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Fourth Of July Celebration Plans Completed

Business Hopes To Hold Prices As OPA Dies

Waynesville Is Host To All Of Haywood

Redden Is Chief Speaker At High School Grounds Festivities Thursday

One of the largest crowds ever to gather in Haywood, is expected here Thursday, when the first county-wide Fourth of July celebration is held at the High School grounds. Business throughout the county will suspend for the day.

A full program, starting at ten o'clock with a band concert under the direction of Freddie Martin and Charles Isley, former band director, and a musical program of songs by The Friendly Five, of Asheville, and several quartettes of Canton, all under the direction of W. T. Queen.

At eleven o'clock, an address by Monroe Redden, Democratic nominee for Congress, will speak from a stand in front of the high school stadium.

Following the address of Mr. Redden, the band and quartettes will alternate with an hour's musical program.

Starting promptly at one o'clock, a series of athletic contests and events will be staged under the direction of C. E. Weatherby and Carl Ratcliff. These events will range from races to a prize to the man with the least hair and other ridiculous fun-provoking stunts. Prizes will be given winners in each event. The details are published on the sports page of this edition—page four, second section.

At 3:30 the Hazelwood and Canton baseball teams will play. This gives promise of being an outstanding game.

At 7:30 the leading softball teams of Waynesville and Canton will meet. The Boosters Club of Hazelwood, and the American Legion of Canton.

Yesterday the Williams Rides were erected on the high school grounds and were ready to start operation last night. The rides will operate through Saturday night, giving over on Wednesday for colored people only.

The Hazelwood Boosters Club is sponsoring the Fourth celebration here, and all proceeds will be used in community-wide betterment programs. R. L. Prevost is general chairman and Dr. R. Stuart Robertson is program chairman, with other members of the committee including William Chambers, in charge of all tickets, C. N. Allen, and W. Curtis Russ. Members of the Boosters Club will sell tickets to all rides.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars will have the eating concessions on the grounds, and are prepared for a record crowd.

NO SALE AT STOCKYARD IN CLYDE THURSDAY

The Clyde stockyard, which conducted sales each Thursday, will be closed on Thursday, July 4, according to the management for those employed and those who would attend to take part in the county observance of the national holiday. The next sale will be held on Thursday, the 11th.

ALL-DAY PROGRAM PLANNED FOR JUNALUSKA

An all-day recreational program of swimming, tennis and softball will be open to the public at Lake Junaluska on the Fourth of July. E. R. Riedel, dean of men at Florida Southern College, Lakeland, will supervise the activities. Softball fields and tennis courts have recently been reconstructed and will be ready for use by Thursday.

The recreational activities will be in conjunction with the regular Assembly program, which during the day will stress religious patriotism.

Bridge Benefit Social At St. John's July 3rd

A bridge benefit will be held at St. John's auditorium Wednesday July 3 at 7:30 p. m. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments served. The proceeds will go to St. John's School.

Similar socials sponsored by the ladies of St. John's parish will be held each Wednesday night through July 4 August.

Russian Tells Junaluska Audience Of Native Land

Large Attendance At Methodist Assembly As Religious Meetings Continue

Defending the Russian masses as "deeply religious" and explaining the attitude in other nations that deny this, a Russian-born minister who adopted the name of his convert, Alexander Stacey, spoke from the Lake Junaluska pulpit Sunday morning on the subject, "Religion and the Church in Russia Today".

"The anti-religious attitude of the Government," he stated, "was not caused by the church, but was inherent in the doctrine of Marxism adopted by the Government. A Communist is a person who must not only live without religion but he must be anti-religious."

"If some intellectuals showed a tendency towards atheism, the millions of plain Russian peasants stood by the Church. . . . The early attitude of the Orthodox clergy was definitely negative toward the new regime, and that was the main reason of the early persecution of the church. Later, the government was convinced of the loyalty of the clergy, restored all citizen rights to them; guaranteed freedom of worship, and by 1942 Stalin suspended all anti-religious propaganda."

Dr. Stacey holds degrees in theology and philosophy from Hartford University, and is pastor of a Methodist church in Crayville, N. Y. He will speak Sunday morning and evening at the Assembly, which already records the largest attendance in history at this early date.

Saturday morning the 375 boys and girls attending the W. N. C. conference disbanded their 5-day assembly after an impressive dedication service Friday evening. This week the young people from 18 to 23 will bring their assembly, with the Rev. Dr. D. D. Holt of Durham and Rev. Paul Townsend of Waynesville conducting morning and evening services.

Hazelwood Tax Collection Is Almost Completed

Tax collections on real and personal property in the Town of Hazelwood lack only five per cent of being complete for the current tax year, with two months remaining for taxes to be paid. Property in Hazelwood is assessed at a value slightly in excess of \$800,000, which at the present tax rate brings approximately \$13,000 to the town. At the first of this week, according to Mayor Clyde L. Fisher, tax collections were 94.8 per cent completed.

Collections in both Waynesville and Hazelwood have been better than in other years.

Rotary Club Changes Their Meeting Place

The Waynesville Rotary Club will meet Friday at Waynesville, on the Asheville road, at 1 o'clock. The club will meet at Waynesville for the present instead of The Maples, due to sufficient room at the latter.

Joe Davis Is Installed As New Lions President

New officers for the coming year were installed Thursday night by the Waynesville Lions Club in a well-attended meeting at the Maples.

With installation ceremonies conducted by Jack Felmet, past president, Joe Davis began his term as incoming president. Paul Davis, John Edwards and Ben Phillips were installed as first, second and third vice-presidents, respectively.

The new treasurer is Owen Roberts, secretary, Lloyd Kirkpatrick; treasurer, Lawrence Leatherwood; and one new director for a three-year term, Jim Killian, were

Their Kin Piloted the Bomber



Pictured with one of the many congratulatory telegrams from friends and neighbors in their Hempstead, N. Y. home are Mrs. Caroline Swancutt (left), mother of Major Woodrow P. Swancutt, and his sister, Mrs. Ralph M. Sloan. Major Swancutt piloted the B-29 that dropped the Atom Bomb at Bikini.

Dropped Bomb



MAJOR HAROLD WOOD, 30, of Bordentown, N. J., was bombardier of the B-29 that dropped the Atomic Bomb among the fleet of 73 ships off Bikini Atoll Monday morning (5:00 p. m. Sunday local time).

Waynesville Citizens Tense When Atom Bomb Drops Near Bikini Atoll

Sunday afternoon was quiet on the streets of Waynesville, for something big was happening at a little atoll in the Pacific that kept large numbers of people near their radios.

Finally, word came that The Bomb had dropped.

It was July 1st across the international date line where a fleet of 73 vessels lay in the waters off Bikini. Some 34,000 people, scientists and military, were near-by as Operation Crossroad reached its climax after months of preparation. Devices had been installed to test the effects of this new, dreaded explosive on ships, army and navy material, and a selection of live animals tethered aboard the combat and transport ships.

Among the crowd of onlookers was at least one Waynesville youth, Joseph Milner, gunner's mate, third class, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frances C. Milner, who was aboard the USS Wilson.

Local telephone calls were increasing in numbers as Waynesville people joined in the excitement. That afternoon was the busiest of any Sunday remembered by personnel at the local exchange.

After two practice runs over the huge target, Maj. Woodrow P. Swancutt headed the B-29 "Dave's Dream" towards the armada for a third time. The visibility cleared, and the bombardier, Maj. Harold H. Wood, released his load, a Nagasaki-type atom bomb. It was 9 a. m. Bikini time—5 p. m. in Waynesville.

Clouds of smoke billowed up to 34,000 feet height in the flash that followed the bomb's explosion. When it settled down, preliminary examinations of the damage to the target showed two transport ships sunk, a destroyer capsized, 11 other vessels damaged or afire. No visible destruction to the heavy capital ships.

Admiral W. H. P. Blandy, in charge of the operation, announced that "The bomb drop was a success." Laboratory work testing the radio-active materials, vapors, pictures and shock reaction will give further data as to whether this new force can be put to peacetime use.

Stores To Remain Open Wednesday

The customary half-holiday on Wednesday afternoon for Waynesville and Hazelwood business houses will not be observed Wednesday, it was announced by the Merchants Association recently. All business places will remain open all day Wednesday and will be closed all day Thursday in observance of the Fourth of July.

Some eating places will observe Sunday hours Thursday, while others will remain open all day.

Wagon Builder Is Back After Forty Years Absence

F. E. Presnell was back in Waynesville this week after being away for forty years. Mr. Presnell was foreman of the Richland Wagon Company here when he left 40 years ago to go to the state of Washington. He held the position as foreman for 15 years, and made his home with the late Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Killian, owners of the plant. He is now visiting children of the late Mr. and Mrs. Killian.

Mr. Presnell finds few old landmarks that he remembers.

June Breaks Birth Record Haywood County Hospital

The month of June broke all previous records at the Haywood County Hospital in a similar period—with 86 babies ushered into this world—the largest number to make their entrance in one month.

Wednesday, the 26th, was one of the busiest days ever recorded with nine new arrivals.

Since last Wednesday through yesterday morning twenty young citizens were entered on the hospital records as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Howard, of Hendersonville, announce the birth of a son on June 26.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Black, of Waynesville, Route 1, announce the

birth of a daughter on June 26.

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Mintz, of Waynesville, Route 1, announce the birth of a daughter on June 26.

Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Eubank, of Waynesville, Route 1, announce the birth of a son on June 26.

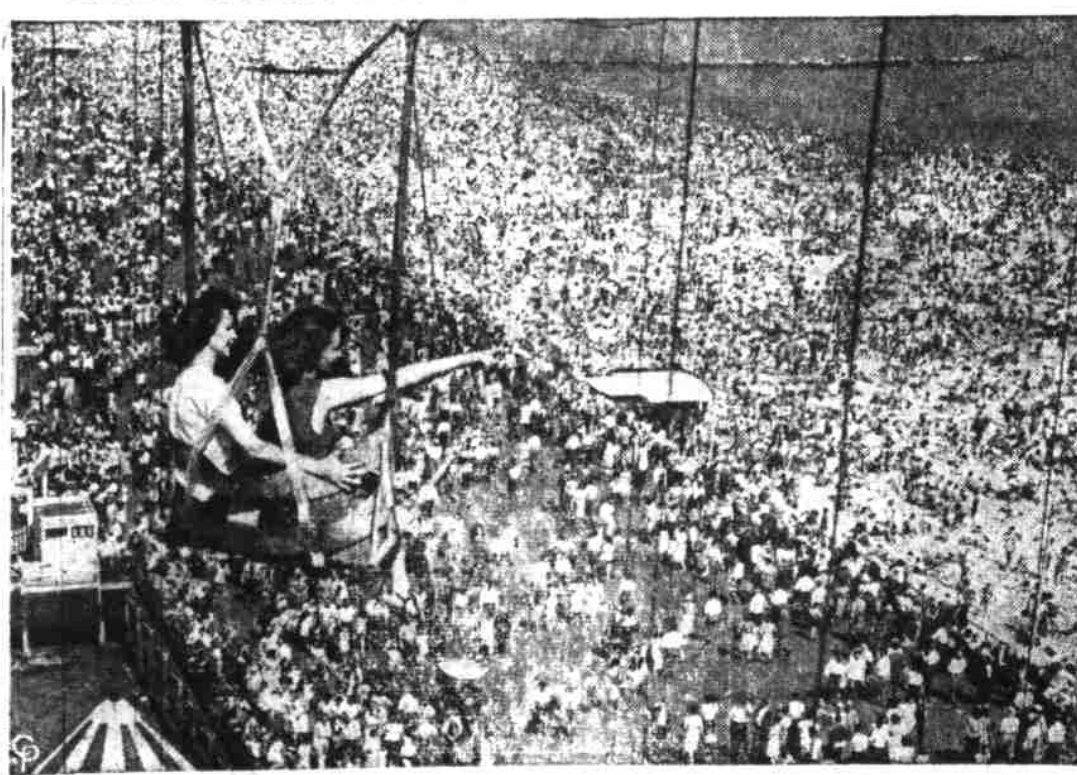
Mr. and Mrs. Zennery Hagles, of Clyde, Route 1, announce the birth of a son on June 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Covington, of Canton, announce the birth of a daughter on June 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Ulu Burgett, of Waynesville, Route 1, announce the birth of a daughter on June 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Jones, of (Continued on Page Six)

HERE'S WHERE YOU FIND THAT ONE IN A MILLION



WITH THE FIRST HOT SPELL of Summer, Coney Island again begins to count its refugees from Manhattan by the millions. When this picture was taken, a count of tabulation showed more than 1,000,000 crowded on the world-famous beach. Looking them over from a point of vantage on a parachute jump are two pretty New York girls who try to get as high as they can over the heat wave. (International)

July 4th Speaker



MONROE REDDEN, Democratic nominee for Congress, will speak at the county-wide Fourth of July celebration here Thursday at 11:00 o'clock. A band concert will be given prior to the address, which will be given at the high school stadium.

400 Lambs In Co-op Pool Bring Over \$6,000

Four hundred lambs were sold on the Cooperative Lamb pool conducted at the Clyde Stock Yards Saturday, bringing over \$6,000 to the twenty-five Haywood county sheep growers who had brought in lambs it was learned from the county farm agents.

Scaled bids were taken and the highest bid was made by Swift and company for 17 cents choice.

In addition to the amount paid by Swift and company the farmers received a government subsidy of \$2.65 per hundred for lambs weighing over 90 pounds and \$2.00 for lambs weighing from 65 to 90 cents, making a total of \$19.65 per 100 paid for choice lambs.

The grading was done by Howard Edmundston, of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, who stated that it was the best lamb pool conducted this year by the State Department. Others assisting at the sale were T. L. Gwyn from the State Department of Agriculture and Howard Stamey from the N. V. Extension service.

Among the sheep growers who entered lambs at the pool were Fred Mann, of Beaverdam, who had 27 in the pool with each animal graded as choice. Herchel Hipps, who entered 29 lambs, with 22 twins, also graded as choice.

Charles Isley To Direct School Band This Year

Charles Isley, former director of the Waynesville Township high school band, who has recently been discharged from the U. S. Marines, will direct the band on the county-wide program of July 4th, it was learned from M. H. Bowles, superintendent of the Waynesville High school.

Mr. Isley is asking that all members of the band meet him at the high school at 9:30 o'clock on the morning of the 4th.

Mr. Isley, who served as director of the local high school band for over three years, has been elected to resume his former position as a member of the faculty of the local school district, and director of the band.

Miss Stringfield Publishes Book

Miss Margaret Stringfield, local musician, author and composer, has just published a book, "The Cherokee, in Song, Tragedy and Romance."

The illustrated book is authentic in every detail, as she has given many years in research. A copy of her well known operetta is included in the book, which went on sale this week.

A review of the book is made this week by Hilda Way Gwyn in her column on the editorial page.

The Book Store is handling the sale of Miss Stringfield's book.