



## VICTORY PARADE, CARNIVAL EVENT AT BLOWING ROCK

County-wide Victory Event to Feature Annual Blowing Rock Community Club Carnival; Colorful Parade is Planned

Blowing Rock, Aug. 5.—For many years the annual carnival sponsored by the Community Club of Blowing Rock has been an outstanding feature of the summer activities of this mountain-top resort. This year an interesting addition to the many features of the carnival will be the Victory parade, which will be held August 14, beginning at 2:00 p. m. The parade will form in the following order: The marshal on horseback will lead the parade accompanied by the pioneer parson carrying a Bible and the flag; Uncle Sam and the Red Cross nurses will follow; the Boone high school band will add zip and zest to the whole show with its martial music; next will come the floats depicting the various activities of the Community Club, such as library, health clinics, hot lunches, etc.; then the cars and floats representing the business places of the town; next will be seen the Campfire Girls and Boy Scouts on parade; Daniel Boone will be represented by one of his lineal descendants; a mountain string band will make mountain music; the old covered wagon, a true symbol of North Carolina days of the past, will follow, while the entire parade will be enlivened by the antics of dancing, laughing, tricky clowns.

The parade ends at the carnival grounds. It will cost nothing to get into the carnival, which will first feature a baby show at 4 p. m. Babies 1 to 5 years old are eligible. Prizes will be awarded the cutest baby, the prettiest baby, the healthiest baby, and the finest set of twins. These prizes will be in the form of photographs of the winning babies taken by Emerson Humphrey, official photographer for Blowing Rock. The entry fee for the babies will be 25 cents each, but each entrant will be given a 10-cent war stamp.

Among the features of the carnival will be the country store, wheel of fortune, delicatessen, V for victory pulls, grab bags, parade of states, darts, real fortune teller, guessing your weight, bean bag game, lemon lady, fish pond, archery, horse show, miniature shooting gallery, raffle booth, three-in-one

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## WATAUGA SOLDIER ENDS OWN LIFE

Ray Gordon Ashley Gives Bad Health as Reason for Suicide; Rites Sunday

Ray Gordon Ashley, United States army, was adjudged a suicide last Thursday when his body was found near the home of a sister, Mrs. J. M. Wheeler, Blowing Rock, with whom he had been spending a furlough. A sixteen gauge shotgun, which he had borrowed from a neighbor, had been fired by the use of a forked stick, the lethal load taking effect in the heart.

Chief of Police A. L. Gross, who investigated the death, found a note in the pocket of the deceased indicating that poor health was the cause of the tragedy. The note contained this statement: "They say I'll never be fit for active duty, so if I can't do my part there's no use of my living." Mr. Ashley had been in very bad health and had been a patient in an army hospital in Charleston, S. C., for several months.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at Middle Fork Baptist church by Rev. R. A. Hendrix and interment was in the church cemetery, Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home taking care of the arrangements.

Surviving are the following brothers and sisters: Allen Ashley, address unknown; Miss Fay Ashley, Miami Beach, Fla.; Mrs. Jack Engoman, New York; Mrs. L. P. Hodges and Mrs. J. M. Wheeler, Blowing Rock; Perry Ashley, Boone, and Newel Ashley, Norfolk, Va.

## Tennessee Concern Buys Watauga Cabbage

The Budd Wholesale House of Memphis, Tenn., bought 40,000 pounds of cabbage in the county last week, one load going out Friday and a second trailer on Monday. Mr. S. C. Eggers aided the concern in contacting the growers, and states that he will be glad to aid other farmers in making connection with concerns wanting Watauga cabbage.

## Record Bass



Tommy Osborne of Boone, proudly displays a 22-inch small-mouth bass, taken from the waters of New River last Sunday, and being by far the largest specimen caught in the area this summer. The big fish weighed 4 pounds and 7 ounces, and was the subject of much comment Monday, when it was on display at the Parkway Company.

## COUNTY BUDGET CALLS FOR USUAL \$1.25 TAX RATE

Estimates of County Accountant Tentatively Approved by Board; Property Receipts Estimated to Be About \$93,000

The board of county commissioners has approved the budget estimates for the fiscal year 1942-43, which would allow the tax rate to remain at \$1.25 on the one hundred dollars tax-book valuation, and the summary of the new budget is published today.

C. Gordon Taylor, county accountant, bases his budget estimates on a property valuation of \$7,700,000, which he calculates would yield \$93,866.76, in addition to poll taxes, court costs and other receipts of the county.

Thirty-four cents of the levy will go to the general county fund and other departments, Mr. Taylor stated; the debt service fund will require 66 cents; county school fund 16 cents; old age assistance six cents, and aid for dependent children three cents.

Of the receipts from property taxes, the general county fund gets \$26,180; the debt service fund \$48,436.76; the general school fund \$12,320; old age assistance \$4,620, and aid to dependent children, \$2,331.00. The detailed summary of the budget estimate appears in this newspaper today.

## Orphanage Singing Class To Appear On Thursday

The singing class from the Oxford Orphanage will appear in concert at the Cove Creek high school on August 6, at 8 p. m., under the auspices of Snow Lodge No. 363, A. F. & A. M. There are 14 children on the tour and the program is most enjoyable. The proceeds from an admission charge of 25 cents will go to the orphanage.

## PIANO CONCERT

Mrs. Ruth Rankin Rutherford, member of the Dallas, Texas, symphony orchestra, will appear in a piano concert in Appalachian College auditorium Saturday evening at 8:30. The public is cordially invited.

Mrs. Rutherford and two sons, Gene and Paris, arrived Wednesday and will spend some time visiting at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Rankin.

## RAGAN CHILD DIES

Billie Ragan, five-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ragan, of Boone, died Saturday. Funeral services were conducted Sunday from Oak Grove Baptist church by Rev. Raymond Hendrix, and interment was in the cemetery there. Immediate survivors are the parents and one brother, Lester Ragan, Jr.

An average hot water bottle contains as much rubber as goes into two pairs of soldier's overshoes.

## SCRAP CAMPAIGN IS OPENED FOR MONTH OF AUGUST

County Chairman in Effort to Gather 200 Additional Tons of Scrap for War Effort During Month; Plans County-wide Campaign

To meet the nation's war needs for scrap iron, steel and other essential materials, a new intensive drive is being launched in Watauga county to obtain at least 200 tons of scrap, it was announced the first of the week by H. M. Hamilton, Jr., chairman of the local salvage committee.

The local effort is in line with a nation-wide campaign and in Carolina Governor Broughton will paragon the campaign in a radio address from Raleigh and Charlotte Thursday night of this week at 8:30 o'clock, and Mr. Hamilton has addressed a letter to all his 350 neighborhood committeemen asking that they hear the governor and that they take immediate action to gather the scrap in every section of the county. Central points will be selected in each neighborhood, the material will be assembled there, and Mr. Hamilton will see that trucks pick it up. Those who want to sell the scrap may see either Mr. Tom Guy of Beech Creek, or Mr. Tom Jones of the Second Hand store in Boone.

Mr. Hamilton proposes to conduct the intensive campaign throughout the month, and desires the active support of every person in the county.

"As the war becomes more intensive on the various fighting fronts," Mr. Hamilton said, "the need for scrap materials has steadily increased." He declared that while collections of various types of salvage have already been made here from time to time, the expanding requirements of the war program have made it necessary to obtain much larger amounts of materials.

"The American steel industry this year hopes to produce a record-breaking 85,000,000 tons of steel—as much as all foreign countries put together can make. Our county alone this year is going to produce 200 tons of steel for every two tons the Axis can turn out.

"To bring steel production up to the industry's full capacity of 90,000,000 tons in 1942, however, our steel industry needs an extra 6,000,000 tons of scrap steel for its furnaces. Every ton of scrap we can send them will swell our national production of tanks, ships, planes and guns."

"An increasing number of boys from this county are already seeing service," he said. "We on the home front must see to it that industry shall not lack the materials needed for adequately arming and equipping them.

"Every housewife can play an important part in this drive. She should carefully inspect all of her household furnishings—to find out what equipment she has that has outlived its usefulness.

"An old iron pot or a knife in the kitchen, the steel springs of an old upholstered chair in the attic, some discarded pipe or heating equipment in the cellar, unused wire clothes hangers in a closet—these are a few of the items that will provide pounds and pounds of scrap.

## Dr. Whitener Placed On Speakers' Bureau

Dr. D. J. Whitener of Appalachian College, has been notified of his appointment on the speakers' bureau of the consumer relations division of the OPA. Dr. Whitener has accepted the appointment and is now available to appear before civic, service or educational agencies, to speak on the war price and rationing program.

## BUS DRIVERS' SCHOOL TO BE HELD HERE AUG. 11TH

County Superintendent W. H. Walker states that the state highway safety division, state highway patrol, state health department and school authorities will jointly hold a bus drivers' school in Boone on Tuesday, August 11. The school will begin at 8:30 a. m.

All county school bus drivers are required to attend this school. Every bus driver should bring a substitute driver with him to the school. Anyone wishing to become qualified for a bus driving position is invited to attend the school.

Seventeen pounds of kitchen fats saved will provide a pound and a half of glycerine, enough to fire 85 anti-tank shells.

## Russians Get U. S. Bomber Planes



At a designated spot in the Middle East, U. S. medium bombers are being ferried from the U. S. and turned over to Russian fliers who take over from that point. U. S. fliers act as instructors and aid the Russians in learning the controls of the American planes. Here a group of U. S. fliers and their Russian allies are shown talking flight maneuvers.

## Boone's First Blackout Is To Be Held On Monday Evening; Meeting Tonight

### Army Officer



CAPT. RAYMOND H. HARMON

## Dr. Harmon Gets His Commission in Army

Dr. Raymond H. Harmon, who recently enlisted in the medical corps, U. S. army, and who was commissioned a captain, has received word to report to Atlanta, Ga., for duty on August 11.

Dr. Harmon, who is one of this section's most popular physicians, and a native of Buies Creek, N. C., began the practice of medicine here six years ago, but first came here as a teacher in the science department of Appalachian high school in 1929. He also taught at Appalachian College during summer terms. He received his education at Campbell College, holds a B.S. degree from Wake Forest College, and secured his professional training at Medical College of Virginia, in Richmond. He was a member of Theta Kappa Psi medical fraternity, holds a fellowship in the American Medical Association, is a member of the State Medical Society, and the Southern Medical Society of New Orleans. Since locating in Boone, Dr. Harmon has been associated in practice with Dr. H. B. Perry. Dr. Harmon is a charter member of the Boone Lions Club and one of the board of directors.

It is with regret that the people of the town and county hear of Dr. Harmon's departure. He is very popular here, had built up an unusually heavy practice throughout the section. He expresses deep appreciation for the friendships he has made here, and the pleasant associations with Watauga county people, and regards Boone as his permanent home.

## Watauga Gets Tire Quotas For August

Watauga county will be allotted four new automobile tires, 18 recapped tires, and 13 automobile tubes for August, it was announced in Raleigh Tuesday by the office of price information. The county will also have 66 new tires for trucks, buses, tractors, etc., 72 recaps, and 76 new tubes.

As a whole, it was said North Carolina received a larger quota in all classifications for August than was the case in July.

Boone and Watauga county will experience their first war-time blackout next Monday evening, sometime between the hours of 9 and 11 p. m., according to Mr. Russell D. Hodges, chief air raid warden, who has arranged a meeting of the organization, together with the general public at the Junior hall Thursday evening of this week at 8 o'clock, to lay definite plans for the blackout test.

The blackout, says Mr. Hodges, is to occur throughout western North Carolina and parts of South Carolina, and that the public will not know the exact minute the lights are to be turned out until three blasts are sounded from the city fire siren. When this occurs the public is urged to turn out all lights in their places of business, homes, etc., unless some grave emergency makes it absolutely necessary to maintain illumination. Tentative plans are to ask motorists to stop their cars, extinguish the lights and remain standing until the all-clear signal is heard.

This will be the sections first blackout test, and the public should respond enthusiastically, in order to be better prepared for any emergency which the war may bring.

## Mrs. Anna Hagaman Succumbs Monday

Mrs. Anna Watkins Hagaman, 78 years old, a resident of the Beaver Dam community, and one of the county's best citizens, died at the home last Monday from a long illness.

Funeral services were conducted from Bethel Baptist church Wednesday at 11 o'clock, by Rev. W. D. Ashley and Rev. E. J. Farthing and interment was in the cemetery there.

Surviving are four sons and three daughters: C. E. Hagaman, Hickory; F. C. and D. C. Hagaman, Vilas; John Hagaman, Zionville; Mrs. Clyde Reese, Reese; Miss Vera Hagaman and Miss Laura Hagaman, Vilas. There are two sisters, Mrs. Sallie Green, Bluff City, Tenn., and Mrs. A. C. Trivett, Reese.

## Ralph Mast Injured In Gasoline Explosion

Word has reached Boone to the effect that Mr. Ralph Mast, who has been working on an airport at Blackstone, Va., was badly burned the first of the week, when a gasoline tank on a caterpillar tractor, exploded, as the machine was being refueled. There are no particulars at this time, other than that Mr. Mast is in a Farmville, Va., hospital, where it was said Monday evening that he was "badly burned."

Mrs. Mast left Wednesday for Farmville, to be with her husband, and during her absence Mr. W. H. Smith will be in charge of her flower shop here.

## Maternity, Infancy Clinic To Be Held

The district health department states that the regular monthly maternity and infancy clinic will be held as usual on Monday, August 10th, at 2:30 p. m., at Bethel high school.

## DATE FOR OPENING COUNTY SCHOOLS IS SET FOR AUGUST 31

Board of Education Decides to Teach on Monday Rather Than Saturday; All Children Must Present Certificate of Vaccination

The board of education, in regular session last Monday, set August 31 as the opening date for all schools of the county, and since it appeared that a majority of the students and teachers preferred teaching on Monday instead of Saturday, a resolution was adopted requiring the schools of the county to be open on Mondays through Friday. No schools will be open on Saturday, unless some emergency arises.

The board of education requests all children entering school to abide by the state law and present a certificate showing they have been vaccinated for diphtheria. All teachers are requested to co-operate and request such certificates.

Mr. W. H. Walker, county superintendent of schools, states that a number of teaching vacancies exist in the county as follows: Appalachian high school 5, Boone elementary 4, Rich Mountain 1, Green Valley principal 1, Blowing Rock school 1, Bradshaw 1, Cook 1, Cool Springs 1, Grandfather 2, Cool Springs 1, Presnell 1, Bethel high school 1, and Bethel elementary 1.

Bids were received Monday for the land on Rush Branch, owned by the board of education. T. C. Vines entered the highest bid, it being \$300. This bid has been filed with the clerk of court for ten days. Anyone wishing to raise the bid may do so at the office of the clerk of court.

## PIPE PLANT IS TO REMAIN HERE

Mr. Lavietes Says Industry Will Not Be Moved From This City as Rumored

Mr. David P. Lavietes, president of the D. & P. Pipe Works of this city, on Tuesday "spiked" rumors that he will move his manufacturing plant to another town, and stated that he is renewing the lease on the property in Boone, and will continue to operate the plant here at peak capacity. Mr. Lavietes stated that property he had purchased at Sparta and the activities there, do not in any way curb the operations here, that they are separate and distinct units of his enterprises.

The factory here is experiencing a scarcity of wood right at this time, when farmers are too busily engaged to dig the burls, but the work of the 75 men employed, has been diversified in such a way that every man on the payroll has been kept working during the seasonal lull in burl deliveries.

The pipe factory, which is the town's only manufacturing plant, has contributed largely to the welfare of the people of this section and is enjoying an ever-expanding business.

## Two Are Bound To Federal Court Term

Clarence Letner and James Clyde Williams of LaFollette, Tenn., have been bound to federal court by S. C. Eggers, United States commissioner, on charges of the larceny of an automobile in Tennessee. They confessed their guilt, and in default of bond, were taken to jail at Yadkinville.

They were apprehended by Patrolman Myles Jones on highway 421 west of Boone, and wrecked their automobile near Rutherford, after unsuccessfully attempting to evade the officer.

## Many New Members Chamber of Commerce

The membership campaign being conducted for the Chamber of Commerce is going along fine, and following are the names of the firms and individuals who have joined the organization within the last few days:

New River Light & Power Co. Nettie Lee Shop, Dr. E. T. Glenn, Artistic Beauty Salon, J. L. Qualls, Boone Drug Co., McGuire's Beauty Salon, Bare's Fair Store, Colvard Tire Co., J. E. Holshouser, Watauga Insurance Agency, Parkway Company, Boone Tire & Bargain Store, Watauga Democrat, Maddux Esso Stations, the Crest Stores.