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Surrenders



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Nation Needs First Column That Is Built On Faith, Hope And High Idealism, Says Jonathan Daniels

1,000 Hear Raleigh Editor At Opening Of 27th Season At Lake Junaluska

The 27th season of the Lake Junaluska Assembly of the Methodist Assembly got off to a good start with the celebration of Haywood County Day Sunday.

Jonathan Daniels, editor of the News and Observer, Raleigh, and the Rev. J. G. Huggin, Jr., pastor of the First Methodist church at Waynesville, were guest speakers at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. respectively. Mr. Daniels had as his subject "Defending Democracy at Home," and the Rev. Mr. Huggin drew a lesson from the Scripture story of the healing of the man who was born blind.

The premiere performance of the Waynesville Township school band of 60 pieces was an afternoon event which attracted a big crowd. Concerts by the band at regular intervals throughout the season promise to be one of the popular features of the summer program.

The opening program of the Evangelism Conference was given in the auditorium at 8 p. m. Monday with Dr. W. A. Shelton, of Birmingham, Ala., delivering the keynote address. During the week there will be addresses by Bishops U. V. W. Darlington, Charles Selcman, Harry Denman and Dr. W. A. Shelton, of Birmingham, Ala.

Anyone who is not confused about the world today is either an unbelievably wise man or a fool said Mr. Daniels, and "even in this land without passports" while the world is fighting Democracy, it is a good thing to consider some of the problems in democracy that need defending:

Problems of democracy such as exists in America according to Mr. Daniels offer ample opportunity for the exercise of all the brains and energy this country can muster.

"There is no time to stop," he declared "until we have faced and conquered the problems that beset us. The men who came here were men drawn from crowded lands but they came to a land that awoke in their hearts a dream of a free land.

"We face serious and important problems in our South which lie at the heart of all American hopes in this land. We are lucky to be

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OSBORNE COW BREAKS AN OFFICIAL RECORD

A new record, exceeding the average of the Guernsey breed for her age and class has just been completed by a four year old cow Edna of Garden Creek 450560 of Canton, tested and owned by M. Louise Osborne. Her official record supervised by the North Carolina State College and announced by The American Guernsey Cattle Club is 13437.3 pounds of milk and 571.3 pounds of butter fat in class CC.

Petunias Plants For The Asking

Donald Dunham is still giving away flower plants. This afternoon between four and six o'clock he will give away petunia plants, as long as they last.

Mr. Dunham, well known local gardener, gave away hundreds of flower plants last week in two days he set aside for persons to call.

Second Group Of Trail Riders To Leave For Park Trip Tuesday

The second group of "Trail Riders of the Wilderness" will leave Tuesday morning, under the supervision of Tom Alexander, owner of Cataloochee Ranch, for a 8-day trip into the park.

This group will have eleven people from the northern and mid-western states. Twenty-four horses will be required.

This week, the first group of 20 people returned from the same trip, which required 36 horses.

The trip is sponsored by the American Forestry Association. The group will be met in Asheville, and brought by bus to the ranch on Monday. Early Tuesday they will leave for Flat Creek, a 5 mile ride. From Flat Creek to Hyatt's Ridge, a 15 mile ride will mark the end of the first lap. A full day is given to rest, swimming and fishing at Cabin Flats, before

Naval Secretary



COL. FRANK KNOX, 66, Chicago publisher, a World War artillery Colonel and Republican vice-presidential nominee in 1936, was nominated last week by President Roosevelt for the position as secretary of the Navy. At the same time Henry L. Stimson, 73, who was President Hoover's secretary of state, was nominated for the post of War Secretary, which filled in the first administration of President Taft. Stimson is also a World War artillery colonel.

Movies Made Of Manufacture Of Mountain Rifle

Tye Sanders, of the Universal News Reel, shot 550 feet of film at the blacksmith shop of Milas Messer, on the left fork of Cove Creek on Tuesday. The movie was made as a result of the interest of Bill Baker, of the advertising division of the State Department of Conservation and Development in cooperation with H. C. Wilburn, acting historian of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

The film will show the complete procedure in making a mountain rifle from the beginning through the various stages and then followed by demonstrations of target practice.

Milas Messer was assisted by his brother, Melvin in staging the demonstrations. They are both past sixty years of age, and are the sons of the late Isaac Messer, one time famous rifle maker in this locality.

Much of the material used in the movie was loaned by H. C. Wilburn, and came from his collection of items of the pioneer period representative of this section.

While the Messer brothers do not make rifles out right now, when young they assisted their father in the art and are still expert at mending them.

The picture starts with the straightening of the barrel, then the making of the stock and then the metal fittings. The method of loading and unloading a mountain rifle is also shown. As a climax, the expert shot of the two men will be seen in target practice.

The name "Klondike" comes from the Klondike river, a tributary of the Yukon, which flows through the Yukon territory in central Alaska and northeast Canada. Klondike is an Indian name meaning "a river of fish."

Second Group Of Trail Riders To Leave For Park Trip Tuesday

starting for Peck's Corner, 15 miles away.

The longest ride is from Peck's Corner to the summit of Mt. Sterling. The next day, a 12 mile ride from Mt. Sterling to Lazy Branch brings the group almost back to the ranch, which is easily made the following morning in time for lunch and on to Asheville for the train or bus back home. The round trip is 96 miles.

Those signed for this trip, include: Miss Hazel Houston, New York; Miss Julia Recker, Watertown, Conn.; Miss Geraldine Smith, New York; Sidney Normar, Brooklyn, and Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Lane, Columbus, Ohio.

Miss Ruth Hall, Hartford, Conn.; Miss Carol W. Beitzel, Morristown, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. Hugo C. Soest and son, of Middletown, Conn.

Stores To Close On The Fourth

The stores of the community will be closed all day in observance of the Fourth of July, on next Thursday, it was announced yesterday by N. W. Garrett, president of the merchants division of the Chamber of Commerce.

The program for the day will be a 12-hour sports event, running from 10 in the morning until the same hour that night, including softball, golf, tennis and horseshoe matches between Waynesville and Canton teams.

The complete sports program will be found today on the sports page of this newspaper.

County Agents Complete Plans For 1940 Tour

Arrangements Made For Accommodations For 100 On Second Annual Tour

The county farm agents have returned from a trip through the Shenandoah Valley and other parts of Virginia, and Washington, D. C., on which definite plans were made for the second annual out-of-state tour. The tour is scheduled to start on Tuesday, July 16th and last four days, through the 19th.

The tour will consist of a visit through Watauga county in this state, 150 miles of the Blue Ridge Parkway, several hundred miles through the Shenandoah Valley which is one of the outstanding farming sections of the United States, one day's visit in Washington, D. C., a tour through Kingdon's Packing house in Richmond, Va., and other points en route.

A visit will be made in the Shenandoah Valley and in Augusta county, the largest county in Virginia, where beef cattle, dairy cattle and workstock farms, emphasizing breeding and pasture program are being carried out. The highlight in the Shenandoah Valley will be the visit to the largest breeder of thoroughbred horses in the United States.

The tour will include a distance traveled of 1,100 miles, with four days and three nights away from home. The total cost of the tour will be \$12.00 which takes care of the transportation (\$5.50) lodging (3 nights), \$2.05; sightseeing tour in Washington, \$1.50, while arrangements have been made for meals at approximately 35 cents per meal. This makes the cost of the tour about one cent per mile, including travel, room meals, and the Washington tour.

Some of the highlights in Washington will be visit to the agricultural building, the Capitol, the White House, the Washington monument, Lincoln Memorial, and a sight-seeing tour of the entire city.

Arrangements have been made by the county agents to take care of one hundred persons at the above rate of \$12.00. Letters have been mailed to all the farmers in the county asking them to go on the tour. The first hundred persons making applications for this tour will be signed up at once. Later applicants may have to pay a little more for their lodging and meals.

Women are also urged to take the tour this year.

Judge Warlick Will Preside At July Mixed Term

The July mixed term of court, at which both criminal and civil cases will be tried, will convene here on Monday, July 8th, with Judge Wilson Warlick, of Newton, presiding.

The docket is reported to be very light for a July term which is usually crowded.

New House At Lake Nearing Completion

The beautiful summer home of Rev. B. Rhett Turnipseed, at Lake Junaluska, will be completed within ten days.

Rev. Mr. Turnipseed is pastor of the Bancombe Street Methodist church in Greenville, S. C.

Ben Sloan, of Waynesville, has the construction contract.

There is a majesty in simplicity which is far above the quaintness of wit.—Pope.

Land Erosion Is Serious Haywood County Problem

According to a recent soil survey there are 20,000 acres of land in Haywood County that have lost topsoil due to erosion. There are approximately 8,000 acres that are eroded beyond control, being made unfit for agricultural purposes. The survey also revealed the fact that there are over 800 acres of land in the county being abandoned each year because of erosion.

Haywood County has 202,000 acres of land of which 43,375 is listed as cropland, that is land that is farmed in regular rotation including hay.

There are about 2,600 farmers in Haywood County, thus giving an average of about sixteen acres per farm.

It was pointed out that if as much of the soil is lost during the next twenty years as has been lost during the past similar length of time, there will be only 24,000 acres of useful land for crops. This means that average cropland per farm would be less than ten acres per farm and that the crop yields would be decreased in proportion.

Soil is the greatest natural resource, it was pointed out recently by the county farm agents. A piece of ground is cleared and nature gives a good soil, that is rich in organic matter, but man destroys this fertility by depleting crops, causing rapid decay from erosion.

The county farm agents are helping many of the Haywood County farmers to work out soil conservation programs on their farms by seeding more legumes and grasses, contour strip-cropping, and the use of lime and phosphate. During the past three years, Haywood County farmers have used over 17,000 tons of lime and 1,000 pounds of phosphate.

This problem of erosion which is facing not only Haywood County land owners, but is an increasing problem throughout the land, will have to be taken in hand, otherwise coming generations will have to suffer for the careless practices of today, agricultural authorities have pointed out.

Last Rites For Arlo T. McCracken Held Wednesday

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon at the First Baptist church for Arlo T. McCracken, who died at 3:30 a. m. on Tuesday at the Haywood County Hospital. The Rev. J. M. Woodard, pastor of the Hazelwood Baptist church officiated. Burial was in Greenhill cemetery.

Nephews served as active pallbearers.

Among those included in the list of honorary pallbearers were: Hardy Sparks, Joe Davis, John Blalock, George Bischoff, George Walls, Clarence Scruggs, all of Hazelwood, Robt. V. Welch, C. B. Atkinson, Frank Howell, Oliver Shelton, Frank Davis, Dr. J. R. McCracken, Dr. Dudley W. Smith, William A. Medford, Sr., Tom Medford, John B. Medford, and J. R. Boyd.

Mr. McCracken was a native of Haywood County, the son of the late Joseph and Julia Ann Howell McCracken. He was born on October 8th, 1876 and has resided in this section all his life. He was engaged in farming.

Surviving are his widow, who before her marriage was Miss Bena Noland; two brothers, Virgil McCracken, of Clyde, route 1, and Dr. C. M. McCracken, of Fairview; one sister, Mrs. May Davis, of route 2.

100 Young Ministers From Lake To Do Week Of Ministerial Work

A unique project in the history of religious assemblies was launched at Lake Junaluska Tuesday, when more than 100 young ministers attending a conference on Evangelism were given regular assignments for ministerial work during the session of the conference, June 24-July 3.

The young men will conduct revival preaching, house to house visitation and other evangelistic efforts at forty-two organized places of worship in the Asheville and Waynesville districts of the Western North Carolina Conference, Methodist church.

The regular pastors of the churches to which the young evangelists, were appointed will cooperate in the movement. There will be revival preaching every night. In addition to the person

Masons From Many States Expected Here

General Chairman



DR. J. R. McCracken is general chairman of the sixth annual summer assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of North Carolina, which will be held here on July 8, 9 and 10.

Howell Elected Judge Advocate American Legion

Major J. H. Howell was elected judge advocate, at the annual convention of the North Carolina American Legion, in session this week in High Point.

R. Dave Hall, of Belmont, was elected state commander to succeed June H. Rose, of Greenville. Elected as vice-commanders were Harry E. Keller, of Baden, R. C. Godwin, of New Bern, and J. C. Thomas, of Leaksville.

Other officers elected and installed at the convention were: the Rev. David Faust, of Salisbury, chaplain; George K. Snow, of Mt. Airy, historian; Bryan Booc, of Winston-Salem, national committeeman and Ralph J. Shell, of Rickerly, alternate national committeeman.

Delegates to the national convention are: Claude Ramsey, of Asheville; R. L. Keller, of Morganton; George Quillen, of Fayetteville, and William Dowd, of Sanford.

Kennedy Brothers Obtain Jobs Upon Graduation

Frank Kennedy, Jr., and John Kennedy, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kennedy, of Jonathan Creek, were among the graduates of the school of mechanical engineering of State College this month.

Frank Kennedy, Jr., is now in Salisbury, where he has a position with the Carolina Power and Light Company.

John Kennedy has gone to Gannett, Penn., where he has a job with the Elliott Manufacturing Company, makers of small parts for airplanes. He was selected by the company for the position from a large group of college students.

Both young men made outstanding records at State College.

Mrs. Ernest Carlisle, Jr., and young daughter, Henrietta Carlisle, of Griffin, Ga., are spending this week with Mrs. Richard N. Barber, Jr.

All Indications Point To One Of Best Meetings Of Summer Assembly,

The sixth annual summer assembly of the Grand Council of Masons of North Carolina will be held in Waynesville, July 8, 9, and 10. This promises to be one of the best meetings that has been held in the history of the summer assembly, according to Dr. J. R. McCracken, grand chairman.

The General Grand Master of the United States, Charles H. Johnson, is to be present, and will speak to a gathering of Masons in an open Blue Lodge meeting on Tuesday evening, July 9. Mr. Johnson has the reputation of being one of the outstanding Masonic orators in the entire country, and all Masons are invited to hear him. Many other Masons, high in the ranks of Cryptic Masonry, have indicated their intention to attend, among them is the Grand Master of New York, Edward Feib, and Horace L. Stephens, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Ohio.

The team coming from Cleveland to confer the Super Excellent Master's degree will consist of thirty, or more, men, and many other prominent Masons of Ohio have made plans to be here.

Masons from Pennsylvania and a large delegation from Tennessee, also from South Carolina, and smaller delegations from several other states are expected.

"These meetings have been the medium of advertising Western North Carolina in a section that had previously known very little about it, and most of those who have attended heretofore say they are coming back. To make this meeting the success that it should be, we will need the co-operation and support, not only of the local Masons, but of the community as well. The mountain trips, and the picnic lunch will be open to the public, and the community is asked to contribute food for the picnic. A committee will call on the citizens of the town for such contributions, and the Masons of Haywood County are requested to cooperate," the chairman said.

15 Local Persons Members Of Good Neighbor Tour

Five cars from Waynesville containing fifteen persons joined the "Good Neighbor Tour" composed of 17 cars and 67 people that made up a touring party to several Western North Carolina counties.

J. Dale Stentz, secretary of the local chamber of commerce was the director of the tour, which was so successful that it was decided to make a permanent organization of the "Good Neighbor" group.

Large crowds assembled in each of the towns where stops were made, and the party was cordially received at each point visited.

The motored left Waynesville Tuesday morning, and was joined in Sylva, Bryson City, Andrews, Murphy and Hayesville by other cars.

They stopped for lunch at the Joyce Kilmer Inn, Robbinsville, where J. H. Hardwood, of Bryson City, presided.

After a visit to Santeedah, the tourists visited Andrews, Murphy, Hayesville, Franklin, Highlands, and Dillsboro.

Those making the tour from Waynesville were: Mayor and Mrs. J. H. Way, Jr., Mrs. and Mrs. R. H. Clark, J. Dale Stentz, Miss Mary Stenz, James H. Howell, Jr., J. R. Boyd, H. W. Woodward, O. R. Roberts, G. C. Ferguson, T. L. Bramlett, Miss Martha Way, Miss Hilda Way, and Joe Way.

Haywood Council Demonstration Clubs Win Gavel

The Haywood County Council of home demonstration clubs won the attendance gavel for the second consecutive time at the recent district meeting of the state federation of home demonstration clubs which was held in Murphy with fifty-six women from this county attending.

If the council wins again next year the gavel will be kept permanently.

The meeting next year of the first district, which is composed of six western counties, will be held in Hayesville.

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