



GOV. BROUGHTON AND FIRST LADY AT BLOWING ROCK

Governor and Wife Being Entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cannon; Open House Saturday; Other News of the Blowing Rock Community.

Blowing Rock, August 7.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Cannon will hold open house for Governor and Mrs. J. Melville Broughton at their summer home, "The Summit," Saturday evening August 14, 5 to 7 o'clock. Residents of the summer colony as well as all the people of Watauga county are invited to come and meet Governor and Mrs. Broughton.

At the morning worship service of Rumpel Memorial Church on August 15th, the guest speaker will be Governor Broughton who has long been active in religious circles. For many years he has been a teacher of a men's Bible class in Raleigh.

Lieut. and Mrs. L. A. Kirkland have arrived from Camden, S. C., and are staying at Walker Lodge. Lt. Kirkland is a bombardier, and has just returned from a war area.

Allan Klutz, A. S. son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Klutz, and Tommy Keys, A. S. son of Rev. and Mrs. Walter K. Keys, have arrived from the U. S. Naval training station at Bainbridge, Md., where they have just finished their boot training. They will be in Blowing Rock for a week.

Miss Margaret Kephart, who is employed by the British Ministry of Supply, Washington, D. C., has been visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Kephart at Camp Yonahlossee for two weeks. Dr. A. P. Kephart's sister, Mrs. Pearl K. Sawtell, of Portland, Oregon, is a visitor at Camp Yonahlossee, as is Mrs. Kephart's mother, Mrs. W. H. Dill, of Myersdale, Pa. Mrs. J. O. Cobb of Durham has taken the place of Mrs. Cecilia B. Barnett of Augusta, Ga., who was hostess at Camp Yonahlossee for the first part of the current season.

The following Flora McDonald college girls are attending the summer school at the Appalachian State Teachers College: Marion Hanning Hiers, of Orangeburg, S. C.; Helen Price of Salisbury, Ruth Manning Forbes of Dunn; Frances Williamson of Turkey; Carolyn Klusmeier of Charlotte and Helen Burch of Boone. One day last week they had as dinner guest Dr. C. G. Vardell of Blowing Rock, president emeritus of Flora McDonald; Glenn Hiers and Manning Hiers of Orangeburg, S. C.

Polly Pitcher Tag Day Bond Sales Are \$950

The Polly Pitcher Tag Day was a success, the amount of stamps and bonds sold being \$950.00 according to incomplete reports.

Mrs. Gordon Winkler is the chairman of the Minute Maids, who were in charge of the sale of bonds and stamps. The names of the members of the organization follow:

Betty Ellis, Betty Ruth Winkler, Maxine Bradley, Ruth Farthing, Rachel Tucker, Henrietta Woodall, Carolyn Miller, Beverly Townsend, Thelma Farthing, Rosalind Page, Bettie Davis, Margaret Gould, Katherine Smith, Anna Von Oesen, Rachel Vance, Kate Yount, Mary Lee Stout, Ann Smith, Betsy Mae Coffey, Mary Marsh, Jane Taylor, Hazel Hawkins, Jean Wilson, Mary Alice Moretz, Marbeth Winkler, Mary Katherine Wilson, Kathleen Gragg. Pages: Eleanor Geer, Estelle Grubbs, Isabelle Eggers, Reba Ann Smith, Rebecca Moore.

Assistants to the Minute Maids are Mesdames Fred Winkler, Mrs. Charlie Osborne, Mrs. Theodore Greer, Mrs. Pearl Hartley, Mrs. Charles Yount, Mrs. Wiley Hartzog, and Mrs. M. R. Maddux.

The August quota of bond sales for Watauga County is \$24,000, one third of this amount to be subscribed in bonds of F and G denomination, the balance in series E, says Mrs. J. A. W. Davis, chairman of the women's division, local war savings staff.

Wednesday Store Closing Ends On 18th

The stores of the city, which observed a holiday each Wednesday afternoon during the summer, will close for the last time for the year on August 18, states Mr. Guy Hunt President of the Retail Merchants association. After that date, says Mr. Hunt, the stores will be open for business Wednesday afternoons as usual.

At Blowing Rock



Governor J. M. Broughton, who with Mrs. Broughton are spending several days at Blowing Rock as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Cannon.

Brig.-Gen. Charles Keerans Missing In Sicilian Battle

Brigadier-General Charles Keerans, son of Mr. Charles Keerans of Boone, the commander of an airborne division in Sicily in some of the most sanguinary fighting in the victorious allied sweep across the strategically located Italian island, has officially been reported as missing.

From Washington Mrs. Keerans, a resident of Charlotte, has just received a telegram informing her that her husband has been missing since July 11, and advising her that further information would be furnished her as soon as details could be obtained.

General Keerans, a son of Charles Keerans, prominent Boone citizen, lived at Charlotte until he began to acquire his higher education, first at Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va., then at the United States Military Academy, West Point, N. Y. He has served intermittently in the Army since his graduation from West Point in the early twenties.

After a stay of about one and a half years at Fort Bragg, General Keerans went overseas, and he and the airborne forces under his command reached Sicily in time for the invasion.

Crippled Children's Clinic Next Week

Dr. John S. Gaul of Charlotte will be at the Health Office on Wednesday afternoon, August 18th, to hold a clinic for the crippled children of the county.

All cripples in the county who desire medical attention are urged to attend this clinic.

School Principals To Meet Next Tuesday

There will be a meeting of all high school and elementary principals on Tuesday August 17th, at 1 p. m., in the auditorium of the Boone High School, it is announced by County Superintendent S. F. Horton.

Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, state supervisor of high schools, will address the group and conduct a round-table discussion of the twelfth grade program and various phases of the high school curriculum.

Plans for the new school year will be announced at the meeting, Supt. Horton stated.

In North Africa



Corporal John Carver, son of Mrs. Dora Carver, of Banner Elk, is now in North Africa with the American forces.

FINLEY H. COFFEY LENOIR LEADER, DIES FROM FALL

Prominent Manufacturer Fatally Injured in Fall Down Basement Steps; Funeral Thursday; Deceased Had Many Relatives in Watauga County.

Finley H. Coffey, prominent Lenoir manufacturer, who had wide family connections in Watauga county died in a hospital in that city last Wednesday afternoon from injuries sustained in a fall the preceding Sunday. He died without regaining consciousness. He was 82 years old.

His daughter, Miss Irene Coffey, said her father was injured when he fell six or eight steps down the basement stairs at the Dimmette house, just back of his home. He was showing someone the house, she said when he fell. He was unconscious for 72 hours.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock from the late residence, the Rev. A. A. McClain, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, and the Rev. W. W. Rowe, Pastor of the Reformed Presbyterian church, officiating.

Mr. Coffey, who had taken a prominent part in the civic, industrial and governmental life of Lenoir for many years, was a native of Caldwell county, the son of Drury Coffey and Harriet Callett Coffey, and attended Caldwell county schools and Boone Academy at Boone.

With his associates he formed the Kent-Coffey Manufacturing Co. in 1907 and it is now one of the oldest and largest furniture manufacturing concerns in the state of North Carolina.

In addition to being president of the Kent-Coffey Co. he was president and director of the Union National Bank, the Union Mirror Co. and the Blowing Rock Development Co. He was also vice-president and director of the Mutual Building and Loan Association.

He served three years as president of the Southern Manufacturers Association and was for many years a director of that organization; and was on the advisory committee of the Charlotte branch of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation; was chairman of the board of the state school for the deaf and blind at Morganton, and was chairman of the Caldwell county welfare board.

Mr. Coffey served on the board of aldermen of Lenoir; as a member of the Caldwell county board of commissioners, was a representative of his county in the General Assembly; and was chairman of the Caldwell county draft board throughout the World War.

He was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church, a member of the K. K. Club and a member of the Knights of Pythias.

At a dinner held July 30, 1942, he was presented a silver loving cup for the contributions he had made to the community and to the state.

In 1892 he was married to Miss Rosa Freeze of Mooresville, who survives him.

Also surviving him are two daughters, Miss Mabel Irene Coffey of Lenoir and Mrs. W. F. Hoyle of Lincolnton; two sons, Harold F. Coffey and Archie Coffey of Lenoir; and a brother, D. S. Coffey, of St. Paul, Minn.

Job Openings Listed By Employment Service

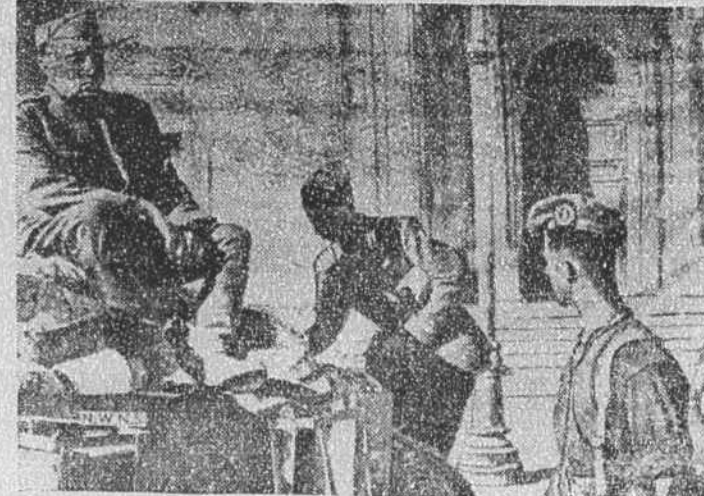
The following are some of the openings listed with the U. S. Employment service. For further information call at the courthouse between the hours of 10:00 a. m. and 12:00 noon on Friday. The Civil Service representative will also be at this point:

Local Bank Passes All Records For Deposits

The Boone Branch of the Northwestern Bank on August 5th, hit a new high figure for deposits, the accounts of patrons as of that date being \$1,211,000.00, says Mr. W. D. Farthing, the cashier.

Deposits at the local bank are showing a steady growth from day to day Mr. Farthing says, and the balance sheet is expected to show an even higher figure by the time this information gets into circulation.

Just Another Axis Prisoner



With his face screwed into a scowl and his boots covered with dust, this Italian officer sits on a truck in Sicily while awaiting transportation to a war prison camp. Busy Allied soldiers nonchalantly ignore him. Allied forces ripped into the last few remaining Axis beachheads which totaled about 1,600 of the island's 10,000 square miles.

Roosevelt-Churchill To Plan New War Moves; British Leader Now in Canada

Destroyer Escort Vessel To Bear the Name Of Late Lieut. Kephart

Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Kephart, of Blowing Rock, have received information that a ship is to be named in honor of their late son, Lieutenant William P. Kephart, U. S. Air Force pilot, who was killed by Jap gunfire in the early stages of the fighting on Guadalcanal. Lt. Kephart was the first Watauga man to lose his life in the present war.

RECORD CROWD AT HORSE SHOW

Norwood Wins Grand Championship Honors for Second Time In Blowing Rock Event.

The twentieth annual horse show held last Friday and Saturday at Blowing Rock, attracted perhaps the largest crowd in the history of the institution and 87 horses were entered in the 32 different classes.

Norwood, an open hunter, won the grand championship honors for the second consecutive year. When he garnered the purple ribbon last year he was the property of C. V. Henkel, Jr., of Statesville. Now he is owned by Dr. C. L. Haywood of Elkin.

Norwood, as a result of his victory captured the second leg on the Ralph Hoey memorial trophy. He won three firsts in the open hunter class and is champion of that division, with Fitz Lee, owned and ridden by Chuck Haywood reserve.

The championship in the open jumpers class was won by Mayor of Shrewsbury, owned and ridden by Kenneth Wilson of Hampton, Va., with Red Sails, owned by C. V. Henkel, Jr., and ridden by Ed Daniels, reserve.

Wants Letters



Pfc. Edgar B. Matheson a son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Matheson of Vilas, is now in the Pacific war zone, and would like to have more mail from Watauga County people. His address is Pfc. Edgar B. Matheson, Hq. Co., 2nd Bn., 158th Inf., A. P. O. 3470, Care Postmaster San Francisco, Calif.

REGULAR TERM AT PALACHIAN WILL START ON SEPT 7

Upper Classmen and Freshmen to Be Enrolled at Same Time in Fall Term; College was Not Accepted by Government For Military Training Program.

President B. B. Dougherty has given out the information that the regular fall session of Appalachian State Teachers College will open on Tuesday September 7th.

The upper classmen and freshmen will appear on the campus at the same time this year. The orientation program for freshmen will be conducted in the new science building, and registration for the upper classes will be conducted as usual in the Administration building. Class work for them will begin on Wednesday the eighth.

Appalachian had made application for some kind of military training program, but was not one of those selected by the government. Therefore, it is stated, the college will be conducted along the usual academic and teacher training lines with some adjustment in curriculum and with an accelerated program to keep step with the war time needs. Prospects for the coming term are most encouraging, say Appalachian officials.

Local Farmers Buy Flock Western Ewes

A number of farmers have already purchased several western ewes and these farmers are well pleased with these ewes. It is the opinion of most of the farmers, says County Agent H. M. Hamilton, that these ewes are better than the ones shipped in last year. He further states that a number of favorable reports, have been received regarding last year's purchases, some farmers stating that the ewes have more than paid for themselves this year from the sale of wool and lambs.

Mr. Hamilton states that a few of these good ewes are yet available, and that anyone interested in buying them should let him know at once. The price on the ewes is \$16 per head and they may be seen at Grady Bradley's farm, Vilas, N. C.

German People Said To Be Depressed

Zurich, Switzerland, Aug. 10.—A report from inside Germany today said that a great wave of depression and disillusionment was sweeping Germans as the result of the fall of Mussolini and axis military defeats. But it was added that there was no sign of a split in the German leadership and that the Nazis were prepared to smash any opposition.

One Hundred Farmers Pool Lambs in County

One hundred farmers pooled 1281 lambs in the second shipment of the lamb pool on Thursday, August 5, says county agent Harry Hamilton. This was the second largest shipment of pooled lambs ever made from this county since the pool was organized eight years ago. The lambs were shipped to Jersey City, N. J. and were sold on Monday and Tuesday of this week. To date we have not heard what the lambs sold for.

The lambs graded as follows: 727 blue (choice) ewes and weathers, 104 blue bucks, 294 red (good) ewes and weathers, 99 red bucks, 31 medium, 13 medium bucks, 12 plain, 1 sheep.

In Merchant Marine



J. E. Gervais, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Gervais of Zionville, N. C. is in the Merchant Marine, and received his training at Sheepshead Bay, N. Y. He has been in convoy duty for the past 3 months.

BUY WAR SAVINGS BONDS