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FIFTH YEAR NO. 35 WAYNESVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 1939 \$1.50 In Advance In Haywood and Jackson Counties

RAIL RUINS 50 ACRES OF TOBACCO IN COUNTY

Elaborate Program Ready For Labor Day

Parade, Address, Ball Games, and Dance Scheduled

Elaborate Program Will Be Held Afternoon; 60-Piece Band To Be Here

Business Will Suspend This Community

Minute details were completed yesterday for what is believed to be this community's biggest day celebration here Monday with a full day program, as suspensions for a general strike.

W. P. Prevost, general chairman, encouraging reports from all sections yesterday, and said that arrangements were for a success program which would run from 9 o'clock parade until street lights complete their rounds about 11:30 at Hazelwood.

W. P. Chambers, chairman of the parade, announced about ten minutes ago that the parade had been signed, and many arrangements together with other usual details.

Chambers is being assisted by W. P. Prevost and Roger Walker.

The committee is stressing the importance of all those who wish to enter in the milt parade later at the Chamber of Commerce at C. N. Allen & Co., Hazelwood. This proved to be an outstanding feature last year.

A sixty-piece band from Spruce Knob will provide music for the day. The same band which thrilled the community here last year.

Immediately after the parade at the stadium, J. G. Huggin, Jr., (Continued on page 3)

W. P. McCracken Passed Away At His Home Friday

Rites Were Held Sunday Afternoon For Well Known Haywood Citizen

Rites were held on Sunday afternoon at the Baptist church here for W. P. McCracken, 82, who died at his home on Friday evening following a brief illness.

The Rev. J. G. Huggin, Jr., of the First Methodist church officiated. Burial was in the cemetery, with the Maunula in charge of the final rites.

W. P. McCracken was a native of Haywood County and was born in the township, on March 18, 1857, the son of Hiram and Elizabeth McCracken.

Mr. McCracken attended the school here, moved to town in the early 1870s, and has been identified with the community since that time.

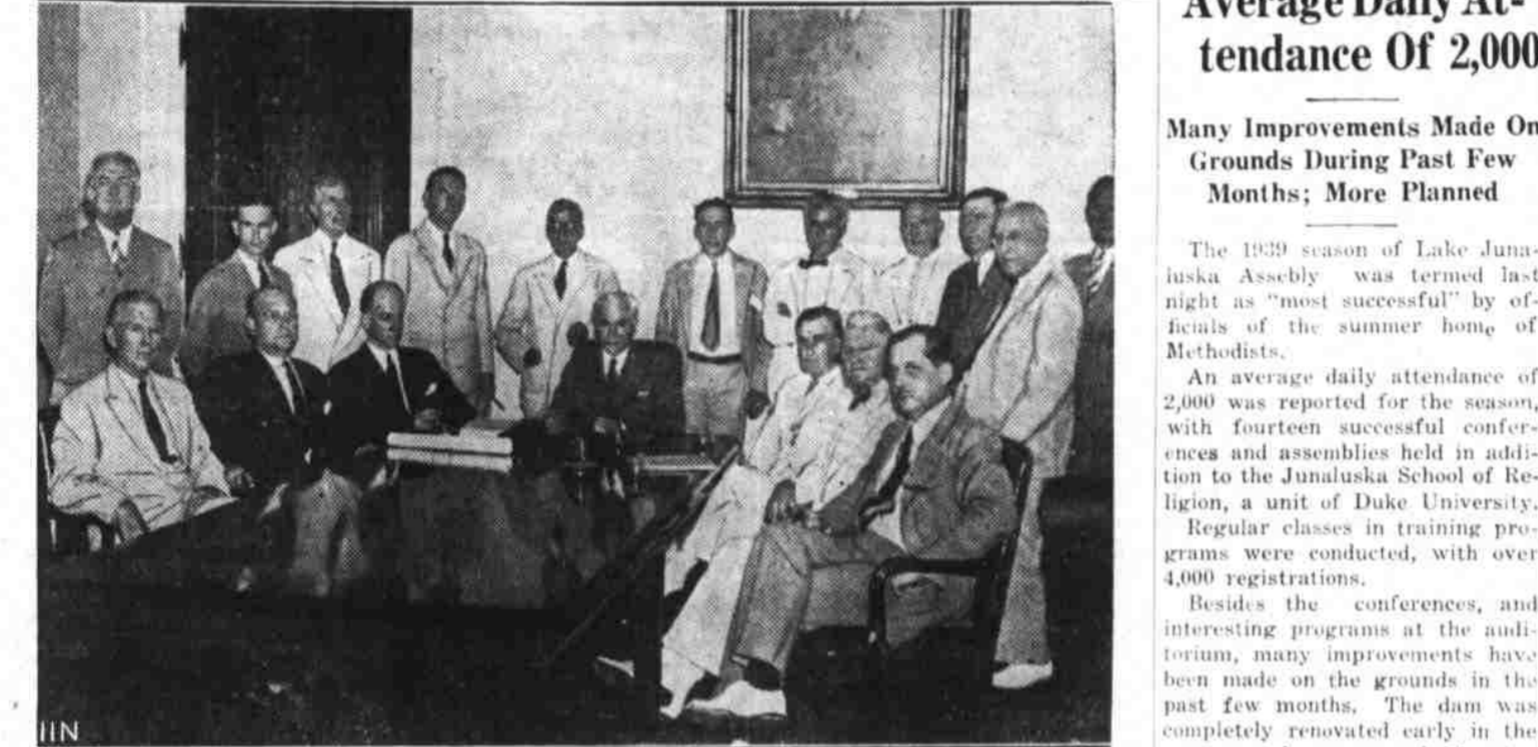
He was elected register of deeds and served his first term in court house at the corner of East and Main streets. He was re-elected in 1907. (Continued on page 7)

Property Will Be Sold Taxes Monday

Annual public sale of land and subsequent 1938 taxes, due in Haywood County, will be held at the court house here Monday.

LAKE JUNALUSKA ENDING GOOD SEASON

U. S. Officials Map America's Course In European Threat



MUCH CONCERNED



PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

While Europe tottered on the brink of war, yesterday, United States officials, including President Roosevelt, met in Washington to map America's course in case of hostilities abroad. The president sent three peace pleas to Europe—to Hitler, himself; the Polish president, and to the Italian king. The group photo shows, seated, left to right, Brig. Gen. George C. Marshall, chief of staff of the army; Louis Johnson, acting secretary of war; Sumner Welles, undersecretary of state; Hull; Acting Secretary of the Navy Charles Edison; Admiral Harold R. Stark, chief of naval operations, and Thurman W. Arnold, assistant U. S. attorney general. Standing, left to right, are Col. James H. Burns, aid to the war secretary; Lieutenant Commander Wellburn, aid to Admiral Stark; Captain Schuirman, U. S. navy; J. P. Moffet of the state department; George S. Messersmith, assistant secretary of state; Adolph A. Berle, also an assistant secretary; Herbert Feis, adviser on economic affairs; Captain Crenshaw, of the navy; Colonel Barrett, of the U. S. military corps; Joseph R. Baker, legal adviser to the state department, and Colonel Rocky, of the military corps.

Bank's Resources Pass Million Mark

A new record was broken yesterday, when the resources of the First National Bank reached \$1,017,748.12, according to the report of J. H. Way, Jr., cashier.

Deposits at the local institution yesterday were set at \$839,679.16, also a new high.

A general improvement in business conditions was attributed to the increase in business, bank officials said, as they closed for the day with the largest business since the bank was established in 1902.

No Changes Seen In Town Tax Rate

Auditor W. Bowden Henderson is now at work on the annual audit for the Town of Waynesville, and plans to submit the budget for the coming fiscal year at the board of aldermen's meeting on September 7th.

Officials said yesterday, that the present rate of \$1.70 will be continued into the new year.

Young Man Held For Cutting His Older Brother To Death

"He was drunk and I was trying to get him home. I knew he had a knife that morning, and when he reached for his pocket, I figured he was going after it, so I got mine first, but I didn't mean to kill him. I just meant to stop him, and keep him off of me," said Perry Rich, 23, who is alleged to have fatally cut his brother, Jesse Allen Rich, 25, around six o'clock on Sunday night at the Carpenter bridge above Maggie on the Soco Gap road, in the Ivy Hill township, about 12 miles from Waynesville.

Perry Rich was still wearing the shirt, stained with his brother's blood, when he made the foregoing statement to a representative of The Mountaineer on Monday afternoon. Rich is said to have called for help at once and a neighbor, Ben Moody, brought the wounded man to the Haywood County Hospital, where he died soon after reaching the operating table.

Hitler Does Not Want War, Says Foreign Traveler

Bishop Selecman, At Lake, Has Just Arrived From Two Months In Europe

(Special to The Mountaineer.) In spite of Adolph Hitler's hold on the German people and the apparent unanimity of the Heil Hitler heard on every side, the last thing the German chancellor desires is war, it was intimated by Bishop Charles C. Selecman, a bishop of the Methodist church, who arrived at Lake Junaluska yesterday to take part in the Week of Evangelism program which will close the season of the Lake Junaluska Assembly on Sunday.

Bishop and Mrs. Selecman were passengers on the Bremen. During their two months touring of Europe they visited Germany, France, England, Belgium, Sweden, Denmark, Iceland, Norway, and Spitzbergen.

Bishop Selecman said they did not find as much excitement in Germany, France or England as they had expected. (Continued on page 3)

Assembly Had An Average Daily Attendance Of 2,000

Many Improvements Made On Grounds During Past Few Months; More Planned

The 1939 season of Lake Junaluska Assembly was termed last night as "most successful" by officials of the summer home of Methodists.

An average daily attendance of 2,000 was reported for the season, with fourteen successful conferences and assemblies held in addition to the Junaluska School of Religion, a unit of Duke University.

Regular classes in training programs were conducted, with over 4,000 registrations.

Besides the conferences, and interesting programs at the auditorium, many improvements have been made on the grounds in the past few months. The dam was completely renovated early in the season, and a new, and imposing entrance of native stone has been erected.

The main road was paved earlier in season, and plans are now underway for completing the lake shore drive.

The formal program at the Lake will be concluded Sunday evening, with an address by Bishop Charles C. Selecman, who returned this week from a two month's tour of Europe.

This week, 175 young preachers, from a large area, are in session, carrying on experimental work, holding open air services in all nearby towns, and doing personal work, together with evangelistic work in some rural churches.

Enrollment Of High School Is Larger Than '38

Much Interest Is Shown In Organization Of High School Band

The opening day of the Waynesville Township High School on Monday of this week started the 1939-40 school term, with the largest enrollment in the history of the school, according to M. H. Bowles, superintendent of the the Waynesville district schools.

The enrollment by grades is as follows: Seventh, (Junior High), 247; eighth, 169; ninth, 155; tenth, 103; eleventh, 130; making a total of 803 pupils. Last year registration on the opening day for the school totaled 783.

Much interest is being shown by the students in the organization of a high school band, which will be a part of the work this year. L. T. New, Jr., of Asheville, who will be in charge of the band, is urging all parents, who have children who plan to join the band, have them do so at once, as instructions in the group has already started.

Mr. New explained that the members of the band will be given regular school credit on this account. (Continued on page 3)

Massie's Open 50-Car Parking Lot; Free To Public

A fifty-car parking lot is being offered to the public free today, by The Toggery and The Park Theatre.

The lot back of The Toggery and Alexander's Drug Store has been graded, an entrance built over the sidewalk, and today gravel is being placed over the entire lot, by Hugh Massie and J. E. Massie, owners of the property.

"This additional parking space should relieve some of the traffic congestions we have on Main Street, especially on Saturdays," Mr. Massie said.

Young Demo. Head



WILLIAM MEDFORD, Waynesville attorney, was elected president of the Haywood Young Democratic Clubs Saturday night at their annual meeting. Photo by Sherrill's.

Harmony Marked Meet Of Young Democratic Club

Endorse Roosevelt Administration And Pledge Support of Liberal Candidate

Unanimous endorsement of the Roosevelt administration expressed in resolutions submitted by W. G. Byers, clerk of the superior court, marked the keynote of the meeting of the Young Democrats here at the Gordon Hotel on Saturday night.

Pledging the support of the nomination of a liberal candidate for President of the United States, with a vote to ask the state convention of Young Democrats to take the same stand those assembled seemed of one mind, as they presented plans for the coming campaign. The state meeting of the Young Democratic Clubs will be held in Raleigh on September the 5th, it was announced.

William Medford was elected president of the county organization, with Mrs. W. G. Byers, first vice president, Miss Sarah Woody, (Continued on page 3)

County Baptist Asso. Will Revise Its Constitution

Rev. Frank Leatherwood Re-elected Moderator And County Missionary

The Haywood County Baptist Association in their annual two-day session held last Wednesday and Thursday in the East Canton Baptist church, discovered that the organization had been guilty of the violation of the constitution and by-laws, which had not been revised since 1917.

Upon reading the constitution it was found that some of the practices of the present day in the church, were contrary to the rules supposed to govern the body. One outstanding regulation that had been broken in the past few years, since women were allowed the ballot, was the sending of a woman messenger to a Baptist meeting, which was prohibitive under the constitution.

Dr. H. K. Mastellar, pastor of the First Baptist church of Canton. (Continued on page 3)

Cataloochee Has Extra Good Crops

The best crops in years are reported in the Cataloochee area of the county, by Mark Hannah, who is particularly proud of his tobacco crop, which has been branded by state officials as being among the best burley ever seen.

"The crop is shoulder high and still growing," Mr. Hannah said. "The top leaves are as big as the bottom one."

Storms Hit Four Sections Within 24-Hour Period

White Oak, Crabtree, Fines Creek And Pigeon Gap Suffer From Storms

YORK'S 6-ACRE BEAN CROP A TOTAL LOSS, SAID

Devastating hail storms swept over four sections of Haywood County within twenty-four hours, doing thousands of dollars damage to crops, especially tobacco and bean fields which were battered into the ground by ice pellets the size of grapes.

The first storm occurred Tuesday night in the White Oak and Fines Creek sections, and yesterday shortly after noon, Crabtree crops were hit, and a 3-mile path in the Pigeon Gap area.

Conservative estimates made last night by County Agent J. C. Lynn, was that at least fifty acres of tobacco was a total loss in the Crabtree and White Oak sections. In the Crabtree section, it was reported that 75 per cent of the tobacco crop is ruined, while in White Oak, fear is held that at least 80 per cent is a total loss.

Mr. Lynn visited the White, Crabtree and Pigeon Gap areas yesterday, and reported that stones the size of marbles and one's finger tips had shredded the crops in some of the areas.

In some sections, the heavy hail gave appearance of a snow storm, being almost ankle deep in some places. Soon after the storm in Pigeon Gap, motorists reported drifts deep enough to build "snow men."

Early corn, according to Mr. Lynn, that has practically matured was not seriously damaged, but late corn is nearly ruined in some sections visited by the storms. In many cases, it was reported that the tobacco fields were beaten to the ground, and many vegetables being grown for trucking and canning, were a total loss.

One of the most serious effected growers of truck, is D. D. York, on the Pigeon road, who suffered the loss of six acres of late beans, that would have been ready for picking the last of September. The vines were ruined, it was said, beyond any comeback, even under favorable growing conditions during the coming weeks.

Orchards in the Pigeon section escaped serious damage. Some of the outside apples were bruised, but little tobacco is planted in that area.

It was a rather singular fact, however, that with all the damage to vegetation, that not a single window pane was reported broken in any of the hail damaged areas.

Outlying districts from here also reported slight traces of hail Tuesday night, as Waynesville was visited by a hard electrical storm, with no reported damage.

Haywood Farmers May Earn \$13,500 More In Benefits

A check up by the county farm agent's office, has revealed the fact that Haywood County farmers stand to loose \$13,500 in benefit payments in the 1939 program if more pasture projects are not carried through.

The agents are urging that the farmers take advantage of this offer. The county can now get 6,500 tons of lime at no cost, or 1,000,000 pounds of phosphate by paying 30 cents per hundred between now and the 15th of October.

Every farmer in the county is urged to check on his units and see if he has earned all that he should. In case he finds that he can qualify for more units he is asked to visit the county agent's office or get in touch with his local supervisor or committeemen to place his order for lime or phosphate at once, before the expiration of the time limit.

Last year the county lost \$16,000 or 8,000 tons of lime by not meeting the requirements of this offer. The county agents are bending every effort this year to have the farmers take advantage of this opportunity.