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LABOR DAY PROGRAM READY

Haywood Fair Association Is Dissolved

Directors Decide To Suspend Organization, And No Fair Will Be Held This Fall

At a meeting held here on Saturday the board of directors of the Haywood Fair association, it was decided to discontinue the fair, which has been held annually for the past three years, until the county board of commissioners feel they can offer some assistance in securing permanent fair grounds.

L. Green, president, said: "Since the fair is a county wide event, and confined to any one locality, the members of the fair association feel it should be backed by the county board of commissioners, and that a permanent site should be secured for its purpose."

After much discussion the directors agreed that the cost of securing a suitable temporary site this year, was prohibitive, and until permanent arrangements could be made it was best to discontinue the fair.

D. Smith, secretary and treasurer of the fair association, was instructed to pay up all bills of the association, and since the movement was financially sponsored by the American Legion, to turn over the amount left for all indebtedness was cleared up that organization, to be paid on the Legion home.

While Mr. Green regretted the action taken by the directors on Saturday, he felt that under existing circumstances it was the wiser course to take at this time. He hopes that the fair will eventually see its way to get behind the fair and make a permanent event.

The board of directors of the fair association serving the group for the year were: T. L. Green, president; W. D. Smith, secretary and treasurer; J. Harden How-H, Tom Lee, Guy Massie, Medford Leatherwood and W. A. Bradley.

General Ferguson Describes Work Of River Flood Control

General Harley B. Ferguson, in brief, of the work now in progress to check the Mississippi from overflowing each spring and damaging crops on thousands of acres.

Those who live in the highlands are benefited by the overflow of the Mississippi, because when crops are ruined, cotton prices soar, you pay for the damage by not getting the cotton. Farmers here as vacationists, being having to pay more for cotton," he said.

Local Stores Are Urged To Close For Labor Day Program

Resolutions Adopted Regarding Planning Commission And Advertising Schemes

The merchants committee of the Chamber of Commerce, in special session Tuesday night, went on record asking that all merchants close all day, Monday, September 6th, for the observance of Labor Day.

The committee is composed of Lester Burgin, chairman, Chas. E. Ray, Jr., W. H. Massie, E. J. Hyatt, E. C. Moody, W. H. Chandler, W. J. Ray, W. A. Bradley, with L. N. Davis and J. Dale Stentz representing the Chamber of Commerce in official capacities.

The group also endorsed the move recently made by the town board in providing for a city planning commission to study the needs of the town in the streets, building lines, parks and residential restrictions. The committee was unanimous in the opinion that planning for the future must be made immediately.

The committee adopted a resolution urging all merchants to co-operate in the matter of advertising solicitors. "Refer all schemes to the merchant's committee for a written approval before signing or buying any of the many advertising ideas that are being constantly presented," the group urged.

Other matters discussed dealt with subjects that are being worked out with town officials and attorneys.

Shortage Of Domestic Help Noted In Town

North Carolina State Employment service, office 114 N. Main street, across from the court house, is having calls daily for experienced or competent housekeepers. These places pay from \$3.00 to \$6.00 per week, including room and board and are in local homes in Haywood county.

Both white and colored girls and women available for this type of work are urged to register at the employment service. Health certificates are required. The service is rendered free of charge by the district health office in the court house.

D. M. Rea Assumes Charge Of Charlotte WPA Office

D. M. Rea, former district engineer of the WPA in Charlotte, was recently named to assume full charge of the office, as district director.

Mr. Rea is the son-in-law of Mr. T. L. Bramlett, and often visits in Waynesville.

Bethel Parent-Teacher Association Holds Meeting

The Bethel Parent-Teacher Association held a meeting on Monday night. The following officers were installed for the coming year: President, Mrs. John Cathey; first vice president, J. T. Chappel; secretary, Miss Mabel Clark, and treasurer, R. C. Cannon.

The committees for the coming year were also appointed at this time by the president.

The attendance banner, given to the room having the largest of parents present for the meeting was won by the 3rd and 4th grade room, of which Miss Mabel Clark is teacher.

Judge And Mrs. Smathers Have Distinguished Guests

Judge and Mrs. Frank Smathers had as their guests over the week-end Chief Justice E. H. Ellis and Judge Armistead Brown, both of Tallahassee, Fla. Today Col. and Mrs. Robert Montgomery, prominent citizens of Miami, will arrive to visit Judge and Mrs. Smathers.

Mrs. V. C. Nobeck has had as her guest the past week, Mrs. R. B. Barker, of Elizabethton, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. James Crisp and son were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Burgin over the week-end. Mr. and Mrs. Crisp formerly made their home in Fender, Ga., but have recently purchased a home in Brevard where they will reside in the future.

Senator Bailey Is Being Pushed As 1940 Presidential Nominee



Senator Josiah W. Bailey, of North Carolina, was definitely placed in the race for President in 1940 by Senator W. H. King, Democrat, of Utah, last week. Senator King is serving his third term in the Senate.

Senator King is a ranking Democrat on the Senate judiciary committee and opponent of the President's court bill, as is Bailey, which Mr. Roosevelt now says must remain an issue. The Utah Senator took up the challenge thrown down by the chief executive.

Street Dance To Be Held Friday

The third of a series of street dances will be held Friday night on Church street, it was announced yesterday. Much preparation has been made to take care of a large crowd.

Plenty of lights, music and fun, is promised to those who attend by the entertainment committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

Post Office Shows Nearly 13% Gain Over Last Year

According to post office officials the receipts for the Waynesville post office for a period beginning July 1st through August 31st, there was nearly a thirteen per cent gain over the same time of last year.

From August the 16th to August 21st, which amounted to five and a half working days, they served 4,014 persons at the window, an average of 763 persons a day.

For the same period of last year they waited on 2,265 persons.

Haywood Farmers To Meet On Next Thursday Night

Study Of Proper And Pure Seed Will Be Discussed By Specialists

Farmers of Haywood county have been invited to meet at the court house in Waynesville to hear representatives of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and the North Carolina Improvement Association explain the benefits of the new State Seed Law.

County Agent R. R. Smithwick has announced. The meeting will be held Thursday, September 9th, at 7:30 p. m. "The Value of Using Seed of Known Origin" will be the theme of the meeting and plans are to show a motion picture illustrating the necessity of using pure seed. "Similar meetings will be held in 39 counties between now and September 11, and growers interested in better farming practices will find these meetings of vital importance," the county agent said.

In addition to explaining the new law and brief talks on the prevention of seed dumping in North Carolina, the services offered the farmers by the department of agriculture's seed laboratory free of charge will be outlined.

Under the present law, any farmer may send seed to the department at Raleigh and obtain correct information as to purity and germination without cost.

"The program for the department of agriculture calls for the elimination of impure seed in North Carolina, insofar as possible, and the individual complaints of the seed purchasers and seed growers will be aired at the meeting and the co-operation of all farmers will be asked, looking toward the betterment of agriculture in North Carolina," D. S. Coltrane, assistant to Commissioner of Agriculture W. Kerr Scott, said.

Increased Enrollment Recorded In District Schools

School Authorities Finding A Shortage Of Books, Asking For Loan Of Some

The Waynesville district schools opened on Monday morning, August 30th for the 1937-38 school year, with an increase in enrollment both in the high schools and the elementary grades, according to a statement made by M. H. Bowles, superintendent.

The enrollment for the high school was 550 and for the junior high 200, which to date represents an increase of 25 students over the total enrollment of both schools last year. However, it is expected that more than 75 pupils, who for various reasons have not enrolled during the first few days, will enter the school at periods during the coming year. This is based on a record made for the past several years.

Definite figures have not been given out regarding the enrollment of the students in the elementary schools of the district which include the following: Central Elementary, East Waynesville, Hazelwood, Allen's Creek, Maggie, Dellwood, Lake Junaluska, Rock Hill and Sanoook. It has been estimated, however, that an approximate enrollment of 2,100 had been made in these schools, in the grades from the first through the sixth.

On the opening day there were 77 enrolled in the colored elementary school. Due to poor attendance of last year the high school teacher was dropped and the high school discontinued. However an effort is being made to have the school re-established.

With reference to some of the books to be used in the first and through the seventh grades, Mr. Bowles stated that the state school commission is planning to adopt a new language and a new health book for another year, and because of this fact the state commission is not furnishing these books this year.

Mr. Bowles is asking that any person in the community owning copies of these books, which have been used in these first seven grades, donate them to the district schools. As it will no doubt be impossible to secure sufficient copies to supply each child, the books will of necessity have to be used as reference books, with a work book taking the place of the book in the language course.

At present there are not enough of the regular text books on hand to supply the students, but these are being sent into the county superintendent's office by the state school commission, and are at once being distributed by the class room teachers, as they receive them. Children who have not been supplied with the regular text books, as prescribed by the authorities for the classes, they will be as soon as the schools get them.

Celebration Chairman



BILL CHAMBERS

Bill Chambers, chairman of the Labor Day celebration to be staged in this community, reported yesterday that everything was "locking, and a program of events will be presented a long time ago a set for next Monday."

Official Labor Day Program

The following is the official program for the Labor Day celebration, here next Monday:

- 9:15—Parade, led by Spruce Pine high school band, starting at the Hotel Gordon.
- 10:00—Semi-professional baseball game, Manufacturers vs. Brevard Tamers.
- 1:30—Hundred yard dash, (boys, ages 15-21.)
- 1:35—100 yard dash, (boys, ages 9-14.)
- 2:00—50 yard, three-legged race for boys.
- 2:15—Cracker and whistle race for girls.
- 2:25—Shoe race for boys.
- 2:30—Shoe race for girls.
- 2:40—Tug of war—A. C. Lawrence Leather Co. vs. Unagusta, Hill Billies vs. Royle Pilkington Co., Eckraft Industries vs. Cut-Sole.
- 3:00—Baseball thrown for distance (boys.)
- 3:15—Rolling pin contest, (married women only.)
- 3:30—Watermelon steal.
- 3:45—Greased pig race.
- 3:50—Soft ball game—professional men of Waynesville and Lake Junaluska vs. professional men of Hazelwood.
- 5:00—Exhibition by six colored boys.
- 5:30—Watermelon cutting—(free watermelons.)
- 8:30—Street dance. Music: Soco Gap band and Hazelwood band. Callers: Sam Queen, Bug Kuykendall, Rankin Ferguson and Frank Battle.

Farm Property Is Sold For A Good Price At Auction

One hundred and twenty-five acres on the Soco Gap road, owned by Jarvis Palmer, brought \$6,692 at auction last Friday, when sold by Penny Brothers, famous twin auctioneers.

The Kenmore Hotel property was bid in at about \$10,000 by a Mr. Pace, summer resident. Later it was learned, that an offer of \$11,000 had been made by out-of-town real estate men to Mr. Shuford, owner, of Asheville. The auction sale was held pending confirmation of any bids. It was not learned whether Mr. Shuford took the \$11,000 offer or not.

A 25-acre tract on the Balsam road, opposite Lyle's Service Station, belonging to W. T. Lee, was sold for \$1,000. Mr. Lyle bought this tract.

The other property advertised to be sold at Balsam was not offered because of a down pour of rain at the sale hour.

Stores, Schools To Close Monday For First Annual Event

Parade, Ball Games, Athletic Events, Dance, and Watermelon Feast On Program

A full day of celebrating. That is the order of the day for Monday, September sixth, when all of Waynesville, Hazelwood and Lake Junaluska, together with citizens from all over the county, join in for the first annual Labor Day event in this end of the county.

Chairman Bill Chambers and his committees have been putting in long hours to get every point worked out, and the details have all been cared for and "with an even break in the weather, we'll have a full day of fun," Mr. Chambers said.

The big day will start with a parade, led by the crack, prize-winning 50 piece band from Spruce Pine. The band will remain here throughout the day. The parade is scheduled to move at 9:15 from the Hotel Gordon, and going up Main street to the Baptist church, then across Academy street to Haywood, then up Haywood to Boyd Avenue and down Boyd Avenue and over Brown to the Hazelwood ball park, which will be the scene of the remainder of the daylight events.

A baseball game at ten o'clock will be played between Brevard and the Hazelwood Manufacturers, both teams being members of the Industrial League. After the game, a series of athletic events will be staged until 3:50, when a soft ball game between professional men of Waynesville and Lake Junaluska meet a similar group from Hazelwood.

The big eating event of the day will begin at 5:30 when 6,500 pounds of ice cold watermelon, or 1,000 to be exact, will be cut and served to everyone present at the ball park.

According to the formal program, there will be three hours allowed to do away with the 6,500 pounds of melon before the street dance gets underway on Church street. Two string bands, the Soco Gap band and the Hazelwood band will play. Callers will be Sam Queen, "Bug" Kuykendall, Rankin Ferguson and Frank Battle. Through the courtesy of Andy Moody, a loudspeaker will be installed and there will be ample of light on the street.

In the athletic events, cash prizes will be awarded to all winners. Mr. Chambers stated that WPA had cleared the lot of all grass, and water lines had been laid for drinking water. Comfort rooms have also been provided at the scene of the day's activities.

Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts will take an active part in the parade, and all will be in uniform. The troops from Waynesville and Hazelwood will participate. Workmen from all industrial plants in the community are being urged to take part, also.

All stores have been urged to close for the day. Public offices will observe the holiday.

The Waynesville district schools will close for the day, in order that families in the district can enjoy the day thoroughly.

Those working with Mr. Chambers in various capacities, are as follows: M. H. Bowles, marshal of the parade.

Ralph Prevost, financial chairman. Publicity committee, Claude Allen, chairman, C. E. English and J. Dale Stentz.

Baseball game, Elmer Shields. Soft ball game, LeRoy Davis and Lawrence Davis.

Athletic events, C. E. Weatherby and Chas. Underwood. Street dance, Chas. E. Ray, Jr., and R. L. Prevost.

Cutting and serving watermelons, L. N. Davis and selected committee. Formal program will be found on page one under the picture of Mr. Chambers.

Property For County Taxes Will Be Sold

W. H. McCracken, tax collector and tax supervisor of Haywood county, will sell at the court house door on Monday morning, the list of delinquent taxes as have been advertised for the past three weeks. Today's paper is carrying the list, and the property will be sold on Monday.