

THE WAYNESVILLE MOUNTAINEER

Published In The County Seat of Haywood County At The Eastern Entrance of The Great Smoky Mountains National Park

FIFTH YEAR NO. 27

WAYNESVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY, JULY 6, 1939

\$1.50 In Advance In Haywood and Jackson Counties

CREWS BUILDING POWER LINES UP PIGEON

★ ★ ★ ★ ★
 Crews From Many States Coming Here Sunday

40 To 50 Men Will
 Have Wire On Poles
 In Next Few Days

trial To Troy
 the Will Take
 ce Here Sunday

In Masonic Circles To
 Here For Three-Day
 Annual Conference

number of prominent Ma-
 several states, have writ-
 they plan to arrive next
 the summer assembly of
 Council of North Carolina
 according to Dr. J. Rufus
 chairman on local ar-
 for the assembly.

meeting will begin with a me-
 service to the late T. Troy
 Sunday evening, July the
 eight o'clock in the First
 church.

to the meetings and the
 at the Masonic Temple,
 features of the assembly
 will include a trip to the
 marker Monday afternoon at
 where a bronze tablet
 dedicated to the Most Illus-
 Troy Wyche, who inaugu-
 meetings, and so success-
 eted them in the past.

morning there will be a
 to Clingman's Dome, where
 be served. All the Masons
 friends, who are so dis-
 requested to prepare bask-
 contributions for this
 have them at the Temple
 m., as the motorcade is
 to start at nine o'clock

assembly will close with a
 Tuesday evening at the
 the Armory, where there
 exhibition of the moun-
 dances by the famous Soco
 team, who recently danced
 King and Queen, of Eng-
 invitation from President
 Roosevelt. Following the
 dances general dancing by
 attending will be enjoyed.

will be a small admission
 continued on page 5)

er Masons
 agree Will Be
 ferred Monday

asaLock Urges Master,
 ns And Brethren Of
 nesville Lodge To
 Attend

and Council of Royal and
 ters of North Carolina has
 aynesville Lodge No. 259
 A. M., to confer the Mas-
 degree on Monday night,
 at 8 p. m.

of lodges west of the Blue
 confer the first section
 ent Gate Club of the 41st

will confer the second sec-
 Master Masons are invited
 and visiting Masons are

A degree team from Penn-
 and Tennessee and many
 other states will wit-
 nouncing of this degree.

asaLock, urges all Master
 and Brethren of Waynes-
 No. 259 A. F. and A. M.,
 the meeting on Monday
 the 10th.

room Steals
 how ...

new version of reporting
 ings, where the groom
 main attraction, and the
 just another person, is
 ed in detail in today's
 And There" column on
 orial page by Hilda
 wynn.

enjoy reading this
 ple of society report-

PLAN TO LET CONTRACT ON PARKWAY IN HAYWOOD SOON

Work From Beech
 Gap North, Slated
 To Be Let Soon

Two And A Half Miles Of Sec-
 tion Roughed Out South Of
 Wagon Road Gap

Tentative plans are to advertise
 for bids for construction of the second
 section of the Blue Ridge Parkway in
 Haywood County within the next two
 weeks.

The plans were given out in a
 letter from A. E. Demaray, acting
 director of the Department of The
 Interior to Chas. E. Ray, Jr., chair-
 man of the Western Carolina Advis-
 ory Committee a few days ago.

Mr. Demaray pointed out that re-
 cent estimates submitted by the Bu-
 reau of Public Roads indicate that
 construction of the section from Ten-
 nessee Bald towards Wagon Road Gap,
 to meet section 2-U-2, now under con-
 struction, is more expensive than con-
 templated and that all of the section
 cannot be built during the present
 fiscal year.

The section that will soon be let
 for construction starts at Beech Gap,
 which is on the Sunburst-Rosman
 road, not far from Tennessee Bald,
 and goes northeast toward Wagon
 Road Gap. In that section, or near
 the end of it, there is a 700-foot tun-
 nel in the plans.

Word was received yesterday that
 two and a half miles of roughing-out
 has been completed from Wagon Road
 Gap. Four retaining walls have been
 built, and work is progressing on
 schedule. This section of the Park-
 way got under construction the latter
 part of February, on a contract price
 of \$327,000 with the section to be com-
 pleted within 450 calendar days.

The distance from Wagon Road Gap
 to Tennessee Bald is about 14 miles.
 Of this 5.1 miles is under construction.
 It was also learned yesterday, that
 plans are being made to build a park-
 ing ground at Green Knob, in Tran-
 sylvania County, overlooking Looking
 Glass Falls. This would resemble in
 many ways the look-out at Newfound
 Gap.

Records Of June Travel In Park Show Increase

A 12 Percent Gain In Travel
 Marks June Of This Year
 Over 1938

Travel in the Great Smoky Moun-
 tains National Park for the month
 of June represented an increase of
 12 per cent over travel for June of
 1938. The increases were distributed
 through three checking stations and
 were proportionate among local and
 out of state travel. Travel for the
 travel year to date exceeds the rec-
 ord of last year through June, 1938
 by 8 per cent.

The visitors to the park during the
 month of June numbered 91,342 and
 they came in 27,115 vehicles. They
 were from 48 states, the District of
 Columbia, Hawaii, Canal Zone,
 Philippine Islands, two provinces of
 Canada, Ontario and Nova Scotia, and
 Bohemia, Cuba, England, and Scot-
 land.

There were more visitors from
 (Continued on page 12)

A Standing Egg

In the nest of one of her Plym-
 outh Rock hens, Mrs. Ed Murray,
 of Pigeon township, two weeks
 ago, found an egg standing on its
 end. She thought at first it was
 being held in position by the
 other eggs, but upon taking it
 out, found it would not stay down.

It resembles one of the toys so
 popular in the last few years,
 that has been weighted, and will
 roll over, but always land back
 on it "bottom."

Various opinions have been
 given as the cause of this freak
 of nature in the "hen's fruit,"
 since it has been in The Moun-
 taineer office.

East Waynesville Highway Is To Be Widened 12 Feet

The contract will be let during
 the next month by the State
 Highway and Public Works Com-
 mission for the widening of the
 State Highway number 19 and 23
 at the intersection of Walnut and
 Factory streets to one-half mile
 east on the East Waynesville
 stretch of the Asheville High-
 way.

The highway will be made into
 a three lane way, with six feet
 added to each side for the dis-
 tance of one mile.

Farmers Lost 140 Head Of Sheep In County Last Year

One hundred and forty head of
 sheep were killed in Haywood County
 last year, from July the first through
 June the 30th, according to the re-
 cords in the office of T. J. Cathey,
 county auditor.

For these 140 sheep the county
 paid the owners approximately eight
 hundred dollars. This is paid from
 the amount derived from the sale of
 dog taxes in the county, in case any-
 thing is left over it is applied to the
 school fund.

The payment of the sheep owners
 for their lost sheep is in compliance
 with a local county law, passed sev-
 eral years ago.

Hunter-Trapper Back In Haywood After 35 years



THEODORE MOODY
 —Photo by Patsey Gwyn.

Theodore Moody Went To West- ern Country 35 Years Ago; Back To Native Land

Theodore P. Moody, 74, profession-
 al trapper, native of Haywood Coun-
 ty, who left this section back in 1903,
 and was thought to have died some-
 where in the West, until two years
 ago, when a letter asking for infor-
 mation relative to his birth date was
 received by authorities here, from
 Utah State agencies, came "back
 home" last week. He made the trip
 to Waynesville from Cedar City,
 Utah, by bus.

"When I got off the bus, I didn't
 know Waynesville from Adam's old
 fox, nothing looks natural," said Mr.
 Moody, to a representative of The
 Mountaineer, in speaking of his ar-
 rival in town.

"Pretty soon after I got off the
 bus, I saw the sign of E. C. Moody's
 grocery company, and I went in. I
 knew him at once, but I had to ex-
 (Continued on page 12)

Voice of The People

The major problem with Main
 Street traffic today is the double
 parking of trucks to unload bread,
 drinks and produce to stores and
 shops. What is the best solution to
 this problem?

Sam Cabe—Traffic officer on Main
 Street—"The best plan would be to
 have places reserved and marked for
 the parking of trucks, as they do
 in larger towns. But the only real
 satisfactory way would be to open up
 a back street."

J. W. Reed—"The only solution
 possible is to build a back street for
 truck deliveries. There is great need
 at the present for a back street and
 as the town grows, there will be a
 still greater need."

Chief J. L. Stringfield—"I think the
 only solution to the present problem
 is to run a back street from the Puro
 Station through behind the A. and P.

Store, and have all trucks unload
 their goods at the back. It would also
 help to get the large buses off Main
 Street."

M. T. McCracken—"The best so-
 lution I see is to open an alley way
 back of the places of business. It
 has been talked for the past 15 years,
 and it will have to be done someday
 soon."

Frank Miller—"The best solution
 of the problem is for the aldermen
 to have a special hour for the trucks
 to unload. Other towns require that
 they have certain hours for this pur-
 pose. If they unload before eight
 o'clock in the morning it would in-
 convenience no one."

William Medford—"Make alleys at
 the rear of all the buildings so de-
 liveries can be made without the
 trucks having to park on Main
 Street."

Harley B. Ferguson Has Mississippi Under Flood Control; Plans To Retire

Will Retire Soon



Brigadier-General Ferguson

John M. Queen, Jr. Leaves To Take Training For State Highway Patrol Position

John M. Queen, Jr., left the first
 of the week for Hendersonville, where
 he will attend a school for the North
 Carolina State Patrolmen, having re-
 cently received an appointment as a
 member of the State Highway Pat-
 rol.

Native Of Haywood, Has Made History As Engineer For United States Army

By HILDA WAY GWYN

"The river wants out; let it out.
 Fight this river and it will kill you;
 you've got to lead it," said Brigadier-
 General Harley B. Ferguson, presi-
 dent of the Mississippi River Com-
 mission, when he started work on
 flood control of the mighty river back
 in 1932. The remark is typical of
 the General's power to pack dynamic
 thought in a few simple words.

Next month Harley B. Ferguson,
 native of Haywood County, son of
 W. B. Ferguson, forceful lawyer
 in his day and Laura Reeves Fer-
 guson, a woman of the old school,
 who possessed unusual strength of
 character and wit, will retire from
 the engineering corps of the United
 States Army, leaving behind him a
 record of achievement that has made
 history known far beyond army cir-
 cles.

His work on the Mississippi rep-
 resents the culmination of the ef-
 forts of two centuries on the part
 of the people of the valley to provide
 some adequate means of flood con-
 trol, to make their communities safe
 places in which to live. At first they
 worked single handed and only after
 generations obtained sufficient aid
 from the federal government to
 harness the great water.

Drawing near the time for his re-
 tirement, already with a record of
 such character, that most men would
 have found themselves basking in
 former glory, Harley B. Ferguson
 undertook the biggest thing of his
 life. In the words of a recent visitor
 to Vicksburg, "General Ferguson
 just owns the Mississippi Valley as
 far as the people are concerned.
 He's tops with them, and you can't
 blame them."

The life of General Ferguson is so
 full of interest that it is difficult to
 decide which way to start, in even a
 brief sketch. He was born in Way-
 nesville, on August the 14th, 1875.
 He was educated in the public and private
 schools of the town, receiving an
 appointment as a cadet for West
 Point Military Academy, he entered
 (Continued on page 5)

Toggery Staging July Clearance

The first store-wide sale of the
 Toggery, owned and operated by
 Hugh Massie, is announced in today's
 paper on page eight.

The store received several ship-
 ments of special merchandise for their
 July Sale in addition to the large
 stock of new goods already on hand.
 The store opened on April 28th.

County Commissioners Met In Routine Session

The Haywood County Board of Com-
 missioners met Wednesday in their
 first meeting of July, which had been
 postponed from Monday, as most of
 the county officials took a holiday on
 Monday and Tuesday, with all the
 offices with the exception of that of
 the register of deeds and sheriff's de-
 partment closed.

The greater part of the meeting
 yesterday was taken up with tax com-
 plaints, road petitions, and relief cases.

TO SAIL FOR EUROPE

Miss Elizabeth Ray left Saturday
 for New York City, where she will
 visit Mrs. George Gallon, who was
 a classmate when she attended St.
 Mary's in Peekskill, N. Y. Follow-
 ing her visit she will sail on the
 Zeeland, Holland-American Steam-
 ship Line, for a six weeks tour of
 Europe, going to Holland. While
 Miss Ray is away, her mother, Mrs.
 Syda Ray, will close her house on
 Main street, and stay at Wayside
 Lodge.

Plans Call For Having "Juice"
 In Homes Within The Next
 Forty Days Or Less

Satisfactory construction work is
 going forward on the Cruso Mutual
 Electric Company power lines up
 the Pigeon Valley. A crew has been
 busily engaged the past week in
 clearing the right of way, and actual
 construction work is expected to be-
 gin today.

A large shipment of poles were
 unloaded yesterday afternoon at
 Woodrow. A construction contract
 has been closed with Burgess and
 Company, Inc., of Baltimore, Md.,
 and Lenoir, which calls for com-
 pletion in forty working days. It is
 expected, therefore, that current will
 be turned on, on at least part of the
 system in thirty days or less.

The contractor will employ a crew
 of forty to fifty men, using local
 labor as far as possible. Up to date
 around 200 subscribers have applied
 for current, and the wiring of houses
 is expected to go forward now at a
 rapid rate, in order that a sufficient
 load may be developed to enable
 the company to energize the lines
 immediately on completion.

The wiring of buildings is an in-
 dividual matter on the part of the
 owner, with any electrical contractor
 that he may prefer. The company
 has requested that all wiring con-
 tractors in the county who may be
 interested in participating in this
 work, get in contact with the office
 at Woodrow, where they may obtain
 a list of all the prospective customers.

John Swann, engineer in charge,
 will be glad to furnish any customer
 an estimate on his work, the class
 of material to use, and the type of
 construction necessary to pass the
 required inspection.

Sometime ago the Rural Electrifi-
 cation Administration in Washing-
 ton, approved the necessary allotment
 of \$42,000 for the project in the
 county, which is the first rural elec-
 trification government project in the
 county and in Western North Caro-
 lina. The system will consist of 31
 miles of distribution lines in East
 Fork, Cecil and Pigeon townships.
 It will start at Rickman's store at
 Woodrow and cover the foregoing
 townships.

D. L. Pless is president, E. B.
 Rickman, secretary, and Carter Trull,
 acting superintendent. The board of
 directors in addition to the president
 and secretary are Ira H. Cogburn,
 Will Poston, Watson Howell, Mrs.
 R. P. Grogan, Mrs. E. B. Rickman,
 and Claude Deaver. Chester Cog-
 burn is attorney for the company.

Temporary offices have been built
 at Woodrow, with T. Lenoir Gwyn,
 who has been active in promoting the
 project, in charge of the office.

Dedication Of Park Will Officially Be Made, Near Future

Great Event Scheduled To Take
 Place Four Days After Ad-
 journment Of Congress

Governor Hoy, who has recently
 been the guest of President and Mrs.
 Roosevelt, when they were hosts to
 the governors and their wives, at
 their home in Hyde Park, reports
 that the President plans to dedicate
 the Great Smoky Mountains National
 Park, "exactly four days after Con-
 gress adjourns."

"The president told me at Hyde
 Park," said Governor Hoy, "that
 he planned to come down here exactly
 four days after Congress adjourns,
 whenever that is. He said it would
 take him four days to get ready for
 his trip West, and he will come by
 Western North Carolina when he
 starts."

From the present indications it
 would seem that the great event so
 long anticipated in this section, will
 take place in the near future, and
 the official dedication of the park will
 be made with the impressive cere-
 mony, with the President taking part.

Mr. and Mrs. George Semmes and
 two sons, Gene and Sonny, of Jack-
 sonville, Fla., have arrived for a
 visit with Mrs. Semmes' father, Clyde
 H. Ray.