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## Severe Storm Hits Large Farming Area

### High Winds And Rains Cause Of Damages

Maggie, Hemphill, Jonathans Creek, Lower Crabtree Hit Hardest

#### NORMAN CALDWELL NARROWLY ESCAPES

**BULLETIN**  
At 3:10 Monday afternoon damages caused by a storm in the eastern part of the county disrupted electric service in this end of the county. Workmen repaired the lines, and were able to resume operation by 4:30. Telephone lines to Asheville also were slightly disrupted at the same time.

A severe rain storm, accompanied by sharp lightning, and high wind in some areas, hit Hemphill, Maggie, Jonathans Creek, Lower Crabtree and Fines Creek late Sunday afternoon, damaging crops. Tall corn in the Hemphill, Maggie and Jonathans Creek area was blown down, and flash floods washed mud over low fields. General reports gathered by The Mountaineer by noon Monday revealed that tobacco came through with slight damage, except for mud and high water.

Norman Caldwell, merchant and service station operator on the Maggie Highway, was knocked down by a flash of lightning just as he was closing for the day. Mr. Caldwell, former traffic officer here, said yesterday his left side was still numb and he was rather shaken from the shock. He was draining the hose to his station gasoline pump when the bolt raged down the power lines overhead. Mr. Caldwell was knocked into a puddle of water, and estimates he was unconscious for ten or more minutes.

C. B. Ferguson was in his dairy washing milk cans when the storm broke. The same bolt that knocked Mr. Caldwell down, broke two light bulbs right over Mr. Ferguson's head. He reported there was no further apparent damage done.

Lightning was sharp in other areas, but no damage had been reported.

John Campbell, of Maggie, reported the tall corn in his section was flat, while the little corn was ruffled with mud, and some fields severely washed by the head rain that fell for more than an hour.

On Jonathans Creek the heaviest rain ever remembered fell, according to Bryan Medford, a resident of that section for the past 27 years. "It rained for an hour and a half, and the flat places on farms hereabouts."

### Bomb Witness Urges Use Of Christian Energy Now

Atomic energy, which from a single bomb damaged every ship of the 73-vessel fleet that was placed in the waters near Bikini Island, is the strongest force man has ever discovered and offers him the decision of doing something greatly destructive or constructive.

But Christians, for 19 centuries, have had available an energy that would be a greater influence on the world. Edwin L. Jones, an eyewitness of the Bikini atomic test, speaking to the large Friday morning audience at the Lake Junaluska auditorium, declared that now is the time for Christians to utilize their greater energy to save the world from the destruction that man now has the power to do.

Mr. Jones, a Charlotte construction man who was presented as an extra speaker to the regular Junaluska Assembly program, talked to an audience estimated at 1,200 people, one of the largest present for a week-day morning program. He described to those present the explosive test at Bikini, where he had gone at the invitation of the government, and emphasized the religious aspects of this recent discovery.

Friday evening the platform speaker was the Rev. W. A. Starnbury of the Gastonia District, who called attention to the many uncertainties and perils confronting American Christians of this generation while speaking on the topic, "Resources for the Present Crisis."

### One Killed One Injured During Storm

Fain Gragg Is Hit By Lightning At Champion Fibre Co. Nursery Friday

Two Canton men were hit by lightning during the severe electrical storm here Friday afternoon about 1 o'clock resulting in death to Fain Gragg, and knocking a Champion Fibre company watchman, Leroy Means, unconscious for several hours.

Mr. Gragg, 39, who was employed at the Champion nursery in Fiberville, was hit after taking refuge from the storm under a large poplar tree. He was brought to the company first aid station, but died shortly afterwards.

Mr. Means was hit while lowering the flag in front of the main office building. Several eye-witnesses saw the bolt knock him down, and removed him immediately to the first aid station. He later was taken to an Asheville hospital, and was returned home by Monday recovered from the shock. He is expected to return to work next week.

Funeral services for Mr. Gragg were conducted at the Canton Wesleyan Methodist church on Sunday afternoon, followed by burial at Bon-A-Venture cemetery. Officiating pastors were the Rev. C. A. Ramsey, of the Wesleyan church; the Rev. Dr. E. P. Billups, the Rev. George B. Culbreth and the Rev. David E. Canack.

A military funeral was conducted for Mr. Gragg, a veteran of World War II, by members of the Varner-Rhinehart American Legion post. Cousins of the deceased served as pallbearers, and members of the Young Ladies society of the church were flower bearers.

He is survived by his widow, the former Miss Ruth Bramlett; the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Doyce Gragg of Canton; one sister, Mrs. Mary Hiljer of Detroit, and a nephew, Dewayne Hiljer of Canton.

### Slogan Sought For Livestock Show; \$10 Prize

Officials of the Haywood Livestock and Home Arts Show are anxious to get a slogan to use in all publicity for the show which will be held early in October. They are offering \$10 for the best slogan submitted by five o'clock on July 25th.

All entries should be mailed or sent to the County Agent's office. The post office box is No. 500.

Slogans must be suggestive of Haywood's leadership in the cattle field. Similar slogans now in use are "Cattle Country of the South," and "Haywood, the home of good Herefords."

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### Pushes Program



RUHEN ROBERTSON, of The Champion Paper and Fibre Company, was named vice president of the newly created organization at Chapel Hill Saturday known as "The Business Foundation." More than 250 prominent business, industrial and professional leaders set up the program for the University of North Carolina.

Robert M. Hanes, of Winston-Salem, is president. The general purposes of the Foundation are "to aid and promote, by financial assistance and otherwise, all types of education, service and research for business and industry at or through the School of Commerce and other departments of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill."

### Death Claims J. W. Noland Retired Farmer

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Hiram Rogers Baptist church on Fines Creek for J. W. (Billy) Noland, 82, a retired stockman and farmer of Haywood county who died at the Haywood County Hospital Sunday morning at 7:30 o'clock where he had been a patient for the past few days.

Rev. Roy Young, pastor, assisted by Rev. R. P. McCracken, officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers were Cautley and France Rogers, Glenn McCracken, Norman James, and Hiram and Farryday Green.

Nieces were in charge of the flowers.

Mr. Noland, who has been one of the leading cattle men in Haywood county, had been in ill health for sometime. He is the son of R. Wilburn and Jane Lusk Noland, of Haywood county, and had lived on the farm of his father all his life. His wife, the former Miss Cora Rogers, died a few years ago. Mr. Noland is widely connected through this section.

Surviving are: three brothers, Lee Noland, of Iron Duff, Wiley B. Noland, of Lake Junaluska, Charlie Z. Noland, of Fines Creek; four sisters, Mrs. D. B. Duckett, of Hot Springs, Mrs. Marian Coward, of Trout, Mrs. Horace Ferguson, of Waynesville, and Mrs. Cayne Plemons, of Orlando, Fla.; a large number of nieces and nephews.

### Cobb Is Appointed On Pharmaceutical Council

J. Louis Cobb, Waynesville pharmacist, is one of 50 members named to an advisory council set up by the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association. First meeting of the group is announced for Chapel Hill, July 28 and 29.

The council is composed of representatives from the state association and related organizations. Its duties will be to advise the body in developing plans.

### Patron Causes Stir At Post Office In Misreading A "Wet Paint" Sign

The Waynesville post office is getting a new coat of paint, both inside and out. The painters worked about the front doors over the week-end, and as a precaution, stuck a "wet paint" sign on the door.

### Summer Theatre To Give First Of Series Of Hit Plays At School Tonight

Waynesville's first Summer Theatre "The Theatre In The Sky" will get under way tonight, Tuesday, with a gala formal opening, when the Waynesville Summer Players present "Claudia" under the direction of Maurice Geoffrey, managing director of the group. Phyllis Luis, of stage and radio experience, plays the title role in the production, supported by Grace Shiner and W. Lawrence Benson and a splendid cast of experienced performers.

Miss Shiner, prominent Chicago actress, is here for two weeks as Guest Artist with the company and plays the role of Mrs. Brown, Claudia's mother in the current presentation. Mr. Benson appears as David, the patient husband of Claudia. Recently released from the Air Corps, he will be seen in a number of important parts this season.

June Cole and Monroe Lewis appear as Bertha and Fritz, faithful servants in the Naughton household. Jack R. Pyle is the third person in the triangle upon which the plot of the play is based and plays the role of Jerry Seymour, a novelist who is attracted to the naive freshness of Claudia.

As the flamboyant opera singer, Madame Daruska, Louise Gagnon makes her first appearance of the season, and Cecelia Stack appears as Julia Naughton, a sophisticated bored with life and her husband, David's brother.

The stage setting depicts the Connecticut home of Claudia and David and was arranged by Rosemarie Thomas. Costumes for the play were planned by Elma Hene.

The production staff includes: Shelby Pastor heard by local Rotarians.

Dr. W. Arthur Kale, pastor of the Central Methodist church of Shelby, was the speaker at Rotary club here Friday.

He stressed the folly of carrying excess loads of worry and jealousy through life.

There were 25 visitors from seven states at the meeting.

### W. M. Cobb Undergoes Operation At Duke

W. M. "Bill" Cobb underwent an operation on his back at Duke Hospital in Durham on Monday. Mr. Cobb ruptured his back some time ago. He was accompanied by Mrs. Cobb.

### Market Report

The Farmers' Exchange announced the following prices are being paid to growers who market with them for wholesale distribution, prices as of noon Monday.

Beans, 5c; eggs, 40-45c; hogs, 35c; hens, 20-25c.

At the Clyde stockyards auction sale of July 11, with nearly 200 animals sold, prices ran strong. Cows, fat, butcher beef type, \$15.00-\$17.00, medium butcher beef type, \$12.00-\$14.00, canners, and cutters, common and dairy type, \$8.00-\$12.00. Heifers - fat ones, \$14.00-\$15.75, medium, \$12.00-\$14.00, common, \$10-\$12. Calves - fat, \$20-\$22.75, medium, \$18-\$20, culls, \$14-\$17. Steers - butcher type, good, \$16; fair, \$13-\$14.50; common, \$10-\$12.50.

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### Court To Continue This Week

Number of Cases Tried Since Last Friday, With 29 Divorces Granted To Date

The July term of Superior court which convened here on Monday, the 8th, with Judge F. E. Alley presiding will continue through this week, according to court officials, due to the heavy docket.

A recess was taken during the session yesterday morning for the memorial held honoring a former member of the Bar, the late Lt. James S. Queen.

Since the last issue of The Mountaineer, the following judgments have been handed down: Five additional divorces were granted bringing the total through Monday noon up to 29.

William Howard for violation of the prohibition laws was ordered to pay a fine of \$100 and court costs and given a five years suspended sentence.

James Putnam, charged with breaking and entering was given six months suspended sentence.

In the case of William C. Shook (Continued on Page Four)

### Jack Messer Announces Bus Drivers School

The annual bus driver's school for the operators of the Haywood county school bus system will be held on Thursday, July 25th, starting at 9:30, according to Jack Messer, county superintendent of education. The school will be conducted at the county Garage located on the Waynesville Township high school grounds.

The school will be conducted by representatives from the Safety Division of the State Highway Patrol, at which time the school bus drivers are given instruction in the rules governing the operation of school buses in the state.

The drivers of the buses are also examined and their knowledge of what is required checked at this time.

Last year 4,134 students in the Haywood schools were transported to and from schools daily by the 43 drivers employed by the county. A total of 1,256 miles was covered daily in the transportation of the students.

"We hope to have at least seven or eight new buses allotted to Haywood county by the State department of Public Instruction, as the tentative plans of the department are, if possible, to replace all buses prior to 1937 models," said Mr. Messer in discussing the condition of the school buses.

"The buses will be put in as good condition as is possible under the circumstances and every bus will be equipped with new tires," further pointed out Mr. Messer.

### Community Cannery To Open Today, Thursday

A change in operation days of the Community Cannery which this week is announced by Mrs. Rufus Siler, one of the managers.

The cannery will be open on Tuesday and Thursday this week instead of the days previously announced. Future operating dates will be announced the latter part of this week, states Mrs. Siler. The cannery began operations last week.

### Weather Report

(Furnished The Mountaineer by the U. S. Weather Bureau): Monday, July 15—Partly cloudy, occasional scattered showers and thunder storms and rather warm today and tonight.

Tuesday, July 16—Unsettled with possibly occasional showers in the morning followed by fair and somewhat cooler in the afternoon.

(Official Waynesville temperature as recorded by the staff of the State Test Farm):

Date	Max.	Min.	Rainfall
July 11	88	60	
12	85	62	
13	88	68	.20
14	88	60	

### Memory Honored



The late Lt. James S. Queen, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Queen who lost his life in World War II, and in whose memory the family presented an oil portrait to Haywood county in a fitting memorial service conducted by the Haywood County Bar association Monday morning in the courtroom in the courthouse.

### Family Lt. Queen Present Portrait To County

A portrait of the late Lt. James Shook Queen, U. S. Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Queen, was unveiled and presented to the county by his parents in an impressive ceremony Monday morning, with Grover C. Davis, president of the Haywood County Bar Association, presiding.

J. G. Byers, on behalf of the family made the presentation and unveiled the portrait, which is the work of Miss Helen Pugh, one of North Carolina's leading artists.

M. G. Stamey, on behalf of the county commissioners accepted the portrait, paying high tribute to Lt. Queen, late member of the Haywood Bar. He referred to the fact that his great great grandfather, Jacob Shook, was one of ten Revolutionary soldiers buried

### John A. Scott Is Injured When Enka Bus Is Sideswiped

John A. Scott, 20 riding home to the Beaverdam section near Canton in a work bus from the American Enka plant, suffered a fractured skull and broken nose when the bus was sideswiped by an auto-trailer on the highway just inside the Haywood County line Sunday morning. No other occupants of the bus were injured.

Investigating officers reported that the bus met two cars with trailers, and the last trailer hit the bus, an insulator going through a window and striking Scott. Neither of the cars with trailers stopped.

Mr. Scott was taken to the Haywood county hospital for treatment.

### Weather Forecast Now Being Carried In Every Issue

A new feature now being carried by The Mountaineer is a semi-weekly weather report. Although Mark Twain is said to have remarked that no one ever does anything about the weather, it's something that we couldn't do without—if we knew how—and is talked about in most every conversation.

So each Monday and Thursday, our press day and the afternoons when The Mountaineer reaches news stands, the U. S. weather station in Asheville gives us a two-day forecast. Local temperature maximums and minimums are furnished by the State Test Farm, as well as the daily amount of rainfall.

### State Bench Show Foxhounds Will Be Here August 17th

#### Heads Dog Show



J. W. KILLIAN, president of the Haywood Fox Hunters Association, will be master of ceremonies when the first annual Bench Show is held here in August.

### Queen At Lake To Be Crowned On July 20th

Elected queen in a popularity contest, Thursday, Miss Virginia Rippey, 38, of Nashville, Tenn., daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. M. Leo Rippey, will be crowned in coronation ceremonies at Lake Junaluska Assembly on the evening of July 20. The queen-elect is a rising senior at Ward-Belmont Junior College at Nashville. She studied last year at Wesleyan College Conservatory, Macon, Ga., specializing in art. She is five feet, six inches tall; is slender, has blue eyes, brown hair and fair complexion. Her father is head of the department of Adult Work in the Methodist Board of Education at Nashville, Tenn. The Rippey family have made their summer home at Lake Junaluska for a number of years and Virginia is popular among all ages.

Queen election and Coronation is one of the annual events here and a colorful program is planned for Saturday evening, July 20.

Other girls who received substantial votes in the election were: Jean Hart, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Peggy Herbert, Atlanta, Ga.; Sara Loyal, Columbia, S. C.; and Dorothy Norton, Spartanburg, S. C.

Mrs. Frank Moore Irwin, of Salisbury, the former Miss Kit Crum, of Durham, the present queen, elected last season, will participate in the coronation of Junaluska's new queen.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Nelson have as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Jack Enoch, of Knoxville, and Mrs. D. L. Boyd, of Nashville, Tenn. Mrs. Enoch is the former Miss Betty Jean Boyd, niece of Mr. and Mrs. Shelton and daughter of Mrs. Boyd.

### Club Announces Committees For New Year

The Lions club of Waynesville, where are to be held in large attendance at the meeting was by Paul L. Davis, president in Chapel Hill leading a bankers

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