCY SUCCEEDS CLAY AS DEPUTY

Boone Man Gets Deserved Promotion in Department of Internal Revenue

Mr. Glen Dancy of Hays, N. C., deputy collector of internal revenue, has taken over the territory formerly worked by Deputy Collector R. L. Clay, comprising Forsyth, Wilkes, Watauga and Alexander counties, with headquarters in Winston-Salem. Mr. Dancy has been located in Asheville for the past several years and is a most capable man. He deserves the full co-operation of the taxpayers.

On June 1 of this year Mr. Clay was promoted to the position of assistant chief of the field division, and has the supervision of all deputies in North Carolina. He maintains his headquarters in Greensboro.

Mr. Clay has been connected with the collector's office since September 26, 1933, has been a most capable official, and the promotion came to him in recognition of the splendid service he has performed.

## Late War Bulletins

London, July 22.—British bombers sweeping almost unhindered over Northern France today attacked shipbuilding yards near the mouth of the Seine river and their escorting Polish fighters shot down four Nazi planes. British fighter pilots said two large flights of Messerschmitts encountered over France veered away and refused to give battle. The Polish pilots machine-gunned German airdromes, hangars and grounded planes, attacked a ship off the coast and claimed a direct hit on one coastal anti-aircraft battery in addition to destroying four German fighters. Attacks during the night were carried out in Western Germany, Denmark, the Netherlands and Belgium.

Moscow, July 23.—Masses of German bombers attacked this Soviet capital during the night in the second consecutive night raid but only a few of the estimated 150 planes broke through to unload explosives and incendiaries, it was officially announced today. Several fires were quickly extinguished among dwellings, a communique said. The main body of Nazi raiders were beaten off by anti-aircraft fire and Soviet fighters, it was added.

Berlin, July 22.—German shock troops charging forward with flamethrowers and hand grenades were reported tonight to have taken key Russian defense positions at Polotsk in the drive toward Moscow. The break-through on the northern wing of the central front was declared to have come after a two-day battle in which tens of thousands of Russians were killed or wounded. German accounts said it permitted an infantry advance on a broad front.

## LA GUARDIA TO SEEK 3RD TERM AS N. Y. MAYOR

New York, July 21.—Mayor F. H. LaGuardia announced tonight he would run for a third term as chief executive but said his decision was "contrary to my preference."

County Commissioners Tentatively Approve Estimate of County Accountant; Property Tax is Expected to Yield \$95,000 for Fiscal Year

The county commissioners have tentatively approved the budget estimate for the fiscal year of 1941-42, which would allow the tax rate to remain at \$1.35 per one hundred dollars tax book valuation, and the budget will come up for final approval at the August meeting of the board.

C. Gordon Taylor, county accountant, based his budget estimate on a property valuation of \$7,600,000, which he calculates would yield \$95,000.00 in addition to poll tax receipts, court costs and other receipts.

Thirty-three cents of the levy will go to the general county fund and other departments, he stated; the debt service fund will require 58 cents of the levy, the county school fund, 26 cents; old age assistance, 5 cents, and aid for dependent children, 3 cents.

Of the receipts from property taxes, the general county fund is to receive \$25,080.00; the debt service fund, \$44,080.00; the general school fund, \$19,760.00; old age assistance, \$3,800.00, and aid to dependent children, \$2,280.00.

This newspaper today carries a detailed summary of the budget estimate for the new fiscal year.

## Independent Oil Men Of State to Convene At Blowing Rock

The two-day summer convention of the North Carolina Independent Oil Jobbers Association will meet at Blowing Rock Friday.

Speakers will be Forrest H. Shuford, state commissioner of labor; W. S. Tyson, labor department attorney; H. L. Shankle, chief of the state gasoline and oil inspection division; W. F. McCullock, Raleigh insurance specialist, and G. Denny Moore of New York, managing director of the Gasoline Pump Manufacturers Association.

C. B. Myers of Statesville, is president of the association.

## Bare's Fair Store In New Expansion

Bare's Fair Store, one of the town's most popular department stores, is planning to double its floor space, by stocking the second floor of the building they occupy. Carpenters are now working on the upstairs, which will be arranged to suit the business, and it is hoped that the floor may be occupied within about 15 days.

The store was established in Boone four years ago, with Mr. Guy Hunt as manager and the business has grown rapidly. The new expansion makes the third time the floor space of the store has been approximately doubled.

Newspaperdom ranks twelfth in the list of England's national industries and employs 80,000 workers regularly.

## ALUMINUM DRIVE GETS UNDER WAY IN THIS SECTION

Boone and Blowing Rock Collaborating in Campaign to Raise Aluminum; Theatre Announces Plan to Accept Metal in Lieu of Tickets Friday

Boone and Blowing Rock are collaborating in a drive for the collection of aluminum being used in the air defense program.

In Blowing Rock, Mrs. Wade Klutz, chairman, has set up a collection point at the Chamber of Commerce where the gentle plunk of peccolators against pans and pots indicates progress in her efforts. Henry Coffey was the first contributor in Blowing Rock.

Meanwhile Robert Greene of Blowing Rock, has agreed to contribute his antique Franklin automobile which is almost entirely aluminum at a minimum charge of \$10. To raise this sum Mrs. Klutz is selling chances on a \$5 prize, the winner of which will be announced at the Blowing Rock Chamber late Saturday afternoon.

Herman Wilcox, Boone chairman, has reported a preliminary survey made by Boy Scouts of Boone's supply, the collection of which will begin today. Boone trucks will pick up all aluminum beginning at 8:30 this morning.

Miss Elizabeth Bridge, who is working with the various county units, reports excellent co-operation of all units, and she expresses appreciation to Mrs. F. E. Warman and B. W. Stallings for their work in the aluminum drive.

## Aluminum Good For Movies On Friday

Manager C. H. Trotter of the Appalachian Theatre, in an effort to aid in the defense drive for old aluminum, has announced that Friday afternoon from 2 to 3 o'clock, any person, child or adult, may gain admission to the theatre with the presentation of any kind of piece of aluminum. The film being shown on this occasion is "Down Argentine Way," one of the most popular of the recent cinema releases.

## CANNERY READY FOR BUSINESS

Community Cannery Open Every Day Except Saturday; to Supply Lunch Rooms

The community cannery at Vilas is now open every week day except Saturday.

Recently a NYA project was set up to do canning for the county school lunch rooms. Ira Fox has been appointed supervisor and Ralph Stokes as an assistant. Each school must furnish the products to be canned and the cans to can the food in. There will be no charge to the school for the work. It is urged that the school patrons of the county see that their surplus vegetables and fruits are made available to their school lunch room. This is a time of national defense and every citizen of the county should want to help in providing better lunches for their children.

There will also be allowed credit to those who wish to receive lunch-room tickets which would be issued at the beginning of school. Credit would be allowed according to number of cans filled. Beans, tomatoes and greens 3 cents per quart; beets and carrots, 4 cents quart, and corn 3 cents a pint. It is not necessary for the individual receiving credit or giving the food to provide the cans.

The cannery provides two methods by which home canners may do their own canning. A 1 cent charge per can is made for processing except when glass jars are used for canning vegetables, a 1 1/2 cent charge per can is made. For those who do not wish to prepare and pack their food an extra 2 cents per can is charged.

It is urged that quality of products be stressed. The cannery has means of giving you a product supreme in quality provided you bring a quality food to be canned. All vegetables and fruits should be fresh from the garden and corn will not be accepted unless it has the shuck on and has been gathered the same day it is to be canned.

No. 3 tin cans (quart size) sells for 3 1/2 cents and the No. 2 tin cans (slightly over pint) sells for 2 1/2 cents. Cans may be used three times.

## Physician Dies



Dr. J. M. Hodges of Boone, who succumbed to a long illness Friday

## LAST RITES FOR DR. HODGES ARE HELD ON SUNDAY

Widely Known Boone Physician Succumbs After Long Illness; Had Practiced Medicine in This Region for Almost Forty Years; Former State Senator

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Boone Baptist church for Dr. Joseph M. Hodges, aged 75, popular Boone physician and former member of the state senate, who died Friday morning from a long illness. Dr. Hodges had been more or less incapacitated since he was seriously injured in an auto accident in 1926, but continued with his practice until January, 1940, when he suffered a paralytic stroke.

The rites were conducted by Rev. J. C. Canipe, pastor of the Baptist church, and Rev. J. A. Yount, Lutheran minister, and interment was in the Gragg cemetery near Boone. A large crowd of friends from widely divergent points gathered to pay their respects to the esteemed physician.

The pallbearers were: Dr. T. R. Allen, Roan Mountain, Tenn.; Dr. W. S. Dorsey, Knoxville, Tenn.; W. H. Gragg, A. E. Hamby, Sr., W. R. Lovill, R. M. Owens, Russell Hodges, Boone, and Howard Gragg, Meat Camp. The large floral offering was in charge of Mrs. Jennie Critcher and the following: Mesdames Essie Winkler, Rufus Greene, J. W. Jones, P. O. Brewer, T. Len Cooke, A. E. Hamby, Jr., W. C. Greer, Henry J. Hardin, Paul Coffey, T. R. Thomas, R. D. Hodges, Birdie Smith and A. E. Hamby, Sr.

Joseph Marion Hodges was born in Watauga county, a son of Rev. Larkin Hodges and Thursa Michael Hodges. He received his medical education at the University of Maryland, graduating from that institution in 1904. He established his office in Banner Elk, where he practiced for a short while before moving to Boone. He remained here until 1903, when he located in Cranberry, where he was physician for the Cranberry Iron Company and the East Tennessee and Western North Carolina Railway, until the year 1924, when he returned to Boone where he practiced until last year.

Dr. Hodges, until ill health forced his retirement, was one of the leaders in public matters in this area and took a keen interest in governmental matters. He was a member of the state senate during the 1923 session, and proved himself to be an exceptionally able legislator. He was a consistent member of the Baptist church since early manhood and was a thirty-second degree Mason.

Dr. Hodges was one of Northwest Carolina's most useful citizens. He was an excellent physician, courteous and kind, and ministered to the needs of his people, regardless of monetary consideration. A man of the most generous tendencies, he made friends easily, and was widely known and held in high esteem throughout this area.

Surviving are three sons and one daughter: Dr. H. S. Hodges, Alva, Ky.; Bynum C. Hodges, Bluefield, W. Va.; Jack A. Hodges and Mrs. B. T. Robertson, Boone.

## MANY CONTRIBUTE NORTH STATE FUND

Number of People Make Early Donations to Fund to Aid English Civilians

The local campaign to raise \$100 as part of a \$75,000 state fund which will be used to purchase an airplane ambulance to relieve distress in bomb-stricken areas of England, which was first announced a week ago, has already drawn 26 contributors and members of the committee feel that the total amount will be subscribed within a few days.

Governor Broughton heads the Old North State Fund, which has set up organizations in each of the 100 counties to provide a fund for the "mercy ship" to be given the people of England by North Carolinians, and Watauga has been assigned a most reasonable share of this expense.

The initial contributors to the fund are:

Gordon Taylor \$1, W. G. Hartzog \$1, W. R. Lovill \$1, M. W. Beach \$1, G. K. Moose \$1, Elizabeth Bridge \$1, W. A. Smith \$1, Ernest Maish \$1, Mrs. Alma Shoemaker \$1, Olive Shull 25c, Helen Underdown \$1, Gladys Taylor 40c, H. S. Webster \$1, Dr. Robt. King \$1, Miss Grace Pennell 25c, Mrs. Jones 50c, Wilma Baird 50c, Gladys Tugman 50c, Norman Wilson 50c, Velma Miller 25c, Glenn Parthing 25c, Wwright Cable 50c, Martha Hanes 25c, Eubert Teague 50c, W. F. Bowles 25c, W. H. Walker \$1, Rex Geer \$1. Total \$18.25.

The local committee is composed of Rob Rivers, chairman, Dr. H. B. Perry, C. C. Rogers, Mrs. T. A. Weaver, Mrs. Fred Winkler, Dr. B. Dougherty and Mrs. Charles Younce. Those desiring to contribute to the fund may contact either member of the committee.

## Benefit Dance Saturday Evening

The ladies of the Tuesday night club have announced that they will hold a nickelodeon dance in the old Democrat building Saturday evening from 8:30 to 12 o'clock, to which the general public is invited.

The proceeds from an admission charge of 35 cents will be used as a contribution to the North State fund which will buy an airplane ambulance to relieve some of the distress occasioned in England by the all-out German bombings of the civilian population.

## BOONE TAX RATE FIXED AT \$1.80

Budget Estimate is Sent to Local Government Commission For Approval

The city tax rate for the coming fiscal year has been established at \$1.80, the same amount which has been in effect for two years, pending the approval of the local government commission, which has been furnished a copy of the budget estimate.

A levy of 95 cents, it is explained, is necessary for the debt service fund, while 95 cents is required for the general fund, which includes operating and other expenses incident to the operation of the city government.

## BITE OF SNAKE IS FATAL TO CALDWELL GIRL

Lenoir, July 20.—Mabel Coffey, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cuba M. Coffey of Edgemont, died in a local hospital last night after being bitten by a rattlesnake yesterday morning while she was picking berries near her home.

## Blue Ridge Loan Approved by REA

The state rural electrification authority last Thursday approved an application of the Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation for loans from the federal REA totaling \$631. The application will be forwarded to Washington for consideration by the federal agency.

Of the money, \$170,000 would be used to purchase 120 miles of line owned by the Northwest Carolina Utilities and now serving 1,500 customers in Watauga, Ashe, Alleghany and Surry counties; \$311,000 would go for construction of 311 miles of lines to serve 1,401 new customers in Caldwell, Ashe, Alexander, Watauga and Alleghany counties; and \$150,000 would be spent to improve lines bought from the Northwest Utilities.

Gwyn Price, chairman of the state REA, said the federal REA had made the purchase of the utilities' lines contingent on construction of the new lines.