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Labor Day Activities To Center In Canton

Champion Starts 5 Million Expansion

Other Big Machine To Installed

Expansion To Get Un-
way Immediately
Canton Plant Of
Champion Paper and
Fibre Company.

Expansion program,
to increase the daily ca-
pacity of the Canton division of
the Paper and Fibre com-
pany to a total of more than 1,000
tons of chemical pulp, paper and
products and involving an ex-
penditure of approximately \$5,000,
officially announced Satur-
day, B. Robertson, execu-
tive vice-president of the Champion
Paper and Fibre company.

Completion of this pro-
gram which is
under way during 1946, chemical
pulp production will be stepped up
from 600 tons daily, while
board products will
total daily capacity of more
than 1,000 tons. Mr. Robertson ex-

plains that in the past 10 years the
Canton division of the Champion
Paper and Fibre company has
made remarkable strides in the in-
crease of paper, board and chemical
production. During this period
production was increased by
nearly 60 per cent, while the
time chemical pulp pro-
duction was increased by approxi-
mately 100 per cent.

Plans ahead into the post-war
era now call for the con-
struction of the sulphite pulp pro-
duction plant which will
bleached sulphate pulp
from southern pine wood,
hardwoods, can be suc-
cessfully produced. Present wood sup-
ply is adequate, it was said, to
meet present and future opera-

to fully round out these
plans, many alterations
will have to be made, Mr. Rob-
ertson said, and chief among these
will be the completion of a
recovery unit which
is under construction and
will likely be completed
October. Also included in
the program is the installation
of a bleaching unit, a 7,500
hp. motor, as well as the instal-
lation of a new high pressure steam

2,000,000 Machine

to handle this substan-
tial paper production, a
new paper manufacturing
machine will be installed at a
cost of approximately \$2,000,000.
This machine will be similar to
the No. 2 machine in the
manufacturing area which
is the largest white paper
machine in the world.

United Forces Ready To Jap Surrender

Admiral MacArthur arrived in
Tokyo and Admiral Chester W.
Nimitz arrived in Tokyo Bay yester-
day. The zero hour approached
the Allied air and sea land-
ing operations in the greater Tokyo area for
the surrender of the Japanese.
The surrender will be officially sign-
ified on September 2.

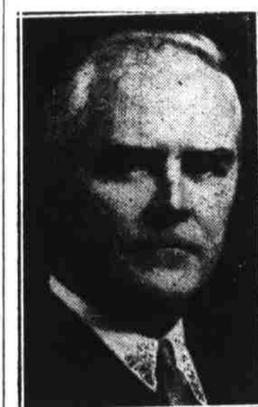
sea-borne troops went
ashore from three fortified islands
at Yokosuka naval base in
Tokyo Bay at 6:15 this morning.
General MacArthur and his
staff with thousands of air-
borne troops at Atsugi air-
base south of Tokyo, and
the 1st Marine Division and
blue-jackets ashore from ships at
Sasebo.

for the port-sur-
rounding, the greatest air
force ever gathered in the
area making last minute
preparations at bases 1,000 miles
from the coast.

MacArthur and his
staff flew from Ma-
nila to Tokyo and watched the
air-borne troops disembark
from the air-borne troops
company him climb in-

Haywood Farm Acreage Increases; Number Of Farms Show Decrease

Expands Plant



RUBEN B. ROBERTSON, vice president in charge of Champion Paper and Fibre Company, announced Saturday that a five million dollar expansion program had been started by the Canton plant.

Census Of Agriculture Show Trend Of Farm In County Over 10-Year Period.

Haywood county has 89 fewer farms this year than in 1940, according to a report by the census bureau. At present there are 3,030 farms in the county, as compared with 3,119 in 1940. Back in 1935 there were 3,197 or 167 more than today, the report showed.

The report should not be discouraging, however, because there are more than 10,000 acres in farm-lands today than back in 1940 when there were more farms. Today Haywood has 168,736 acres in farms as compared with 158,781 in 1940 and only 200,028 in 1935.

The average farm in Haywood today consists of 55.7 acres as compared with 50.9 acres in 1940 and 62.6 in 1935.

In announcing the 1945 census totals of farms and land in farms in Haywood, Supervisor Herndon pointed out that the figures are preliminary and subject to correction.

Trains And Buses Still Taxed To Capacity In This 'Plenty-Of-Gas Era'

Chas. L. Ferguson Medical Officer Promoted To Capt.

Captain Charles L. Ferguson, medical officer, U. S. Navy, son of Mrs. Horace C. Ferguson and the late Mr. Ferguson, has been promoted to his present rank from commander, it was learned from his family this week.

Capt. Ferguson is serving now in the Pacific theatre, but has been ordered to the States and assigned to duty as medical chief of the Naval Hospital at Farragut, Idaho.

Captain Ferguson has been in the navy for several years. He is a graduate of the Waynesville Township high school, the University of North Carolina, and Harvard University, receiving his commission soon after his graduation in the medical school at Harvard. At the time he entered the navy he received the highest grade out of 1,200 taking the Naval examinations. He also graduated from the University of North Carolina with the highest scholastic rating in his class.

Miss Mable Pugh, of Raleigh, who has spent the greater part of the summer here as the guest of Mrs. John M. Queen, has returned home.

A check up of local transportation facilities this week revealed that the lifting of gas rationing has had little effect on the amount of traveling to and from this section.

The Southern Railway agents at the local depot report that overcrowded conditions still prevail, both going into Asheville and from Asheville. A conductor on the Murphy Branch recently reported to the local agent that his train had left Asheville with 225 passengers on a car that was supposed to seat 72.

It was pointed out that perhaps there might have been some difference had the restriction been lifted earlier in the season, before so many visitors had left home, making the trip here by train and bus. If they could have come in their own cars, the conditions might not have been so crowded on the trains.

It was also learned that those seeking reservations from all points out of Asheville were having difficulty in getting what they desired due to the continued heavy travel conditions.

There has been very slight difference in bus travel, it was learned from the local bus station, but it

Reported Missing



LT. (JG) PAUL A. GOSSETT, son of Mrs. Ethel L. Gossett, of Clyde, has been reported missing since August 13. He was serving on the submarine Bullhead.

Lt. Paul Gossett Reported Missing In Pacific Theater

Lt. (JG) Paul A. Gossett, son of Mrs. Ethel L. Gossett, and the late J. H. Gossett, of Clyde, has been reported missing in the Java sea since August 13, according to information received by his wife.

Lt. Gossett has been in the service for the past nine years, and for four years was aboard the USS Minto. He was then placed in submarine training and took special courses in New London, Conn. Later he was assigned to the Caribbean area.

At the time he entered the service Lt. Gossett was employed by the American Enka Corporation.

Surviving are his mother, and wife, the former Miss Catherine Moody, of Waynesville, R.F.D. No. 2, one brother, J. H. Gossett of Portland, Ore.; two sisters, Mrs. A. C. Jackson, of Everett, Wash., and Mrs. Frank Bowman, of Waynesville.

Lt. Gossett was serving aboard

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Groups From Two States Meet Today To Discuss Road Down Pigeon River

Some fifteen civic and business leaders of Haywood and other points in Western North Carolina, will meet with a similar group of Tennesseans today at Waterville for the first joint-session on the proposed water-level highway down Pigeon river to Newport.

The Tennessee group have charge of plans for the meeting and will have with them highway officials to discuss details of getting groundwork started for early construction on the proposed road.

The project was thrown into the limelight several weeks ago when Chairman A. H. Graham of the North Carolina State Highway Commission at a meeting of Park officials here announced he was ordering an engineer's survey to be made in North Carolina on the proposed road.

Since that time, R. Getty Browning, chief locating engineer of the highway department, has made a tentative survey of the area, but has not sent in a crew to get a detailed report.

Tennessee is definitely interested in the building of the road, and would have to construct about 18 miles to the state line while North Carolina would have about 19 1/2 miles to build from the end of the present state road down the Pigeon River Gorge.

Charles Ray, chairman of the roads committee here, will lead the North Carolina delegation today. Since the state highway commission is in session, it will not be possible for them to attend the meeting today, however, a representative of the department is expected to attend.

The road from here to Newport, via Cove Creek and Waterville would be about 51 miles, with 33 miles in this state, and the remainder in Cocke county, Tennessee.

Miss Jane Dudley Francis, who holds a position with Tomlinson's of High Point, is expected home for the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Francis.

First At Lake



DR. ROBERT E. SPEER, was the first speaker to deliver an address from the Lake Junaluska platform over 30 years ago. He is now giving a series of lectures at the Lake. (Story on page SIX).

Nothing New On Hotel Project Is Given Out

No new developments have been announced concerning the proposed hotel here. Gov. R. H. Gore, of Florida, who made the community a proposition last week, is still in Florida, and is expected back shortly. His proposition was that he would put \$180,000 into a \$300,000 hotel if the community would put \$120,000.

Dr. Stuart Roberson, president of the Chamber of Commerce, who recently named a committee to work on the matter, said yesterday, "There is no definite statement to make at this time. The need for a modern hotel is more acute than ever, and the Chamber of Commerce realizes this. Right at this time, there is no statement that can be made," he continued.

Dinner In Paris, August 12, In Army, Dinner At Home, Aug. 19, Discharged

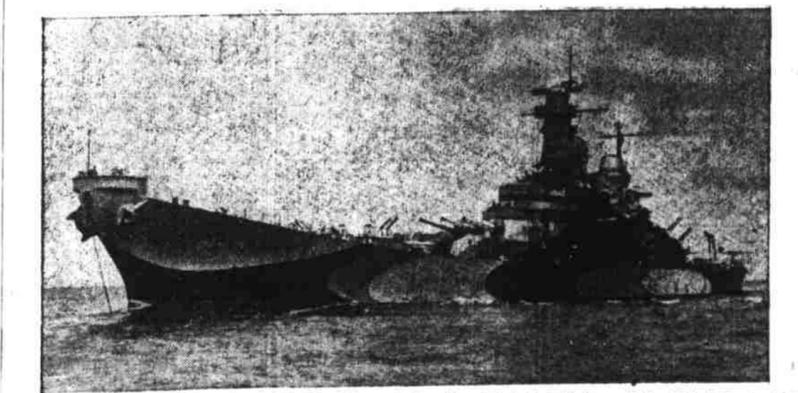
Private First Class Dewey McKay, of the 82nd Airborne Division, had dinner in Paris on Sunday, August 12, and one week later on Sunday, August 19, had dinner with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther McKay, in Hazelwood—as a discharged veteran.

Pfc. McKay flew to Newcastle, Del., and from there was sent to the separation center at Fort Bragg, where he was discharged from the armed forces and headed for home.

Pfc. McKay entered the service on March 11, 1942, but when he went overseas he did not make such record time. His ship was one of the "big convoys" and had to drop out for repairs twice en route, with the trip covering fourteen days.

Pfc. McKay had many varied experiences during his months of combat in the European theatre, as a member of an infantry glider outfit. At the time he entered the service he was employed by the Unagusta Manufacturing Company.

USS Missouri To Be Scene Of Historic Jap Surrender



The above is the 45,000 ton battleship Missouri, flagship of Admiral Halsey, of the Third Fleet which anchored yesterday off the port city of Tokyo—with the Tokyo skyline visible to the north.

The USS Missouri will end her World War II career in a blaze of glory September 2, 1945, in Tokyo Bay, when she serves as the scene of the historical unconditional surrender of Japan to the United States. Proudly bearing the name of the home state of President Harry S. Truman, the fighting USS Missouri has been named by General of the Army Douglas MacArthur, supreme Allied commander, as Missouri was the locale of the formal ending of the war in the Pacific. Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander-in-chief of the United States Pacific Fleet and Pacific ocean areas, will sign for the United States. General of the Army MacArthur, for the Allied forces which fought in the Pacific. The USS Missouri was launched January 29, 1944. Construction was ordered June 1, 1940. Her keel was laid on January 6, 1941, at the New York Navy Yard.

Escorting the battleship that will go down in history as remembered for the surrender are three destroyers, the Nicholas, O'Bannon and Taylor. Traveling behind the battleship Missouri, was her sister ship the Iowa. In turn came the South Dakota, to serve as Admiral Nimitz's flagship while he is in that area to sign at the surrender ceremonies as the representative of the United States. With her came the destroyers Buchanan, Lansdowne and Lardner.

Next in line was the battleship Duke of York, flagship of Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser, commander-in-chief of the British fleet. With her were the British destroyers Whelp and Wagner.

Canton Will Stage Dual Observance

All Haywood County Invited To Participate In Gigantic Celebration.

Labor Day will be the center of Labor Day activities in Haywood county on Monday, as a dual celebration is staged, combining Labor Day with a Victory observance.

Mayor Sam Robinson of Canton, yesterday extended a formal invitation "to all Haywood to come to Canton and celebrate both Labor Day and Victory. We extend a cordial invitation to all citizens of the county to be with us for our entire program, which starts Friday, and continues through Monday night. We are especially interested in having with us all military personnel, whether now in service or discharged." The Canton mayor continued.

The event has been evidenced all week by Lee's liding devices at the Champion Park, giving a festive holiday approach to the activities.

World War veterans are displaying in the windows of the stores souvenirs of their combat experiences, along with hobby and other interesting collections. The streets have been decorated by the American Legion post, and the entire town of Canton has spurred up for the celebration.

Today the colored population of the Canton area will celebrate, with the rides on Lee's riding devices reserved for them up to 8 p. m. Badminton, golf, tennis, elementary softball and other tournaments will feature the program for this group.

On Friday there will be a dance (both round and square) staged at the Canton armory at 9:00 p. m., sponsored by the business and professional women's club and the state guard. Various athletic contests will continue throughout the day.

On Saturday boys swimming, diving, checkers, billard, table tennis and other contests will be held at the Champion Y. while high school girls will take part in a softball tournament at the Champion Park.

Other features will include girls swimming, diving, checkers, table

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Business To Suspend For the Day Here

No Formal Public Program Planned For This End Of The County On Monday.

The sale of property on which the 1944 taxes have not been paid will be held as advertised at the court house on Monday morning, and since the community will have a holiday and there is much interest in real estate at this time, a large crowd is expected to be present for the routine procedure.

All eating places in the area will remain open until three o'clock in the afternoon, serving breakfast and the noon day meal, but will be closed for the afternoon and evening.

The bank will join the other business firms and observe the national holiday, it was learned from the president, Jonathan Woody.

The Waynesville post office will be closed also, according to Col. J. Harden Howell, postmaster.

All industrial plants in the community will have an extended week-end from Saturday to Tuesday, it was learned from the heads of the organizations.

All offices in the courthouse will be closed over Monday with the exception of the sheriff's department, which never observes a holiday, according to Geo. A. Brown, Jr., county manager.

The Welco Shie Corporation is observing the day with a picnic at the Waynesville Armory which will be attended by approximately 400 employes and guests. The affair will start at 5 o'clock with James W. Reed, master of ceremonies.

One highlight of the program of the event will be the awarding of certificates to the employes of the firm who have been with the corporation for four years, since the establishment of the plant here.

Representative Of Veterans Adm. Here On Sept. 3

A representative from the Veterans Administration will be in the office of the Haywood Red Cross Chapter on Monday, September 3, according to an announcement by Mrs. Barbara Seaman, who is serving as secretary of home service of the local work.

Any veteran of either World War I or II is invited to consult the representative at the office in the court house relative to any problem which they may wish to have adjusted. Announcement will also be made at later times when the representative will be here.

Wilson Rathbone Wounded In Action On Indianapolis

Wilson Rathbone, seaman second class, was wounded in action on July 30, at the time being one of the crew aboard the USS Indianapolis which was lost after delivering its famous cargo to Guam.

The Indianapolis was damaged by a suicide plane off Okinawa on March 31 and had been at the Mare Island Navy Yards for repairs just before leaving for her last historical mission.

Seaman Rathbone spent a leave with his wife and two children in May of this year.

School Enrollment Is About Same As 1944

"You are growing older now. You have reached the age where you should develop a sense of responsibility, where you can decide the right and wrong of things and adapt your conduct accordingly," said M. H. Bowles, superintendent of the Waynesville school district, at the opening exercises on Monday morning of the current school term of 1945-46 at the Township high school.

"We strive here for a goal of self-discipline, and we want the pupils to appreciate their part in making our year's work a success, but if a student fails to enter into the cooperation of the school life we teachers have to take a hand," he explained to the 796 boys and girls enrolled on the opening day.

The enrollment this week is slightly larger than that of last year with a greater increase in the seventh grade.

Enrollment figures by grades were as follows: Seventh grade, 225; eighth grade, 161; ninth grade, 152; tenth grade, 140; eleventh grade, 118.

The enrollment at the other schools in the district were not

available yesterday, but will be announced next week, with that of other schools in the county, it was learned from the superintendent.

The general spirit of the students is fine and they seem willing and cooperative, according to Mr. Bowles and the teachers.

There are still three vacancies in the county schools as follows: vocational agriculture teacher for the Waynesville Township high school; history teacher for Clyde high school; and vocational agriculture teacher for the Fines Creek school.

The positions are expected to be filled during the next 30 or 60 days, according to Mr. Bowles, who stated that the vacancies would no doubt be filled with men from the armed forces who are being discharged.

While there are a number of adjustments to be made in the schedules at the high school this week, by Friday it was expected that they would be ironed out and ready to start on Monday morning of next week with a permanent organization.

Haywood Casualty List

As of Today:

Killed in action	108
Wounded	221
Prisoners	4
Missing in action	24
Liberated	22
Total	379