

Big Program Completed For July 4th Celebration Here

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Intensive Effort Is Required To Curtail Highway Traffic Deaths

(By Maj. Gen. Philip B. Fleming, General Chairman of the President's Highway Safety Conference)

Last year 33,500 persons died in automobile accidents in the United States.

That fact may not register very strongly. After all, 33,500 is just a figure.

Maybe you can visualize the extent of the slaughter a little better if you will imagine that many people lined up in parade formation and marching from noon to sundown to pass a reviewing stand.

Or, suppose all those people had been killed at the same place—in front of your home, say. Then you could have stood on your front porch day and night, week in and week out, and witnessed a death on the average every 13 minutes.

That's as many people as live in such a city as Elkhart, Indiana, or Paducah, Kentucky, or Watertown, Massachusetts. They are all dead now, killed in accidents that could easily have been avoided. Hundreds of thousands of orphans, widows and bereaved parents are left to mourn in every city in the land.

Even so, 1946 was not our worst year for traffic fatalities. All things considered, the record for that year was pretty good. The most tragic year in motoring history was 1941 when 37,512 persons were killed. That was the high point to which traffic fatalities had steadily climbed over a 30-year period beginning about 1912 when 1,758 died. After 1912, the popularity of the automobile grew, and so did the number of deaths. Year by year the number killed increased with a few exceptions—notably during the war when gasoline rationing drastically curtailed driving.

After Japan surrendered and gasoline rationing was abandoned, fatal accidents shot upward. In the first four or five months of last year, people were being done to death in such staggering numbers that it was confidently predicted the fatality list would exceed that for 1941. So when I say that the record for 1946 was "pretty good," what I mean is that it might have been much worse, that the rising curve of fatalities was turned downward, and that the number killed in proportion to miles driven was substantially less than in the

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Sutton And Fisher Injured When Jeep Gets Out Of Control

Billy Sutton and Harvey Fisher were painfully but not seriously hurt early Friday evening when the Jeep in which they were riding failed to make the turn toward the cemetery at the foot of College Hill. The two boys were taken to C. J. Harris hospital and several stitches were necessary for closing the gashes. Fisher was reported to be driving at the time of the accident.

Although Sutton was thrown through the windshield onto the hood of the car, Fisher was more severely cut, suffering lacerations on the face.

No estimate was made of the damage to the Jeep, but city policemen report that it was considerable. The Jeep did not turn over, but remained at an angle on the hill.

ESCAPED CONVICT TAKEN AS HE SLEPT NEAR DILLSBORO

Emmet Cook, about 30, escaped convict from the Whittier prison camp, was captured early Tuesday morning by Sheriff Griffin Middleton and Patrolman C. D. Lindsay as he lay sleeping on top of a ridge near Dillsboro.

Cook, up from Mecklinburg county for murder, escaped from a road gang July 18 while working in the Canada section of the county. Two other men who escaped at the same time were captured in Haywood county last Friday.

Sheriff Middleton received a call about 5:30 Tuesday morning from Dillsboro residents who saw Cook making his way through the brush up the ridge. Blood hounds were placed on the trail and within a few minutes led the officers to Cook. Officers stated that he was in a complete state of exhaustion, having wandered about the country for a week with little food to eat.

STORES WILL CLOSE FOR JULY FOURTH

All stores and business places in Sylva, except cafes, hotels and drug stores, will be closed all day July 4th for this annual holiday and the celebration to be staged here of that date.

Asheville Fire Chief Fitzgerald To Speak At Firemen's Meet

The annual dinner meeting and installation of new officers of the Sylva Fire Department will be held at Maple Springs cafe Monday evening, June 30, at which time J. C. Fitzgerald, chief of the Asheville Fire Department, will be the principal speaker. E. M. Salley, superintendent of Enka Corporation and chief of the Enka Fire Department, will also appear on the program. City officials, members of the police and sheriff's department, and state highway patrolmen will be special guests at the dinner meeting.

At a recent election meeting all of the officers of the department were re-elected and a new assistant secretary was added to the list. The officers to be installed are: W. B. Cope, chief; Tilghman Bass, assistant chief; G. C. Cope, 2nd assistant chief; C. E. Campbell, secretary-treasurer; W. R. Hampton, assistant secretary-treasurer, and D. M. Tallent, fire marshal.

585 Arrested In May By Game Protectors

RALEIGH, June 23—Fish and game protectors of the Division of Game and Inland Fisheries made 585 arrests during May, according to records in the office of C. D. Kirkpatrick, chief of law enforcement. Violators paid \$3,253 in fines and \$3,185 in court costs.

Five cases of dynamiting fish hedges the month's report. Each of the defendants was ordered to pay the minimum fine — \$100 — and court costs ranging up to \$20.

QUIZZED IN BLUDGEON MURDER



READY TO BE RETURNED to Lynn, Mass., for questioning in connection with the bludgeon murder of Harry Rosen, Lynn, Mass., manufacturer, Herbert Douglas (left), a former merchant seaman; Mrs. Laura Shurger Douglas and her son, Roy Shurger Jr., 15, are shown following their apprehension by police authorities in Ithaca, N. Y. Rosen was found beaten to death in the office of his plant. (International Soundphoto)

Contractors Start Remodeling Interior of Jackson Co. Bank

The Merchants Construction Company of Asheville, contractors in charge of remodeling the interior of The Jackson County Bank building started their carpenters to work last week remodeling the basement and main floor which they plan to complete within 90 days, officials of the bank announced Monday.

The work of remodeling the basement and installing several hundred safety lock boxes will be completed first, and then remodeling of the main banking room will be started. Morgan Manufacturing company of Charlotte will have charge of installing new fixture and equipment in the bank. An oil furnace will be installed to replace the old coal stoker type heating system.

The remodeling job is expected to cost around \$25,000.

Banking hours will continue as usual during the construction period, with the carpenters doing their work at night.

The directors of the bank recently passed a resolution doubling the capital stock of the institution. It has also received permission from the state banking commission to open a full power bank at Highlands. For the past 12 years this bank has maintained a tellers window at Highlands.

MAIN STREET WILL BE BLOCKED FOR JULY 4TH PARADE

The police department has announced that Main street will be blocked to all-traffic and parking Friday morning, July 4th and remain blocked until after the parade has returned to its point of starting. All east and west bound traffic will follow Mill street during this time. The department requests cooperation of the citizens during this short period of a few hours so that there will be plenty of room and no delay in the program during the morning hours.

City Council Places Order For Three New Traffic Signal Lights

Meeting Friday night, the board of Aldermen ordered three new traffic lights to be installed at intersections on Mill street and a caution light at the school house. Mayor Jack Allison announced this week. The three stop lights will be placed one at each end of the street at the two intersections of Main and Mill streets and one at the intersection near the depot.

A taxi license was refused by the Aldermen to John Cline, Jr. An investigation was ordered on the application of Theodore Dills for a beer license.

Sylva Band Called To Practice For July 4th Street Parade

Through the efforts of the American Legion and the Town of Sylva Sammy Beck, who directed the Sylva high school band last spring, and who accomplished so much with the boys and girls during that time, has agreed to practice with the members of the band in order to have them ready to lead the 4th of July street parade. Mr. Beck has asked that all members of the band who can meet him at the City Hall on Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock to begin practice. Mr. Beck plans to practice with the boys and girls each afternoon until the 4th and to be with them in the parade. He is doing this work for the American Legion and the town, without pay.

Ninety Children Operated On For Tonsil Removals

Approximately ninety children benefited from the two two-day tonsil clinics held in Sylva school building on Tuesday and Wednesday of the past two weeks. The clinics, sponsored by the Health Department, have been held annually since 1938.

Ages of the children, all of whom were from Jackson county, ranged from five to thirteen years.

Dr. J. R. McCracken, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, of Waynesville was surgeon, assisted by Dr. Thomas Stringfield, anesthesiologist, also of Waynesville.

Other clinical assistants were: Dr. N. H. B. Michael, supervisor, Mrs. Alma McCracken, P.H.N. (Public Health Nurse), Mrs. Ruby Bryson, P.H.N., Mrs. Elaine T. Gill, P.H.N., all of Waynesville; Mrs. Doris Hicks, P.H.N., of Bryson City; Miss Mary P. Oliver, P.H.N., of Cherokee Indian Reservation; Mrs. Josephine Gaines, P.H.N., of Franklin; and Mrs. Lina Padgett, P.H.N., of Sylva.

Children who attended the clinics were operated on in the mornings and remained overnight, sleeping in the gymnasium of the school on cots, under the care of a night nurse. Everything was reported to be running smoothly Wednesday morning.

About a quarter of a million veterans reinstated their lapsed National Service Life Insurance policies with Veterans Administration during 1946.

pair leakages in order to save the city water supply. In order to force payment of overdue water rents, the Aldermen decided, water supplies will be cut off if accounts are more than three months overdue.

SENATE OVERRIDES PRESIDENT'S VETO ON LABOR BILL 68-25

Coal Miners Go Out In Protest; Steel Production Curtailed

Disregarding President Truman's last minute appeal the senate voted Monday to override the veto of the labor bill by a vote of 68 to 25.

In his last appeal to the Senate to sustain the veto, Truman stated, "I feel so strongly about the labor bill which the Senate will vote on this afternoon that I wish to reaffirm my sincere belief that it will do serious harm to our country."

"This is a critical period in our history and any measure which will adversely affect our national unity will render a distinct disservice not only to the nation but to the world."

Labor lost no time in showing its dislike for the new law by staging protest strikes. Over 210,000 soft coal miners are now idle as wildcat strikes spread throughout the mines.

The nation's steel industry slashed production as a result of the miners strike which will soon see coal stocks dwindling and further cuts in steel production anticipated.

JOHN H. CRAWFORD BURIED IN CLAY CO. TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Funeral rites for John H. Crawford, 78, who died June 22 at his home in Sylva, were conducted at Ledford's Chapel near Hayesville in Clay County, Tuesday afternoon. Burial was in the church cemetery. Rev. W. Q. Grigg and Rev. C. W. Benson, of Bethel, officiated. Moody Funeral home was in charge.

Pallbearers were: R. C. Allison, A. O. Allison, Frank Bumgarner, Holmes Cagle and Ernest Penland of Sylva, and Bob Tiger, Wilbur Mingus and Frank Chambers of Hayesville.

Mr. Crawford had been in a critical condition for four months prior to death on Saturday.

He was born and reared in Clay county where he made his home until about four years ago when his farm was taken by TVA to include Chatuga Lake. He then moved with Mrs. Crawford to Sylva to be near his children. When they first came to Jackson county they lived at Beta, later moving to Sylva.

Surviving are the widow, three sons, Custer of Madison, Ga., Leonard of Hayesville and Frank, of Sylva; three daughters, Mrs. Jeff Hedden, Mrs. Jim Resor and Mrs. B. F. Reed, of Sylva; one brother, R. W. Crawford, of Hayesville; two sisters, Mrs. Joe Penland, Blairsville, Ga. and Mrs. G. T. Berrong of Fort Worth, Texas; 10 grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

Famous War Leader Becomes College Head

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, the man who led the allied armies to victory in World War II, now army chief of staff, has announced his retirement from military life to accept the presidency of Columbia University in New York City. He will take up his new duties with the university next year. He succeeds Nicholas Murray Butler, who retired as head of the nation's largest school, in 1945.

Eisenhower had been looked to as possible presidential timber by both Democrats and Republicans, but has staunchly maintained that he is not interested in a political career.

COUNTY OFFICES TO CLOSE JULY 4 AND 5

All county offices at the courthouse will be closed for two days July 4th and 5th for the 4th week-end holiday.

Street Parade, Air Show, Band, Baseball, Beauty Contest Part Of Events

Police To Assist Chamber Of Commerce In Tourist Information

In an effort to see that as much information as possible relative to Sylva, Jackson county, and the surrounding area gets into the hands of tourists and others desiring this service, the police department is cooperating with the Chamber in distributing the material through its office on Main street. The police office is open 24-hours per day and can render this service after the Chamber office has closed at 5 o'clock. Many people come through after that hour who could not get this information otherwise.

THIS IS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR BIG JULY 4TH PROGRAM

10:00 a. m.—Parade to assemble at schoolhouse

11:00 a. m.—Air Show opens parade

11:05 a. m.—Parade leaves fountain, proceeds through Main street, going to East Sylva, then return through Main street to schoolhouse

12:30 p. m.—Bathing beauty contest

12:30 p. m.—Lunch counters open

1:00 p. m.—Greasy pig

1:05 p. m.—Greasy pole with prizes at top

1:30 p. m.—Bingo stands open

2:00 p. m.—Fireman's drill

2:15 p. m.—W.O.W. Degree team field workout

2:30 p. m.—American Legion

2:45 p. m.—Baseball game—Hawessee All Stars vs. Sylva Ball club

3:00 p. m.—Fat man's race

3:10 p. m.—Boy Scout drill

3:30 p. m.—Horseshoe pitching; quartet singing; string music; dancing and other events

1947 Ford to be given away at end of ball game. Glenn Hooper, blind man, who was started in business by the Lions club, will draw the lucky number.

7:30 p. m.—Street dance

9:00 p. m.—Fire works

We take this opportunity to thank each one taking part in this Fourth of July celebration and we sincerely hope that everyone has enjoyed this holiday.

Mrs. Charles M. Reed is in New York this week buying fall merchandise for Hale's.

Swannanoa 4-H Camp Opens Again To Club Boys And Girls

The State 4-H club, camp at Swannanoa, used by military forces during the war years, has been returned to civilian use and the clubs of Western North Carolina will resume their summer outings again in July.

The Jackson County clubs will spend a week at the camp July 28 through August 2. Club members will also be at the camp at this time.

The Jackson county boys and girls will meet at the courthouse in Sylva at 9:30 a. m. Monday, July 28 and return at noon on Saturday, August 2. Boys and girls who plan to go to the camp are requested to notify either Miss Helen Sossamon, county home agent, or M. L. Snipes, county farm agent, as soon as possible in order that transportation and reservations may be arranged.

The camp will provide a staff consisting of a director, life guard, cooks and other necessary personnel.

The following is a list of food and other things that will be necessary for the members to bring: Half cup lard, 2 pound fryer or hen, alive; 1 pound ham or 1 1-2

Store Owners Asked To Decorate Windows And Display Flags

At the regular monthly dinner meeting of the Merchants Association held at Hotel Carolina last Thursday plans were made for putting on a 4th of July celebration in Sylva. All members present were enthusiastic about the plans for the occasion and, after a general outline of events for the day and evening on the 4th, the group met again that night and completed the final details and scheduled the events.

There will be several main attractions during the day, one of which will be a grand street parade to start the day's activities at 11 a. m. Other attractions will include a bathing beauty contest, raffling off a brand new 1947 model Ford automobile by the Sylva Lions Club, a huge display of fire works that night, catching the greasy pig, climbing the greasy pole, foot races, horse shoe pitching contests, Bingo with prizes, baseball game, quartets and string music, and a big square dance on the street that night.

The street parade will feature 30 or more beautifully decorated floats, entered by the various business firms of Sylva, one from Western Carolina Teachers College and one of Cherokee Indians from the Reservation; also in the parade will be ladies on horseback, members of the American Legion, boy and girl scouts. A number of local people will be dressed as clowns to create fun along the parade route.

All entrants in the parade will gather at the Sylva high school ground at 10 a. m. and the parade will start sharply at 11. It will proceed up Main street to the new intersection of 19-23 and 107 and return over the same route. The beauty contest will follow immediately after the parade.

All quartets and string bands of the county are asked to be on hand and enter into the day's events. It is hoped that the Sylva high school band will be in shape to lead the street parade, if not the committee plans to get an out of town band for the occasion.

Plenty of food will be available as the cafes and hotels will be open, and a food and drink stand will be in operation by the women's clubs of the city.

Plan to spend the day in Sylva, where plenty of entertainment awaits all ages.

Movies At WCTC

As a recreational feature for summer students at Western Carolina Teachers College, movies are being held Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 10:30 in the Student Union Building. There is no admission charge.

North Carolina's production of rye is estimated at 264,000 bushels for 1947, compared with 275,000 bushels produced in 1946.