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Boys Will Graduate 6 Wednesday Night

Elliott
Address
Sunday

Baccalaureate



REV. L. G. ELLIOTT, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon to graduates of Waynesville Township high school Sunday morning.

will be offered by a mixed chorus during the baccalaureate program, which begins at 8:15 p. m. Sunday. The program will be presided over by Rev. Paul C. Crockett, of the First Baptist Church. The benediction will be given by Rev. L. G. Elliott.

St. John's Graduation Exercises On June 4th

Bishop Waters Will Address Graduates; Baccalaureate Sermon Sunday

will be the principal of the graduation exercises at 8:15 o'clock in the morning. The program will be presided over by Rev. Paul C. Crockett, of the First Baptist Church. The benediction will be given by Rev. L. G. Elliott.

The Most Rev. Vincent S. Waters, D. D., Bishop of Raleigh, will present diplomas to the four graduates of St. John's high school and the seven graduates of St. John's grammar school at the commencement exercises in St. John's auditorium, Wednesday, June 4, at 8 p. m.

The commencement address will be delivered by Col. W. F. Kernan of Highlands, president of the North Carolina Catholic Laymen's association.

Baccalaureate services will be held in the church at 11 a. m. on Sunday. This will consist of high mass, benediction and a sermon by Rev. Lawrence Hill, assistant pastor of St. Lawrence church of Asheville.

The graduation program will open with the academic procession, accompanied by a duet played by Anne Mormino and Bette Hannah. Rev. Francis Tait, assistant pastor of St. John's church, will introduce the speakers.

Following the invocation by Rev. Hugh P. Kennedy, assistant pastor of Immaculate Conception church, Hendersonville, Colonel Kernan will speak.

Ray Named On N. C. Park Development Committee

Commission Created By Senator Medford's Bill Named By Governor Cherry

Charles E. Ray was named for a six year term on the newly created North Carolina Park, Parkway and Forests Development Commission, by Governor Cherry.

The seven-man commission will take office on July first under terms of the legislation creating the commission to supplant the Park commission and a later Parkways Commission.

Senator William Medford, of Waynesville, sponsored the bill in the recent session of the legislature, which created the new commission. The measure was requested by the Western North Carolina Associated Communities.

The purpose of the commission is to coordinate the activities in promotion of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, the Blue Ridge Parkway, and the Pisgah and Nantahala National Forests.

The other two members named for a six year term besides Mr. Ray are Francis J. Heazel, of Asheville, and Dr. Kelly E. Bennett, of Bryson City.

Four year terms: Percy B. Ferebee of Andrews and Raymond U. Sutton of Sylva.

Two year terms: Ralph Winkler of Boone and E. C. Guy of Newland.

State Highway Chairman A. H. Graham and R. Bruce Etheridge, director of department of conservation and development, are ex-officio members.

Firestone Store Will Double Floor Space Here

W. M. Cobb Leases Adjoining Building On Main Street; Work Underway

Workmen started this week enlarging Firestone Home and Auto Supply Store to double the present floor space. The building formerly occupied by the Waynesville Art Gallery is being added to the present Firestone Store, William Cobb is owner of the firm.

The Art Gallery will occupy the new Reeves and Francis Building now being completed, and almost directly across the street from their former place of business.

The wall between the two buildings has been removed, and a modern full-view plate glass front will be installed. The new store will have one entrance of a double plate-glass door, and the all front glass will extend down to the sidewalk.

Mr. Cobb said the contract called for completion of the work in thirty days.

The stock of the store will be doubled, and many new store fixtures will be added.

Mr. Cobb bought the Firestone store in August 1945. The two buildings are owned by W. Hugh Massie.

RUSHING TO GRANDMOTHER'S SIDE



THE PRESIDENT'S DAUGHTER, Margaret Truman, is escorted from a train at Pittsburgh by Mayor Dave Lawrence (left) and Commissioner John J. Kane after she had announced cancellation of her concert debut there. Margaret and her singing teacher flew to Kansas City, Mo., to be near her sick grandmother. The President maintained a 12-day vigil at the bedside of his mother until her health recovered sufficiently Thursday, when he and his family returned to Washington.

Universal Pictures Are Checking Big Creek Area As Setting For Big Film

A party of 12 motion picture executives and technicians were here yesterday en route to Big Creek to look over the area as a possible setting for the filming of the new Universal picture, "Tap Roots," taken from the book by James Street.

The party was headed by George Marshall, producer, and was accompanied by Arthur Jones, secretary of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Jones visited the Big Creek area for the first time last Sunday and immediately thought of the needs of the Universal Picture staff, and yesterday carried them into the area to study the set up. The group conferred here with Charles Ray, who made arrangements with the Park Service for the inspection tour.

The author of the book, Mr. Street, has spent several vacations at Cataloochee Ranch, which is in the general direction of the Big Creek area now under consideration for the film setting.

Membership Drive For Chamber Of Commerce Is Being Pushed By Officers

The annual membership drive for the Chamber of Commerce got underway this week, as the finance committee of the organization completed final plans for staging the drive, it was announced by C. J. Reece, president of the organization.

Memberships to the Chamber of Commerce are \$15 each, and donations of any amount are accepted.

"The organization has for the major projects this year, improved highways in this area, erection of road signs, and further cooperation with the Western North Carolina Associated Communities, which is catering to the general development of this entire area," Mr. Reece said.

"The Chamber of Commerce handles hundreds and hundreds of local matters which is of a direct benefit to every citizen, and if for no other reason the organization (Continued On Page Eight)

Work Resumed On Rural Power Line Extensions

Work has been resumed on the incomplete portion of rural electric construction in the C-1 section. It was announced this week by R. C. Sheffield, manager of Haywood Electric Membership Co-operative, and the project is scheduled to be completed within 60 days.

Daniels Will Speak At Lake On Haywood Day

Memorial Service Will Be Held Here At 2 Today

Program To Honor War Dead Will Be Held In Green Hill Cemetery

The public is invited to attend special Memorial Day services at 2 o'clock this afternoon in Green Hill cemetery conducted by the American Legion post and auxiliary. Former servicemen and gold star parents will be honor guests.

Principal speaker for the program will be Rev. Cecil L. Heckard, pastor of the Junaluska Methodist church. He will be introduced by Col. J. Hardin Howell.

The invocation will be given by Rev. S. R. Crockett, chaplain for the Legion post. Thad Howell, post adjutant, will conduct the roll call of war dead, in whose memory the service is being held.

Special music will be played by the high school band, including the Star-Spangled Banner, which will be sung by Miss Ida Lou Gibson. The service will close with the playing of taps by Bob Gibson and John Lewis. William Medford, post commander, will preside.

Publisher



HON. JOSEPHUS DANIELS, Raleigh publisher, will speak on the Haywood County Day program on Sunday morning at Lake Junaluska.

Picnic And Youth Rally On Program

Methodist Churches Will Hold Joint Service Sunday At Junaluska

Haywood County Day will be observed Sunday in an all-day program at the Lake Junaluska Assembly, with the public extended a cordial invitation to attend.

The Hon. Josephus Daniels, publisher of the Raleigh News and Observer and an adopted citizen of Haywood, will speak at the 11 o'clock service. All Methodist churches in the county are suspending their morning worship for a joint attendance at the Haywood County Day program.

Dr. F. S. Love, superintendent of the Assembly, will introduce Mr. Daniels.

Special music has been prepared for the morning program by the choirs of the First Waynesville and Junaluska Methodist churches, under the direction of Mrs. Fred Martin. Rev. Paul Townsend and Rev. Cecil L. Heckard of the Waynesville and Junaluska churches will take part on the program, it is announced by Dr. Love.

Following the morning service, everyone will gather on the grounds beside the Assembly for picnic dinner as is customary on the occasion. Each family that plans to attend is requested to bring a basket lunch.

During the evening the Haywood County Methodist Youth Fellowship will sponsor the activities, which include a picnic at 6:30 p. m., a youth talent program in the auditorium at 7:30 o'clock, and an inter-racial Youth Rally at 8 o'clock, during which an outstanding speaker will be presented.

Haywood County Day will inaugurate the 1947 program for the Assembly, which is supervised by Dr. Love and an administrative staff. Throughout the summer conferences and meetings will be held for Methodist church leaders in the southeastern states, and numerous nationally-known persons will give addresses. In addition the Assembly offers an outstanding musical program, and maintain a staff to supervise recreation for persons of all ages.

During 1946 the Assembly was filled throughout the summer months, with 10,000 persons visiting the grounds.

Memorial Day Being Observed

The banks, post office and several public offices will be closed today in observance of Memorial Day.

Business, for the most part, will continue as usual.

HAYWOOD MAN GIVEN PAROLE BY GOVERNOR
RALEIGH (AP)—Ten prisoners, including two convicted of manslaughter, were paroled Monday by Governor Cherry. Among those freed was Earl Hannah, convicted in Haywood last November of seduction and sentenced to 12 months.

Plane Strip To Be Made By Road Up Plott Creek

Smoky Mountain Flying Club Will Place Two Planes On Field

Grading of an airfield landing strip is to begin this weekend in a pasture one-half mile west of Hazelwood on the Plott Creek road.

The Smoky Mountain Flying club, a newly organized group of four licensed pilots, has leased the land, with enough space for a 2,000-foot runway. A Piper Cub trainer, which belongs to the club is now based at the field and the group plans to secure another small aircraft whenever the strip is smoothed.

The club will rent planes to qualified fliers and plans to give instructions to persons seeking a license in the near future. Eventually the members hope to erect a hangar and other facilities.

Members of the club are Perry Plemons, a former B-25 pilot in the Army, who holds a commercial license, now a student at W. C. T. C. whose home is Luck, in Madison county; Kyle Campbell of Hazelwood, Charles Balentine and Marion Bridges of Waynesville.

Mac Grooms Dies In Escape Attempt From Prison Camp

Funeral Service Will Be Held Today At Maggie Church For Haywood Man

Funeral services will be conducted this afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the tent in Maggie where a revival is in progress, for Mac Grooms, 29, native of the Big Ben section of the county, who was shot and killed Wednesday morning about 10:30 o'clock as he attempted to escape from a road gang working on highway 19, about 11 miles west of Bryson City. Rev. Robert Harris will officiate. Burial will be in the Evans family cemetery nearby.

EDITORIAL

Welcome Mr. Daniels

In behalf of the people of this area, we welcome you on Haywood County Day at Lake Junaluska. You have visited many places since your last visit to us here, but we can assure you that in no place have you had a more sincere welcome than we will give you this week-end here in your adopted home in Haywood county. Our only regret is that your visit will be all too short for the many friends you have here to visit and talk with you. Come again soon and stay longer.

Three Auto Wrecks In Waynesville This Week

One Person Receives Minor Injuries in Crashes Night of May 27-28

Two automobile accidents occurred in Waynesville Tuesday evening and one early Wednesday morning with one man receiving minor injuries and property damage resulting in each instance.

A 1946 Pontiac and Dodge truck collided about 9 p. m. Tuesday at the intersection of Haywood and (Continued On Page Eight)

Parking Meter Revenue To Go In General Fund

Revenue from parking meters, asserts J. R. Morgan, attorney for the Town of Waynesville, is required by state law to be used exclusively for expenses incurred in the maintenance of the meters and other traffic regulations, therefore must be added to the town's general fund.

Any municipality that earmarks the income from parking meters for other purpose, such as financing a recreation program, exceeds its authority in so doing, Mr. Morgan states.

He cites the General Statutes of North Carolina (vol. 35, chapter 160, section 200, sub-section 31, which authorizes cities and towns to provide parking meters "designed to promote traffic regulations and requiring a reasonable deposit (not to exceed five cents per hour) from those who park vehicles for stipulated periods of time.

"The proceeds derived from the use of such parking meters shall be used exclusively for the purpose

Highway Record For 1947 In Haywood

(To Date)
Killed - - 2
Injured - 18

(This Information Compiled From Records of State Highway Patrol)

Home Clubs Here Thursday

Two hundred members demonstration clubs met in the first of the annual meetings of the First Methodist church on Thursday with Mrs. Paul Sudderth, president.

Max.	79
Min.	47
	82
	48
	83
	47