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Plans About Complete For Four-Day Fall Festival

Formed Hospitality Committee Plan To Stage First Event 12, 13, 14, 16

The elaborate four-day fall festival will be held on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Monday, October 12, 13, 14, and 16, were readily agreed at a supper meeting here last evening. A majority of the community's business firms represented, and all expressed keen interest in the plan and the group spent considerable time working out details. The special committees completed the merchants' president, W. Garrett.

Among the highlights of the festival adopted, were included the giving of valuable gifts, probably one each of the four days; the giving of amateur contests, with prizes from every section of the county competing for district prizes and then county honors; decorations of all stores and shops in the community; displays of fall merchandise at special prices on seasonal specialties and all services offered to the community.

Plans are to stage a series of entertainment at the Armory, with admission to be tickets available without cost to the participating merchants business places. The entertainment to consist of finals in the four contests, awarding valuable gifts and a square dance. In addition to making plans for the four-day fall festival the group president Garrett point out: "It is entirely too much unnecessary noise in our town; too many trucks double parking on the street, too many broken down cars on our sidewalks, and too much loafing on the corners and in many congested public places in our town."

Cross Field Worker Meets With Local Group

Julia Dyke, field representative of the National Headquarters of the American Red Cross, of Washington, D. C., spent Tuesday afternoon in conference with L. N. Evans, chairman of the Waynesville chapter, and the general committee. Dyke outlined the plans for coming annual roll call, and activities of the chapter, which are being recommended by National Headquarters.

Earl Messer Returns From Mission Hospital

Earl Messer and small baby, who have been patients in the Mission Hospital, in Asheville, have returned to their home on Love Street. Mrs. Messer is reported to be improved.

Other Comic... Smatter Pop

Comic that has made millions of laughs, is added to The Mountaineer's comic page to you'll enjoy the doings of the typical little boys' and girls, with their lanky dad who always gets the worse of their stunts.

Chas. Balentine Has Solo License

Took Course In Aviation At Cannon Airport In Charlotte

Charles Balentine, air-minded assistant operator of the Gulf Filling Station, on Main street, who has his solo license from the Civil Aeronautic Authority, of Washington, D. C., is now at work, during his spare moments toward the license that will enable him to carry passengers. Mr. Balentine spent his vacation in Charlotte last May, where he took a two weeks course in aviation at the Cannon Airport. Following eight hours instructions according to the rules he was allowed to start solo flying. After five hours of flying alone, he was granted his solo license.

With the solo license, a person is not allowed to carry anyone, but a licensed instructor. Mr. Balentine is taking his thirty-five hours in the air now preparatory to a license that will permit him to carry passengers. He has his credit on the last work, four hours. When he can spare the time he gets in some of his hours from the Asheville-Hendersonville airport. Recently he made two flights over Waynesville.

Syphilis Branded Greatest Menace To Public Health

State Health Officer Estimates 350,000 Cases Of Syphilis In North Carolina Today

"The greatest menace to public health today is syphilis," said Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, secretary and state health officer of the State Board of Health before the Rotary Club last Friday. "Syphilis is the one disease that takes constant, diligent effort to control," he continued as he told of an estimated 350,000 cases in North Carolina.

"It is most important that in our fight to bring syphilis under control, that the law be followed, and all persons put in jail be given the Wasserman test. If it shows they have syphilis, then they can be given treatment, and even after leaving prison, they can be checked upon and given the treatment," he stressed. The health officer, during the course of his address, told of the chronological development of public health work in North Carolina, starting with its creation by the legislature in 1877, with an appropriation of \$100.

Dr. Reynolds told that during the past year the state laboratory had made an actual saving to the people of the state of \$2,780,000. "In other words, the dividends from this one department in dollars and cents are sufficient to pay the entire health program twice, to say nothing of the real service to mankind the entire institutions makes."

During the past few years, there have been 179,067 sanitary type (Continued on back page)

General Haywood

GETS A FEW THINGS OF COUNTY-WIDE INTEREST OFF HIS MIND WITH LETTERS

J. H. Way, Mayor, and Town Board of Aldermen, Waynesville, N. C. Gentlemen:— To my mind, one of the most deplorable situations in Waynesville today, is the fact that the police department tolerates the loafing on the post office property—the steps on Main Street and the wall on Church Street. At times it is difficult for one to pass on the post office side of Church Street, for the long line of loafers, very often they are tussling, most always using very objectionable language, and carelessly spitting tobacco juice dis-

National Guard Is Ordered To Enroll 15 Men

No Emergency Measure, But To Bring The Company Up To Full-Time Peace Strength

The Waynesville Machine Gun Company, a unit of the North Carolina National Guard has recently received telegraphic orders through their commanding officer, Captain, George F. Platt, from Adjutant-General Metts, Raleigh, to increase the company now 64 to number to the full peace time strength of 78.

The increase at this time is not attributed to any emergency measure, but has been ordered to restore the army and national guard to its normal number, which was reduced back in 1929 as a national economy move.

According to Captain Platt there is always a waiting list for the local company of from 6 to 10 men, and these if they can comply with the requirements of the examinations, will be given preference at this time, when the 15 men are taken on. The age limit of the men to be enlisted now will be from 18 to 45, all unmarried.

The National Guard drills at the Armory every Wednesday night, at 7:30 o'clock, and the public is cordially invited to watch the drills. On September the first a new type of drill was started, which is known as the "Streamlined."

The officers of the company are: George F. Platt, Captain; E. Paul Martin, First Lieutenant, and George E. Platt, Second Lieutenant.

Captain Platt, a World War veteran, saw service overseas, as a first lieutenant in the 30th division. He was at the front when the Hindenburg line was broken.

High School Students Of Last Year In College

A comparatively small number of the graduates of the Waynesville High School have gone to college, according to a check made with the school authorities this week.

The majority of the girls have entered the Women's College of the University of North Carolina, and are as follows: Ethel Caldwell, Elizabeth Ferguson, Jane Grace, Louise Leatherwood, Sara Queen, and Charlene Rotha. Virginia Kellett, valedictorian of the class, has entered Lenoir-Rhyne, and Joe Davis, salutatorian, is a student at the State University.

Only three graduates have entered Mars Hill College and they are: Hilliard Norris, Robert Underwood, and Joe Way. E. B. Caldwell has gone to Wake Forest. Ernestine Clarke has enrolled in a business school of Washington, D. C.

William McCracken and Vinson Howell have entered North Carolina State College. William Hyatt has enrolled at Blanton's Business College, Helen Summers has gone to Salem College. Kenneth Palmer has entered Brevard College.

Ruth Limer, Willie Messer, and Mary Elizabeth Rhinehart have gone to Western Carolina Teachers College.

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The pastor announced his sermon subjects for the remainder of the week, as follows: Thursday, "The Peril of Turning the Back on God." Friday, "What Should We Do With Jesus?" Sunday morning, "The Meaning of the Cross." Sunday evening, "The Doom of Delay."

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Cooking Expert



MISS FLORENCE ROGERS, experienced lecturer and home economist, of Cambridge, Mass., will conduct the cooking school sponsored by The Mountaineer, to be held at the Park Theatre, three days, October 19, 20 and 21.

Food Expert To Conduct Cooking School 3 Days

The Mountaineer Is Bringing Noted Lecturer Here To Conduct The School

Arrangements were completed this week for a three-day cooking school, to be staged at the Park Theatre on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 19, 20 and 21. The Mountaineer is sponsoring the school, which will be free to all those attending.

The Mountaineer will have here as demonstrator, Miss Florence Rogers, of Cambridge, Mass. She is an experienced lecturer and writer on food subjects, and a recognized authority in the food world.

She comes recommended as a superb cook, and will prepare from five to seven different dishes daily. These will be given away after each session.

In addition to the dishes prepared by Miss Rogers, there will be fifteen market baskets given away at each session.

Printed recipes of the dishes prepared at the school will be provided for all attending, and each day will have a varied program, lasting for only one hour for the demonstrations.

Plans are also underway to show an appropriate movie subject be-

Southern Bell Installs The Dial System In Canton

New Service Switched On At 10:10 Saturday Night For The 700 Subscribers

At an estimated cost of around \$50,000 the Southern Bell Telephone Company has changed the telephone system of Canton from the old central office which has served the community for years, to the dial system.

Work on the system has been in progress for sometime and was completed last Saturday, with the transfer of service taking place around 10:10 o'clock Saturday night, and starting Sunday morning, all calls have been handled through the dial system.

New directories have been published and distributed throughout the Canton area of telephone service. (Continued on back page)

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County Collects Over 92% Of '38 Tax Assessments

Tax Collector McCracken Prepares Of New Tax Books, After Good Record

Up to this week, according to records of the tax collector, ninety-two and two-tenths per cent of the 1938 taxes have been collected, leaving a balance of \$31,200.99. The total amount of taxes for 1938 was put at \$396,761.96.

The tax books are being completed and will be in the hands of the tax collector as soon as the county commissioners make the order. The county rate for 1939 is \$1.57 as compared with \$1.64 of last year.

Listing of property for county taxes has been moved up to January the first instead of April the first as was the former custom, it was learned this week from the office of Weaver H. McCracken, county tax collector.

The change in the date of listing, however, does not affect a change in the date on which taxes are due, which will remain as of October the first, as in the past.

The discount on taxes will go off November the first, and through November, December, and January, taxes will remain at par.

On the first of February a one per cent penalty will be charged, with one-half of one per cent thereafter, until the taxes are paid.

Civil Term Of Court Adjourns

Court Upholds Noland In Suit Against Bank; Number Cases Continued

The September term of civil court adjourned here yesterday afternoon, with a number of cases continued. Judge J. Will Pless, Jr., presided since Monday, and Judge Felix E. Alley held the first week of the term.

In the case of M. M. Noland, against the First National Bank and J. R. Boyd, involving the ownership of ten shares of stock in the First National Bank, the defendants were ordered to be permanently enjoined from selling the stock, which they had put up for sale at one time, and the plaintiff, M.M. Noland, was declared the rightful owner of the ten shares of stock.

The plaintiff in the case of C. B. Atkinson, administrator of the estate of J. Frank Edwards, against Edwin Haynes, administrator of Nettie Edwards, widow, et al, was given the privilege of selling lands to create assets with which to pay indebtedness of estate.

In the case of Ed Styles versus C. L. Benfield, the plaintiff was ordered to pay the costs of the court.

The plaintiff in the case of O. L. Smathers, Executor of estate of D. I. L. Smathers, versus Lucile Robinson, Jessie Robinson and W. P. Robinson, recovered a judgment of \$483.50, of which \$131.35 was interest and the principal \$352.50. The defendants were also ordered to pay the costs.

In the case of Charlie Moore, against Woodrow Rowland and (Continued on back page)

Use Of Turpentine On Shoes Fails To Keep Alleged Store-Breaker From Clutches Of Law

Even though he put turpentine in his shoes to put following bloodhounds off his trail, Paul Phillips, who with Felton Huffman, was charged with breaking in the Junaluska Supply Company on September the 3rd, is now lodged in the Haywood County jail awaiting trial in the November-December term of superior court.

Phillips was tried in the magistrate's court here Monday morning before C. B. Atkinson and bound over to the criminal court on a bond of \$500. Huffman, who was arrested the same day of the crime, and was denied bond at an earlier trial, has been lodged in jail since that date.

Phillips was brought here about ten days ago from Salem, N. J. He had been arrested in Woodstown, N. J., on charges brought against him by the sheriff's department here and taken to Salem and held in jail until Deputy John C.

Prospects Promising For Getting Red Tape Cleared For Soco-Cherokee Road

Citizens Urging Congress To Make Neutrality Change

Support Of President's Plea, Being Made In Three Letters To Congressman

Congressional support of President Roosevelt's plea for repeal of the present neutrality law is being urged by local citizens, who are signing letters now at the Waynesville Book Store, to North Carolina's two Senators and to Congressman Weaver.

Yesterday afternoon the letter bore signatures of eighty citizens. The letters to Senators Bailey and Reynolds, and Congressman Weaver, read:

"We, the following citizens of this community, being of the opinion that it is the best interest of our country to repeal the present Neutrality Law, and to enact in its place such legislation as may be decided upon, request that you lend your support to the President of the United States in his desire to bring about such repeal, and the prompt enactment of such legislation in its place as shall be submitted to the vote of the Senate (the House)."

Any one wishing to add their signatures to the letters are invited to do so immediately, by calling at the Waynesville Book Store.

Haywood Will Be Well Represented At Fat Calf Show

Haywood County will be represented with twelve fat calves, and nine feeder cattle at the fifth annual fat calf and feeder cattle show in Asheville next Wednesday. Entries from this county in the feeder cattle show includes: F. M. Noland—Fines Creek—3 Hereford steers to be shown as in-

Rumors Unfounded As To Removal Of Zoo From Hatchery

"Rumors of the zoo being moved from the Balsam Fish Hatchery is without any definite foundation," was the statement issued this week by E. B. Kugler, assistant to the director of the State Department of Conservation and Development, in answering the question made by Chas. E. Ray, Jr., member of the state board.

Removal of the zoo has been rumored throughout the community during the past few weeks. The zoo, while small, attracts hundreds of visitors a month to the Morrison Fish Hatchery at Balsam.

Bookmobile Will Collect Borrowed Books In County

All Persons Having Books Are Asked To Bring Them To Regular Stops

The traveling library, or bookmobile, which has not been available during the past two months, will be on its regular route, beginning on Monday, October 2nd, for the purpose of collecting all the books that were loaned when the library was in service in the summer, according to Miss Helen Medford, librarian, of the Waynesville Public Library.

All persons having borrowed books from the bookmobile in their possession are asked to turn them in on the following dates. In the cases where it will be impossible for school children, who are in school at the hour the truck will visit their community, they are asked to have some member of the family return the book, or return it through their school.

The librarian, however, much prefers that the books be delivered (Continued on back page)

Civic Leaders See Possibilities Of Starting Work Where It Ended 5 Years Ago

Not since the federal government called a halt on the building of the 12.28-mile highway from Soco Gap to Cherokee, about five years ago, has the prospect for starting anew on the project been as encouraging as now, it was revealed this week by civic leaders in close touch with the situation.

It is generally believed that when the new Indian Council, of Cherokee, hold their first meeting on Monday, that one of the first official matters to claim their attention, will be the formal approval and request that the state build Highway 293 from Soco Gap to Cherokee, and at the same time, it is believed the Indians will invite engineers from the Park Service to come into the Reservation to make surveys for western terminus of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

The new Indian Council is favorable to both projects, and have indicated as individuals their interest in getting both underway.

At the same time, civic leaders and congressional members in Washington, are awaiting the opportunity time to ask the repeal of a bill, which set out that the Secretary of the Interior could upon an affirmative vote of the Indians, condemn such lands as might be deemed necessary for the building of the parkway through the Reservation. With a council now favorable to the entire plan, such action is no longer necessary and in order to steer clear of any possible legal technicalities, the present plans of Congressman Weaver are to ask that the bill be taken from the statute books.

It was recalled here this week, that exactly five years, contracts were let by the State Highway Commission for the building of Highway No. 293 from Soco Gap to Cherokee, a distance of 12.28 miles. Several of the contractors bought new machinery for the job, when the federal government held up the work, on the grounds that at that time the route of the Blue Ridge Parkway was tentatively slated to turn at Soco Gap and follow approximately the survey made by the State Highway Department.

The money for the construction of Highway No. 293 is still available, reliable sources revealed, and Chairman Frank Dunlap, at a recent hearing in Washington on the matter, is quoted as saying that the State Highway Commission is ready to proceed, and readvertise and let new contracts for the work that was held up five years ago.

The contracts as let five years ago were for 4.69 miles in Jackson County, \$191,888.50, and 7.60 miles in Swain for \$127,045.00.

Structures of the Jackson County end of the route called for \$10,972.75, while the structures on the Swain end amount to \$45,501.80.