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Farm Tours Will Be Completed This Week

Winners Of Six Townships Announced, County Winner To Be Selected From Group

At week six township tours demonstration farms in the county were completed. The atmosphere and interest were gratifying to those in charge. The outstanding demonstration farmer in township was selected by the jury making the tour.

Each card containing 15 questions handed each visitor at each inspection. The questions with the improvements and general condition of the farm and scores of each farm were compiled from the answers.

Winners in the six tours were as follows: in Ivy Hill township, C. Campbell was judged to be the most progress; in the Oak, W. L. Messer; in Crabtree John Allen; in Cranberry Glenn Palmer; in Jonathan J. Jarmis Palmer; and in Wayville, Mrs. Frank Leopold.

Annual Farm Tour Of County Will Be Held The 23rd

Exceeded Any Other County Tour In State

Last year Haywood County had largest attendance of any county in North Carolina on the annual county farm tour. This year is going forward for even a larger tour than that of last year.

The following schedule of the following which will be held on Friday, August 23rd, at 9 a. m., has been announced by the county farm tour committee:

The first stop will be made at the farm of A. J. McCracken. A good herd of Guernsey cows will be seen, and Mr. McCracken, of the outstanding farmers in the state, is said to be the "clean-little farmer in North Caro-

The next stop will be at G. C. Palmer's farm where outstanding improvement will be seen. Mr. Palmer has one of the largest dairies in Western North Carolina, selling wholesale milk.

From Mr. Palmer's place the tour will go to the John James farm on Wesley's Creek. There demonstrations in strip cropping will be seen. Lunch will be enjoyed at Fines Creek school. During the stop here demonstrations will be given of the use of electricity on the proper wiring of houses, the proper type thrasher, combine and other interesting features.

After lunch the first stop will be at the Jarvis L. Palmer farm on Jonathan Creek. Mr. Palmer is one of the outstanding beef raisers in the county. He also has unusually good pastures as well as crops of tobacco and corn.

The tour will end at the D. C. Campbell farm in Ivy Hill. Mr. Campbell has done exceptional work in pasture improvement. A maximum of the tour will be the bermelon cutting which will be enjoyed there.

The public generally is invited to take the tour, and the business end of Waynesville, Canton and Waynesville are urged to see what is being accomplished in the rural sections of the county.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Hopkins will be their guests during the tour. Dr. and Mrs. Owen Herring, Durham. Dr. Herring is the pastor of the Watts Street Baptist church of Durham.

Soco Gap Dance Team Wins First Place In Thirteenth Folk Festival

The Soco Gap Square Dance team came off with a number of honors in the usual folk festival held last week in Asheville, in which 12 teams of recognized ability competed.

The team as a group won first place among the teams. Sam Green, manager of the team, who is a nationally known figure in the art of square dancing, with Miss Beulah Caldwell, won first place as the best couple on the floor.

Mr. Queen won second place as

Labor Day Chair.



L. M. RICHESON was named general chairman of the annual Labor Day celebration of the community by directors of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night. Mr. Richeson will name his committee this week-end, and get things moving for the "biggest and best celebration, ever," he said yesterday.

Signers Of New REA Lines Are Urged To Wire

Farmers are urged to begin wiring their homes for the rural electrical lines which will be completed before winter months, according to the officials of the Cruso Mutual Electric Company.

A new ruling has been made by the Rural Electrification Administration that no lines will be constructed to a farmstead until the wiring is completed or an agreement signed showing that the wiring will be done by the time the line is energized.

Local electricians have indicated that they would prefer to have the houses in a community grouped for wiring. It has been estimated that from 15 to 20 per cent may be saved by six or more farmers going in together and letting the contractors bid on the job.

To date it was learned that comparatively few of the people who have signed up and expect to have the use of electricity in the farmsteads have made any effort to having their wiring completed.

Miss Mary Ashworth Barber is spending this week in Myrtle Beach with a party of friends from Marion.

School Registration Starts 20th; Class Work Will Begin On The 27th

Portrait Of J. C. Welch To Be Unveiled The 24th

An oil portrait of the late Julius C. Welch, who for a half century was a dominant figure in the political affairs of Haywood County, will be presented to the county on Saturday, the 24th, at 11 o'clock in a ceremony held in the court room.

W. G. Byers, clerk of the superior court, will make the presentation and Judge F. E. Alley will accept the portrait in behalf of the citizens of the county.

The portrait has been donated by the friends of the late Mr. Welch, who was greatly beloved by the people of this section.

Mr. Welch, the father of the present sheriff, Robt. V. Welch, also served as sheriff of the county from 1926-30.

The public is invited to attend the ceremonies.

\$839 Paid County Unemployed, July

The Waynesville Employment office distributed \$839.50 in 117 checks to unemployed eligible workers during the month of July, while in the 31 months of distribution, 10,986 checks for \$97,196.87, were delivered through the office.

During the same periods, the state distributed \$505,86.61 in July and in 31 months have distributed \$15,408,734 in 2,400,939 checks.

Miss Alice Quinlan is the guest of Mrs. B. S. Marsh while her residence on Pigeon street is leased for the summer season.

Floods Bring On Much Talk Over The Telephones

Local and long distance calls at Waynesville telephone exchange broke all records Tuesday. Starting Monday, the heavy load continued on through Tuesday night, according to Mrs. Lura Reardon, chief operator.

Approximately 7,000 local calls passed through the exchange Monday and on Tuesday, the figure was at the 10,000 mark for local calls, and 400 long distance, which doubled previous records.

Extra operators were brought in, and even then much overtime was put in, Mrs. Reardon said. The Tuesday night force was doubled. Calls Wednesday were not as heavy.

"The public sensed our rush and co-operated in every way. This was deeply appreciated," Mrs. Reardon said.

Health Officer Says No Need Of Alarm Over Water Discoloration

"Citizens of this community need not be alarmed about the slight discoloration of the water at this time due to heavy floods," said C. N. Sisk, district health officer yesterday afternoon to a representative of The Mountaineer.

Dr. Sisk stated that the discoloration noticeable at this time is largely due to the coloring matter absorbed in the forests comprising the water shed and does not indicate any unusual pollution.

A certain amount of turbidity present in the Waynesville water supply during the past few days, which is so greatly in contrast to the usual crystal clearness of this water, has caused several individuals to inquire concerning its potability.

The water supply for Hazelwood, Waynesville and Lake Junaluska is secured from open streams coming from an area comprising nine thousand acres of uninhabited and largely virgin forest land. The water is first collected in settling basins located within the uninhabited area, where it is chlorinated and piped to an efficiently operated purification plant, where it is filtered and again chlorinated before it passes into a large covered reservoir for distribution.

"Water samples are collected every two weeks and sent to the North Carolina State Laboratory of Hygiene for analysis. All laboratory reports during recent months coming from state laboratory have shown the water to be unusually pure and almost sterile," continued Dr. Sisk.

Waynesville And Canton Band In Concert Sunday

Around 150 players will take part in the joint concert which will be given here at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the court house by the Canton and Waynesville high school bands. Practically all the students in the two bands started their initial band work last fall at the same time.

L. T. New is director of the local band, and L. M. Richeson is chairman of the sponsoring committee. John Derryberry is director of the Canton band, and Dr. V. H. Duckett is chairman of the sponsoring group.

The two bands have been practicing separately all summer on the numbers which will be given Sunday. On the following Sunday, the 25th, the bands will give the same concert in Canton.

The program numbers are by the following composers: Bennett Chenette, Riddle, Weber and Eisenberg and are: "Promotion," march; "Starter," march; "Chalm," march; "Activity," march; "Project," march; "Zenith," overture; "Airport," march; "Blue Moon," waltz; "Warming Up," march; "Organ Melody," reverie; "Home Band," march; "Summit," march; "Norma's Dream," waltz; "Norma," march; "Trombone Toboggan," novelty; "Yesternight," serenade; "The Flyer," march; "Ambition," overture; "Indian Boy," fox trot; "Military Escort," march; "Saskatchewan," overture.

In case of rain the concert will be given in the court room instead of the lawn as was first planned.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Hodges and two children, John and Jean, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Campbell. Mrs. Hodges is the former Miss Dorothy Thomas.

Stock Show Headed



W. A. BRADLEY will serve as general chairman in charge of arrangements of the live stock show which will be held this fall. He was named by the Chamber of Commerce directors Tuesday night, who are looking forward with keen interest to the coming event.

Quilt Show Will Open In Community Center Tomorrow

Interest is growing in the annual quilt and rug show which will be held in the community center tomorrow and Saturday. The show will be open to the public at 11 o'clock and remain open until 9 in the evening, and again on Saturday morning.

The show is sponsored annually by the Woman's Club and attracts visitors from this county and the neighboring towns. Mrs. Frank Ferguson is serving as general chairman, with the following committee: Mrs. J. W. Killian, Mrs. Jack Messer, Mrs. G. W. Colkitt, Mrs. C. F. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. R. N. Barber, Mrs. John M. Queen, Mrs. J. C. Brown, Mrs. Geo. Kunse, and Mrs. J. J. Harden Howell.

The following is the prize list: Class I—Best appliqued new quilt, \$1.00; Class II—Best new patch work quilt, \$1.00; Class III—Best new silk quilt, \$1.00; Class IV—Best old quilt, \$1.00.

RUGS
Class V—Best hooked woolen rug, floral design, \$1.00; Class VI—Best hooked rug, conventional design, \$1.00; Class VII—Best hooked yarn rug, \$1.00; Class VIII—Best hooked silk rug, \$1.00; Class IX—Best large rug over 36 inches, \$1.00; Class X—Best small hooked rug under 36 inches, \$.50;

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Storm Ruins Fourth Of Haywood Tobacco Crop

Highlights Of Haywood Flood

It was estimated that between 800 and 1,000 people were "stranded" in the community Tuesday night. All hotels and boarding houses were filled, and private homes cared for scores. At least five parties spent the night in their cars on Main Street. The Chamber of Commerce office and police assisted strangers in getting places. Those who spent the night in cars did not apply to either for help, it was said.

Flood waters got to within two feet of the floor of the steel bridge across the Pigeon at Iron Duff, on Highway No. 209. This was the highest since 1876, according to T. L. Green, who lives nearby. Wednesday morning at nine, the water had dropped eleven feet at this bridge. Mr. Green estimated his corn crop was damaged forty percent.

All trains were reported running on time, both Tuesday and Wednesday. No trouble was experienced on the Murphy Branch, according to J. G. Terrell, local agent. The 12:40 passenger train, east bound, was held up two hours before crossing the river at Canton, while 5 loaded cars of coal were placed on the trestle to weight it down until the crest of the flood had passed.

All roads out of Waynesville were open yesterday afternoon with the exception of Highway No. 284 from Bethel towards Brevard, and the Sunburst road.

The Crabtree road, Highway No. 209 was covered in several places by water as deep and four feet. Travel was resumed over the road Wednesday morning, and apparently there was little or no damage to the road bed.

Due to the wash out of bridges in the Bethel school section, school will not be resumed before Monday, if then.

Lumber from the new Clyde School building was washed down the river. The site was several feet under water, but suffered no apparent damage. Workmen began cleaning up Wednesday morning.

Crabtree-Iron Duff school will reopen today, after a two-day holiday. Fines Creek school did not close.

Six families living in Ark Park the section between the two Forks of the Pigeon at Woodrow were compelled to move out of their homes, some of which were completely washed away.

Light service of the Cruso Mutual Electric Company, now operating in the Pigeon Valley section was off from Tuesday noon until Wednesday morning. The transmission lines were broken down in four places, three on the Big East Fork and one on the West Fork. Supt. Joe Howell reported yesterday that service had been resumed.

The approach to the bridge near Harper's Spring on Highway No. 284 was washed away, though the bridge was unharmed. It will take several days to repair the damages to the approach. Washouts on the old road bed of 284 rendered the road impassable for a time, but it was thought yesterday that the repairs would be made and that old route of Highway No. 284 would be open today, via Rickman's store for traffic.

Three bridges were washed away at Crawford's Creek and the Hungry Creek bridge on the East Fork was also destroyed by the rising waters of the creek.

The new bridge at the forks of the Pigeon River near the county home was not damaged, but there was considerable damage to the approaches.

Dewey Pless is reported to have suffered the greatest loss of any farmer on East Fork. His entire wheat and hay crops were washed away.

The bridge between the barns and home at the J. C. Welch farm was hanging from one side and was completely covered at one time on Tuesday. The corn and tobacco

crops appeared untouched by the wind or floods.

Pierce Kinsland, of Iron Duff, had some valuable land and crops washed away. During the crest of the flood, he salvaged quite a bit of drift acid wood, and piled it on the bank. Tuesday night, he said some boys went down and pitched every piece back into the river.

It has been reported that all bridges above the Ledbetter farm on the Lake Logan Road have been washed out or put out of use by water cutting around them.

The tobacco crop of Oscar Kinsland in the Iron-Duff section is said to have been completely washed away.

At "Garden Creek," owned by Arthur Osborne, one of the most beautiful and fertile farms in the county and nationally known for its fine pure bred Guernsey cows, the Pigeon River practically changed its course and instead of following its bed made a wide swipe through the silage corn field.

"I have seen the Pigeon River higher on two other occasions, but I have never known it to do as much damage as the flood this week," said T. J. Cathey, county auditor, who was unable to get to his office in the court house on Tuesday.

"One reason is that I suppose there has never been as much farming done in the land on the river's edge as is now in cultivation," said Mr. Cathey.

The garage and machine shop of Hugh Cathey located at Woodrow were greatly damaged.

Jarvis Allison, Waynesville township, states that his corn fields were lying flat on the ground and that he feared the stalks were damaged too much to respond to "time and sunshine."

The only accident reported in the community, happened about noon on Main Street when cars from Asheville and Canton hit their fenders, tearing one fender completely off. The accident occurred during a heavy downpour.

Norman Caldwell, traffic officer, braved the elements, and spent the day in front of the Bank directing traffic and giving out information on roads. He said at least 400 out-of-state cars sought information during the 12 hours. "All motorists were in fine spirits and took the misfortune with a grin. Many called friends and relatives, while others asked for a dry place to spend the night."

Hiram Green, of Fines Creek, and a group of friends narrowly escaped while watching the raging river. They were just above the old dam in White Oak, watching the water sweep along as if there were not a 40 foot drop. Within a few minutes after they left their mountain observation point, the place slid into the surging current.

Lake Junaluska, swollen by Richland Creek, was two feet higher than the dam. The overflow reached out 30 or more feet from the base of the dam. Nearby residents said it was the most water they had ever seen come over the dam there.

About three o'clock Tuesday, Richland Creek overflowed Smathers Street near the new sub station. The stream did no other damage. It raced pretty high at the Laundry, and ran through the yard of a nearby house.

Jack Messer moved his family out of their home on Crabtree early Tuesday, while he remained to look after things. The water reached the door sill, and then started dropping. "One more inch, and our floors would have been covered," he said.

Will Bryson and Weaver Chambers, in Iron Duff, suffered heavy losses in tobacco, by both water and wind, it was reported.

As Albert J. McCracken stood watching the Pigeon River cut through his farm, completely covered. (Continued on page 5)

No Estimate Can Be Made Of Damage Done Corn By Wind, Rain And Flood

4.3 INCHES OF RAIN FELL IN 36 HOURS

Conservative estimates made last night following an all-day survey of crops in every section of Haywood, showed that a fourth of the tobacco crop is a total loss.

No estimate was made on corn, pending a more "complete recovery" following the high winds, heavy and steady rains, and high flood waters of Monday and Tuesday.

Streams were back in their banks yesterday, after having reached some of the highest points since 1876 on Tuesday afternoon, following a steady downpour of 36 hours, in which time 4.3 inches of rain fell in Waynesville, according to Harry M. Hall, official weather observer here. Heavier rains fell on the head waters of the Pigeon River, sending it out of banks, covering crops, making about 100 families abandon their homes, and sweeping about 1,000 cords of acid wood from the yards of the Champion Paper and Fibre Company, flooding the plant, and causing the suspension of operations for 36 hours.

Canton, Clyde and Woodrow bore the brunt of the raging Pigeon waters. Some 80 families were forced to evacuate their homes in Fiberville, and about 6 or 8 families at Woodrow. The highway between here and Canton was flooded in several places in and around Clyde. The water got into some houses at Clyde, but did not enter the business section.

All families who had to move Tuesday, went back home yesterday and began cleaning up.

Officials of Champion Paper and Fibre placed their loss at \$6,000 in wood which drifted away, and \$2,000 machinery damage.

High winds of Monday night and Tuesday morning blew many fields of corn down, and in some instances shredded the fodder.

Crabtree-Iron Duff Home Coming Day Set For 18th

Final arrangements have been completed for the Crabtree-Iron Duff Home Coming Day which will be held on Sunday. All present and former residents of the two township are urged to attend this annual event, which is being held at the school house.

Those attending are requested to assemble promptly at 10 o'clock as a Sunday school lesson, with sermon following, will be the program for the forenoon. A picnic lunch will be served at the noon hour.

Rotary Picnic Is Postponed

Due to washed out roads to Frying Pan Gap, Rotarians have postponed their annual picnic until later, and will meet Friday at 12:45 at the Baptist Sunday school building as usual, according to J. C. Brown, president.

Last Friday girls of Camp Junaluska for Girls gave their annual program, which consisted of piano solos, vocal numbers, violin selections and several dance numbers.

The club had as their guests, campers from the camp whose fathers are Rotarians. The program was in charge of Thos. M. Seawell.

Beside 31 local Rotarians, there were 33 visitors.

Hyatt Reunion To Gather At Soco Gap Sunday At 10

The annual Hyatt reunion will be held Sunday, Aug. 18, at Soco Gap, beginning at ten o'clock. Featured on the program will be special music and speakers. At the noon hour a picnic dinner will be spread.

All friends and relatives of the Hyatts are invited to attend. Mrs. W. A. Hyatt is president.