

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. 32

WAYNESVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 1939

\$1.50 In Advance In Haywood and Jackson Counties

Farm Specialists Point To Livestock As Best "Crop" For H. County

Make Fourth Annual Farm Tour On Tuesday; See Many Good Projects

THE FARM OFFICIALS TALKS ON TOUR

Calf Show In Afternoon Attracts Large Crowds At Bethel School

HILDA WAY GWYN Editor The Mountaineer

believe the livestock industry is the foundation for farming in Haywood County. You will have things good and profitable from time to time, but livestock is going to continue to be the mainstay of farming in this county.

L. I. Case, animal industrialist, from the State Extension Service, on the fourth annual farm and home tour, Tuesday, August 15, has been familiar with farming conditions in Haywood County for more than twenty years.

From beginning to end of the tour, a great desire to see the other fellow was doing something you were trying out on your farm, and how his was doing on his farm. Often some idea was made to the recent year of a group of the Haywood County tour to Tennessee and Virginia.

Now if we just worked in Tennessee and Virginia would have what they do. It is every bit as good, but we are going to have to learn to do it.

was sponsored by the local Mutual Soil Conservation and Use Association, assisted by county farm agents. It is estimated that around 500 farmers, including farmers and wives, and business men of the county, and state officials took part in the tour, which was organized by the State Extension Service here and was by cars all along the way.

first stop was made at the C. R. Linder, on the Howell road. Addressing the group was the loud speaker, furnished by Smith's Cut Rate Store, Albert McCracken, president of the Association, welcomed the present and introduced C. Lynn, the new county agent, who spoke briefly.

speaking at the Linder were: R. W. Shoffer, assistant county agent, J. F. H. specialist in land plants, and L. I. Case. Plantings of corn, clover, and lespedeza were inspected here.

Linder stated that he used phosphorus, and as it was averaging 75 bushels to an acre, and that the red soil was used as a rotation crop, turned under for the second year.

Voice Of People...

will be found on page two this week and every week. The column has been expanded to include more answers and it was found more practical to put it on the editorial page than on the front as formerly.

Picnic Speaker



James G. K. McClure, Jr., will be the principal speaker at the annual Farmers Picnic at Bethel on Saturday.

J. G. K. McClure Will Speak At Annual Picnic

Farmers Federation Will Hold Annual Affair At Crabtree School Saturday

James G. K. McClure, president of the Farmers Federation, and H. Allen Coggins, a director from Buncombe county, will be the principal speakers at the fourth annual federation picnic for Haywood county to be held Saturday, August 12, at Crabtree school. H. Arthur Osborne, of Canton, a Haywood County director, of the farm co-operative, will preside and introduce the speakers.

Indications point to an unusually large attendance, according to Max Roberts, federation field man in charge of arrangements for the picnic. A great deal of interest, he added, has developed in a singing convention which will feature the afternoon program. A number of choirs, quartets and specialty performers from all over the county are expected to participate.

The day's program will start at 10 o'clock in the morning with addresses by Mr. McClure and Mr. Coggins, music by the federation string band and a number of contests. An event on the morning program expected to attract many entrants and create a lot of fun will be a tall story contest. Prizes will be awarded in all contests and the winning choir, quartet, specialty performers and tall story teller will qualify for district championship finals to be held at the federation's regional picnic to be held Wednesday, August 16, at Swannanoa.

Those attending the picnic are expected to bring their own lunches, but the federation will provide free watermelon and lemonade.

S. H. Bushnell, Jr. Accepts Position With Nello Teer

Sam H. Bushnell, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Bushnell, who has been with the construction division of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, has recently accepted a position with Nello Teer, grading contractor.

Mr. Bushnell has gone to Linville, where he will be located for several months, in his new position.

GOING ON BUYING TRIP

Mrs. C. J. Reece leaves Sunday for a buying trip to New York. She will buy fall and winter merchandise for Massie's Department store, and plans to be gone a week.

Acquired For St. John's Private School



Workers are busily engaged in completely renovating the J. R. Thomas residence on Church Street, for a private grammar school, which will open Tuesday, September 5th. The building and property were purchased this week by the Catholic Diocese, of Raleigh. Rev. A. F. Rohrbacher, pastor of St. John's will be superintendent of the new school, and Rev. Sister Mary Corine, will be principal. Plans are being made to have facilities available for 125 day students when the school opens. A limited number of boarding students will be taken.

\$4,000 Is Being Spent On J. R. Thomas Building For A Private Grammar School

Ten New Busses Are Added To School System

Five Are Replacements And Five Additions, Total Of 34 Busses In County

Ten new busses have been added to the school transportation system of Haywood County, according to a statement from Jack Messer, county superintendent of education.

Five of the busses have 17-foot bodies and 6 are 19 feet, the former with a carrying capacity of 65 and the latter of 85.

Eight of the busses are Dodges and two are Chevrolets. One will go to Bethel, two will be operated in the Canton area, and one in Waynesville, with the extra one to be placed after the opening of schools.

The replacements and the purchase of the additional busses was made in compliance to instructions made by the grand jury in February, and a representative from the state school commission, in his annual spring inspection of state school vehicles.

The chassis of two of the old busses will be converted into coal trucks, to haul fuel to the schools. Two will be reserved for spare parts and used for repair parts, with the bodies destroyed following instructions from state authorities. One will be kept to use in cases of emergency.

Last year the busses traveled 50.6 miles per bus, carrying an average of 152 pupils per bus, totaling in all the transportation of more than 4,000. This year it is estimated that around 4,500 students will be carried to and from school in the 34 busses.

\$3,000 In Land Sold At Auction

Approximately \$3,000 in real estate was sold and confirmed here yesterday, with Gossett Realty Company, selling farm and town lots at public auction.

Several lots were bid off, but had not been confirmed as The Mountaineer went to press yesterday.

The W. C. McCracken farm was confirmed, it was reported, and several of the H. L. Linder lots on Highway No. 19. The Dr. Abel estate opposite the LeFaine Hotel was not confirmed.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bridges had as the guest over the week-end, their cousin, Louis Bridges, of Greenville, S. C.

Highway Commissioner Agrees To Pave Nine Miles of Crabtree Road

Highway 209 Would Be Paved From Present Pavement To James' Store

CONFERENCE HELD WITH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

County Commissioner R. T. Boyd Is Confined In Asheville Hospital

J. C. Walker, of Asheville, district engineer of the State Highway and Public Works Commission and E. L. McKee, of Sylva, member of the commission in conference with the Haywood county board of commissioners in their meeting here Monday, agreed to hardsurface the road from Crabtree to Fines Creek, from the end of the present concrete road to the store of Norman James, a distance of approximately 9 miles.

For more than ten years the people of this section have agitated a hardsurfaced road. The present highway is of gravel and is in an unsatisfactory condition for the amount of travel that daily goes over it.

This is one of the most important roads in the county. One outlet leads through Spring Creek into Hot Springs. Another outlet goes from Max Patch into Delrio, Tenn. The road makes a complete circle including Fines Creek, Crabtree, White Oak and Jonathan Creek, back into Waynesville.

The nine miles of proposed hardsurfaced construction goes through one of the finest grazing and agricultural areas of the county, and one of the best tobacco acreages in Haywood.

Chas. E. Ray, Jr., in behalf of certain phases of the work relative to the completion of the Park to Park Highway appeared before the board, pointing out the urgency of the final construction.

The greater part of the meeting Monday was spent in routing matters that came up the first of each month.

R. T. Boyd, a member of the board, was absent at the meeting on Monday, being confined in an Asheville hospital on account of illness.

William McCracken Wins FFA Honors; Going To Kansas C.

Two Members Of Local Chapter Win Coveted Honors In State And District

William McCracken has just been declared winner of the supervised practice program contest in the mountain district, and has been recommended by the state F. F. A. officials to receive the American Farmer degree this fall. This is the highest honor the national chapter of the Future Farmers of America can bestow.

The announcement came after a visit to the home of young McCracken by R. J. Peeler, assistant supervisor of agricultural education last week.

Young McCracken, son of Mr. and Mrs. Crawford McCracken, will be given a free trip to the national convention of Future Farmers in Kansas City in October.

He was state winner in 1937, and this will make his second trip he has won on merit.

James Francis, winner of this year's state contest, and also a member of the local Future Farmers chapter, will make the trip to Kansas City in company with McCracken and their instructor, J. C. Brown.

Six members of the local chapter won trips to the national convention since 1937.

To Write Book About Life Of A Hillbilly

Tom Jimison, well known in Haywood, was reported by the Charlotte News, this week, to be on the way to this county from his home in Charlotte, and while here will start writing a book about this section, the sub-title of which will be: "The Autobiography of a Hillbilly."

County Offices To Close At 1 On Sat.

Beginning on this coming Saturday, August 12th, all the offices of the county officials and departments of the county activities, will be closed promptly at one o'clock, hereafter with the exception of the office of the county sheriff. The matter has been under consideration for sometime, and was definitely settled this week.

Travel In Park Breaks Records; 163,793 Counted

Travel records into the park were broken in July, when 163,793 persons in 46,155 vehicles visited the section, according to an actual count made by the Park Service.

There were more visitors from Ohio visiting the park than there were from North Carolina. Tennessee led the list, with North Carolina coming in for third place, and Illinois fourth, Indiana fifth, and Georgia in sixth place.

Cars from 47 states, the district of Columbia, Hawaii, France, Cuba, England, Scotland, Wales, and three provinces of Canada, Ontario, Saskatchewan and Nova Scotia.

Travel for this past month is 19 per cent above that of the same month last year.

Lenoir York Wins Scholarship To State College

Lenoir York, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. York, of Bethel, has just received official word from State College, Raleigh, and from Sears Roebuck and Company, of Atlanta, that he is one of the twenty agriculture students in the state to receive a \$100 scholarship to N. C. State College. The boys were selected by the college on the basis of scholarship activities, project work, and many other points. There was only one boy selected from any one county. This is quite an honor for Lenoir to get, in that the selection places him as the outstanding farm boy in Haywood county.

Young York has a record equalled by few students. He never made under an "A" during his four years in high school. He was the champion in the state seed judging and crop identification contest in 1937. He was president of his local FFA chapter, president of the student council, and held many other offices and won many of the awards given to outstanding students at the end of each school year. Lenoir will enter the school of agriculture this fall at State College.

St. John's School Will Open As Private Grammar School Sept. 5th

FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR 125

Faculty Will Be Members Of The Teaching Order Of The Sisters Of St. Francis

The J. R. Thomas residence on Church Street was acquired here Tuesday by the Catholic Diocese, of Raleigh, and plans were completed for the opening of St. John's School, a private grammar school in the building on September fifth.

Contracts were also let Tuesday, and work has begun on the complete renovation of the interior and exterior of the building; together with landscaping. Modern school equipment has also been purchased, and everything well underway to make the building into a school with accommodations for 125 pupils.

At least \$4,000 will be spent in getting the building ready for the opening of school, according to Rev. A. F. Rohrbacher, superintendent and pastor of St. John's church here.

A new heating plant will be installed in the near future.

The school will be conducted by the Sisters of St. Francis, whose headquarters are in Milwaukee. It was announced yesterday that Rev. Sister Mary Corine, M. A. will be principal of the school.

Rev. Rohrbacher stated that for the coming year, pupils will be accepted from the first to the eighth grades, and there will also be a kindergarten class. Accommodations will be available for both day students and a limited number of boarding pupils, it was said.

A special feature of the new school will be a complete music department, for piano and other instrumental music.

Western North Carolina pupils, of all denominations, are welcome to attend St. John's School, which will be the only private grammar school west of Asheville," according to Rev. Rohrbacher.

The tuition for day pupils was announced as being \$5 per month, and \$35 per month for boarding pupils. Reduced rates will be made available in cases of where more than one child from the same family attends, it was said.

The teachers of St. John's School have been equipped by long training and have dedicated their entire life to the work of education in conformity with the ideals of Christianity and Americanism.

The Teaching Order of the Sisters of St. Francis was founded in Milwaukee, Wis., in 1849, almost one hundred years ago, and has been engaged in both elementary and higher education ever since. The Order number 749 teaching members and operates over college, one normal school, five high schools and fifty-five grammar schools. (Continued on page 5)