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News Events of World-Wide Interest

---Briefly Told---

\$75,000,000 ASKED FOR JAPANESE ARMY

Japanese Secretary of War Terauchi has asked the Japanese government for \$75,000,000 to be used on a twelve year expansion program for the Japanese army.

U. S. OLYMPIC TEAM GOES TO GERMANY

The United States Olympic Team, consisting of 334 men and women, sailed for Berlin last week to take part in the Olympic Games which will begin soon. Many of the outstanding athletes of the nation, some of them holding world records, were in this group.

WPA WORKERS DEMAND VACATIONS WITH PAY

Two Federal Court suits have been filed in New York, bringing action to force the government to grant 26-day vacations, with pay, to all supervisory and administrative WPA workers. Louis Bunin, an employee of the theater project, both of New York, are pushing the two cases.

ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE KING EDWARD FRUSTRATED

A woman in grey prevented what seemed to be an attempted assassination of King Edward of England, last Thursday. George McMahon, 44, a former newspaper editor and discontented subject of King Edward, pointed a revolver at his monarch, who was leading a parade, but, before the woman could fire, she was knocked down by a "woman in grey" who knocked the gun from his hand. McMahon was arrested and being held pending investigation. The identity of the woman who saved the King was not divulged.

TOWNSEND, COUGHLIN AND SMITH WILL STAND TOGETHER

Dr. Francis Townsend's Old Age party, the Rev. Gerald Smith's Share the Wealth party and the Rev. Charles Coughlin's Party for the Social Justice will stand together and support Lemke in the November election, according to a statement made by Coughlin last week in an address at the convention of the Old Age Pension party, held in Cleveland. In his address Coughlin attacked President Roosevelt as a "liar and betrayer."

FOOD SUPPLY ONE PER CENT LESS THAN LAST YEAR'S

The nation's food supply for the next twelve months will be 1 per cent less than that for the same period in 1935-36, three per cent less than 1935-36, but still ample for domestic needs, according to a report issued by the Department of Agriculture. Reduced feed supplies may cut meat production, other than poultry, to four per cent below 1935-36; dairy production is also due for a slump, while the production of poultry and land is in for a rapid increase.

LIVING COSTS ARE UP

Living costs for laborers in June were 1.7 per cent above that for May, according to a report issued by the National Industrial Conference Board. This makes the present cost of living 4 per cent higher than in 1930, 20.3 per cent higher than in 1929, the low point of the depression, and but 13.3 per cent lower than the cost for June, 1929. Food and rent, according to the report, have caused the cost of living to rise.

SPANISH REBELLION CRUSHED

A rebellion of several divisions of the Spanish army, which began in Spanish Morocco and the Canary Islands and finally spread to several cities in Spain, was reported successfully crushed this week. A number of people were killed and more than 1,000 Spanish officers arrested and imprisoned.

DROUGHT BROKEN

The drought which has scorched the Mid-West for the last few weeks and has damaged crops by more than half a billion dollars, was reported broken over the week-end by showers and cool winds, which caused the temperature to drop from twenty-five to thirty-five degrees. Around 4,800 people have been killed by the heat. The government plans to give WPA jobs to 75,000 farmers whose crops were ruined by the drought and to send 2,000,000 bushels of wheat into the drought stricken area.

LIQUOR BRINGS \$628,756 OF REVENUE

Eighteen North Carolina counties this week reported revenue from the sale of liquor, for the fiscal year which ended July 1, amounting to \$628,756. Total sales of whiskey amount to \$3,100,463.

Today's Market

The following cash prices were being paid Wednesday by the Farmers Federation here:

Chickens, heavy weight hens	13c
Chickens, fryers	17c
Eggs, dozen	20c
Corn, bushel	\$1.00
Wheat, bushel	\$1.00
Unwashed wool, pound	82c

Visiting Masons Interested In Holding Annual Meetings Here

Over 100 Visitors From Eleven States Here First Of Week For Assembly

Over 100 members of the Grand Council of the Masonic Order, from eleven states, have returned to their homes after spending the first of the week here for the special summer session of the organization.

So enthused were many of the delegates, that they voluntarily told local officials of the organization, that they would use their influence to get official sanction for the establishment of an annual inter-state assembly here in the mountains.

The meeting the first of this week surpassed the one a year ago in every respect, Troy T. Wyche, chairman of entertainment, and state Grand Master, said.

The program got underway Monday morning with degree work being conferred on 12 members. Howard G. Etheridge, of Asheville, presided over Doric Council No. 20, Waynesville.

The Royal Masters degree was conferred upon the following at the morning session: Dr. R. P. Walker, W. D. Smith, N. W. Garrett, D. J. Howell, Ben Sutton, Wayne Rogers, F. C. Stovall, and Wm. Chambers, Jr., all of Waynesville, and Dr. R. C. Rhea, W. R. Cabe, and Guy Hipps, of Canton.

Later in the morning, W. R. Smith, of Raleigh, presided over the Council of T. I. N., conferring degrees of Three Illustrious Masters on a class of 20. This class was from out of the state, and the degree was conferred only on masters and past masters.

The afternoon session got underway shortly after one, with Troy T. Wyche, presiding, and he officially received the Grand Council of South Carolina and the grand officers of the other states. The address of welcome was delivered by W. R. Smith, of Raleigh, and the response was made by O. Frank Hart, of Columbia, who is general grand recorder of the general grand council of the United States.

Following the response, the heads of the state delegations made a brief response.

One of the features of the afternoon session, was the presentation (Continued on Back Page)

Real Estate Moving Fast At Country Club

Large Increase In Number Of Golfers This Year Over Any Previous Year

J. M. Long, owner of the Waynesville Country Club and the Golf Course, reported this week that all lots in the Country Club subdivision, with the exception of two, had been sold.

Besides a fast sale of the lots, Mr. Long reported that the number of golfers for this year is far above that of any previous year, and that the golfers are most complimentary in their remarks about the condition of the course, reporting it the best ever.

Among those to whom Mr. Long has sold lots on which homes will be built, include: Harry Simpson, of Miami; Marvis Adams, Miami; R. H. Hill, St. Petersburg; Charles T. Gordon, St. Petersburg, and Aaron Prevost, of Hazelwood.

20 From Haywood At Young Democratic Convention

Twenty people from Haywood county attended the Young Democratic convention held in Greensboro last week.

Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Oral Yates, Miss Scott Edwards, Edwin Haynes, Carroll McCracken, Hugh Leatherwood, Mrs. W. A. Hyatt, Mrs. Carolyn Hyatt, Miss Margaret Ashton, Miss Jane Brown, Mrs. D. D. Alley, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Byers, and Roy Francis.

J. Ed Butler, of Morganton, was named president of the organization.

The meeting was dedicated to the memory of the late Doyle Alley, a former president of the state group. The program covers were featured with a picture of Mr. Alley.

Officers Take Man, 60-Gallon Still, Beer

Pink Gibson was recently taken by federal officers, and charged with making liquor on Wilkins Creek, near the Waterville dam.

Officers captured a 60-gallon still and confiscated 300 gallons of beer. Gibson, who is about 30, was said by officers to have moved into that section for the sole purpose of making liquor.

R. C. Reece, federal officer, headed the raid, and was assisted by R. S. Bolt, Wheeler Scott, Jack Blankenship, Dewey Cook, and Charlie Jones.

Florida Man Makes "Hole-In-One" On Local Golf Course

Lawrence J. Griffin, of Miami Beach, playing in a foursome on the golf course at the Waynesville Country Club this week, made a hole in one.

It is said that this is the second time this coveted play has been made on this course.

New Resident Is Warm In Praise Of Haywood Hospital

"I have traveled all over the world, and been a patient in many hospitals, but none measured up to the hospital here in Waynesville," was the enthusiastic report M. Hassen, a new resident here, said this week.

Mr. Hassen and his son were confined at the Haywood County Hospital for several days, and ever since being dismissed, both he and his son have been warm in their praise of the institution.

Mr. Hassen is a native of Arabia, and came to this country from Jerusalem. He came to Waynesville from Myrtle Beach.

He said: "The nurses were so nice; they gave us fine attention, and made a stranger feel like he was at home. It was real southern hospitality that they showed us. There was no smell of medicine. And they were so kind to us. The hospital here is a better place to spend a vacation than any hotel I know of," he continued.

New Equipment Is Installed In Waynesville Laundry

J. W. Killian, manager of the Waynesville Laundry, announced this week that two expensive pieces of machinery had been installed in the local plant. Two new extractors were installed this past week. Only recently two new presses, of the linen suit unit type were installed.

Just a few weeks ago two dress presses were added to the battery of 12 presses. In addition to the new equipment, Mr. Killian announced that Mr. Davenport, of Greenville, S. C., an experienced dry cleaning man, was now connected with the firm. Mr. Davenport was in the dry cleaning business in the South Carolina city for a number of years.

Laundry business this month is 25 per cent better than for the same period last year, Mr. Killian stated.

Several Schools In County Will Begin Work Aug. 3

The Bethel and Fines Creek schools will begin their 1936-37 session on Monday, August 3, according to an announcement made this week by Superintendent Jack Messer. Some of the Clyde district schools may also begin on August 3, although plans regarding this district are not definitely completed. The Waynesville schools, will be unaffected by the above changes.

Reasons given for beginning some of these schools earlier than usual are that, more of the school year will come during warm weather if the schools are begun in August, a decided reduction can be made in school expenses; it is believed, also, that this change will increase the average yearly attendance on the part of the pupils.

If the change does cause an increase in the average yearly attendance, officials believe that it will result in increasing the teacher allotment for the county.

License Inspector Will Be Here Sat.

Corporal W. M. Nail, of the state highway patrol force, announced that a license inspector would be in the police department here Saturday, from 8:30 to 5:30 for the purpose of issuing driver's licenses and chauffeur's licenses.

The driver's license cost \$1, and the chauffeur's license cost \$2, and are good for one year.

An occasional check-up is made of all motorists to see that driver's licenses are being carried, and those who do not have them are forced to pay as much as \$22.70 for the first offense.

Traffic in Western North Carolina is extremely heavy at this time, it was pointed out, and an average of 100 drunken drivers are being arrested each month in the 36 western counties. All drunken drivers have their licenses revoked.

WINS STATE CONTEST



Jarvis Teague won first prize in the essay contest sponsored by the Carolina Co-operator. Mr. Teague is a graduate of Fines Creek High School.

Cannery Will Begin Capacity Operation Last Of This Week

Approximately 100 People Will Be Employed At Cannery In Hazelwood

The cannery at Hazelwood will be operating full capacity this week—and, if weather permits gathering of beans and the picking of berries, it was learned from Frank Davis, field supervisor of the Land O' the Sky Association.

Approximately 100 people will be given work when the cannery resumes full operating capacity, it was said. This year the bean and berry crops are coming on at the same time. The dry weather held both back, but indications are that the 175 acres of beans in this district will be better than average.

Early plantings were damaged, but later plantings seemed to have come through the drought without much damage.

It will be several weeks before tomatoes from the eighty acres in the district will begin coming in, it was said.

Already, several hundred cases of beans have been canned, and quite a few berries.

Mr. Davis reported that where instructions had been carried out, that the growers were not being bothered with bean beetles this year.

Local Home Guard Unit Leaves For 15-Day Camp

Three officers and sixty-four men of Company "H" of the 120th infantry, encamped here yesterday for a 15-day encampment at Camp Jackson, near Columbia, S. C.

This is the first time since 1928 that the local unit of the North Carolina National Guards have had a summer encampment at Camp Jackson. All other years have been at Morehead City.

Those leaving here yesterday were: Captain George Platt, first lieutenant Paul Martin, second lieutenant Grady Boyd, first sergeant, James Robinson. Sergeants—Elmer Down, Marcus Davis, James Jones, Charles Edwards, James Jones, Fred Lewis, George Platt.

Corporals—William Arrington, James Clark, William Davis, Henry Dunavant, Fletcher Hill, Otto Morrow, Jack McCracken, Glen Wyatt.

Privates 1st Class—Charles Dunn, Kermit Fincher, Oliver Franklin, Ed. (Continued on Back Page)

Improvements To Be Made By Owners Of Belle Meade Soon

Owners of Belle Meade announced yesterday that improvements would be made to the property, which would include an extension of streets, laying of sewer and water lines, and the erection of electric lines.

Already, forty of the eighty units have been sold, and a number of local people plan to build residences on the property in the fall.

Business Here Far Ahead Of 1935, Survey Shows

Bill Harris Given Life Sentence For Death Of Connor

Defense Enters Plea of Accessory For The Fact of Murder Of First Degree

William "Bill" Harris, 38, a former WPA foreman, was sentenced "for the rest of his natural life" in the state prison at Raleigh, Tuesday by Judge W. F. Harding, after Harris, through his attorneys, had entered a plea of accessory for the fact of murder of first degree of Wiley Connor, a WPA worker.

Harris took the sentence calmly, and afterwards greeted numbers of friends.

A special venire of 100 men were in the court room ready to be called for jury service, on the case that would have taken at least four days to try, it was said by a number of court officials.

The court room was filled to capacity, with every seat taken, and over 100 standing at the four entrances and down by the walls.

Immediately after the case was called, Solicitor John M. Queen, Grover C. Davis, Judge Harding, and the defense attorneys, J. R. Morgan, George Ward, A. T. Ward, and M. G. Stamey, retired to the judge's chambers and held a conference for 40 minutes.

During the time they were out, the 1,000 spectators were held in suspense as to what was going to happen. There was much speculation as to whether the case would go to a jury trial, or whether the solicitor would accept a plea of any degree.

While the conference was being held, Harris sat on the edge of a table in the bar, and laughed and talked with friends. At no time did he appear worried, or show any signs of being nervous until Solicitor Queen began a brief review of the facts in the case.

Mr. Morgan was the only one who spoke for the defense. He said that state witnesses had been interviewed, and that the evidence was that Connor had approached Harris in a threatening attitude at the time of the fatal shooting. He also cited the fact that Harris had been drinking and was not the same man at the time of the killing as he had been.

Mr. Morgan was followed by Solicitor Queen, who said he viewed the body of the deceased, and that there were three bullet holes in and (Continued on Back Page)

Mill Race Destroyed By High Waters

The mill race that guides the creek to the old McCracken mill, located on Bald Creek, in the Crabtree section of the county, was destroyed by the high waters Tuesday morning. The race may be rebuilt, but as yet plans regarding reconstruction have not been completed. The mill is owned by P. J. McCracken.

The old mill and its half-mile race were built many years ago by Hiram McCracken.

Two Extra Policemen Added To Force

Two additional policemen, Ben Bryson and Elmer Downs, have been placed on the Waynesville police force recently, bringing the total number to four. One of them will be retained permanently, according to Chief Stringfield, and the other only temporarily, since their duties decreased somewhat with the passing of the primary elections.

Ben Bryson has taken over the night duty for the police department.

New Bridge Being Built On Main St.

Work was started Monday morning on a new bridge on North Main street, at the Shelton Branch crossing. State highway forces are doing the work, with about 10 prisoners from the state camp at Hazelwood doing the common labor.

The bridge has been in bad repair for some time, and since the hard freezes last winter the pavement on one end has been gradually cracking and sinking.

The street has been blocked, and the entire bridge has been torn up.

New Traffic Light Placed On Main St.

Waynesville's third traffic light was installed this week, giving a light at three consecutive blocks on Main street. The new light is at the intersection of Main and Miller streets. The light that was at Main and Academy streets has been removed.

Practically Every Line Shows Material Increase Over Same Period Last Year

A survey completed this week by The Mountaineer showed that business in general is far better than last year this time, and that there are now fifty per cent more tourists here than at the same time last year. The facts as gathered by this paper are conservative in every detail.

A close check up with M. H. Bowles, temporary secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, gave every reason that there are fifty per cent more summer visitors here now than were here last year this time. Mr. Bowles, also produced correspondence that showed that August would be a good month for those catering to tourists, as a larger number of reservations have already been made for next month here.

While the 1936 tourist business will be far above that of 1935, it will be short of the high mark set in 1929 by at least 15 per cent, according to Ernest L. Withers, real estate and insurance man, and former secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

The tourist business this year, according to several conservative estimates by business men, will reach \$750,000.

HOTELS FAIRLY WELL FILLED

For the most part, the hotels of the community are well filled. While all are not filled to capacity, a general report showed more rooms taken than last year at this time.

BUSINESS BETTER THAN 1929

One or two mercantile establishments reported that 1936 business was better than the summer of 1929. The summer of '29 was considered a high peak in local business.

TRAIN TRAVEL INCREASED

J. G. Terrell, local railway agent, reported that passenger business thus far this season is showing an increase of 30 per cent over last year. The freight business has increased 25 per cent and express is 20 per cent better.

BUS BUSINESS IMPROVED

The local bus station checked over the records for this survey made by The Mountaineer, and found bus travel showing an increase of 33 per cent over the same months of last year.

FILLING STATION BUSINESS BETTER

An average of 25 per cent increase was reported for the filling stations in the community. Some reported higher increases, and some a little less, but the average was 25 per cent. The operators also reported that more out-of-state cars were being served.

WESTERN UNION BUSINESS BETTER

The local office of Western Union Telegraph Company said that business in that office was fifty per cent better than last year, as far as tourist messages were concerned.

MORE MAIL COMING IN

The Waynesville post office is handling more pieces of mail per day than were handled for the same period last year. The revenue of the post office, however, is behind \$40.70 in cash receipts for July as compared with last year.

MORE HOTELS OPEN

There are several hotels in the community that are open this year that were closed all of last year. Also one or two more boarding houses, it was learned.

MORE BANK DEPOSITS

The deposits in the First National Bank showed an increase of \$140,000 more this year than last.

BEST WEEK IN FOUR YEARS AT THE LAKE

Officials at Lake Junaluska are enthused over the 1936 season, and reported Monday that last week was the best week in four years. In addition to the best week in four years, they also reported that Monday over 2,000 people were on the grounds, and one conference was in session with over 300 in attendance.

With the season just about half over, everything points to one of the best in years—certainly the best since the "good old days of 1928."

CREAMERY BUSINESS BETTER

W. R. Woodall, manager of Western Carolina Creamery, said yesterday that the business at the creamery (Continued on Back Page)

The Weather

	Max	Min
Wednesday	92	64
Thursday	85	63
Friday	85	62
Saturday	82	61
Sunday	82	58
Monday	85	58
Tuesday	81	52