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COUNTY IS FINISHING ARMORY

Labor Day Celebration Plans Made

Plans Are To Have Building Finished Within Six Weeks

Committee Now At Work On Elaborate Plans For Sept. 6

Waynesville, Hazelwood and the Junaluska To Join In Mammouth Event Labor Day

Plans of the general committee for an elaborate Labor Day celebration for this community, beginning, September sixth, with all Hazelwood, Waynesville and Lake Junaluska participating.

William Chambers, Jr., general chairman, and his committees have been at work for some time on the plans and announce it will be one of the most elaborate Labor Day celebrations ever staged in Western North Carolina.

The celebration will begin at nine o'clock in the morning with a parade and continue until midnight. A large band will provide music for the day, and a football game will be played in the afternoon, a soft ball game in the evening, a dance, special entertainments, refreshments, and "in everything to make the day one to be remembered," said Mr. Chambers.

Other athletic events are being planned, and this, together with the features of the day, will be arranged soon. The plans are all under the supervision of the committee which is working on a program so different and unusual that the formal program will not be announced for a week or so.

With Tendered Georgia School Post, Declines

Mr. Smith returned Tuesday from Georgia, where he had been elected president of the consolidated school system.

Because of other pending matters, Mr. Smith declined the position. He returned here that the settlement of the Georgia town was splendid and that they had a large vocation camp, but other pending matters had no statement to make regarding future plans, other than to have several offers.

Waywood Roads To Receive Immediate Attention, McKee

Improvements On Highways 209 and 284 Assured Board Of Commissioners At Conference

Representatives of the county board of commissioners were given assurance Monday morning by E. L. McKee, district highway commissioner, that improvements would be made on Highway No. 209 between Crabtree and Balsam Creek and that other Haywood roads would receive the early attention of the highway department.

Rain Storm Washes Away Railway Track Just West Of Balsam

Trains Delayed Only Two Hours As Crews Hurry To Scene And Repair Mile Of Tracks

A typical mid-night Balsam rain storm damaged a mile of track of the Southern Railway just west of Willets, along Scotts Creek, Tuesday night. Crops along the Scotts Creek were ruined. Sand and debris covered most of the area, and the overflow washed down other fields.

The highway was undermined in about six places, but traffic was able to pass by running on the shoulders next to the bank. Bridges across the creek were washed down stream, and the bed of the creek widened three times its normal width, and the bottom of the creek had gone down to solid rock.

A special construction crew from every point along the Murphy branch of the Southern went to the scene at six o'clock Wednesday morning, and had repaired the track so that the 9-27 train from Bryson City ran through here at 11:15.

Spinach Growers To Discuss Fall Crop Here On 19th

Cannery Officials Seeking 120 Tons Of Fall Spinach For Canning Purposes

Haywood spinach growers will meet here next Thursday, bringing with them samples of their soil to be tested for the planting of a fall spinach crop, according to Frank Davis, manager of Haywood County Mutual Canning Association.

"We hope to get 60 acres for fall planting, and plan to get from this at least 120 tons," Mr. Davis said. "The spring crop brought out many facts about spinach growing, and with that experience, we feel ready to undertake a big fall crop. The soil of every farmer will be tested for lime content before the seed are planted," he continued.

From the spring crop, averaged 6 to 7 tons per acre. From this 2,500 cases were packed.

Haywood spinach compares with California spinach in the tender qualities and taste, it was said.

Officers of the association believe that spinach can become one of the major crops for canning in Haywood.

Dr. James Truesdale, member of the faculty of Duke University, is spending several days with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. S. Truesdale.

Killian Plans To Replace Laundry With Modern Plant; Damage Estimated At \$30,000

First Of Old Age Assistance Checks Mailed In Haywood

T. J. Cathey, county auditor, mailed the first two old age assistance checks under the social security act, in Haywood county, on last Friday.

One of the checks, for \$20, went to Nancy Hannah Ewart, and the other to Daniel E. Parker, for \$12.20, Canton, route two. Other checks will be mailed just as soon as they arrive from Raleigh. All checks or filled out in Raleigh, and sent here for the signature of the county auditor and chairman for the board of commissioners. The money is deposited in the First National Bank here.

For every dollar the county puts up, the state puts up one, and the federal government two. For aid to dependent children, the county, state and federal government each put equal amounts.

Dave Cabe Heads Young Democrats Of Haywood County

Political Group Hear Judge Sam Cathey Laud New Deal, New Officers Are Elected

Sam M. Cathey, judge of the Asheville police court, made the principal address on Tuesday night at the annual meeting of the Young Democratic Clubs of Haywood county, which was held in the Masonic Temple. The speaker was introduced by W. G. Byers.

The retiring president, Jerry Rogers, opened the meeting, and Jack May, of Canton, was made temporary chairman. Following the banquet both county and township officers were elected.

David Cabe was elected the new president of the county group, with other officers, as follows: First vice president, Mrs. Lucile Hipps, of Canton; second vice president, Mrs. Jack West, of Clyde; third vice president, Mrs. Will Harris, of Pigeon township; secretary, Mrs. Caroline Ashton Hyatt, and treasurer, Elmer Osborne, of Canton.

Retiring officers are Jerry Rogers, president, Mrs. Paul Robinson, Canton, first vice president, Mrs. C. A. Cogburn, second vice president, and Mrs. John M. Cathey, of Canton, third vice president, Mrs. Johnnie Ferguson, secretary, and Mrs. M. E. Swearingen, treasurer.

The group unanimously adopted the report of the resolution committee of which Dave Harris, of Canton, is chairman. The report endorsed the county, state and national organizations of the Democratic party.

Others present from Asheville were: Dillworth Coake and Miss Virginia Seiver.

15th Is Last Day Cars Can Be Driven Without City Tags

Sunday is the last day on which cars or trucks can operate on the streets of Waynesville in connection with an established business here without city license tags.

A fine of \$50 can be imposed on any driver caught operating a car or truck without the city tag, it was pointed out by city officials here yesterday. The tags are on sale at the city hall, and are only fifty cents until the first of January.

Blaze Early Monday Morning Completely Destroyed Waynesville Laundry

J. W. Killian was consulting with contractors Wednesday morning regarding plans for rebuilding at once the Waynesville Laundry which burned early Monday morning, causing a damage of approximately \$30,000.

Present plans are to rebuild on the same site, in order that the water power might be utilized, Mr. Killian stated. The building will be of rock, with a steel roof and fire proof. More floor space will be had in the new building, and it will be modern throughout.

The blaze which destroyed the entire building and all contents, with the exception of a few office records, was discovered by the laundry fireman, Mr. Sheehan, who lives near the boiler room.

The blaze spread quickly, and was so hot that trees and corn 100 feet away were scorched.

Mr. Killian said yesterday that he was satisfied that spontaneous combustion was the cause. A carload of coal had been unloaded and piled next to the wooden wall of the machine shop ten days ago, and it is believed that the fire caught the wooden wall and spread from there to the roof which had been painted with a roofing composition a few days before.

The office force is now engaged in checking bills and records in order to find what supplies and equipment was on hand and destroyed. It will not be until this check-up is completed that the exact loss can be determined.

The building was owned by L. M. Killian, and was leased by J. W. Killian, owner of the laundry.

Mr. Killian said the place was partially covered by insurance.

The alarm was given about 2:30 Monday morning, and the blaze attracted hundreds of people. All this week hundreds have visited the scene daily.

Judge Alley Rules In Favor Of Board On Hospital Matter

Judge Felix E. Alley ruled here last Saturday in favor of the county commissioners, in a friendly suit brought regarding the issuance of \$30,000 in bonds with which to construct an addition to the Haywood County Hospital.

The question to be decided is whether the commissioners can issue the bonds without a vote of the people. The law providing that bonds can be issued except for necessary expenses. In another instance in the state, the supreme court has ruled that an addition to a county hospital was a necessary expense where the hospital cared for the indigents of the county.

The case here will be carried to the state supreme court sometime this month and argued.

The suit is entitled: "A complaint, J. M. Palmer, a citizen and taxpayer of Haywood County, North Carolina, in behalf of himself and other citizens of Haywood County, vs. The County of Haywood and the Board of Commissioners of Haywood County."

Walter Crawford is representing Mr. Palmer and J. R. Morgan, as county attorney, is representing the board of commissioners.

It is interesting to note that Haywood county was the first county in the state to build a county hospital, and is now the first to ascertain whether a county board of commissioners can appropriate money to build an addition to a hospital.

The endowment board of the Duke Foundation are interested in the suit, and are also interested in seeing that an addition be built to the hospital.

Moderator



REV. FRANK LEATHERWOOD

As moderator of the Haywood Baptist Association, he will preside at the annual two-day meeting in Clyde, August 18th and 19th.

Haywood Baptist Association Will Meet At Clyde, 18

Two-Day Meeting Will Mark Fifty-Second Annual Session Of Association. Program Is Complete

The fifty-second annual session of the Haywood Baptist Association, will meet with the Clyde Baptist church, on Wednesday and Thursday, August 14 and 15th, according to Rev. Frank Leatherwood, moderator of the association.

The first session, on Wednesday morning, will begin at 10 o'clock, with a song and devotional service, led by Howard Hall. The enrollment of the churches and the report of the program committee will be the first matter of business, followed by a 30-minute discussion on religious literature.

The Lord's Acre plan for churches will be discussed for the next 30 minutes, and the annual association sermon will begin at 11:30, and will be given by Rev. H. K. Masteller. Adjournment will be called at 12:15 for lunch.

The afternoon session will begin at two o'clock, with thirty minutes devoted to the orphanage. Following will be a discussion of the three phases of the co-operative program, old minister's relief, missions, and hospitals.

Temperance is listed on the program for a 30-minute discussion Wednesday afternoon, and with the reports of the committees, the association will adjourn until 10 o'clock Thursday morning.

The song and devotional service Thursday morning will be led by J. Y. Davis. Following will be a two-hour discussion of the following phases of associational work: Report of committees; digest of letters; spiritual

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Big Safety Parade Will Be Staged Here August 21

Driverless Car Will Be Piloted Through Streets Of Waynesville and Hazelwood

On Saturday afternoon of August 21, at three o'clock, a driverless car will lead the Safety Parade down the main street of Waynesville, out the highway to Hazelwood and down Hazelwood's main street.

The Safety Parade, headed by the "Magic" car, is being brought to Waynesville through the co-operation of town officials of Waynesville, Hazelwood and local automobile dealers and supply firms. The parade has been given in scores of North Carolina towns, and the response has been gratifying in every instance.

Total Cost Of Waynesville's Modern Armory Will Be \$38,213. Is A WPA Project

Every effort is being made to complete Waynesville's \$38,213 armory within six weeks. The Mountaineer learned from W. E. Brees, WPA Administrator for this district yesterday.

Work has been resumed, and the armory will be completed on funds provided by the county board of commissioners.

The board reached the decision to appropriate \$4,250 to complete the armory from the 1937-38 budget. The former board of commissioners had obligated the county for this amount, which is equal to what the town of Waynesville contributed in cash.

Twenty-seven men are at work on the armory, and according to Mr. Brees "every effort will be made to complete the building within six weeks."

WPA will have an investment of approximately \$30,000 in the building when it is completed, it was learned. The project was approved in September, 1936, and actual construction began the middle of October.

All workmen were called from the job about a week first when funds gave out. The amount being put into the project by the county will complete it.

The board of commissioners agreed to invest \$4,250 in the armory after the town had offered to give the county a deed for the equity in the building.

The county gave the town the old jail lot. The town in turn exchanged that lot for the site on which the armory is being built, plus some adjustments on certain tax matters with parties owning the lot.

The armory is built on a lot 195 by 200 feet, and faces the Southern Railway, and is just across the street from the Waynesville Wholesale Company.

The building is of brick, and 115 feet wide and 110 long. It has a garage that will house 8 trucks, an auditorium, locker rooms, shower baths, kitchen and private offices.

The armory will be the home of Company "H," of the 120th Infantry. Company "H" was organized about 50 years ago, and then re-organized in 1919 after the World War. They have used the building near the depot for an armory since 1916. George F. Platt is captain of the local unit, and Paul Martin is first lieutenant and Grady Boyd is second lieutenant. There are now 64 men in the company.

Crops Damaged By Heavy Hail Storm

A destructive hail fell in sections of this county last Saturday afternoon, doing considerable damage in the Hemphill, upper Iron Duff and adjacent Clyde sections.

The storm confined itself to a narrow strip of territory, from the head of Hemphill creek in the northwestern side of the county to the Hyder Mountain section below Clyde.

So far as can be ascertained, the farmers damaged most by the hail are N. W. Carver and a Mr. Parton on Hemphill, Hardy Caldwell of the McCracken Cove and Albert J. McCracken, whose crops of tobacco were almost a total loss, their corn crops also being badly damaged.

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