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PIGEON-CRUSO AREA GETTING POWER LINES

Major Improvements Now Being Made At Lake

\$42,000 Allotment Made; Work Will Start In Few Days

Men Working On Dam; Hard Surface Road Soon Complete

New Houses Ready For Season. Others Planned; Water Mains Installed

Among the several major improvements now underway at Lake Junaluska is the overhauling of the dam. Thirty men, working in two shifts, are pouring concrete at the dam, and the structural steel and concrete of the dam are in good condition and there was no need for immediate repair, but since the lake had drained for the sewer construction and installation of water lines on the lake bed that a decision was made to repair the dam.

Contractors were brought to the lake, after an inspection of the dam, and that some of the concrete on the dam had desegregated, and rather than any risk, a decision was made to completely overhaul the entire dam. It was the opinion that the dam was good for a number of years, but this ruled against that decision. Water was turned in Lake Junaluska 26 years ago.

Within two weeks, the contractors to begin letting the lake fill, and normal water flow, the lake will fill within a few weeks.

A 6-inch water main is being put in the lake at the narrows. A new hard surfaced road is being built from the entrance at the high-water to the boat house. This will be completed by the first of June. The high department is doing this work.

Two new houses are just being completed, another under construction, and indications are that several will be in the next two months, Mrs. J. S. secretary in charge, said.

The construction work will not interfere with the opening of Duke Summer camp on June 9th, Mrs. Hilliard Ambassador Josephus Daniels plans to come from Mexico City for the annual Haywood County Day, on June 10th, which will formally mark the beginning of the season at Lake Junaluska.

A. Jones Construction Company, Charlotte, is in charge of the overhauling of the dam.

Members Of Soco Team Will Dance For King And Queen

S.C. Team Will Be Made Up Of Best Of Several Groups To Dance In Washington

There is considerable excitement among the members of the Soco Team, of which Sam Queen is manager and caller. Tomorrow night the team will meet at the home of Mrs. Lunsford in Leicester, where they will dance from the teams in this county, that compete each year in the Asheville mountain song and festival and the Washington annual Folk festival, will be selected to make up a group invited by the president and Mrs. Roosevelt to dance.

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Mayor Way Makes Record In Court Fines And Costs

Collectors in the city court during the past four years under Mayor J. Way, Jr., who begins another two-year term in office this month, offers a new record.

During the past four years, Mayor Way has collected \$11,168.34 in costs and fines, this amount having been turned over to the treasurer for general fund and the expenses of the city government.

The same time \$2,450 has been collected in fines from those appearing in the mayor's court. This amount has been turned over to the auditor and applied on the city school fund.

It is said that the collections as compared to other years make an outstanding record for four years.

Good Record



Sam Arrington, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Arrington, has made an outstanding record this past year in vocational agriculture. His achievements are recorded on page five of this issue.

Burglar Finds That Justice Works Fast

Robs Store, Arrested, Tried, On Way To Serve Sentence, All In 30 Hours

When he went to his store on Saturday morning F. G. Rippetoe was met, after entering, by two policemen. He was, to say the least, a bit surprised, and as he said afterward, was just about to give himself up, in the excitement of the moment, when he was told why they were there to greet him.

Sometime between midnight on Friday and 4:30 o'clock on Saturday morning Rippetoe's store on Main street was entered and some merchandise stolen. In less than thirty hours after the burglar was caught, tried in the mayor's court and was on his way to Craggy to serve a two years' term.

Miss Smith, County Agent, Sailed From New York Yesterday

One Of 22 North Carolina Women Who Will Attend Conference In London

Miss Mary Margaret Smith, county home demonstration agent, sailed yesterday from New York City on board the S. S. Queen Mary, with a large delegation from North Carolina who are going to London to attend the tri-annual conference of the Associated Country Women of the World.

Following the conference in London.

Last Round-Up Of Dog Vaccinating To Start June 3rd

Dog owners of Waynesville township will be given the last opportunity to have their dogs properly vaccinated, according to Carrol McCracken, who is in charge of this work in the township.

Already 250 dogs in the township have been vaccinated, but many others have not, he explained, and after his last scheduled round on June 5, it will then be in the hands of the sheriff, Mr. McCracken pointed out.

On June 3, he will be at Barber's Orchard from 8 until 10. Then at Charlie's Buchanan's store on Allen's Creek from 10 until 12, and at W. A. Bradley's store from 1 until 4.

On June 5, he will start at Junaluska Supply at 8 and be there until 10, then at Ed Ratcliffe's store from 10 to 12, and then at C. C. Moody's store at Dellwood at 1 to 3 and at Bramlett's livery stable from 3 to 5.

Mr. McCracken explained that numerous dogs have been vaccinated by people other than a registered veterinarian or the specified appointee. In such cases, the dogs will have to be vaccinated again, he said.

Cannery To Start Operating Today; Processing Spinach

Crop Estimated For Current Season To Be Approximately 150 Tons

The Haywood County Mutual Cannery, located at Hazelwood, will start operation for the summer season today. The first crop to be canned will be spinach, that is now being handled on the green vegetable market also.

Frank M. Davis, manager and field worker for the cannery, estimates that the crop this year will be approximately 150 tons.

It has been learned that owing to the cold, dry weather, the spinach crop in this county, is off fifty per cent from that of last year, but in view of the adherence of the growers to the rules set for the cultivation of spinach, the vegetable is reported to be in excellent condition, even if in smaller quantities.

Spinach that is cut here for the green market is sold around 4 o'clock the morning following the cutting on the market in Atlanta. From there it is taken at once by the distributors and sent to points in Georgia, Florida and Alabama, and appears on the dinner or supper tables of the residents of those states the same day it leaves Atlanta.

Mr. Davis also stated that while a number of bean growers had planted their acreage, a still larger number would be putting in beans this week. He urges that this vegetable be grown in large quantities by all contracted growers, as it will be an opportune time to grow beans, as the market at present gives every promise of profit for the canned product on next winter's sales.

Roosevelt Remains Strongest Political Leader, Says Hardin

Secretary In Congress For 22 Years, Takes Time Off For Little Fishing

"I feel that President Roosevelt is still the strongest political figure in the United States," said W. L. Hardin, secretary to Congressman Zebulon Weaver, who is home for a few days rest, in conversation with a representative of The Mountaineer this week.

"It now looks as if he might be drafted to run for a third time. I feel that he could command more votes today than any other man in the country. I think this is due to his strong hold on the American people, particularly the laboring groups, who constitute the majority of the voters. For there is no question, but that the President has put his heart and soul into creating better living conditions for the 'little man,' and he is still trying to carry out those policies," continued Mr. Hardin.

"I would like for the people in this section to know that Mr. Weaver is

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Officers In Merchant's Group



NOBLE W. GARRETT
Chairman



R. C. McBRIDE
Treasurer

Merchants Organize; Adopt Wide Betterment Program

Childless Old Hen Takes Four Pigs Under Her Wings

The mother instinct of a hen who wanted a family, but was disturbed before she could hatch one, when a family of pigs were born in her nest, is not being outdone, as she has taken over the care and responsibility of the four pigs—in her henish way.

On W. A. Bradley's farm, on Eagles Nest Road, the hen stays right with the month-old pigs as they root around in the pasture, and when she finds anything that she thinks would appeal to their piggish appetites, she gives the regular cluck cluck call.

At night, the pigs huddle together, and the hen spreads her wings over them just as she would a brood of chicks. Her wingspread does not cover all the pigs, but this does not seem to bother either party.

Sometimes the pigs pay attention to her in the pasture, and again they pass her by unnoticed. But on the whole, both parties are apparently satisfied.

FRANK MILLER AND J. DALE STENTZ ATTENDED HEARING IN ASHEVILLE

Frank Miller, and J. Dale Stentz were called to Asheville the first of the week as witnesses in the hearing of the Inter-state Commissions relative to the through bus line service from Asheville to Gatlinburg, by way of Waynesville.

Voice of The People

Buncombe County has called an election to vote on ABC liquor stores. If the vote carries what effect do you think it will have on Haywood County?

Clayton Walker—Owner and Manager of Walker Service Station—"I don't think it will have any effect—other than a shorter haul for the bootlegger."

Rev. O. C. Landrum—Pastor Hazelwood Presbyterian Church—"I feel that the people of Haywood County will watch with interest the election in Buncombe County. If the issue is defeated there, I feel that there will be no attempt made to call a vote here. A favorable vote there, however, might result in circulation of petitions for a similar election in Haywood. I feel that the sentiment of the Haywood people is against the liquor stores and the issue, if voted

upon in this county, would be defeated."

W. H. Burgin—Manager Burgin Bros. Stores—"If Buncombe County should vote wet, it would be detrimental to Haywood County, both morally and financially."

T. G. Massie—Massie's Furniture Store—"I think if the vote is favorable in Buncombe county, that the fight will be renewed in Haywood county."

Dr. J. C. Murphy—Manager of Alexander's Drug Store—"If the vote for liquor stores carries in Buncombe County, it may not cause more drinking in that county, but it will offer a greater temptation to the young people in the adjoining counties, and will certainly make the highways in and going out of Buncombe County more dangerous."

N. W. Garrett Named Chairman; R. C. McBride Is Treasurer Of Merchant's Group

Noble W. Garrett, was unanimously elected chairman of the merchant's division of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night, and R. C. McBride was named treasurer. By previous agreement, J. Dale Stentz will act as secretary in his capacity as holder of the same office with the parent organization.

The merchants unanimously adopted the resolutions presented by last year's committee, and also those passed by the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce.

Those attending were enthusiastic over the organization, and readily agreed to the need for community wide co-operation among the retailers and wholesalers, in the merchantile and kindred businesses.

In accepting the position as chairman, Mr. Garrett, in a few chosen words, pointed out the value of such an organization, and the vast amount of work that such a group could profitably perform.

Several directors of the Chamber of Commerce made brief statements. Mr. Garrett becomes a director of the Chamber of Commerce in his capacity as merchant's committee chairman.

Three others named by him to serve as an executive committee were: L. E. Hudson, Hurst Burgin and J. M. Woodard. This committee will handle the details of the group.

The group Tuesday night, endorsed proper decorations for the streets for the coming of President Roosevelt; participation in the Asheville Rhododendron festival with a float, and the bringing to Waynesville of two

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7-Year-Old Child Struck By Truck

Dorothy Norris Suffers Painful But Not Serious Injuries In Accident

Dorothy Norris, seven year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Norris, was struck by a Puro truck Saturday morning, when she attempted to cross the street in front of her mother's home on Walnut Street.

The child was rushed to the Haywood County Hospital, where X-Ray pictures were taken, but it was found that no bones were broken.

While she suffered bruises on her right hand, knee, and hip, her injuries are not considered to be of a serious or permanent nature. It was reported last night by hospital attendants that she was improving and would be able to be moved to her home this week.

It is said that there were three eye witnesses to the accident.

D. L. Pless Heads Cruso Mutual Electric Company; Gwyn In Charge Of Office

After months of untiring work on the part of a number of citizens of the Pigeon Valley and the Big East Fork section, hopes of an electric system covering the upper section of the valley are about to be realized. Official notification from the Rural Electrification Administration in Washington has been received that the project has been approved and the necessary allotment of \$52,000 has been made.

This is the first rural electrification government project approved in this county and the first in Western North Carolina. It will consist of 31 miles of distribution lines in East Fork, Cecil and upper Pigeon townships. The system will start at Rickman's store at Woodrow and cover all the foregoing townships.

All necessary rights of way have been secured and up to the present time, 225 subscribers have signed up for electric service.

A local company has been formed and incorporated, the new corporation is known as the Cruso Mutual Electric Company. D. L. Pless is president, E. B. Rickman, secretary and Carter Trull superintendent.

The board of directors in addition to the president and secretary are: Ira H. Cogburn, Will Poston, Watson Howell, Mrs. R. P. Grogan, Mrs. E. B. Rickman, and Claude Deaver, Chester A. Cogburn, of Canton, is attorney for the company.

Temporary offices have been built at Woodrow. T. Lenoir Gwyn, who has been active in promoting the project, will be in charge of the office.

Harry Dewar, of Lenoir, who has recently completed a similar project in Caldwell, Surry and Wilkes counties, covering a distribution lines totaling 181 miles, will be chief engineer and in charge of construction work.

Others working on the project have been Congressman Zebulon Weaver, who has given his assistant in handling the project in Washington, with the Rural Electrification Administration, the officials of the Springdale School, Luther Pless, Carter Trull, and many other citizens of the territory.

Actual construction work on the distribution system will start in the next few days. It is expected that the entire system will in operation some time during the summer.

Chas. Ray Impressed With Sincerity Of President Roosevelt

"No one can doubt the sincerity of President Roosevelt after meeting him and hearing him talk," said Charles E. Ray, Jr., yesterday morning, upon his return from Washington, where he had been attending the annual meeting of the American Retail Federation held there Monday and Tuesday.

"There is no man in this country today who can inspire confidence as Mr. Roosevelt does. Whether you want to call it personality, 'it' or what-not, he possesses it to a greater degree than any man whom I have ever heard speak. Magnetic over the radio, he is much more so when you are within the range of that most engaging smile.

"As a leader, he is absolutely confident as to his policies and certain of his leadership. It is plain that he will forge ahead on the program which he has advocated for the past 6 years.

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First Farm Bought In Haywood Under Farm Security Adm.

The first purchase of a farm in this county through the Farm Security Administration, was made this week by J. Way Arrington, who bought a 65-acre place in Crabtree Township.

Wilfred Jackson, county supervisor in charge of the rural rehabilitation and tenant purchase program of the Farm Security Administration in this county, with officers in the court house, explained that the purchase of this farm was made possible by the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, which committed the government to a policy of helping a limited number of industrious tenants and farm lab-

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