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SIXTH YEAR NO. 36 WAYNESVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1940 \$1.50 In Advance In Haywood And Jackson Counties

Park Dedicated To All Free People By FDR

Thousands Attend Dedication On Labor Day At Newfound Gap, Hear Notables

More than 14,000 people gathered from many states, atop of Newfound Gap, heard President Roosevelt on Monday afternoon, give a solemn warning of the nation's greatest attack that has been launched against freedom. The individual is nearer the danger than ever before.

Deposits Reach Highest Peak In First National

On Tuesday of this week the deposits of the First National Bank reached \$1,024,904.80, according to bank officials.

This is the largest amount on deposit ever recorded in the bank. It represents an increase of \$178,134.34 over the same date of last year.

The total resources of the bank are now over \$1,200,000, it was learned this week.

Cataloochee Ranch Is Given Wide Publicity

Washington Post Has Page Of Pictures In Rotogravure Section Of Ranch "Near Waynesville"

In the August 18th Sunday edition of the Washington Post, of Washington, D. C., Cataloochee Ranch was given a page in the rotogravure section. The pictures had been taken by Bill Baker of the State Department of Conservation and Development in the early summer.

The pictures had been sent out by the department to the International News Service and have been distributed over the entire United States, and are being used by a large number of the big city dailies in various layouts.

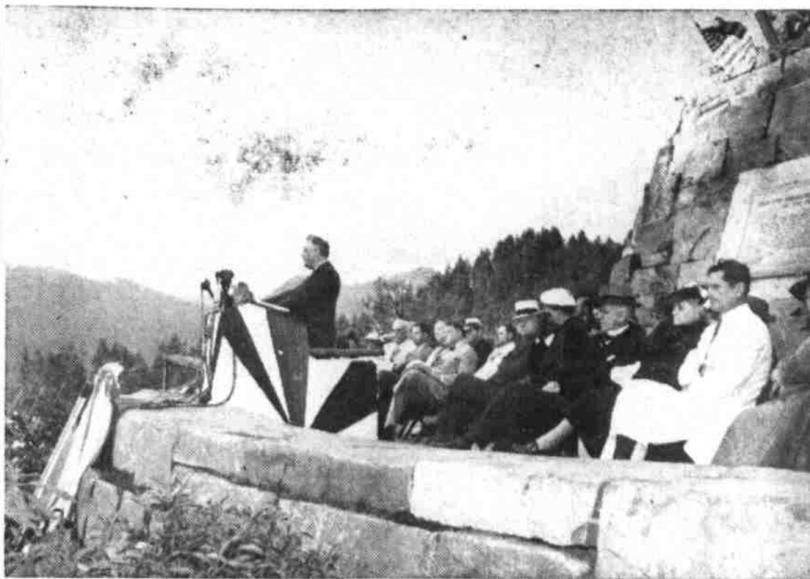
Aside from giving the Cataloochee Ranch and the owners, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Alexander a great deal of publicity, Waynesville also shares the free advertising, for the page is headed, "Cataloochee Ranch—Near Waynesville, N. C."

Since the pictures appeared on the 18th, the Alexanders have had 18 letters of inquiry from Washington, D. C., from prospective guests who wish to visit this section.

The page contains six pictures as follows: the ranch pack train leaving; Tom Alexander giving his wife Judy Alexander final instructions about where to meet the pack train enroute with supplies; a group of riders at the ranch house; cooking supper at the first night camp; washing dishes; a square dance at the ranch, including in picture Chas. E. Ray, Jr., J. Dale Stentz, and the musicians, Cal Messer, Mark Hannah, Rufe Buff, Rufe Sutton, Jim Lamb, and guests Miss Grace Price, of Pittsburgh, and William Alden, of Decatur, Ga.

Miss Josephine Platt spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Battle in Bryson City.

President Roosevelt Dedicates Park To Free People



Silhouetted against the high peaks of the Park, President Roosevelt is shown as he made his dedicatory speech late Monday afternoon. Shown here on the speaker's stand at the extreme right is Governor Maybank, of South Carolina, Mr. Clyde Hoey, Governor Hoey, Mrs. Roosevelt, Secretary Ickes. And directly behind President Roosevelt is Senator McKellar, Senator Reynolds, Governor Cooper of Tennessee and Paul V. McNutt, federal security administrator. Photo made for The Mountaineer by John Topping.

Larry Cagle Heads Young Haywood County Democrats

Larry Cagle, of Clyde, was elected president of the Haywood County Young Democrats at the annual rally which was held here on Saturday night in the Masonic Temple. He succeeds William Medford as president.

Others elected to serve with Mr. Cagle include: vice president, Mrs. Crawford McCracken; secretary, Sewell Hipps, of Canton; treasurer, James Queen.

Judge F. E. Alley was the main speaker of the evening. Following the program given at the dinner hour, the seventy or more Young Democrats attending enjoyed a square dance.

REV. AND MRS. HOPKINS LEAVE FOR HIGH POINT

The Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Hopkins and two small children left Wednesday for High Point where they will reside in the future.

Mr. Hopkins has served the First Baptist church for the past 26 months. He tendered his resignation here three weeks ago to accept a call to the Green Street Baptist church of High Point, the largest church of that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Howell, of Providence, R. I., are spending a fortnight here with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Howell.

Labor Day Celebration Was Best Ever Staged In This Community

2,784 Students Are Enrolled

A total of 2,784 students have enrolled in the Waynesville district schools for the 1940-41 term according to M. H. Bowles, district principal.

At the end of the first month of last year's term there were 2,822 enrolled. There are always a number, who for various reasons enter school late, and the enrollment of this year is expected to be increased.

The enrollment, according to schools is as follows: in the grammar grades East Waynesville 235; Hazelwood, 543; Rock Hill, 304; Central Elementary, 249; Maggie, 170; Lake Junaluska, 166; Saunook, 105; Allen's Creek 103; Dellwood, 60, making a total of 1,935 in the first six grades.

In the junior high and the senior high schools the following are enrolled: 7th grade, 246; 8th grade, 224; 9th grade, 140; 10th grade, 126; 11th grade, 103, making a total of 849.

Despite the interruption of the Labor Day holiday, Mr. Bowles states that the classes in all schools have made a splendid start and that the new system of finding out the talents of the students and the new method of grading is getting underway in a satisfactory manner.

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The 1940 celebration of Labor Day is generally accepted to have been the most successful observance of its kind ever held in the community. L. M. Richeson, general chairman and his committee members left nothing undone to make the day a holiday from the first moving of the parade to the last dance on the streets of Hazelwood.

The initial feature of the observance started with the union service on Sunday night at the Methodist church when the Rev. J. S. Hopkins, retiring pastor of the First Baptist church, delivered his last sermon in Waynesville. He spoke on "Purification for Service," and took his text from the vision of Isaiah.

The Junaluska Supply Company won the first prize of \$5.00 in the float contest, with the Junaluska Tannery winning the second place, with the \$2.50 prize.

The winning float had an Indian scene in front of a wigwam with the four small children of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Limer dressed as Indians.

The Junaluska Tannery, sounded a patriotic note, with Miss Corinne Wagenfeld as the statue of Liberty, as the central figure, with a hidden victrola playing "God Bless America."

Honorable mention was also given to the Junaluska Tannery.

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Haywood Farms Are Damaged \$100,000 By Floods, Estimated

Health Department Cites Dangers Following Floods

State Board Of Health Gives Instructions Of Precaution In Flooded Areas

The occurrence of two unprecedented floods in Haywood County during the past month has increased the possibility of an outbreak of typhoid fever, according to Dr. C. N. Sisk, district health officer.

"Typhoid fever can be contracted by swallowing the germ which is eliminated from the alimentary and intestinal tracts of cases or carriers of the disease," says Dr. Sisk.

"High waters overflowing wells, and springs greatly increase the danger of typhoid fever in the event a case or carrier of the disease lives in the vicinity. In order to safeguard the public against typhoid fever under the usual conditions that exist at the present time, the North Carolina State Board of Health has prepared a notice to residents of flooded areas giving instructions in cleaning up following a flood and in treating water supplies following a flooded condition," continued Dr. Sisk.

The instructions are as follows: All water used for drinking purposes except city water should be boiled at least ten minutes.

All persons living in areas affected by flood waters should be vaccinated for typhoid fever at once.

Wells or springs which have been flooded should be pumped out (Continued on page 12)

Highest Water In History Of County, Does Untold Damage; Takes Life

More than a hundred thousand dollars damage to crops, farms and property generally in the rural sections was suffered from the second flood to visit this section during the past two weeks, according to the county agents, who made a thorough inspection of all points that could be reached since record-breaking high waters of last Friday.

While certain areas in the towns were flooded the losses are minimal in comparison to the heavy damages sustained in the rural districts.

Thursday night brought in the last train on the Southern Railway from Asheville until six o'clock Tuesday morning when the welcome whistle was heard from a freight train. Since that time the regular schedule has been observed, with each train, however, a little late.

At Enka and Canton bridges were washed away, and at several other points the tracks were undermined. There was only a slight damage on the tracks between here and Bryson City, which was repaired in about 24 hours, according to J. G. Terrell, local Southern ticket agent.

Manufacturing plants in the county were closed from a few hours to several days.

Incoming mails were irregular, being brought in by truck. Motorists to Asheville had to detour by way of Newfound, out from Canton.

The waters of the county's worse floods rose from one to five feet higher than in the first flood in certain areas. Cecil township was the hardest hit, with Pigeon township and Allen's Creek running a close race for second place. It has been impossible to make a complete estimate of the damages in the Cecil and Allen's Creek sections as all bridges and roads have been washed away. On Allen's Creek it is passable only to Charlie Buchanan's store.

In Cecil township in which farms have been laid waste with crops and soil gone, and nothing but a rock bed left Ned Moody, of Cecil township, who had his entire seven acres under cultivation and his livestock destroyed. He reported that nothing left but a roof over his head.

On the West Fork of the Pigeon in some places the water covered a twenty mile area, which has never been known to have occurred before by even the oldest residents. The first flood did considerable damage to this section, but nothing as compared to the second.

The body of Mrs. Bill Hampton, of Big Creek, of the Cecil section was found three miles from her home, which was completely washed away.

The body of the Rev. Bill Hampton, missing since last Friday's flood, was found early Wednesday about a mile from the point where the waters swept away his home.

A Mr. Rogers and his son were engaged in reconstructing a foot bridge about a mile from the mouth of Big branch near here when they (Continued on page 7)

Dr. Gudger Will Give Paper On Dr. Abel At Meet

Dr. E. W. Gudger, of the American Museum of Natural History, of New York City, will read a biographical sketch of the late Dr. J. F. Abel at the regular communication of the Waynesville Lodge, number 259 A. F. & A. M., at the Masonic Temple on Friday night at 8 o'clock.

Two members of the local lodge, W. T. Lee and Alden Howell, the latter now residing in Los Angeles, Calif., have recently been honored by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina in recognition of their more than fifty years of membership in the organization. These medals are to be presented at the meeting here Friday night.

Haywood Singers To Meet Sunday

The annual Haywood Singing Convention will meet Sunday at 1:30 at the court house here.

All singers are invited to attend, according to an invitation extended by A. C. Arrington, president.

Spurge Shelton is secretary of the group.

Surplus Seed Available For Those Who Lost Heavily During The Floods

The State College Extension Service has compiled a list of sources of surplus legume and small grain seed available for the drought and flood stricken areas of North Carolina. A copy of this list has been placed in the hands of every county farm agent in the state.

John W. Goodman, assistant extension director, acted promptly when it was evident that the dry weather in July and the heavy rains and floods in August had destroyed thousands of acres of food and feed crops, and many bushels of stored seed. He called upon extension agents to report on seed surpluses in their counties.

The survey showed that there are available: 124,835 bushels of oat seed, 61,232 bushels of wheat, 18,500 bushels of burley, 1,000 bushels of rye, 30,000 pounds of crimson clover, 17,000 pounds of Italian rye grass, and 5,000 pounds of vetch.

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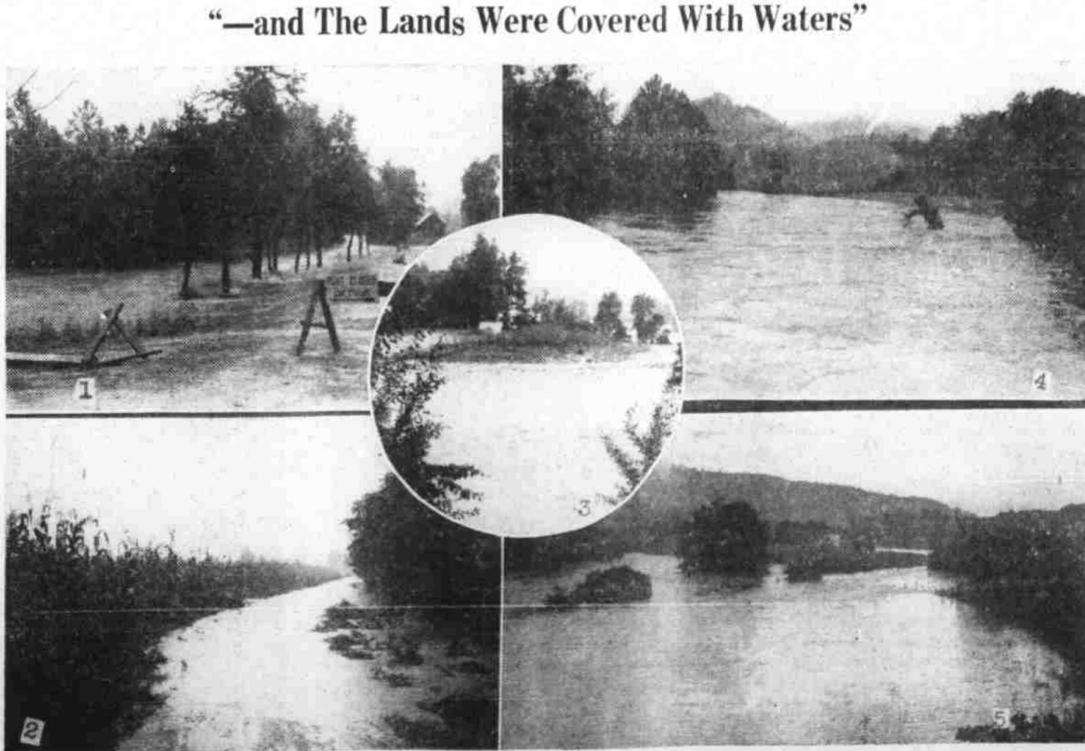
Scouts Will Hold Day Meet Canton Sat.

Members of the eleven Boy Scout troops of Haywood County will meet at the Champion softball field in Canton on next Saturday for patrol ribbons, troop awards and the Alexander trophy for Scoutcraft. Public is invited to attend.

The events will include inspection, rebuilding, flapjack contest, race, knot relay, signal-catching, first aid and fire and steel. Each troop may have two teams in every event with the exception of inspection which includes the entire troop. Regulations and entry blanks have been sent to all Scout-

Pictures Galore

This issue of The Mountaineer contains more local pictures than any issue ever published, and perhaps more other non-daily news-never carried outside of our editions. Our cameraman covered the flooded areas—the dedication of the Park—the Labor Day celebration, besides getting pictures of the farmers who were declared best in each category.



1—A scene between the two bridges at Woodrow. 2—Taken from the John D. Kinsland place on the River road in Pigeon township, looking over the J. L. Westmoreland and Kinsland farms.

3—Scene from the front of the John D. Kinsland place, looking up Pigeon River. 4—Taken from the Ferguson bridge near the T. C. Ferguson store on Crabtree. Logs from the Champion Paper and Fibre company may be seen on the water.

5—Taken from the lawn surrounding the A. J. McCracken farm in Clyde township, where the Pigeon River and the Richland Creek join. These pictures made by Wayne Corpening.

Other flood pictures are printed elsewhere in this section.