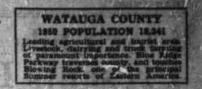


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Chamber Commerce

ing Branch Through Moun-

of the local committee, composed of S. C. Eggers, H. W. Vilcox, Dr. O. K. Richardson, and Russel

D. Hodges, but offered little comment, pending the completion of his report on the proposal, which will be delivered to the company

The agitation for the railway

was started, it is understood,

when Mountain City businessmen asked the N. & W. to build a spur from Damascus to haul away the

vast tonnage of lime and gravel

being produced in Johnson County. Boone leaders joined in the appeal for the line, and its

Information presented to Mr.

Keithly, estimated that 1,500 carloads of freight would go out

of Boone annually, and that 2,-

Every effort is being made to convince the N. & W. of the ad-visability of the branch line ex-

tension, but in this day of mount-

ing highway freight traffic, it is held unlikely that the line would

It is recalled that in 1917 the

000 cars should come in.

be extended to this city.

when completed.

extension to Boone.

KING STREET ROB RIVERS

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GROUND HOG DAY dawn urky, and while we thought Old Sol's radiant face was obscured all day, some of the folks say be peeked from behind a cloud along about midday, giving the ground hog a chance to see his shadow, and an excuse for high-tailing it into his den, to live out the six weeks of frigid weather, which the groundhogers vow, will come, if sun shines on the hog on the second day of February . . . There's not as much talk of the ground hog in relation to the weather, or in relation to anything else, as there was a few years ago, but we mountain men, with all our pretentions toward latter day culture, peek at the sky more or less anxiously on the day they say the pig uses for his prognostications . . . But, one of our chums allows: "Can't understand it . . . Why God would have made the rich black earth, the beasts and the fowls, and the pesky groundhog . . . It don't

BUT DOWN AT BERT ELLIS' Store, we hear, the question was in the air, and a shopper decried the whistle pig theory. "There's nothing to it." he vowed. Bert was said to have averred, "Rob Rivers believes in ground hog day . . . Depends on an Almanac with the picture of the ground hog on it, and make his plans by the officome of groundhog day."... The doubtful one is said to have faced about, changed his reasoning and "jined" us on the spot . . . And there's a pal . . . another one to be remembered at Christmas time!

HERE AND THERE; Julius Hubbard, veteran North Wilkesboro editor, calls at the Demoerat office, and offers his congratulations to the local journal on its continuing program of expansion and improvement . . The high praise of the neighbou

below the ridge is appreciated ... Mrs. Will Hayes, fast survie Edward Hagaman ing member of the family of the late W. W. D. Edmisten, transacts business at the Democrat office. and visits pleasantly . . . She left us a two dollar bill, and we wonthem invariably tear off a corner to stymie the jinx . . Itinerant preacher, exhorting mightily to a considerable wowd, which turned its collective back on the sermonizer when a couple of Tom cats set to fighting back fource, it is assumed that he died court we have a state of the lot toward the rear of the lot . . . sometime Wednesday or Wednes-Week-end downpour damages the Globe road, so that Lenoir traf-ed to a heart attack.



QUEEN LEAVES-Western North Carolina Burley Tobacco Queen Doris Perry of Watauga County got a warm send-off as she prepared to board the plane at Asheville that took her to a Daytona Beach, Fla., vacation. Left to right Myron C. Peterson of the sponsoring Asheville Merchants Association; Mrs. J. W. Hoyle, who is accompanying the queen; Miss Perry, Grady Byrd, chairman of the Tobacco Promotion Committee of the Association; Mrs. Crystal Sorrells, Association secretary; L. Roy Philips of the Association, and D. H. Jackson of Delta Airlines. The expense-paid Florida vacation for both the queen and her companion was one of the prizes the Zionville girl won when she was selected for the crown last fall from a field of candidates from throughout the western area. (Asheville Citizen-Times photo.)

and warmed it with the breath of the sun why He made all the beasts and the fowls, and the the beasts and the fowls, and the rishes in the seas, and made man himself, and set the universe in motion . . . and then turned over six weeks of the weather to a **Drama Group Raises** Goal Of Over \$50,000

> The Southern Appalachian His-torical Association Monday evening massed the \$50,000 goal mark, in its efforts to raise funds for At C. Of C. Meet the production of Kermit Hunt-er's "Horn in the West," but Stanley A. Marris, chairman of the finance committee, says more money is urgently needed, and he wants everyone who can to pur-chase bonds in the Association and thus contribute to the production of the outdoor drama.

Meantime the following new names have been added to the list of those who have pledged one thousand dollars each: Dr. Is G. Greer, Kermit Hunter, Chapel Hill; Mr. Hugh Williams, Coca-Cola Bottling Co., Hickory: Frank Smith, Erwin Smith, Benoir.

Is Found Dead

WILLIAM S. WADDELL Edward Boone Hagaman, 59, prominent citizen of Laurel William . Waddell, publisher of the Elizabethton Star, Elizader why they're considered un-lucky, and why those who handle Creek township, was found dead bethton, Tenn., will be the guest in bed at the ancestral Hagaman speaker at the Chamber of Com-merce meeting Tuesday, Februhome near Windy Gap, Saturary 12, at 12 o'clock. All members and friends are urged by Manager Stanley A. Harris to attend.

Nationally Known Figures To Attend Clinic Which Will best results from their money Be Attended By Members Of Every Orchestra In State.

On Friday and Saturday, February 15th and 16th, the North Carolina All-State High School Orchestra will hold its annual clinic and concert of the campus of Appalachian State Teachers College in the fine new Music and Art building. This building recently served as the site for the Western Division of the All-State Band Clinic. Approximate-ly 100 of the finest high school orchestra musicians in the State will make up the personnel of this youth orchestra. Mr. Paul Painter, Director of the Music Extension Division of the University of Illinois, and a nation-ally know figure in orchestral circles, will conduct the orches-

rehearsal and concert. tra in cluding those from Winston-Salem (Reynolds High), Greens-ialist in Extension Marke boro, High Point, Shisbury, Kan-napolis, and Charlotte (Myers Park, Central, Technical, and Harding High).

This fine orchestral group has in past years, received national

recognition for the outstanding calibre of its performances. Re cent activities of the orchestra (Continued on page five) Mr. Mark Goforth, highway President's Ball commissioner also plans to at-tend, and a report will be made Here On Saturday

Norfolk & Western Asked **To Build Line To Boone**

Produce Growers To Hear Experts At All-Day Meet

Growers of produce for sale in Watauga County will have a chance to hear specialists in their respective fields of research and vegetable disease control at an all-day meeting the Boone Courthouse Friday, February 15, be-ginning at 9:30 a. m., L. E. Tuck-willer County Agent announced this week.

In making the announcement Mr. Tuckwiller explained that: "Watauga County farmers plant almost 2,000 acres of vegetables for sale each year and another 1,500 or more acres to Irish potatoes. It takes a lot of your mone; for seeds, plants and fertiliber besides a lot of labor to produce besides a lot of labor to produce these crops. Then insects, plant discases, and sometimes weather tries to destroy your crop. What can you do about it?" Shat's the purpose of this meet-ing—to explain to growers what.

can be done to plp them ge labor.

"We are trying to make this program answer some of your problems. We hope that you will try to be present," Mr. Tuckwil-

ler urged. The tentative program as an nounced is:

9:30 a. m.-Vegetable disease in charge of Dr. Harry Fink, plant pathologist, Miller River Vege table Station.

10:30-Vegetable iffsect reresearch and control suggestions for 1952, George D. Jones, in charge of Extension Entomology. 11:30-Questions and discus-

1:00 p. m .- Fertilizer for vege tables, Henry Covington, Exten-sion Vegetable Spacialist. 1:20—Irish potatoes, varieties and research, Dr. Frank Haynes.

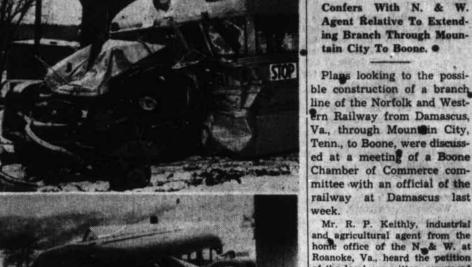
1:40 — Vegetable problems, George Klingbeil, specialist in Extension Horticulture.

the State of North Carolina will be represented in the clinic, inconditions, George Abshier, spec ialist in Extension Marketing.

New Farm Agent

sistant county agent who was property owners list promptly recently released from active duty with the army, assumed the ardson will have charge of the

4-H club program and will assist with other agricultural extension Aid Building Fund



WHERE CHILDREN WERE HURT-Two views of the crash in which five school children were hurt as the bus in which they were riding slipped on the ice and crashed into a trac-

tor. Neither of the children was critically injured. Top photo by Palmer's Photo Service. Bottom photo was snapped by Patrolman R. B. Parker, who investigated the accident.

High School Band To Play In Concert

Tax Listing Is Extended To 15th

The Board of Commissioners of Watauga county have extended the time for listing personal property for taxes until February 15, it was announced Tuesday by A. S. T. C. who is doing her student teaching in instrumental Clyde R. Greene, chairman, who music. states that during the intervening period, all personal property, including dogs and polls must be listed at the tax supervisor's office in the courthouse.

Mr. Greene says that section 1109 of the machinery act provides a penalty of ten per cent W. C. Richardson, former as- for late listing, and he asks that

duties of assistant county agent effective February Ist. Mr. Rich- Scout Supper To

Blanton, Jr. will present a con-cert on Sunday a ernoon Febru-ary 10th at 2:00 p. m. at the col-lege auditorium. Mr. Blanton will line from Todd to Boone. The war prevented the line being war prevented the line being built, and a deal was made for the construction of the narrow guage road. **Federal Men To**

Aid Tax Payers .

The thirty-eight piece Junior High Band is made up of students from the fourth through the seventh grades. This concert will be their first public appearance this year. The band will play five selections: a march "On The Hike," tone poem "Cathedral Hour," "Sunset Waltz," "Pals on

The Appalachian High School and Junior High School Bands,

under the direction of Roy R.

Blanton, Jr. will present a con-

win, a senior music student of

Notice has been issued that a deputy collector of Internal Revenue will be at the Postoffice in Boone February 13, 14, and Parade" March, and a tone poem 15, from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m., for "Morning." The band has been the purpose of giving advice and working on marching formations assistance to those wanting help and will participate in several parades this spring. Plans have in preparing their 1951 Federal

endar year 1951 must be filed no

lated than March 15, 1952, with

the Collector of Internal Revenue

for the district in which the tax-

Most taxpayers have already

withholding from their wages on

direct payment to the collector, but, nevertheless, all taxpayers

fore March 15, as provided by

The announcement explains

that Form 1040 or 1040A must be

used for filing. Original with-holding statements (Form W-2) must be atteahed to the returns,

sons whose total income in 1951

must file annual returns on or

Income reports. No charge will be made for been in progress for the purchase of uniforms in the near future. this service. The Senior High Band will Income tax returns for th

Globe road, so that Lenoir traf-fic, which normally comes that way, had to retrace to Lenoir, and come to Boone via North Wilkesboro . . Ernest Hicks, called here on account of the illness of his mother, reports on the "Watauga settlement" of Ohio . . Bant tellers invariably turn the bills all the same way . . The photo of Jefferson, or Lincoln, or whoever it is, has to be topside . . Best information we were able to get on this painstaking practice, through our painstaking practice, through our 41 years, had served as treasurfavorine wicket, was "They just er, Sunday School Superintend-look nicer thata way!" Lawns ent and teacher.

take on greenish look as warm rains sing deeper into the sod, survive: Henry Hagaman, Valle and home gardeners take a look Crucis; J. E. Farthing, Reese; at their plots and finger the Mrs. M. E. Keller, Waynesboro lithographed pages of the seed Ky.; Mrs. Susie Trivett, Reese.

catalogs . Dr. B. B. Dougherty, who taught us a good many things a long time ago, visits with us, and talks of the friends of yore, and of the future of the land, and of the bright prospects for the continued rapid growth of Appalachian College, which had its inception in the minds of the Dougherty Brothers more than fifty years ago.

PURLOINED PHILOSOPHY

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The board will present a list of projects to be worked on in 1952, and plans for a more aggressive Chamber of Commerce will be

presented. at the High School gymnasium In announcing the meeting Mr. Saturday, February 9 at 8:30. Harris says: "Mr. Waddell is one of East The dance is being given by

the Forty Nighters, local dance Tennessee's outstanding leaders, whose influence is felt over the the March of Dimes fund. The the March of Dimes fund. The entire state. He is also definitely admission will be \$1.00 per per-

our friend and has been more cooperative with Boone than any other man outside the State. He knows the tourist business well, and everybody interesd in Boone and its development should try to hear him."

Lions Club, Rotary To Play Basketball Mr. W. C. Greer, vice-president of the Farmers Hardware & Sup-ply Co., since the business was Funeral services were held Thursday at 2 o'clock at the The Lions Club and the Rotary

Aid In Taft Race

David S. Ingalls, National Cam paign Manager for Senator Rob-ert A. Taft, announced this week the appointment of Clyde Greene.

Boone, along with six other Re publicans, to constitute a Taft Committee in North Carolina.

ties in the county. Mr. Clyde Corriher, who was

Ed Waugh's Orchestra will assistant agent, is now assistant provide the music for the Presi-dent's ball, which is to be held agent in Surry County.

Jane Williams, 12,

Dies Wednesday

Jane Williams, 12, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Williams, of Boone, R. F. D. 2, died at Wa-W. C. Greer Quits tauga Hospital last Wednesday. following a long illness with a

heart ailment. Jane was in the sixth grade at Green Valley School, but had been a patient at the local hospi-Hardware Store

Poplar Grove Baptist Church. Rev. A. C. Moody and Rev. E. C. Ransom conducted the rites and founded on January 191925, has gymnasium Thursday at 7:30 p. tivities. m. All proceeds will be given to the March of Dimes fund, and ed by Clyde Greene, Cecil burial was in the family ceme-tery in the Sands neighborhood.

Cecil The parents, two brothers and the admission will be fifty cents per person. Greene, Turner Storie and R. D. Hodges, Jr. Nancy and Elizabeth of the home. vicenter.

the project.

as manager.

The business will be known

play two of the contest nu A supper will be held at the Sunday: The Overture "Eroica" Methodist Church Friday evenby Joseph Skornicka, based on ing and the proceeds for the sale themes from Beethogen's Third of tickets will be used for financ-Symphony; and the concert band ing the addition to the Boy Scout Hut, used by Boone's three Scout "The Blue Tail Fly" by Grund-Most taxy

man. This piece was performed made substantial payments on last month by the clinic band. their 1951 Federal tax through troops. As the union service honoring last month by the clinic band. the Scouts held at the Baptist The band will also play one of

Church Sunday evening, \$132.40 Jerome Kern's compositions "The was contributed to this cause, Way You Look Tonight," the Way You Look Tonight," the overture "Mountain Majesty" and \$500 is needed to complete and several marches.

Those wishing to contribute to The public is cordially invited law. the fund, should get in touch to attend. with Mr. I. S. Ayers.

Estel Wagner Buys **Girls Scouts Are Murray Esso Place**

Organized Here the notice further states. All per Mr. Estel Wagner has pur-chased from Mr. Bill Murray, the Murray Esso Servicenter, at How-ard and Hardin Streets, and Mr. Boone and is now registered with the and is now registered Harold Fahs has been employed with the national headquarters

It is being sponsored by the Methodist Church and is under the capable leadership of Mrs. R. M. Hopkins and Mrs. R. W. Tho-

was \$600 or more must file. March Of Dimes To Last Through 9th

The March of Dimes campai has been extended through the current week, and Jack Idol,

The following girls have re-

ceived their pins: Mollie Agle, Minnie Austin, Ann Cottrell, Sallie Crowell, Janice Grugg, Jo Ann Hardin, Janice Grugg, Jo Ann Hardin, Laura Holshouser, Nancy Hopksible.

The Mother's March on Polio raised \$290.83; The Boone Demonstration School sent in \$651.75, and the final return on ins, Cynthia Klutz, Mary Lawrence, Patsy Maddux, Brenda Mast, Joyce Tuckwiller, Ann Van Noppen, Mary Van Noppen, Buddie Wey, Linda Wey, Bar-bara Winkler.

Canadian dollar reaches par-ity for first time since 1939.

the quartet singing showed re-ceipts of \$563.26. A complete report of the can paign will appear when result are complete.

Harris Thanks Fiscal Campaign Workers PURLOINED PHILOSOPHY To err is human, but if the period you are overdoing thing. You don't have to stay awake nights to be a success . . . Just stay awake daysi—Southern Coto ton Oil Co., Bulletin. In 1950, more than three fourths of all farms in North Carolina were without metersa.