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Plans For Summer Meeting Of Masons Are Being Made

Memorial Service To Late T. Troy Wyche, Part Of Program

Plans are being made for the summer assembly of the Grand Council of the North Carolina Masonic Order, with Dr. J. Rufus McCracken, chairman of local arrangements. The 9th, 10th and 11th of July have been set as the dates for the 5th annual session, at which representatives from several states are expected to attend and take part on the program.

Special local interest will be the memorial service that will be held Sunday the 11th, to the late Troy Wyche, who was the promoter of the summer assembly, which has annually gained such prestige in Masonic circles in the east.

The special committee headed by McCracken, will meet tomorrow to complete the plans and start sub-committees at work on the arrangements of entertainment, for visiting Masons.

High ranking Masonic officials from the Carolina and several other states will attend.

Life Of Retired Baptist Minister Dies At Age Of 93

Is Survived By Husband And One Hundred And Forty-One Descendants

Funeral rites were held on Tuesday morning at 2:30 o'clock at the Hazelwood Baptist church for Mrs. E. W. Pruett, 93, wife of the Rev. W. W. Pruett, who died at her home on Howell Mill road at 2:30 o'clock Monday morning. The Rev. J. M. Ward, pastor of the church, officiated. Burial was in Green Hill cemetery.

Surviving as pallbearers were grandsons, Joe Calhoun, John Owens, Charles and Ernest and Guy Pruett.

Mrs. Pruett was a native of Macon, Ga., and was born on March 18, 1846. She was the daughter of James and Malefia Duvall Shepard. She had lived in Graham county for many years, and had been residing in Haywood county for the past 15 years. She had been a member of the Baptist church for the past 15 years.

Surviving are her husband, Rev. W. W. Pruett, retired Baptist minister; two daughters, Mrs. M. R. N. N. N. of Troy, N. C., Mrs. Mary of Asheville, Mrs. Charles N. of Hazelwood, Mrs. J. L. of Troy, N. C., Mrs. J. A. Calhoun, of Waynesville, five sons, Will Haywood of Waynesville, Dewitt and Lloyd of Swannanoa, and Lloyd of Troy, N. C., two sisters, Mrs. Jane Crisp, Mrs. Harriett Craig, of Buckhannon, Ga., 57 grandchildren, 72 great grandchildren, and 2 great, great grandchildren.

Tuttle Graduated From Oak Ridge Military Institute Last Week

Ray Tuttle, who makes his home in Waynesville, N. C., returned Friday from Oak Ridge Military Institute, from which he received his diploma on Thursday. He made a very fine record at the institute, and stood high with both the military members and the students. Mr. Tuttle went down to attend commencement exercises and accompanied Mr. Tuttle home.

Miss S. C. Satterthwaite, Miss Lucie Lucas, and S. C. Satterthwaite, Jr., were the guests of Mr. Ernest L. Withers during the week-end. Mrs. Satterthwaite will attend the birthday party given by Mrs. Rayne for her mother, Mrs. B. F. Smathers.

Pages Today ...

Today's issue of The Mountaineer contains 36 pages. Twenty of these are devoted to the special section of the Western Carolinian, the college newspaper of Western Carolina Teachers College.

Being Groomed For 22nd Season



This is the Cherokee, now in dry dock, but being conditioned for the usual daily summer trips around Lake Junaluska, with Captain Wescott at the helm. The 86-year-old captain anticipates a big season.

Captain Wescott Preparing For Season On "Dry Body of Water"

86-Year Old Captain Busy Getting Boats And His Launch Ready For Lake Trips

"Yes, I was born on Roanoke Island, where Virginia Dare first saw the light, but she had left before I got there," said Captain John T. Wescott, with a twinkle in his eyes.

The captain, a landmark at the Lake Junaluska Assembly Grounds, has been in charge of the row boats and has run the launch "Cherokee," in which he has a third interest, for the past twenty-one years. Prior to his coming to the Lake the captain had retired from the United States Coast Guard service, after 43 years of active duty.

"But I date back pretty well, even if I didn't know Virginia," continued Captain Wescott. "I was born in 1853, and I well recall the days when General Burnside captured Roanoke Island, during the Civil War. We had food stored away to do us a year, but the soldiers took everything, and after they left it looked like starvation. We had forty hogs and forty chickens, and they took them all. One of the Yankee officers, however, took an old hen away from one of the privates and came back and brought it to my mother. She kept it hidden in a barrel in the attic until she was sure the soldiers had left for good."

"Another thing I remember were the decoy geese my father had and prized so much. They took them all and his guns, too. We had been taking care of two Confederate soldiers, who were wounded and suffering had asked us to give them shelter, so when the Yankees found out about them they took my father a prisoner. But what's the use of recalling such things at this time," continued the captain, "because somebody might have hard feelings about it, and I don't mean it that way, I am just remembering when I was a child."

Captain Wescott erect, stocky, and ruddy faced denies in appearance and bearing the years he claims make up his age. He shows the clear skin of the person who has lived much in the open. His quarters in the Cherokee Inn, where he lives six months out of the year, are as immaculate as the cabin of a well scrubbed ship. He showed us about. His closet, cedar lined, and large enough to hold a good sized trunk, boxes, plenty of shelves, and rows of hooks for hanging garments, is as neat as a pin. Everything is in its place. But one could have guessed without being told where his great interest lay, for there were boat models. Now since he has "taken to land" his love of the sea must find some outlet of expression so he has pleasure in designing boats.

"Yes, for twenty-one years I have run the 'Cherokee' on a regular schedule around the lake from 7 to 8 o'clock every evening except Sunday, during the entire season here. I always come early in April to get the 41 row boats and the launch ready for the summer," he said.

"But after my years on the sea, I'll have to admit that Lake Junaluska is the tamest body of water I have ever run a boat on. It's like taking a walk on a beach."

Grandson Of W. T. Lee Makes Outstanding Record At Military Institute

Hugh Browder Dickey, of Sweetwater, Tenn., grandson of W. T. Lee, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Dickey, graduated this week from the Tennessee Military Institute with an outstanding record. He was the valedictorian of his class, winner of a gold medal of scholarship record, and averaged 96 on the four years work. He has recently received an appointment to West Point.

M'Guire, M'Guire, M'Guire, M'Guire, We're Dizzy, Too

It may sound strange when Patsy McGuire is called to receive her diploma at Atlanta-Southern Dental college Thursday night, just after Harold McGuire gets his—but that's not the half of the McGuire-dental situation.

Patsy McGuire met Harold McGuire at college and they were married when both were juniors and, they'll enter practice at Sylva, where Patsy's parents, Dr. Daisy McGuire and Dr. Wayne McGuire already are practicing; Dr. Noracella McGuire, Patsy's older sister also is practicing in Sylva, and another sister, Kitty Bean McGuire will enter Atlanta-Southern next year.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Prevost announce the birth of a daughter on May the 31st, at the Waynesville Sanatorium.

Neighbors Of Haywood And Jackson To Vote On Liquor Stores In July

American Legion Observed National Decoration Day

Graves Of Veterans Of World War In County Were Decorated On Tuesday

Decoration Day was observed by the usual services held annually by the American Legion post and the Auxiliary, in Green Hill cemetery, when the graves of the World War veterans are decorated with flowers and flags.

Major J. Harden Howell conducted the ritualistic service, and George E. Kunze, adjutant of the post, was in charge of the annual roll call of the deceased veterans of the World War who are buried in Haywood County.

As the names were called some member of the family took charge of the decorations.

Voice of The People

Do you think the counties bordering the Cherokee Indian Reservation have advertised and stressed the colorful attractions of the Reservation, as much as they should have, as a drawing card for the tourists visiting the Great Smoky Mountains National Park on the North Carolina side?

Dave Cane—manager American Restaurant—"I don't think we have done our part, and I am sure that the Indian Reservation is one of our biggest drawing cards for visitors to the Park. If Tennessee had the Indians on their side of the park we'd hear a lot more about them, and the world would too."

C. J. Reece—manager and owner Massie's Department Store—"No, I feel that the counties have missed a real opportunity. You take the Cherokee Fair alone, could be made a more outstanding event for Western North Carolina by co-operative publicity on the part of the adjoining counties, which would all be helped, as to get

Clyde Stock Yards Open 8th; Good Season Indicated

Yards Preparing For Banner Year As They Open For Fifth Year

The Haywood Mutual Stockyards, at Clyde, will open their fifth season on Thursday, June 8th, at two o'clock, the board of directors announced yesterday.

The officers predict a good season, as there are more cattle in the county than at any time in the past few years and present prices are good.

The Clyde yards were the first to be built in Western North Carolina, and have enjoyed good sales during the past four years.

Last year 2,003 head of cattle brought \$73,583 at the yards. Buyers from many sections of the country are on hand at these sales every Thursday.

Medford Leatherwood will be auctioneer again this year, and C. B. Atkinson will again act as secretary-treasurer.

L. H. Bramlett is president, Medford Leatherwood is vice president, and together with Jack Messer and John W. Boyd, constitute the board of directors.

The sales are held weekly, until about the first of December.

Road Into Assembly Grounds At Lake To Be Completed Mon.

The new road into the Lake Junaluska Assembly grounds, will be completed by Monday, it was learned yesterday.

Extra heavy traffic, and the building of several "spur" roads, slowed the work down several days.

Work on repairing the dam is progressing according to schedule, and concrete is being poured on some of the worn places in the 26-year-old structure.

Present plans are to begin impounding water in the 20-acre lake.

Swain County Votes July 18th; Buncombe County A Week Later

Haywood and Jackson counties will watch with interest the two liquor store elections that will be held on both sides of them during July.

On July 18th, Swain county voters will go to the polls and decide whether or not, the county titled "North Carolina's No. 1 Economic Problem" will have ABC liquor stores.

One week later, the voters of Buncombe county will go to the polls and say what their county shall do about liquor stores.

Elections in both counties were called when petitions bearing signatures of sufficient qualified voters were presented to the boards of commissioners, who in turn ordered the board of elections to call and hold an election.

There is much discussion in the two counties between the voting counties as to the effect the stores in either would have if voted in.

Soco Gap Dancers All Set For Appearance Before King and Queen

Joins Chandler Co.



DR. O. T. ALEXANDER Is Now Associated With Chandler & Co.

Will Have Charge Of Sales And Accounts At Jewelry Store Here

Dr. O. T. Alexander, former Waynesville druggist, is now associated with Chandler and Company, jewelers, it was announced here yesterday by W. K. Chandler, owner of the firm.

Dr. Alexander will have complete charge of sales and accounts, and will be in the store Monday morning. He and Mrs. Alexander have been spending the past few weeks at their former home in Charlotte.

The store was recently enlarged to twice the former size, and a new and complete department of souvenirs and gifts have been added to the stock of jewelry.

Mr. Chandler will remain in charge of the watch and jewelry repair department.

Dr. Alexander, in a statement, this week, said: "Needless to say, I am happy to get back to Waynesville—God's country—and am looking forward to my new association in business there, and shall be pleased to serve my friends on and after Monday, June fifth."

Head Of State News Service Spent Monday In County

Pictures Made Of Blue Ridge Parkway And Dance Team Will Be Released

Bill Sharpe, head of the News Service and the state advertising program of the state Department of Conservation, spent Monday in town, coming here at the invitation of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Sharpe accompanied by J. Dale Stentz, secretary, took a number of pictures on the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Soco Gap section.

Upon returning to town a group of the Soco Gap dance team was also photographed for use by the state department of advertising.

Mr. Sharpe spoke enthusiastically of this section, and its immediate and future development. He plans to return to Western North Carolina sometime around the middle of this month.

All the pictures taken in this section will be sent out by the news services at some time during the vacation season in the state, as a part of the regular advertising campaign.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Way attended the commencement exercises at Greensboro College, where their daughter, Miss Martha Way, was a member of the graduating class. They were accompanied home by Miss Way, who will spend the summer vacation with her parents, and by another daughter, Miss Hilda Way who is a member of the rising junior class of the college.

Local Dance Team Chosen First In Nation, Will Dance At White House Thursday

King George and Queen Elizabeth will see first hand on next Thursday night, how the descendants of those sturdy pioneers who left England, to seek their fortunes in a new country, and a bit later threw off the yoke of the Mother Country England, have held to some of their early customs.

For when Sam Queen and the Soco Dance team, to the tune of mountain music as played by the Coon Creek Girls of Pinchem Tight Hollow, of Kentucky, go through the figures they have planned to include in their eight minute part on the program on the auspicious occasion, no doubt the Royal couple will be reminded of "Merrie old England."

One reason the local team was selected by Mrs. Roosevelt is the fact that they have not introduced into their figures any new ideas but their dance is held strictly to that of the old time school, and has been recognized by authorities as the genuine early American square dance.

After serious consideration Sam has decided to include in the figures old favorites such as "The King's Highway," "The London Bridge," one of the most showy types, "The Ocean Wave," "The Wagon Wheel," and the "Grape Vine Twist." All of the figures having been given at their recent rehearsals, with fast work, in a five minute period.

Mrs. Roosevelt was very definite in her directions about what the men should wear, dark trousers, with white shirts, and dark ties, and instructions that they may be allowed to dance in shirt sleeves, but suspenders have been prohibited by the First Lady.

A special platform is being constructed in the White House for the Soco dancers to perform on, which is no doubt a very good thing for the White House floors, as mountain music and a good square dance team might have left some impression on its waxy sheen.

A rehearsal will be held at the White House, at 12:30 o'clock for the team, and their part on the program that night will come off around 9:30.

Mrs. Roosevelt requested that the girls wear simple cotton dresses in colors most becoming to the individual girl. For days, colors and designs have been considered by the girl, who have not yet finished their plans.

The Coon Creek girls, who will accompany the team with their tuneful mountain airs, are named Violet, Lily, Rose, and Daisy, and will wear a flower by their name in their hair.

The method of transportation has not been definitely decided upon. The team may travel in cars, or charter a special car and go by train. They will be accompanied by Bascom Lunsford, Asheville attorney, who is in charge of all arrangements.

The figures will be lead by Sam Queen, manager and caller, and his partner, Gertrude Platt Clark. Other members of the team who will make the trip to Washington are: Carmen Platt, Iowa Lee Ferguson, Mrs. Kyle Campbell, Josephine Platt, Beulah Caldwell, Juanita Massey, Sherrill Leatherwood, Ralph Moody, Kyle Campbell, Joe Campbell, Wilburn Campbell, Richard Queen, and Rankin Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Colkitt and daughter, Doris, and son Bobbie have returned from Mt. Holly, N. J., where the former was recently called on account of the death of the late James T. Royle, a director of Royle Pilkington Company, of Hazelwood, of which Mr. Colkitt is secretary.

3,500 Homes ...

are receiving copies of this issue of The Mountaineer. This newspaper is now serving a larger territory than ever, and is represented by competent news correspondents in several communities, heretofore not "covered."