

Canton Labor Day

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heard Dr. I. G. Greer, president of the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, deliver a splendid message. Continuing the pre-Labor Day Sabbath program, Canton offered the Canton school band, playing under the new direction of Robert Matthews, at Champion park late Sunday afternoon. This program was sandwiched with quartet numbers by Canton's Ministers quartet composed of Rev. Dr. E. P. Billups, pastor of Canton Central Methodist church, Rev. George Culbreth, pastor of Morning Star Methodist church, the Rev. T. Houts, Jr., pastor of Bethel Methodist church, and Gerald G. Hill, connected with paper and board inspection for the Champion Paper and Fibre Company. An estimated crowd of 4,000 persons enjoyed the late afternoon program. From all corners of Western North Carolina came thousands of persons Sunday evening at 8 o'clock to hear Dr. I. G. Greer in his final address of the day on "Security". A community choir singing under the direction of Miss Mae Marshbanks, director of public school music in Canton, proved an outstanding feature of this twilight program. The address of Dr. Greer was unanimously labeled one of the best ever offered here for an entertainment of this nature.

After enjoying one of the greatest Sabbath pre-Labor Day programs in her history, Canton arose early Monday morning and swung into action on her Labor Day celebration which attracted visitors from many adjoining states. Many brought their lunches while others ate their lunches in restaurants and temporary eating establishments erected to take care of the anticipated over-flow crowd. Food had been entirely exhausted in many places by mid-afternoon. Following the parade and band concert, Canton continued to offer varied brands of entertainment from the huge band stand on Champion park throughout the afternoon. Many quartets, trios, duets, and solos were heard during the program. Varied features, including specialty back dancing by "Aunt" Ida Mullis, of Waynesville, typical mountaineer in there ever was one who declared she had been dancing for many of her more than 75 years. She proved a feature of the colorful square dance program which climaxed the Labor Day celebration here Monday night when she danced with Floyd Woody, Canton gasoline distributor.

It was estimated that approximately 5,000 persons witnessed the afternoon program which also included nail driving contests for women, hog, cow and dog calling contests for both men and women and various other features which drew much applause from the colorful crowd attending. G. C. Suttles, general secretary of the Champion Y. M. C. A., was chairman of the afternoon platform program which was labeled the most complete ever offered.

Between 8,000 and 10,000 persons witnessed Canton's greatest square dancing program Labor Day night on Champion park which was unable to accommodate the over-flow crowd.

Seven snappy and colorful square dance teams competed for honors in what definitely proved to be the greatest program of its kind ever offered Labor Day visitors in Canton.

The crowd was orderly, but plentiful and the color of the entertainment from start to finish has never been equaled in this locality.

The Skybrook Farms square

dance team walked off with first place in the evening's close competition. Gaden Corpening was caller for the team; his wife, Mrs. Kate Corpening, was leading lady. Second place went to the Ecusta Paper corporation's team, Pisgah Forest, with Walter Wood as caller and Dorothy Hamilton as leading lady.

Third place went to the Silva team, with Billy Cagle as caller and Doris Enslay as leading lady.

Four other dance teams participated in the Champion YMCA team, Frank Ford, caller, Fay Dills, leading lady; Champion Paper and Fibre company team, Clarence Hickman, caller, Shirley Earley, leading lady; Enka team, Bus Fletcher, caller, Ella Holcombe, leading lady; Solo Gap team, Wayne Blankenship, caller, Teddy Parris, leading lady.

The colorful square dance program was staged under the general supervision of Leftoy Mears. His assistants included Elizabeth Thompson of the Champion "Y" staff, Clarence Hickman, Hobert Williams and Postmaster Wade C. Hill.

The climactic event also was featured with songs by Smilin' Red Raper, of Morphy, who was accompanied by the widely-known Pressley string band and James Haney. His appearance drew much applause from the over-flow crowd. Other outstanding features used as a supplement to the square dancing program included songs by the Blalock sisters, Hilda and Frances, and Edith Wells. These girls added color to the program with the manner in which they presented harmony in every number.

Other supplementary numbers to the square dance program Monday evening included songs by the Canton quartet — Red Anderson, bass, Gaslon Rhinehart, first tenor, Hack Clark, baritone, and Ross Kilpatrick, second tenor. James Haney drew much applause with his solo, "I Dreamed My Daddy Came Home," and Little Joan Wilson, 9-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilson, of Canton, was colorful in presenting a special solo number before the huge crowd.

Prizes awarded at the morning parade went to the Canton school band, to the American Legion Varned-Rhinehart post, No. 61, and veterans of World War II, to Girl Scouts troop No. 4, and to young Carol Clark for his covered wagon and pony.

Members of the Labor Day committee Tuesday were making plans to have even a greater celebration here in 1946. They were checking up on various angles of the program this week, finding weak spots here and there, making plans to eliminate these entirely and profit by their shortcomings a year from now.

Maurice T. Brooks was chairman of the parade feature. Jimmy Deaton was master of ceremonies for the entire Labor Day program.

The entire program, beginning during the middle of last week, was effectively amplified through the facilities of the Hal Justice system.

Sponsoring the R. C. Lee riding devices which played Canton a week before Labor Day, the Canton Lions Club netted more than \$2,000. This money will be used in financing the Canton school band.

At the conclusion of the program Monday evening General Chairman Poindexter expressed his deepest appreciation to all committee members and others who had contributed in any way to the overwhelming success of the annual celebration. "Without the wholehearted cooperation of everyone," he concluded, "this could not have been accomplished."

Public Service Appliance Co. To Offer Varied Sales

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trical appliances of national brands.

Until the past few weeks, both men worked with the J. A. Jones Construction Company, building ships at Brunswick, Ga. Since that time they have gotten franchises for many national known lines of appliances, and bought modern equipment for their repair shop.

Mr. Geringer, sales manager of the firm, is well known here, having made this his home before the war. At the outbreak of the war he was in charge of appliance sales for REA here, and from here went to a Wilmington shipyard for 15 months before being transferred to Brunswick, where he was foreman in full charge of men and all installation on refrigeration units on ships. He had full charge of test operations on piping, coils, compressors and motors. Under his supervision, refrigeration units were installed in 85 Liberty ships, and 12 of the AV-1 class.

The Maritime Commission gave him a citation as a "first class mechanic and very good supervisor." Mr. and Mrs. Geringer, and two daughters have moved back to the home in Hazelwood.

Mr. Firth will have charge of the service department of the firm, and has been in refrigeration business for 20 years, estimating and servicing equipment. For many years he was with some of the leading refrigeration concerns of the country, including Frigidair and Deleo equipment, and has just returned from California where he was with Courier Brunswick Corporation, having complete charge of government installation work. He was also connected with the J. A. Jones Construction Company in Brunswick, Ga., for a period, in charge of refrigeration installation on the night shift.

He has also worked on mechanical milking equipment for large dairies, and is familiar with all type mechanical refrigeration. Mr. and Mrs. Firth have an apartment at the Junaluska Guest House here.

Capt. Williams Service Officer

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sent overseas in April, 1943. He served in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, Southern France, Germany and Austria. He was returned to the states on August 1, and discharged on the 16th of August.

He had attended West Point preparatory school and held a commission in the Reserves at the time he entered active service. He is entitled to wear the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart, seven campaign stars, Arrowhead (four invasions), Pre-Pearl Harbor, European-Mediterranean theater, and American ribbons. He was wounded twice and injured once during the months he was in combat.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dudley, of Indian Head, Md., are spending some time here with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Whitner.

Tony Jones, grandson of Mrs. Eugene C. Jones, has returned to Chapel Hill, where he is a student at the University of North Carolina, to resume his studies.

Mountaineers Hard At Work For Opening Of 1945 Football Season

The Waynesville High School Mountaineers have been hard at work this week in preparation for the opening of the football season on the local gridiron next week when they meet Bryson City.

Coach Carleton Weatherby has been putting the boys through some tough workouts stressing the three fundamentals of football, blocking, charging and tackling, together with some hard scrimmage. He has as yet not selected his starting eleven, but quite a number of the boys are showing up good.

The squad has been cut to 44 players, enough for four teams, and all are being put through their paces, with a number of new men showing good form.

The team this year will be light and fast, which has been the case for the past several years. The team will also be made up practically from scratch, as only a few of the prospective players have ever played football of any sort.

Leaves Asheville



COACH RALPH JAMES, for the past four years coach of Asheville high school football team has taken on new duties as coach of High Point College. He is well known here, and his teams have played Waynesville for years.

Asheville Coach Assumes Duties At High Point

HIGH POINT — Coach Ralph James of Asheville High, has been employed as head coach at High Point College. He will report for duty at once. He is leaving Asheville after a most successful four year stay, where he had thirty-five wins and only three defeats.

Following a twenty game winning streak, his 1942 team was selected to compete in the Orange Bowl against the Miami (Fla.) high school team for the Southern High School championship. The Baltimore Sun acclaimed his team one of the two most outstanding high school teams in the United States. James was selected as the 1942 head coach for the North Carolina All-Star high school team in the Annual Shrine classic at Charlotte. He was assisted by Jamison, Gresham, and their team won by a score of 33 to 0.

James started his coaching experience sixteen years ago, at Blue Ridge school for boys. After three years he went to Weaver College, and then to Brevard College, where he stayed two years at each. For three years he coached at Western Carolina Teachers College, and from there, four years ago, to Asheville High.

He was a three letter man for three years at Wake Forest College. In 1926 and 1927 he made All-State in basketball and baseball.

Fishing In Pisgah Forest Breaks All Previous Records

Trout fishing in the streams of the Pisgah National forest this season has broken all former records, according to information obtained from Bill Huber, forest ranger.

When the season closed Friday, August 31, it was anticipated that at least 5,000 fishermen have fished in the forest streams this season and that their total catch was nearly 23,000, or an average of nearly five fish per person, he stated.

A special planting of 10-inch brook trout will be made this week in the 50 miles of fishing waters on Davidson river and the rearing station will carry over 25,000 trout to be planted legal size next spring.

Mr. Huber stated that with gasoline rationing lifted, the outlook is bright for a late tourist season. So far this season the number of tourists visiting the forest from South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida equals the number from North Carolina.

"Thousands of people are enjoying the drive to Mount Pisgah, leaving their cars at the scenic parking area and hiking to the peak of Pisgah," he said.

The Pisgah parking area, a forest service, is now open and vacationists can obtain refreshments at this point.

Soap may be more plentiful about the time school starts. That's what we call rubbing it on little Johnny!

Capital Letters

By THOMPSON GREENWOOD

DUTCH — Camp Davis is now housing 20,000 Dutch Marines. It is said, and this is virtually the entire Dutch Marine Corps. Around Wilmington and New Bern and Washington these days one can see more Dutch Marines than American. You don't notice it greatly until they start talking.

40-HOUR — Are State offices headed for a 40-hour week? Beginning September 15, all Federal agencies will be required to work only five days, eight hours to the day, and that means a two-day week-end anyway you look at it. It ought to move parties from Saturday nights to Friday nights and therefore put more people in church and Sunday Schools on Sunday morning.

Since Henry Ford 20 years ago began the 40-hour week plan, it has been spreading. Industry has carried the ball, and it now looks as if all work will be on the 40-hour plan. This does not apply, of course, to the butcher, the baker, and the candlestick maker.

FIGURING — Here is some blind-side reasoning for you: If you stood a good chance of being appointed Senator between 1943 and 1954, would you vote and work for J. M. Broughton in 1948? In other words, Secrates, if Bailey is re-elected in 1948, isn't there some chances he could not last through the six years? Yes. Well, if you were close to the Governor during those years, would you stand some little chance of being appointed to Bailey's position? Also, my fine-feathered friend, even if he did last throughout the term, wouldn't you like to run for the seat at the end of that time? Yes. You know, of course, that in the event Mr. Broughton is elected, he may be in there for the next 30 years. Well, where would that leave you and your Senatorial ambitions?

So — it is reasonable to suppose, is it not, that virtually all of the political leaders, the big boys, may be against Broughton in 1948, knowing that if he wins they will be out of it completely. But if he loses, Bailey may die, resign, or fail to run again in 1954, and thus give them a chance for the Senate by appointment or election at the end of six years.

FLY — But here is a little fly in the ointment. The Governor next time will be from the East; and in the event Bailey could not continue in office from 1948 to 1954, this Governor would have a little agreement with his Lt. Gov. He would resign and have the new Governor appoint him Senator. This could happen all right during the first four years of that six-year term. But not during the last two years, for the Governor during that time would be from the West, and he could not take the Eastern Senator's place.

UMSTEAD — What is William Umstead going to do, if anything? One hears his name mentioned for Governor and then for Senator. One Raleigh politico said last week that he wished Mr. Umstead would hurry and make up his mind. Well, it could be he's running for both offices. Running for Governor and working for Bailey, as outlined above.

WILSON — Louis (Hop) Wilson, who is now doing recruiting work for the Navy has been doing it since November, 1942, will not return to the State Department of Agriculture as director of publications. Sometime this fall he will move to Washington and handle publicity for the National Grange at a reputed salary of \$6,000.

Although never on any fighting front, Wilson has made a worthy contribution to the war effort by combing the highways and hedges for young and able apprentice seamen.

His beautiful wife, Mildred, who is information lady for the State employment folks, will also be leaving Raleigh, and a wide circle of friends, as the society editor says.

UPCHURCH — C. A. (Abie) Upchurch, assistant managing editor of the News and Observer, has resigned this position to become newsman for Radio Station WRAL.

AUSTRALIA — Miss M. E. Griffin of Subiaco, West Australia, is going to marry a North Carolina boy, she writes, and wants to obtain a copy of "Favorite Recipes of

Canton Team Set For Opening Tilt On Friday Night

Black Bears Will Meet Hayesville On Canton Field In Season's First Game.

The Canton high school Black Bears will open their 1945 football schedule on the Canton gridiron Friday night with Hayesville. The kickoff is scheduled for 8:15 p. m. The Canton high school band, under the direction of Robert Matthews, will be on hand to furnish music. Admission prices will be: Students, service men and women in uniform, 25c; adults, 50c. A large crowd is expected.

Coach C. C. Poindexter has not indicated what the Black Bear starting lineup will be, but the following players have been running together as a team most of the practice periods this week: Ends, Vance and M. Stiles; tackles, Holland and B. Smathers; guards, Morgan and J. Miller; center, O'Dear; backs, G. Miller, Iveser, Howard and T. Stiles. Other players likely to see service in the game include: Trull, C. Miller, Haynie, J. Smathers, Burnett, Hawkins, West, J. Sharp, D. Sharp, Devin and Henson.

Carolina Power Has Big Expansion Program Started

Construction on a rural expansion program by the Carolina Power and Light company to include some 300 miles of new lines to serve approximately 1,800 customers in Western North Carolina has begun, it was announced by Julian B. Stepp, district manager.

A survey of the proposed lines in Haywood county, which are part of the general expansion plans for the area included around forty miles, it was learned this week.

The proposed lines in this section of the state are part of a general \$3,000,000 rural expansion calling for approximately 2,400 miles of new lines to serve about 11,000 new customers and others who may apply for service, it was stated.

Scattered Through Territory President L. V. Sutton stated that the company anticipates that the rural program will reach 3,000 miles of new lines by the end of 1946. The proposed new lines are scattered throughout the company's territory, covering a part of both North and South Carolina.

Mr. Sutton emphasized the fact that although some construction already has begun, the program will proceed as material and manpower become available. Unless there is delay in obtaining construction material, the company's present schedule calls for completion of the 2,400 miles of lines during 1946.

The \$3,000,000 rural program will require 40,000 poles, more than 3,000,000 pounds of wire and about 10,000 transformers.

So extensive is the program that several engineering firms to assist with line locations and staking and with a number of other firms to assist with construction and right-of-way clearing. These firms will participate in addition to the company's organization.

Extensive Undertaking

The present rural program is one of the most extensive ever undertaken by the Carolina Power and Light company. Prior to 1935, the company had constructed approximately 1,880 miles of rural lines, serving about 12,340 customers. During the period from June, 1935, to the beginning of the war, however, all types of company customers increased rapidly, the residential, commercial, and industrial customers almost doubling. During this time an addition of 4,500 miles of rural lines were constructed, serving 28,524 new rural customers.

2,839,000 Navy Men To Be Let Out During Year

WASHINGTON — The navy department has some good news for the boys in navy blue.

Secretary James Forrestal says that the navy department plans to release 2,839,000 men during the next year. Such a plan would reduce the strength of the navy to about 500,000 enlisted personnel and 50,000 officers. There are also plans underway for some changes in the navy point system for discharge. It is hoped that points will be given for overseas service, as is the case with the army discharge system. Secretary Forrestal, however, believes the point system will be reduced later as military requirements permit.

He says it was impossible to allow points for overseas service when the system was introduced because of incomplete records due to the transfer of men in the fleet.

North Carolina. The copy has been sent and it is hoped the recipes will fill the bill. —help me to give him some means just like they have back home in the States."

FOOTBALL — The first football games in the State this fall will come on September 22, with Duke playing South Carolina and State meeting Milligan.

Letters To Editor

APPRECIATE COOPERATION ON LABOR DAY PROGRAM

Editor The Mountaineer:

The program committee of the Canton Labor Day and Victory Celebration sincerely appreciate the splendid cooperation The Mountaineer gave us.

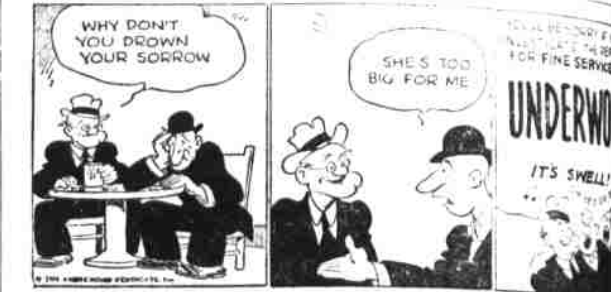
Such cooperation on the part of everyone made the entire program a huge success. We are grateful for the part your newspaper played.

Yours very truly,

C. C. POINDEXTER, General Chairman JIMMY DEATON, Master of Ceremonies.

W. Riley Palmer Heads Buncombe Rural War Fund

W. Riley Palmer, Buncombe county farm agent, has been named chairman of the rural division of the United Community Fund of North Carolina. Mr. Palmer, who has been in Asheville since 1937, becoming county farm agent a year ago, was in charge of a demonstration program in the combe area. Mr. Palmer is serving as chairman of the committee for the Cattle Show in Asheville in October.



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