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## COUNTY TAX RATE RAISED 25c

### Park Theatre Will Be Enlarged

#### Expensive Neon Marquee Is Being Built For Theatre

Addition Will Give 200 More Seats And Larger Stage To Modern Picture House

Plans have been made for enlarging the seating capacity of The Park Theatre by 200, and the contract has been let for the remodeling of the theatre on the front of the building. A modern design neon sign that reaches to the top of the building. The construction of enlarging the auditorium and extending the building to Montgomery street will get away in the very near future, according to J. E. Massie, owner. The enlarging of the auditorium will be a larger stage, as well as the 200 seats. The seats in the rear of the auditorium will afford better view for those who prefer to sit some distance from the screen. Mr. Massie pointed out that the marquee will be the most attractive in the south. The plans call for approximately 430 feet more of tubing in addition to what is already in use on the present marquee. When the sign is completed, there will be 570 feet of colored neon in the front of the theatre.

With the completion of these plans, in addition to the Western Electric phonographic sound equipment, recently installed, this theatre will be one of none in the South," Mr. Massie said.

In addition to making improvements in the physical equipment here, Mr. Massie said that he had contracted for the next twelve months, for every picture produced by all the studios. These will be shown as early and as new as in any other times the size of Waynesville, at prices much lower than is being charged in most cities for first pictures.

#### Berman Martin, 38, Buried Wednesday

Rites were conducted on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the First Creek church, near Leicester, Berman Martin, 38, who died suddenly on Monday night from a heart attack. The Rev. Jake Martin officiated. Burial was in the cemetery.

Mr. Martin was found dead in his room over Alexander's Store by a friend who came to him during the evening. After coroner's investigation it was determined that his death was due to natural causes.

#### 38 Given Examination In Clinic Here

A tuberculosis clinic was conducted in Haywood county on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of this week, under the auspices of the health department of which Haywood county is a part. Dr. J. S. Denholm, clinician, of the North Carolina State Tuberculosis sanatorium was in charge of the examinations, which were free to all persons applying for this service. Examinations were held at the court house on Wednesday and Thursday, and at the Canton High school, Friday and Saturday. There were in all 135 persons examined. Out of this number 77 gave evidence of the disease, while the remaining 58 were either active cases, many instances not cognizant of the fact, or possessed suspicious symptoms, that should be carefully watched.

Mrs. James Stringfield has as her guests Miss Mary Davenport and Mrs. ... of Americus, Ga.

#### Although 91, Reads Without Glasses



Aunt Sallie Trull, of Cruso, at the age of 91, looks forward to reading her copy of The Mountaineer. She is shown here in her yard, holding a copy of this paper, and in her lap is a worn copy of the New Testament.

### 91-Year-Old Cruso Woman Reads Without Glasses

Aunt Sallie Trull Reads The Mountaineer Every Week. Perhaps Oldest Person In Haywood

(By W. C. Medford)

Up at Cruso, near the mouth of Cold Creek, and little more than a stone's throw from highway No. 284, stands a little one-room log cabin—humble, old and secluded. Here in this old-fashioned cabin, with its big wide fire-place lives an interesting old lady—Mrs. Sarah Trull, with her daughter, Eunice . . . and her they have lived for the past 55 years. The husband and father, John Trull, passed away several years ago.

READS WITHOUT GLASSES Mrs. Trull is the oldest reader on the Mountaineer list, the oldest pensioner in the county, and, so far as we know, she is the oldest person now living in Haywood county. The most remarkable part of it, however, is the fact that she still reads her paper without glasses, despite her more than ninety years of age—she does not even have glasses at all and doesn't need them!

"Now, I don't want you to write anything about me that's not so." This was the request that Mrs. Trull made to the writer when we visited her one day last week. When assured that we would try to write only some of the facts concerning her life she readily consented to the interview. "Aunt Sallie," as she is commonly known, still remembers going to the old Bethel school when she was a child under school age to take the teacher his dinner. Her father, Nicholas Norton, lived at Bethel where she was born in 1847. "I attended several schools—little, short schools, before the war broke out," Aunt Sallie said, "and went through my old Webster's Blue-back. I want to show you that book," she continued; and, supporting herself on her stick, she walked from the porch into the house—climbing a 14-inch door step, and soon returned with a much worn Webster's "Blue-back," dated 1848.

HAS READ CONSIDERABLE Next she brought out some half a dozen books, among them her Testa-

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### Safety Parade Will Be Staged Saturday At 3

#### Extra Heavy Melons Unloaded Wednesday

Nothing short of a dog fight would have attracted as much attention as the unloading of a truck of watermelons in front of the American Fruit Stand Wednesday morning. The load consisted of 150 South Carolina melons, and weighed 6,500 pounds—an average of over 43 pounds each. Some of the group weighing as much as 70 pounds. As far as could be learned, this was the heaviest load of melons ever unloaded here.

#### Annual Flower Show Will Be Held Next Week

Prize List For Event Given. Show Will Be Given In Welch Memorial Building

An annual event anticipated by gardeners in this section and visitors in the community is the flower show sponsored by the Woman's Club, which will be held on Wednesday, August 25th.

The show will be staged in the Welch Memorial Sunday school building of the Baptist church. Since the abundant rainfall of the past several weeks has brought all gardens in this vicinity to such a high degree of beauty and perfection, the show gives promise of unusual exhibits.

The following committee is in charge of arrangements: Mrs. C. F. Kirkpatrick, chairman, Mrs. C. N. Sisk, Mrs. Hugh Abel, Mrs. W. H. Luther, Mrs. Rufus Siler, and Mrs. Grayden Ferguson.

Information relative to the entry of exhibits in the show may be secured from any member of the committee. All entries must be made before 11 o'clock as the judges make their decision before the lunch hour, after which the show is opened to the public.

J. B. Ivey, of Charlotte and Lake Junaluska, will donate the grand

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### Waynesville District Schools To Begin New Term Aug. 30

#### 50 Or More Cars To Make Trip In Park

Fifty or more cars are expected to leave here at one o'clock today for a trip through the park, via Black Camp Gap, Heintooga and Round Bottom.

The original plans were to carry Dorothy Dix and General Harley B. Ferguson through the park, and scores of others who are now spending their vacation in this section asked to join and will make the trip.

Among the officials that will make the tour will include Senator E. L. McKee, Mr. and Mrs. Will Neal of Marion, chairman of the state park commission, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Ross Eakin, of the National Park Service. Chas. E. Ray, Jr., who is in charge of the trip, said the motorcade would get underway at one and planned to back in Waynesville at six o'clock.

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#### "Magic" Car Will Go Up Main Street, Driverless, Over The Highway To Hazelwood

Promptly at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, Captain J. J. Lynch, ex-cowboy, rodeo champion, daredevil, movie actor, airplane stunter and safety crusader, will conduct his driverless "magic" automobile, operated by remote control, through the crowded business district of Waynesville, out the highway to Hazelwood and down the main street there. This is the first safety parade ever staged in this community.

The "magic" car used in this parade will be a regular stock Ford V-8 from the showroom of Abel's Garage. The car will obey all traffic laws, such as stopping at signal lights, slowing the horn when necessary, stopping and starting, making corner turns in the correct manner, thus proving that the modern automobile is subject to the slightest wish of the driver, as well as an emphasizing the fact that accidents are usually the fault of careless drivers or thoughtless pedestrians.

Captain Lynch will use as a control car a new Chevrolet from the show room of Watkins Chevrolet Company, and he will drive the control car at a distance of 25 to 50 feet behind the magic car, and through the use of regular telegraph keys will dictate to the Magic Car every movement he desires the Magic Car to make.

This remote control system is a marvelous development which has been perfected by Captain Lynch. The magic car will move over the route of the parade, without a human being inside or near it, in a demonstration of safe driving.

Captain Lynch will give interesting advice which should be heard by all citizens interested in saving human lives. Since these safety parades were inaugurated in this state early in March, and conducted in thirty towns since that time, there has been a noticeable decline in the number of highway deaths.

Citizens are being called upon throughout the nation to give their support to safety movements, since safety authorities have come to the conclusion that the reduction of highway deaths can be accomplished only through the proper education of the individual drivers.

The official car will be a Plymouth from the show rooms of the Davis Brothers Motor Company.

The "Magic" car will be equipped with Atlas tires, and will be propelled by Essolene and Essolube, Standard Oil products. The dealers listed in a page ad on page five of the second section of this paper are co-operating in the Safety Parade.

The parade will form at the Hotel Gordon at 2:30 and go up Main street, directly to Hazelwood.

The following is the order of the parade:

- State police.
- City police.
- Fire department.
- City officials.
- "Magic" car.
- Control car.
- Boy Scouts in uniform.
- Merchant's safety displays.
- Wreckers towing wrecked cars.
- Ambulances.
- J. C. Brown, scoutmaster, has asked that all Boy Scouts meet at the Hotel Gordon at 2:30 in uniform for the parade.

#### 91 Different Types Of Zinnias Are Grown Here

Late Wednesday afternoon Mrs. W. L. Lampkin sent a very unusual collection of dwarf zinnias to this office which were put on display in the windows. The collection contained upon arrival 91 zinnias of a wide variety of color, size and shape. However, in bringing the flowers to office several were broken and were not displayed.

### \$1.33 Is New Rate For Coming Year. Budget Increased

Assessed Valuation Is Set At \$24,000,000. This Is Gain Of Billion And Half

The board of commissioners are scheduled to meet Monday and formally sign the 1937 budget, which calls for an expenditure of \$454,141.56, which necessitates a tax of \$1.33 on the \$100 valuation for the coming year. This is an increase of 25 cents over last year's rate.

The final details of the new budget were completed here Wednesday morning by T. J. Cathey, auditor, who has been working on the thousands of details that go into compiling the figures for the past two months.

The commissioners, in session here Monday, made final adjustments on the new valuations, and set the present assessed valuation at \$24,000,000. This is one and a half millions more than last year.

As a whole, the new valuation raised industrial plants assessments and lowered real estate. Carolina Power and Light Company was given an increase of a million and a half assessment, and Champion Fibre Company was increased \$225,000.

The two main items in the budget which calls for an increase over last year is the social security set up. A 12-cent levy was necessitated to take care of that phase of the budget. This year is the first time that the social security has been included in any budget.

The Canton charter district schools added another new item, and required a seven-cent rate to meet the \$16,800 debt.

The debt service of the school fund was increased four cents over last year, while the current expenses for the schools was cut from eight cents to one and a half. The capital outlay for the schools was jumped from three cents last year to thirteen this year.

The general fund rate remains at 15 cents. The hospital rate was also unchanged, and remains at five cents.

The building fund for this year is one-half cent higher, being set at four and a half.

The debt service rate remains at 38 cents.

The poor fund, like hospital, remains at five cents.

Under the social security, the old age assistance fund rate is four and three-quarter cents; aid to dependent children is two and three-quarter cents and the welfare department rate is four and a half cents.

The details of the budget will be published next week.

### Last Rites For Joe Graves, 56, Set For Thurs. Afternoon

Funeral services will be conducted this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the home on the Pigeon Road, for Joseph Owen Graves, Sr., 56, who died suddenly at the residence at two o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. Dr. R. P. Walker, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, will officiate. Burial will be in Green Hill cemetery.

Active pallbearers will be Walter Franklin, Wylie James, Cyeil Minett, Louis Black, J. Wilford Ray, and H. B. Burnette.

Serving as honorary pallbearers will be E. L. Withers, Lowry Lee, Dr. S. L. Stringfield, Dewey Francis, Wylie Franklin, Dr. W. L. Kirkpatrick, Judge Felix Alley, Hayes Alley, Jeff Reeves, Wallace Blackwell, W. C. Boutwell, W. T. Denton, W. C. Allen, Weaver McCracken, Theodore McCracken, W. C. Harbeck, Robert Welch, Roy Campbell, James L. Stringfield, and Dr. J. Rufus McCracken.

Mr. Graves was the son of Mrs. Fannie Owen Graves and the late Setson Thomas Grave. He came to this section with his family from Bristol, Va., in 1907. He was associated with his father until his death, in business of the Graves Apple Orchard. In 1911 he was married to Miss Ruth Coleman Knight, of Waynesville.

Mr. Graves is survived by his widow, one son, Joseph Graves, Jr., his mother, one sister, Mrs. F. A. Reeder, of Williamsport, Penn., two uncles, M. B. Owen and J. P. Owen, of Atlanta, and a nephew, Frank Kinsey, Jr., of Williamsport, Penn.