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## Soloist And Concert Director



MISS TURNER



MR. SIMSON

FEATURED in the concert Saturday evening at the Lake Junaluska assembly auditorium are Miss Betty Turner, soprano soloist, and Alec Buckingham Simson, director of the Cathedral Singers, an outstanding chorus from Atlanta. Miss Turner is soloist at an Atlanta church, has been auditioned by leading New York musicians, who predict for her a brilliant future. Mr. Simson, head of fine arts at Oglethorpe University, has developed several noted singers, such as Eleanor Steber of the Metropolitan Opera.

## Leaf Crop In Haywood Is In Good Condition

### Recent Hail Storms Cause Little Damage Reports County Agent

Recent hail storms in Haywood county have not caused serious damage to the Burley tobacco crop, since most of the plants were young enough to outgrow the cuts, reports County Agent Wayne Corpening.

Indications are that this year's crop will be much larger than that of 1946, when many of the acres allotted to the county were not used due to the lack of plants.

Three recent hailstorms fell in the Fines Creek, Iron Duff and Cruso areas with very little damage done except in lower Iron Duff, according to Mr. Corpening. In general the tobacco is in very good condition at this time.

Measuring teams for the Agricultural Administration have turned in reports on 704 farms of the 1,741 growers who have allotments, according to Miss Mary Sue Crocker, chief clerk at the AAA office.

About one in every 10 farms has recorded an excess planting, averaging about two-tenths of an acre; although several places have not planted their complete allotments. Growers who overplant have the choice of cutting down and receiving price support from the government, or paying market penalties on their excess tobacco.

Over the burley section of North Carolina, estimates have placed the crop at a 16.5 per cent increase over last year.

Reports of measuring teams have been turned in for all of Clyde township and parts of Waynesville, Crabtree, Jonathan Creek and Beavertown.

## Hazelwood Bible School Stages Commencement

Commencement exercises were held Tuesday night at the Hazelwood Baptist church for the daily vacation Bible school which had been in session for seven days.

Rev. M. L. Lewis, pastor, conducted the worship service which was followed by music and songs by each department of the school. An exhibit of the handwork was held in the classrooms.

The bible school had an enrollment of 126 children with an average attendance of 98 and a perfect attendance record of 56.

Mrs. Sam Knight was principal of the school and the teachers were as follows: Beginners, Miss Edith Queen and Miss Naomi Palmer; primary, Mrs. Louise Clark and Mrs. Kenneth Scraggs, junior, Mrs. John Blalock, Mrs. Rufus Clark, Mrs. Wayne McCracken and Mrs. Kyle Campbell; intermediate, Mrs. Oscar Knight and Mrs. Jasper Brock, Miss Kathryn Cope was general secretary for the school.

## Young Boy Injured When Motor Bike Hits Truck

Bobby Miller, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Miller, who was injured when a motor bike he was riding crashed into a Coca-Cola truck parked at a service station on North Main street, about 9 o'clock Thursday morning, was reported resting well at the Haywood county hospital yesterday afternoon.

## Dr. Michal Attending Pediatric Seminar

Dr. Mary Michal is attending the Southern Pediatric Seminar at Saluda. This is the 27th session, and serves as a post-graduate summer course in the methods of diagnosis, prevention and treatment of diseases of children.

## Survey Shows Coal Price To Advance About \$1.50

Prospects are that coal in this community will cost on an average of \$1.50 more per ton than two weeks ago.

A survey of dealers yesterday showed that only one or two had received the revised price list from the mining companies, and

## Dr. Erwin Praises Conservation Program



DR. CLYDE A. ERWIN, state superintendent of public instruction, is shown here as he addressed 350 at the fourth annual Dairyman's banquet Tuesday night at the Hazelwood school. Shown on the left is W. A. Bradley, master of ceremonies, and looking up at the speaker is Jack Messer, superintendent of Haywood schools, and on the extreme right is A. J. Hutchins, superintendent of Canton school system. Photo for The Mountaineer by Ingram's Studio.

## National News Agencies To Cover Old-Fashioned Shooting Match On 23rd

### 17-Year-Old Caddy Hit By Lightning On Golf Course

Dan Owenby, 17, was painfully burned about the face and legs when struck by a bolt of lightning late Tuesday afternoon as he was caddying near the 15th hole of the Waynesville golf course.

Owenby's face was burned, his hair singed and one of his shoes torn off by the bolt. The burns were minor in nature.

One of the four golfers was knocked down and the other three fell the shock in their clubs.

The bolt flashed from the sky, followed in a few minutes by hard rain.

Owenby was knocked unconscious and rushed to the hospital and was still a patient there. His physician reported his condition as satisfactory and will perhaps be discharged in several days.

### Ratcliff Cove House Is Damaged By Fire

Fire believed to have been caused by a spark from the kitchen flue damaged the roof and ceiling of a tenant house owned by John Queen in Ratcliff Cove, about 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Waynesville firemen were at the place for only a short time before getting the blaze under control.

### Chamber Of Commerce Board To Meet Tuesday

The board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce will hold their regular monthly meeting at the office of the organization at eight o'clock Tuesday night, C. J. Reece, president has announced.

## Destiny of Nation Rests With Farmers, Says Dr. Clyde Erwin

### Guernseys Get Average Of \$231 At Sale Here

### Many Dairymen Attend Successful Promotional Sale and Type Demonstration

An average price of \$231 was paid for Guernsey cattle sold in the regular auction and an average of \$171.66 for 12 animals bought by 4-H and F F A youths during the fourth annual Guernsey promotional sale held at the State Test Farm here Wednesday afternoon.

On the day before the sale approximately 200 Western North Carolina dairymen and farm youths gathered at the Osborne farm for a discussion and demonstration of the finer points of the breed, led by Professor R. H. Ruffner of State College.

Using examples of the types from the Osborne farm herd which he remarked was the oldest Guernsey breeding establishment in North Carolina, Prof. Ruffner showed how animals earn their proper classification of excellent, very good, good plus, good, fair, or poor. "The type animal and her production of milk and fat go hand in hand," he emphasized.

The professor also brought out that a good bull was invaluable in building higher type cows, exhibiting the Osborne farm bull and three cows he had bred to prove they were consistently of good quality.

A group of more than 400 gathered at the State Test Farm for the auction sale, held in a tent. Ward Snarr of Lexington was auctioneer and R. A. McLaughlin, also of Lexington, read the pedigrees; being assisted by J. D. Erod of Southern Dairies and Howard Clapp, manager of the test farm, who worked in the ring.

Most of the animals were purchased by Haywood county folks, although there were several visitors from other sections.

Purchases were made as follows with the consignors shown in parentheses: G. C. Palmer, Jr., a male calf for \$188 (Skybrook Farm); Pet Dairy \$80, male calf (McNaughton Farms); Gaden Corpening, \$450, heifer (McNaughton Farms); Carl Whiteside of Marion, \$180, heifer (Sanford and Blackwelder); William Osborne of Clyde, \$350, heifer (Sanford and Blackwelder); J. E. Ferguson, \$360, male calf (Quail Root Farms); Williams and Sims, (Continued on Page Eight)

### Bethel Cannery To Open Today

The Bethel Community cannery is slated to open for the season this morning, according to W. T. Hawkins, new vocational agriculture teacher of the Bethel High school who will be in charge.

The cannery will operate each Tuesday and Wednesday for the season, and Mrs. Joe Beverage is in charge of the bookkeeping and sale of cans. Prices remain the same as last season.

### Thurman Smith Is Now Hazelwood Postmaster

Thurman R. Smith assumed his duties as postmaster of the Hazelwood post office Wednesday morning, succeeding Mrs. Wilma Hoyle Lucas, who has held the post for a number of years.

Mr. Smith was one of five who took the civil service examinations given recently. The appointment came last week, and an inspector was here Tuesday and went over the duties with Mr. Smith.

Postmaster Smith is a World War II veteran, having served three years with the navy. He entered just after finishing high school. Since getting his discharge in 1945 he has been connected with Unagusta Manufacturing Company.

Mrs. Virginia Dudley will continue as clerk, a post she has held for the past two years.

The post office opens daily at 8 o'clock, and closes for an hour from one to two, and closes for the day at 5:30.

The post office at Hazelwood became a separate office in 1944. Up until that time it was a branch office of the Waynesville office. The Hazelwood office is now third class, and according to the inspector, is nearing the second class division.

Postmaster Smith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Smith. He is married and has one son.

### Large Audience Attended Fourth Annual Dairymen's Banquet Tuesday

"The farmer holds in his hands, the destiny of the nation." Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, state superintendent of public instruction told 300 Haywood dairymen, business men and civic leaders at the fourth annual banquet held here Tuesday night, in the cafeteria of the Hazelwood school.

Dr. Erwin called for a continuance, and more rigid practice of soil erosion, and improvement of soil. "Those who deal with agriculture should leave the soil better than when they started, if this nation is to continue to produce its own food."

"When we realize that we are so completely dependent upon a 9-inch layer of soil for all agriculture, and that in the last 300 years, half of this layer has been washed into rivers, then we realize the shameful record. At the same rate, America will be receiving food from other parts of the earth, instead of sending it abroad."

"The raw products of agriculture produced today is the destiny of America tomorrow," Dr. Erwin continued.

The speaker struck an optimistic note, as he predicted a bright future for dairying in North Carolina, and "longed to see the day when this state produced sufficient dairy products for home consumption and no imports would be necessary."

"We hope to continue the lunchroom program in the schools of the state, and there, as always, stress the use of more and more milk. We realize that our greatest asset is our boys and girls, and one of our aims is a healthier citizenship."

"Dairying is on the threshold of a great day. The field is unlimited and the demand is steadily growing."

Dr. Erwin brought out the many natural advantages for dairying in Haywood, and the advancement which had been made in recent years, with better herds, improved dairying facilities, and more people in the industry as a whole. He praised State College for the work (Continued On Page Eight)

### Scout Court Of Honor Set For Monday Night

Hugh K. Terrell, advancement chairman of the Pigeon River district of Boy Scouts, has announced the district court of honor will be held Monday night at 7:30 at Camp Daniel Boone. Plans are to have entire troops from the district to attend.

Carlton Peyton, district chairman, has also announced a district committee meeting will follow the court of honor.

### Seaman Walter Crawford Returns From Cruise

Walter Crawford, Jr. seaman second class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Crawford of Lake Junaluska, has completed a two-week naval reserve training cruise to Hamilton, Bermuda, aboard the attack cargo ship USS Marquette.

On these training cruises, gunnery drills, battle problems and lectures are given to refresh the reservists' previous training and to acquaint them with the latest developments in naval equipment.

### Highway Record For 1947 In Haywood

(To Date)  
**Killed - 4**  
**Injured - 27**

(This Information Compiled From Records of State Highway Patrol)

## Cathedral Singers Will Give Concert Saturday

### Burley Prices Look Encouraging

Thompson Greenwood, special writer for The Mountaineer, is predicting "on good authority" that parity on burley tobacco will be about \$46, which will give growers in this area a relatively good price.

The article appears in detail on the editorial page.

## Haywood F. F. A. Boys To Attend White Lake Camp

Fourteen Future Farmers of America boys from Waynesville Township high school and groups from Crabtree and Bethel, will leave Monday for a week at the White Lake FFA camp, it was announced this week by John Nesbitt, agriculture teacher at WTHS who will accompany the local group.

Other FFA boys who wish to attend camp may join those who are going at the high school Monday morning at 5 a. m., states Mr. Nesbitt.

The students who will attend camp are Wayne Caldwell, Hennie Craig, Pink Francis, Mack Hollingsworth, James Hollingsworth, Wayne Ferguson, Johnnie Patterson, Billy McBride, Ralph Grasty, Richard Howell, Arthur Mehaffey, Ken Caldwell, Fred Buff and Tommie Carpenter.

## Benefit Tea To Be Given Sunday

There will be a concert and silver tea at the Parish House at the Grace Episcopal church next Sunday afternoon, July 20, at 4 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The program will include songs by Bernard Martin and readings by Miss Electra Ballou, of Chicago. Among other numbers Mr. Martin will sing "Here Me! Ye Winds and Waves," by Handel; "Hymn to the Great Smokies," by Margaret Stringfield; and "The Blind Plowman."

Miss Ballou will give a number of original readings including "Requiem," "I Have a Willow Soul," and "A Leading Lady." Proceeds from the concert will be used to paint the Parish House.

## Prices Stay Up, Skirts Are Going Away Down

By ELEANOR B. SLOAN

Verily the old order changeth this year, especially in women's clothes. If styles are as different this fall as fashion forecasts indicate, then last winter's wardrobe is going to look as out-of-date as something in grandma's attic. And maybe more so, for the new clothes come nearer the length of grandma's full sweeping skirts than that of the short dresses worn during and since the war.

Hemlines are dropping, drop-

ping, dropping. The above is the latest information brought back from New York markets by Haywood buyers. They report that the standard length of new dresses will be from ten to fourteen inches from the floor.

Dresses will have softer lines and be more feminine. Designers are no longer shackled with WPB restrictions and shortages of materials, have more leeway and are turning out all the little frills and

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## Parking Meters Due To Arrive Here Next Week

The parking meters for Waynesville are due within another week, according to information given to Town Manager G. C. Ferguson, by a representative of the manufacturing company yesterday.

The meters to be installed will be the one hour type, taking one cent for every 12 minutes.

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