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News Events of
World-Wide
Interest
--Briefly Told--

NINE KILLED IN HURRICANE

Nine persons were killed and more than \$100,000 of property destroyed by a hurricane that hit parts of Northern Florida, southern Georgia and Alabama early this week. The storm blew itself out in Alabama. Large patrol boats were searching for three ships blown out of their course by the storm.

BOY ARRESTED FOR THREATENING SHIRLEY TEMPLE

Stanley Powell, 16, of North Platte, Nebraska, was arrested this week for writing a letter to George Temple, Shirley's father, stating that the father paid the writer the money of \$25,000. Shirley would be kidnapped if Powell is being held on a charge of using the mails to extort.

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER RETURNS

When the ship-news reporters, last week interviewed John D. Rockefeller, after a five weeks trip abroad, he said, "I never saw as much goodness as I saw in England." When asked to comment on a statement recently made by J. P. Morgan, that if the government continued to spend money as much as it earned the big American fortunes would be dissipated in thirty years he said, "I think he gave the fortunes a good long time. Of course I know nothing about that."

SUDDEN DEATH

According to statistics compiled last week by the National Safety Council, motor accidents in the United States, killed 15,390 persons in the first six months of 1936. That is 300 or 4 per cent fewer than in the corresponding period of 1935. Despite the decrease for the full six months period, the months of May and June this year produced more fatalities than in 1935. June had a total of 3,020, a rise of 140.

BUSINESS SHOWS UPWARD TREND

Industrial activity advanced last week from 94.2 per cent to 95.3 per cent of normal, the highest level it has reached in six years. Six years ago it stood at 74.6 per cent of normal.

Steel mill operations last week had increased from 70.9 to 71.7 per cent of capacity. Automobiles decreased from 96,863 units to 95,970, as compared with 69,415 a year ago.

Car loadings last week stood at 731,002, the highest since October last year. The present status is 22.7 per cent above last year.

FARM INCOME RISING

With farm prices at the highest general level since 1930 as a result of the protracted drought, market analysis this week forecast that 1936 farm income might be the largest in six years, barring further serious crop losses. Farmers' income in the first half of the year was \$335,000,000 greater than a year ago, the government has estimated.

DEMOCRATS PLAN BIG DRIVE

Apparently disturbed by reports of the Republican gains in some of the farming states, political strategists of the Democratic party are promoting the idea of a Roosevelt-for-Agriculture committee to act as a spear head in an extension campaign to win the West to the Democratic standard.

PRESIDENT SPEAKS AT QUEBEC

President Roosevelt last week spoke over an international radio hook-up, the first time in history that a President of the United States has talked to the British empire by radio. In his speech the President cited the 3,000 mile, unfortified United States-Canadian border as an example of trust and good will that could be copied by other nations.

DEMOCRATS BUY PAPER TO AID NEW DEAL

The Democratic party has purchased the Portland News, one of the oldest newspapers in Maine, in an effort to break the traditional Republican on "the barometer state" of the nation. Norman W. Baxter, member of the staff of the Democratic National committee, will edit the paper.

PENALTY FOR DRUNKEN DRIVERS UPHELD

A noticeable decrease in drunken driving in Louisville, Ky., has been reported since a Kentucky court upheld a sentence of nine days in jail and a fine of nineteen dollars, a penalty that cannot be appealed to a higher court, for drunken drivers. This sentence and fine have been imposed on approximately 100 drivers since the court decision was rendered.

Today's Market

The following cash prices were being paid Wednesday by the Farmers Federation here:
Chickens, heavy weight hens ... 13¢
Chickens, fryers ... 17¢
Eggs, dozen ... 20¢
Corn, bushel ... \$1.00
Wheat, bushel ... \$1.00
Unwashed wool, pound ... 82¢

First Farm Tour To Be Held 14th. Fines Creek To Be Host

Plans Are Being Made For Large Tour Of Rural Section Of Haywood Friday Week

Extensive plans are being made for the first Farm Tour of the county, which will be held in connection with the annual farmer's picnic and get together meeting. This year's meeting will be held at Fines Creek on Friday, August 14th.

The Farmers Federation, working together with County Agent W. D. Smith, have worked out a route of the tour, and also an interesting program at Fines Creek school.

The tour, which will be composed of many business men as well as farmers of the county will leave the court house at 8:30 o'clock, and visit the following farms in the order named: F. L. Leonard, C. C. Francis, Earl Ferguson, Robert Howell, and Ben Wright. All of these will be in the morning tour, which will end at Fines Creek school.

After luncheon, two of the speakers will include H. A. Powers, of the agriculture division of TVA, and state forester R. W. Gaeber. A part of program will also include singing contests by choirs and quartets of the county. The Farmers Federation will give 18 song books to the winning choir, and 12 to the second best. Prizes will be given to other groups of singers, also.

After the program at Fines Creek, the farm tour will continue, visiting the farms of Charles McVary, Glenn C. Palmer, John Rogers, A. J. McCracken, John Allen, H. A. Osborne, and Weaver Cathey.

Plans are underway to get the Rotary Club here to make the tour as a body, together with many other business men.

W. D. Smith in discussing the tour said, "This is an opportunity for every citizen to get acquainted with the efforts that are being made to bring about a better agricultural and better rural life in Haywood county."

Annual Quilt Show Will Be Held Here Friday, August 14

Number of Cash Prizes Being Offered By The Woman's Club Sponsor Of Show

With the increasing popularity throughout the country in the development of handicraft industries, both as organized groups and as work done in the homes, the annual quilt show sponsored by the Woman's Club claims the interest not only of the local people, but also of the visitors in town.

The show will be staged in the new Maessie building adjoining the Park Theatre, on Friday, August 14th, and gives promise of being one of the best displays of its kind ever shown here.

Those in charge of arrangements are urging, as they did last year, the entry of various types of needle work and handicrafts not included in the prize list, for which blue ribbons will be awarded.

The following prizes will be given to the articles as listed: Prettiest old quilt, \$2.00; prettiest new quilt, \$2.00; prettiest old woven coverlet, \$1.00; prettiest old spread \$2.00; prettiest new spread, \$2.00; prettiest quilt top, \$1.00; prettiest afghan, \$1.00; prettiest hooked rug, \$1.00; prettiest knitted suit, \$1.00.

In charge of the show will be Mrs. James W. Killian, as chairman and the following serving as the committee: Mrs. R. L. Prevost, Mrs. Mittie, Mrs. R. L. Prevost, Mrs. John M. Queen, Mrs. Jerry Colkitt, Mrs. Grover Davis, and Mrs. Frank Ferguson.

Over \$21,000 Paid In Taxes Last Mo.

Tax collections by W. H. McCracken, tax supervisor and collector for Haywood county, for the past month were over \$21,000. Mr. McCracken in his monthly detailed report to the commissioners, showed that back collections as far back as 1927 had been made.

Collections for the month of July were as follows: 1927, \$2,000; 1928, \$2,000; 1929, \$9,530; 1930, \$364.51; 1931, \$331.43; 1932, \$479.76; 1933, \$1,845.91; 1934, \$1,193.56; 1935, \$14,326.00; and 1936, \$2,685.28. The collections for July totaled \$21,239.98.

BUYS PROPERTY IN BELLE MEADE

The Belle Meade property continues its recent increase in sales. This week Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Swendall, of Jacksonville, Fla., have bought in this area and plan the erection of a home in the near future.

To Lecture



MISS ANNY RUTZ. Miss Rutz played the part of "The Virgin Mary" in 1930 and 1934 at Oberammergau, Bavaria.

Illustrated Lecture On Passion Play To Be Given At Lake

Part Of The Virgin Mary At Oberammergau For Two Seasons

The Junaluska Woman's Club will present the noted Bavarian girl, Anny Rutz, in an illustrated lecture on the Passion Play Saturday evening, August 8. Miss Rutz, who has twice played the role of the Virgin Mary in the great Scriptural Classic, was first chosen for the part in 1930, the time of the regular performance at one of the ten periods. She was also selected for the part in 1934, when a special performance was given to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the inauguration of the Passion Play at Oberammergau. She is said to be the only person who has ever been chosen twice to play the part of the Mother of Jesus, leading woman's role of the Passion Play.

Anny is a typical Bavarian beauty, with fair hair that reaches far below her waist when she lets it down, lovely gray-green eyes that sometimes turn to blue, and a rather large mobile mouth. She is still in her twenties and speaks English with practically no accent. For the past several weeks she has been the guest of Miss Ethel McCoy, head of Camp Junaluska for Girls. She has been in the states since September of last year, and spent several months as a special student at Rollins College, Winter Haven, Fla.

A rising tide of interest in "Woman's Club Night" at Junaluska has been evident, ever since the announcement that Anny Rutz, would give her famous lecture, describing scenes and actors of the play, and showing colored slides descriptive of the country and customs of Oberammergau, the little Bavarian village which is dedicated to the production of the Passion Play every ten years.

The usual gate admission of 25 cents will be charged to persons not holding assembly tickets. The approaching event promises to be one of the most notable programs ever staged in Stuart Auditorium and a banner attendance is expected.

Last Rites Held For Charles Roberts, 68, On Last Saturday

Funeral services were held on Saturday at the home of George G. Garrett, for Charles Roberts, 68, who died at his home on Big Creek, Cataloochee township, at 1:15 o'clock Friday morning. The Rev. O. C. Landrum, pastor of the Hazelwood Presbyterian church officiated. Interment was in the Garrett family cemetery. Pallbearers were: Kelly Fish, George Fish, Robert Fish, Frank R. Roberts, Garrett Howell, Sam Garrett, and Charles Garrett.

Mr. Roberts resided in the Big Creek section near Waterville, for forty years. He was the son of the late Robert King Roberts, of Crabtree township, a veteran of the War Between the States. Mr. Roberts was prominent in the community life of his section, having served as a justice of the peace for twenty-five years, as postmaster for eight years and for several years a member of the school committee of Waterville. He was also active in the Mt. Sterling Presbyterian church, of which he had been a member for some time.

Surviving are his widow; four daughters, Mrs. May Love, Mrs. Ruth Capps, and Miss Mattie Roberts, of Mt. Sterling, and Mrs. George Lou Hill, of Unionville, S.C., and one sister, Mrs. Mamie Stooksbury, of Clinton, Tenn.

Mass Meeting On Junaluska Debt Is Called For Aug. 12

County-Wide Mass Meeting Will Be Held In Effort To Raise Funds On \$105,000 Debt

In an effort to secure funds for the Save Junaluska Campaign, a county-wide mass meeting has been called for Wednesday night, August 12th, at the court house. The meeting was called after officials of the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce and James Atkins, general superintendent and receiver of the Southern Methodist Assembly met yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Atkins announced after the conference that Dr. W. A. Lambeth, of High Point, who is general director of the campaign, would be one of the principal speakers at the meeting.

It was also learned yesterday from Mr. Atkins, that \$30,000 had been reported subscribed to the fund of \$105,000, which must be in hand to pay on August 15th to the holders of the first mortgage. This date was set several months ago, by Judge John M. Oglesby.

Charles E. Ray, Jr., president of the Chamber of Commerce, stated that he would appoint a committee today to handle the details of the meeting.

Mr. Atkins is contacting each church of every denomination in the county in regards to the meeting next Wednesday night.

While leaders in the campaign are optimistic over raising the \$105,000, they also feel that there is no time to lose in seeing that every cent is in hand by the date set by the court.

The board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce in a meeting the past week passed the following resolution regarding the Save Junaluska Campaign:

Be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce that the citizens and business firms of Waynesville and Hazelwood take definite action to aid Lake Junaluska in the drive for \$105,000. We recognize Lake Junaluska as an integral part of the community. Commercially, Lake Junaluska means thousands of dollars to the merchants of this section; as a tourist attraction it is one of our greatest assets. We earnestly request that the citizens of Waynesville and Hazelwood recognize the value and need of Lake Junaluska and that they contribute liberally to this cause, either through the Waynesville Methodist church, the Chamber of Commerce or as individuals.

Signed, Charles E. Ray, L. M. Richeson, E. J. Hyatt, L. N. Davis, W. L. Hardin, Jr., Guy Massie, E. L. Withers, Ralph Prevost, C. N. Allen, W. Curtis Russ.

Gypsies Get Money From 2 Haywood Men At Balsam

Sheriff Finds Too Many Children In Gypsy Families To Lodge Them In Jail

Last Saturday, the sheriff's department here had a distress call, that two Haywood county men had been robbed on Highway No. 10 by some gypsies, near Barber's Orchard, and that the gypsies were headed towards Sylva.

The alleged robbers were stopped, and arrested in Sylva, and when Robert V. Welch went to the Jackson county capitol, accompanied by the two who claimed to have been robbed, he found true enough the gypsies there. In fact there were two families with "many, many children running around," using the words of the deputy sheriff.

Mr. Welch saw right off that he did not want ten or fifteen small children on his hands, at the jail while the parents were lodged in jail awaiting trial, so he called the two Haywood men and found that they had made a deal with the gypsies for "healing them." The gypsies claiming to be healers, had gotten a dollar from one man and eight dollars from the other, and according to evidence, had not "healed" them.

The two men got their money back, and Mr. Welch heaved a sigh of relief when he found that the fifteen little gypsy children would not be in his care for the next few weeks.

Cars From 25 States Counted In Park

All persons going into the Great Smoky Mountains Park area, report the continuance of heavy travel. According to Zeb Rogers, clerk at the Hotel LeFaine, who took a party into the park during the week, in the hundreds of cars observed on the trip from Newfound Gap to the Cherokee Indian Reservation, he counted tags from twenty-five states.

Director



EVANDER PRESTON

Preston To Direct Comic Opera Aug. 15 At L. Junaluska

150 People In Cast. Elaborate Plans Made For Presentation of "H. M. S. Pinafore"

With Evander Preston, of Waynesville, wielding the baton, the Gilbert and Sullivan comic opera "Pinafore" is programmed as the outstanding event of the 1936 season at Lake Junaluska Methodist Assembly.

The famous nautical classic will be staged in Stuart Auditorium, Saturday evening, August 15, with a cast of approximately 150 persons, including the Waynesville Choral Club, assisted by New College Community and Junaluska singers, and guest artists from Atlanta, Ga. The Western North Carolina Symphony Company will serve as supporting orchestra.

In addition to the excellent singing which is assured, elaborate staging will add to the effectiveness of the production. Mr. Preston will be assisted in stage direction by Miss Betsy Lane Quinlan, of Waynesville. According to Mr. Preston, elaborate plans are being developed to build H. M. S. Pinafore as authentically as possible. The ship will measure about seventy-five feet from bow to stern. The back drop, which is being painted by Louise Stringfield, of Waynesville, will show Portsmouth in the distance. A light house with (Continued on Back Page)

Elda Vettori Will Give Concert Here On Thursday Week

Noted Opera Singer To Give Concert For Benefit Of Waynesville Library

The members of the Waynesville Public Library board will sponsor a concert by Elda Vettori dramatic soprano, of the Metropolitan Opera Company, of New York City, on next Thursday evening August 13th, in the auditorium of the Methodist church.

This is Miss Vettori's second appearance here, and the announcement has been received with keen anticipation by those who heard her last year. It is a rare opportunity to have such an artist make an appearance in a town of this size. Miss Vettori is spending several weeks in Asheville as the guest of friends, and it was through Clyde H. Ray, Jr., that the arrangements were made for the concert to be given here.

Miss Vettori, though born in Venice, Italy, was brought to this country as an infant by her parents and proudly regards herself as an American artist. For the past eight years she has been an important member of the Metropolitan Opera Company, of New York, singing leading roles in many operas. She has supplemented this with as many concert engagements as her operatic activities permit.

Her career, and rise to fame in the musical world is of exceptional interest. She was trimming hats in a St. Louis millinery shop and singing in a little church when her voice attracted attention and she was invited to join the local St. Louis Opera Company. Her success was so marked that it was but a short time before her name was added to the golden roster at the Metropolitan, where she made her debut as Santuzza in "Cavalleria Rusticana." Her Madonna-like type of beauty is offset by a colorful and dynamic personality that instantly wins the attention of her audiences.

Tickets are now on sale and a large audience is expected for both the merit of the concert and the worthy cause of the Waynesville Public Library.

Board Adopts Plan To Provide \$30,000 For Hospital Wing

Debt Service Fund Rate Given Big Slash By Commissioners In Session Wednesday

A tax rate of \$1.06 for Haywood county was adopted by the board of commissioners in session here late Wednesday afternoon. The new rate is twenty-five cents lower than the 1935 rate, which was \$1.31. The new rate is based on a valuation of \$22,500,000.

The cut of twenty-five cents, came as a surprise to even members of the board. A cut of 13 cents had been expected, but it was not until the session here yesterday afternoon that it was found that a 25 cent reduction could be made.

The big reduction came on the debt service fund. It was explained by a member of the board to this paper, that the board anticipates collecting about \$36,000 from the bonding companies involved in the alleged tax shortage of several years ago when J. C. Welch was tax collector. This \$36,000 will be applied to the debt service fund, it was explained, and for this reason, the rate for debt service could be lowered.

Just the rate for each fund could not be learned last night, as they had been turned over to T. J. Cathey, auditor. It was learned from a member of the board that the hospital fund had been cut one cent under last year, and also a cut had been made on the building fund. A complete statement of the budget will be given next week.

Proposed Addition At Hospital Would Give 40% More Room

The board while in session yesterday afternoon, discussed at length the advisability of making available \$30,000 to apply on a \$45,000 addition to the Haywood County Hospital. At yesterday's session there were five members present. Three of these voted for the addition, and two votes were cast against.

It was learned from members of the board, that the two members, that were absent were expected to kill each other's vote, with one voting for the proposition and one against.

The motion as carried yesterday, states that the county is to provide \$30,000 for the proposed \$45,000 building. It is expected that the Duke Endowment would provide the remaining \$15,000.

It was learned from hospital officials last night that there were 90 patients in the hospital yesterday. This was two less than were there on Saturday. The normal capacity of the hospital is 65 beds.

The new proposed addition will provide forty per cent more space and bring the capacity to 100 beds, which is considered a standardized hospital. The addition to the hospital would be a wing built from the back of the present building, extending towards the nurse's home. The new wing would make the building in a "T" shape.

The board of commissioners ordered the county attorney and the county auditor to investigate the most logical means of financing the \$30,000, and to report to the board as soon as possible.

William Hannah is county attorney, and T. J. Cathey is auditor.

Town Office Moves To Fire Department

The offices of the city government, which have formerly been in the Masonic Temple, have been moved to the building occupied by the fire department. The reason given for the combination of the two departments in the one building, by those in authority, is for the purpose of cutting down on rentals.

HIKING CLUB

The hiking club is planning an unusually good hike this week to White Rock, in the eastern end of the Smoky Mountains Park.

The cars will leave from Alexander's Drug Store at 9:00 a. m., Sunday morning, August 9, and will drive by 284 to Davenport Gap. The hike will be 8 miles by good trails.

The Weather

	Max	Min
Wednesday	89	65
Thursday	70	54
Friday	64	54
Saturday	74	59
Sunday	84	59
Monday	86	59
Tuesday	84	58

W. D. Smith, official observer.