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LAKE JUNALUSKA STARTS EXPANSION

Frozen Food Locker Plant Opens 6th

Public Opening
To Be Held
From One to Four
Public Invited
Inspect the New
Plant. Officials
To Be On Hand

Opening of the frozen
food locker plant of the Farmers
Union will be held Saturday
morning from one to four o'clock, at
the plant located on the
east side of town.

John H. Austin, general supervisor
of the frozen food locker plants for the
Farmers Union, explained
that all departments of
the plant will be open for public
inspection on Saturday.

After Saturday
departments will be
open to the public as the lockers
are filled with food.

At a meeting of explanation
held last night and will be in charge
of the plant. Short talks will
be given by Mr. Sales, Mr. Austin,
Mr. Capps, county agent, and
Mr. Most.

Most of the time will
be spent in inspecting the new
plant. This is the third plant the
union has built, the others are
located at Hendersonville,
Waynesville and Hendersonville.

The plant is under construction
and was announced yesterday that
the plant, well known meat
locker, will be in charge of
operations of the plant.

Plans for launching
the plant started here last
week when officials of the
union presented their plans
to the Haywood men, named
the planning committee. That
committee was composed of: W.
C. N. Allen, John
H. Burgin, Dean Colvard,
Kempson, R. B. Davenport,
Francis, Robert Francis, M.
W. N. W. Garrett, Paul
Robert Sutton.

W. Killian, Medford
Medford, Albert McCracken,
J. E. Massie, J. R.
D. Reeves, Noland, R. L.
Charles E. Ray, Dr. Stuart
Rogers, W. Curtis
Sims and Leo Weill.

Haywood County Farmers
Union is composed of H. Ar-
thur, chairman, Henry
Glen Boyd, J. B. Medford,
Wm. R. F. Davis, Dave
W. Carver, C. S. Green,
Bradley, Oral Yates and
H. Boyd.

County Sportsmen
and Wildlife
Organizations

On Friday the sermon topic will
be "Behold the Bridegroom."
There will be no services Saturday.
Sunday morning the visiting
preacher will use as his subject,
"The New Birth," and for the con-
cluding service will preach on "Be-
hold, I Stand At The Door."

Governor Wants
State Guard Units
Kept To Standard

"The attitude of the Governor
and all state officials is that the
State Guard units should be kept
intact and up to their high stand-
ard of war-time efficiency," said
Col. J. Harden Howell, commander
of the second North Carolina
Regiment of the State Guard.

Col. Howell and Lt. Col. M. H.
Bowles, executive officer of the
second N. C. Regiment attended a
meeting of the advisory council of
the State Guard in Raleigh over
the week-end, which was held with
the Governor and General Van
Metts.

Merchants Change Store Hours Effective Friday; Munday Is New President



Killed In Action

PFC. LEWIS (BUD) BEAVER,
husband of Mrs. Hazel Chester
Beaver, of Waynesville, who was
killed in a motor accident in Ger-
many where he was serving. The
accident occurred on August 17,
in Speyer, Germany. Pfc. Beaver
had been in the service since May,
1943, and was serving as a truck
driver for a battery service or-
dinance group at the time of the
accident. His duties had taken him
to various parts of France, Bel-
gium, Holland and Germany.

Interest Growing In Revival At Baptist Church

Interest is growing in the revival
which started Sunday at the First
Baptist church, with Rev. J. H.
Kyzar, of Laurens, S. C., the guest
preacher.

Rev. Mr. Kyzar announced yester-
day that tonight's subject would
be "What One Man Did." The ser-
vices are being held nightly, start-
ing at 7:30, with Rev. L. G. Elliott,
pastor, conducting the special song
services.

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Gilstrap Going To Large Church In Kingsport

Claude Gilstrap leaves soon after
the 14th, to become educational
director of the First Baptist church
in Kingsport, Tenn., after resign-
ing here Sunday from a similar
post with the First Baptist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilstrap and son
plan to move soon after the 15th
to their new home. The work in
Kingsport carries him to a church
about three times the size of the
one here, it was learned.

Mr. Gilstrap became educational
director here on February first of
this year. No announcement has
been made as to a successor.

200 Officers Expected For F. B. I. Conference

Special invitations have gone out
to all law enforcement officers in
this area, and in the larger cities
of northern South Carolina, to at-
tend the semi-annual F.B.I. Con-
ference to be held here on Octo-
ber 11th.

Stores To Open At 8:30 and Close At 5:30 Except Wednesdays and Saturdays

Store hours will change here
Friday morning, it was decided
at a meeting of the Merchants
Association Tuesday, at which time
Carl Munday was elected president,
succeeding Francis Massie.

Stores will open at 8:30 daily,
and close at 5:30 every day except
Wednesdays and Saturdays. The
Waynesville stores voted to close
at noon on Wednesdays, and Hazel-
wood stores will close an hour
later, due to lunch hours of the
plants there.

The closing hours for Saturdays
was set for 6 o'clock. All the new
hours become effective Friday
morning of this week.

Mr. Munday is expected to name
the various committees of the or-
ganization at an early date.

Gasoline Pump on Asheville Road Damaged By Fire

A Texaco pump at Charlie's
place on the Asheville road was
damaged by fire when a hit and
run driver ran into it and pulled
out some wires which ignited the
gasoline around 2 o'clock Sunday
morning.

The damage is estimated to be
around \$500, according to C. V.
Bell, Texaco distributor in this
section, who also stated the driver
had not yet been located.

The fire department was called
at once and the fire extinguished
with no other damage reported.

Forty Veterans File Discharges During Two Days

Tuesday and Wednesday of this
week were record days for filing
discharge papers in the office of
the Register of Deeds, according to
Bryan Medford, registrar.

During the two day period 40
veterans brought in their discharge
papers for permanent recording.
Among the number was one vet-
eran of World War I, who evi-
dently decided that with the influx
of World War II veterans he had
better get his discharge filed.

Gilstrap Going To Larger Field

Claude Gilstrap has re-
signed as educational director of
the First Baptist church here and
will assume duties in the same
capacity the middle of this month
with the First Baptist church in
Kingsport, Tenn.

Haywood Man Gets Medal Of Honor



T/SGT. MAX THOMPSON, holder of the Congressional Medal of Honor, and eleven other awards, is shown here shortly after he arrived at his home on Dix Creek, nine miles from Waynesville. A special program will be given in his honor Saturday afternoon at Canton. This photo made special for The Mountaineer by Grenell.

Max Thompson Day To Be Held In Canton Saturday

World War II Hero
Will Be Honored
In Special Program
Starting at 2 O'Clock

State officers, including Govern-
or Cherry, have been invited to
participate in the program which
will honor Sgt. Max T. Thompson,
23-year old medal of honor winner,
in Canton on Saturday afternoon
at 2 o'clock. The program will
also honor all other Western North
Carolina veterans of World War
II. Mayor Sam M. Robinson, of
Canton, will serve as master of
ceremonies.

The event is sponsored by the
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Hero Of World War II Prefers Army Discharge To His Eleven Awards

Graduate Of Bethel
Takes Honors In a
Matter-of-Fact Fashion
By W. CURTIS RUSS

"Look what I've got—my dis-
charge papers," said soft-spoken
T. Sgt. Max Thompson, as he
reached his home on Dix Creek
just in time for breakfast Sunday
morning. This gallant Haywood
man could have been waving the
Congressional Medal of Honor or
any of his other eleven awards in-
stead of his discharge papers, but
if you know Max, you know why.

He is just a modest young man,
who will talk about Fort Bragg
and other places in this country,
but closes up when you mention
the battles in Europe where he
fought and won all those deserved
honors. Sgt. Thompson holds his
country's highest honors for al-
most single handedly stopping a
Nazi break-through near Haaren,
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Fire Alarm Brings Fire Truck, But Case For Police

The fire alarm sounded loud
and strong in the middle of
the afternoon last Friday and
the fire truck left in a hurry
rushing down Main street and
out on the Dellwood Road to
the place called—only to find
instead of a fire three men in
a fight—two drunk and one
sober.

Fortunately coming right
behind the fire truck leaving
was a police car, so Chief
Clem Fitzgerald stepped aside
for the "proper authorities" and
the policemen went into
action—as a result the three
men were arrested and brought
to the county jail—but later
made bond.

Committees Named For United War Fund Drive

A. P. Ledbetter, county chair-
man of the United War Fund cam-
paign, announced the committees
for this area yesterday, and at the
same time said a county-wide
meeting of all workers would be
held at the court house Monday
night at 7:30, at which time de-
tails of the campaign would be ex-
plained, literature distributed and
plans completed for raising Hay-
wood's quota of \$11,500.

War Memorial Group Headed By J. H. Howell

Initial Meeting Held
By Community-Wide
Committee to Discuss
Plans For Memorial

J. H. Howell was named chair-
man of the War Memorial Com-
mittee here Thursday night, at
which time representatives of all
civic and patriotic organizations
made plans for proceeding with
machinery to establish a suitable
memorial to veterans of World
War I and World War II.

Lawrence Leatherwood was
named secretary of the organiza-
tion.

The group discussed at length
the various possibilities of a suit-
able War Memorial.

A committee composed of Char-
les Ray, H. L. Prevost and George
Bischoff was named to contact
Canton regarding a county-wide
memorial. The committee was in-
structed to make their report on
Wednesday, October 10th, when
the committee will meet again and
hear definite recommendations on
the proposals.

Fire Prevention Week To Be Observed Here

The town authorities are observ-
ing national Fire Prevention Week,
which begins on Sunday, Oct. 6,
and continues for a week by in-
spection of all business houses for
fire protection.

The inspection will be carried
on by G. C. Ferguson, town man-
ager and Clem Fitzgerald, head of
the fire department.

Next week's issue of The Waynes-
ville Mountaineer will also carry
a program of safety measures au-
thorized by the town, setting forth
how the public shall comply with
them, it has been announced by
Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Fitzgerald.

This Is National Newspaper Week

October 1-8 is National
Newspaper week, and its pur-
pose is to focus the attention
of the public on newspapers
and their service to their re-
spective communities.

On page 11 will be found a
special message from the own-
ers of the paper to the people
of the area which it serves.

On page 10 will be found a
review of the services of a
small town paper and its place
in the life of "the American
people in "Here and There."

CATTLE MEN HERE

J. H. Thompson, of Johnson City,
Tenn., secretary of Eastern Ten-
nessee Hereford Breeders, Wm. P.
Pence, secretary of the Chamber
of Commerce of this city, and John
J. Brown were here recently look-
ing over Hereford cattle.

Wins Bronze Star

CPL. SAM A. GREENE, of
Clyde, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy
Greene, of Fines Creek, has been
awarded the bronze star for heroic
achievement against the enemy on
October 20, 1944. Prior to enter-
ing the service he held a position
with the Newport News Shipbuild-
ing and Dry Dock Company. While
he is serving in the Pacific theater
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Building Plans At Lake To Cost About \$200,000

Assembly To Spend
Much On Expansion;
Individuals Plan
Extensive Building

This winter will witness the
greatest building era in the 35
years of Lake Junaluska, it was
learned yesterday from Dr. Frank
A. Love, superintendent of the
Methodist Assembly.

Something like \$100,000 will be
spent on improving Assembly prop-
erty and grounds, and an amount
running into the thousands will
be spent by individuals building
and repairing homes on the
grounds.

The Mission Board has set aside
\$15,000 for general improvements
to the Mission Inn. About \$5,000
was spent last year when the
dining room was doubled. The win-
ter program calls for interior
changes which will provide more
guest rooms with baths, new ladies'
lounge, and other improvements.

The Terrace Hotel is slated for
many decided improvements this
winter, calling for an expenditure
of \$6,000 or more. Among the
things in this program calls for
new kitchen equipment, larger
dining room, larger lobby with
new furniture, and possibly new
beds and rugs in many guest
rooms.

The memorial chapel, which will
likely be built on the site now
occupied by the Assembly office,
will cost \$50,000. Tentative plans
are to have this in readiness by
next season. The chapel is termed
as an "architectural gem." The
chapel will connect the auditorium
with an arch-way.

The auditorium had \$6,000 spent
on it last spring, in building new
classrooms, and a new platform.
An additional \$8,000 has been
raised to make further improve-
ments, including a new lighting
system, a late model movie projec-
tor, and a modernistic front.

Dr. Love pointed out that the
road from the Terrace Hotel to the
cafeteria would be repaved, and a
new recreation grounds will be
built near the boat house, which
will also be a new and larger struc-
ture by next spring.

The program calls for other
changes, such as moving the main
gate to a point near the Junaluska
school when the new highway to
Dellwood is built.

Dr. Love pointed out a large
number of private projects which
would be undertaken this winter,
in addition to the Assembly build-
ing program. Many vacant lots
were sold during the season, and
10 or 15 homes are being planned
for early construction. Some of
the private homes or hotels also
plan extensive renovations before
next season.

Last Rites Held For Mrs. Saumenig Friday Afternoon

Funeral services were conducted
at 3:30 o'clock Friday afternoon
at the Garrett Funeral Home for
Mrs. Mary E. Saumenig, who died
at 3:00 o'clock Thursday after-
noon at an Asheville hospital fol-
lowing an illness of four months.
Rev. J. Clay Madison, pastor of the
First Methodist church officiated.
Burial was in Green Hill ceme-
tery.

Serving as pallbearers were:
Whitener Prevost, Charles Ray,
Floyd G. Rippetoe, Richard N.
Barber, Jr., M. H. Bowles and
Frank Martin.

Mrs. Saumenig was born in
Jamaica, Long Island, New York,
on September 30, 1865. She had
lived many years in Mexico City
and New York City and came here
to make her home 12 years ago.
Possessing great charm and gra-
ciousness she had made many
friends during the years she re-
sided here.

Mrs. Saumenig is survived by
two nephews, Kenneth Valentine
and Jack Valentine, both of New
York City, and two nieces, Mrs.
Grace Daughy and Miss Mabel
Rogers, of Glendale, Calif., and a
number of grand nieces and neph-
ews.

Haywood Casualty List

LIST AS OF TODAY	
Killed in action	110
Wounded	221
Prisoners	2
Missing in action	24
Liberated	24
Total	381