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WAYNESVILLE, N. C., TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1946

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CROWD OF 20,000 AT LABOR DAY PROGRAM

Automobile Wrecks Mount, Several Badly Injured

Fine Parade Held Before Big Holiday Crowds

Program Runs On Schedule Before Largest Crowds In 40 Years At Canton

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CANTON (Monday Noon) — A spirit of gaiety fills the air as thousands of residents and visitors from over Western North Carolina celebrate this industrial town's 40th birthday Monday in September festival.

It is Labor Day, the holiday honoring the working man and woman, and the whole town is in a carnival mood to enjoy it to the utmost. With the weather having a touch of autumn in it to lighten the spirit, the sky is sunny and appears to have the intention of completing the day without interfering with the various entertainment programs.

Parking places around town were filled early in the morning as people from Haywood and nearby counties came "on to Canton." By the time the bands sounded the coming of the Labor Day parade, an estimated 15,000 to 20,000 persons were lining the streets, largest crowd ever here.

By 9:30 the floats, brightly decorated to carry Beauty Queen Frances Rogers and her court, began assembling on the west side of Pigeon River, with the Canton and Waynesville High School bands, Boy Scouts, 200 members of the Champion Fibre Company's "Old Timers" club, and various other units.

The parade began promptly at 10 o'clock, the Canton fire truck at the head, leading up Main street from the old bridge, circling through town and coming back by the Champion Park where Canton High school band broke off to take the band stand.

After the parade the throng of people moved in to Champion Park to enjoy the rides, listen to music, and crowd around the eating places. At 11 o'clock the platform contests began, to last the remainder of the day. Band concerts, including cow calling, and string quartette and class singing and horse shoe pitching contests were the main features of the afternoon.

The parade was completely successful and the results of much work and many original ideas. The parade moved off to the Waynesville high school band stands, up the Maryland Swing, the fire truck leading, the Lions Club float, carrying Queen Frances and part of her court were first and Wayneville band followed.

The American Legion was next, a group walking and a float followed. The Champion Paper and Pulp Co. float, built in graduated fashion with members having from a 40 to 40 years of service shown. The Old Timers in 4 jeeps and 10 trucks followed.

Then came the McCracken Furniture Co. float, a car, the City Electric float, a group of boys' army recruiting cars, a wagon pulled by a power mower, a Ford, a truck full of vegetables, a decorated trailer, a wholesale truck, the Canton Band, Boy Scouts, and Scouts, a horse and pony team, decorated wagons, a pony cart, and an old time covered wagon complete with Indian quills and tinning pans brought up the rear.

Silver-tone Negro quartet was singing at 2 o'clock. An X-10 radio station broadcast an account of the event from 3:30 to 4.

The Rev. D. O. Melius, pastor of Canton First Presbyterian church, delivered the sermon at the union religious services at Champion Park Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. The Rev. Mr. Melius also delivered a special message at the union adult Sunday school class at Champion "Y" Sunday morning.

Dedication services were held at Canton Tabernacle Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, while union Negro religious services were conducted at Champion Park Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Canton school band, playing under the direction of Mr. Matthews, gave a special concert on Champion Park Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock. A community singing featured also during this time with Miss Mae Marshbanks in charge.

Miss Rogers Wins Beauty Contest At Canton

Crowned Queen Of Labor Day Program; Crowd Of 4,000 Sees Judging

Miss Frances Rogers, 20-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rogers, of Canton, was crowned queen of Labor Day activities in the beauty contest Saturday night before the large crowd assembled at Champion Park in Canton.

Mayor Sam Robinson, after the coronation robe and crown were placed on Canton's first beauty queen, gave her "complete reign" over the festival — "not only in Canton, but in its suburbs, Clyde, Waynesville and Asheville," placing at her disposal the "Army" in town and "all boats on the river."

Miss Rogers wore a two-tone evening gown with black top, a blue tulle skirt with blue net over it. All ten contestants, who had reached the final contest after a preliminary selection from among 26 girls Thursday night before the same judges, were dressed in evening gowns and made a very pretty picture placed in a row on the bandstand facing the main part of the stadium on the ball park.

The crowd, estimated at 3,500 or more, filled the stadium and extra seats placed all around the stand, with many spectators standing up to witness the contest.

Miss Alice Fincher, 19, brunette daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Fincher, of Clyde, was runner-up to the queen. Miss Mary Jane Burnett, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burnett of West Canton, was the other runner-up, and the two girls served as attendants to Queen Frances on Labor Day.

The seven members of the queen's court were: Mrs. Sara Garrison, wife of Charles Garrison; Margaret Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gurley Robinson; Rachael Morgan, daughter of Mrs. Annie M. Harbin, and Miss Mary Ruth Hall, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. Howard Hall, all of Canton; Mrs. Sue Spears, wife of Ed Spears, of Waynesville; Miss Doris Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn D. Brown, and Miss Gladys Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Brown, both of Clyde.

Jimmy Deaton, master of ceremonies, introduced the girls as they stood up and took turns walking around the bandstand before the spectators and judges, and afterwards presented each contestant with letters entitling them to gifts at Canton stores. The judges, visitors at Lake Junaluska, were Dr. Elmer T. Clark, editor of The World Outlook, New York City; Irby Hudson, professor of political science at Vanderbilt University, and Miss Louise Ballard of Atlanta, Georgia.

Robert Matthews, who directed the Canton High School band that played during the contest, was general chairman of the program. Members of his committee were Mrs. Louise Hemphill, Mrs. E. E. Conley, Mrs. J. M. Wells, C. C. Medford, and Jimmy Deaton.

Market Reports

Note: All prices given are as of Saturday due to the fact that Monday was a holiday at the Farmers Exchange and the Federal-State Market News Service, from whom these reports are compiled.

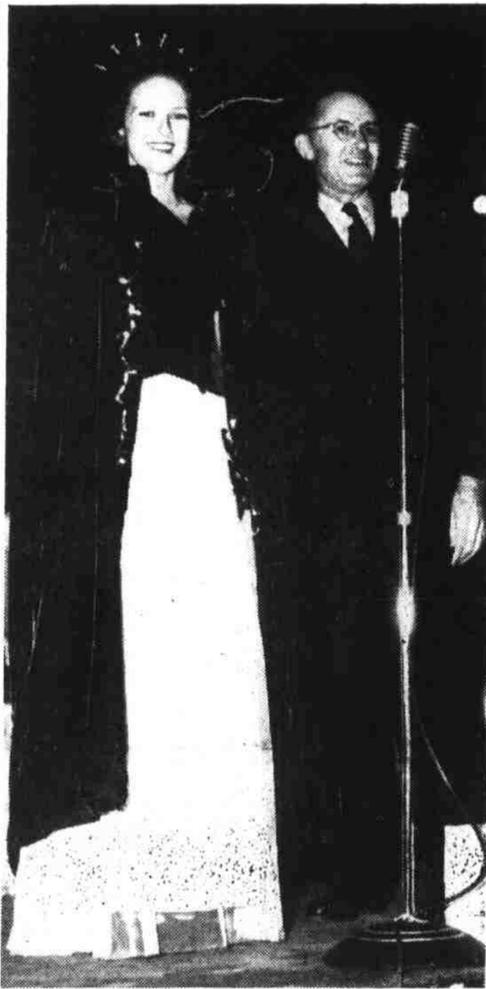
Eggs and Poultry
Receipts have decreased on both (Continued on Page Five)

Local Arrests Decline Last Week In August

Not an arrest was made Monday through Thursday of last week, which with two on Sunday and one on Friday—for public drunkenness—made that period one of the quietest here this summer for local police.

During the first 30 days of August there were 45 arrests in all, an average of 11 per week which is the normal rate.

Queen Of Labor Day



QUEEN FRANCES ROGERS, is shown here as she was crowned Queen of Labor Day on Saturday night before 4,000 people in the Canton Park. Mayor Sam Robinson had just officially crowned Miss Rogers when this Mountaineer photograph by Ingram, Skyland Studio, was made. Miss Rogers and her court had a prominent part in the 40th annual Labor Day parade.

L. N. Davis Heads REA Unit Here

Annual Meeting Held Here Saturday Afternoon, With Large Crowds Attending

L. N. Davis was elected president of the Haywood Electric Membership Corporation at the annual meeting here Saturday afternoon, after the members had elected a board of directors. Mr. Davis succeeds Carter Osborne, who will serve as vice president.

Ira H. Cogburn was re-elected as secretary-treasurer. Encouraging reports were made by officials of the organization, and substantial progress was shown by the detailed reports.

During the afternoon, Gwyn Price, state director, addressed the group, followed by a representative of the Washington office.

A large number of attendance prizes were given out during the afternoon.

USO Chairman In Haywood Will Be Named Soon

J. E. S. Thorpe, of Franklin, has been re-appointed as chairman of this district for the 1946-47 annual USO campaign which starts October first.

The district comprises all counties west of and including Haywood.

L. Y. Ballentine, lieutenant governor of North Carolina, is state chairman, and announced that the chairmen of each county would be named shortly. Chairman Ballentine also announced that this is the last USO campaign. It has been designated by President Truman as the "See-It-Through" campaign.

A. P. Ledbetter was chairman of Haywood last year, and over \$11,000 was raised during the campaign in the county.

Property Being Sold For Taxes

Members of the Haywood tax collector's office started yesterday morning selling about 1,000 tracts of land for unpaid 1945 taxes.

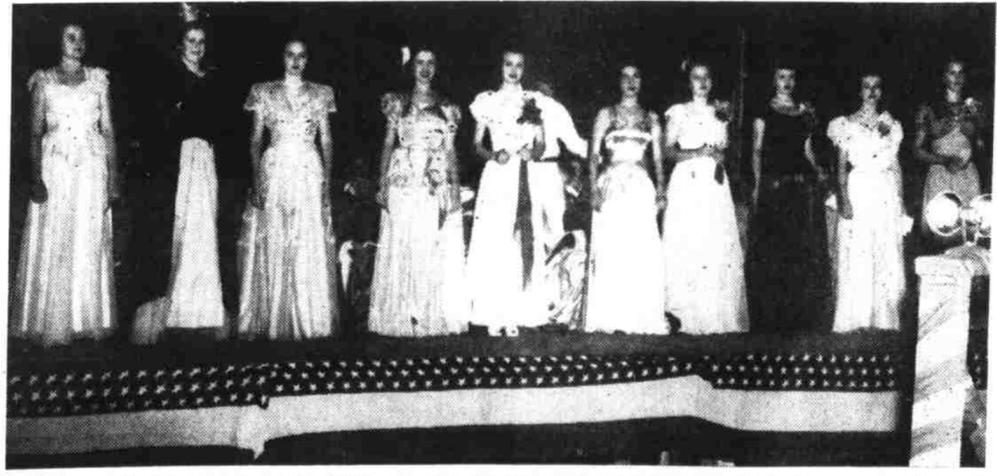
The tracts were advertised for the past four weeks, and selling started Monday morning at 10:00 o'clock.

The tax collectors of Waynesville and Hazelwood will sell on Monday, Sept. 9th.

Social Security Man To Be Here On Ninth

A representative of the Social Security board will be at the Register of Deeds office here on Monday, Sept. 9th at ten o'clock to meet with anyone concerning matters regarding Social Security.

Participants In Labor Day Beauty Contest At Canton



Shown here are the ten contestants in the first beauty contest to be staged in connection with the annual Labor Day program at Canton. The ten young ladies are shown as they stood on the special platform in the Canton Park Saturday night as the judges selected Miss Frances Rogers as winner. Shown here, left to right, Miss Doris Brown, Miss Rogers, Gladys Brown, Mrs. Edwin Spears, Mrs. Sara Garrison, Miss Alice Fincher, runner-up, first place, Miss Margaret Robinson, Miss Mary Jane Burnett, runner-up second place, Miss Ruth Hall and Miss Rachael Morgan. This is a Mountaineer photograph by Ingram, Skyland Studio.

Lake Junaluska Closes Successful '46 Season

Outstanding Programs And Large Crowds Were Features Of Season Just Ended

Following Sunday morning's address at the Lake Junaluska Assembly auditorium, the 1946 season—the best attended in its history—was officially closed, and the remaining summer visitors began departing for their homes.

Dr. W. F. Quillian of Atlanta, preached from the pulpit Sunday, presenting the last address of the year. Sunday night the Salvation Army band offered a sacred concert of music.

A south-wide conference of young people, and a Southern Institute of Music were conducted during the last week of the Assembly season. Wednesday the platform was taken by one of the younger ministers who has distinguished himself in the field of social relations, Rev. Grady Hardin, of Black Mountain. Another speaker to the group was Col. Charles I. Carpenter, chief of chaplains for the U. S. Army Air Corps.

The Rev. Mr. Hardin, after portraying the present international situation from the political viewpoint, called attention to signs of encouragement as evidenced by attempts of U. N. to get together, and outlined what he believed to be the function of the church in the international scene. He said in part: "The church must bring the consciousness of the statesmen who write the international charter up to hear the voice of God and to know the way of life that will enable them to search out the will of God. The function of the church is not to be an economist but to touch the economist that he may

Heads REA



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Dixie Store To Open New Super Store On Thursday

Firm Enlarges Stocks In Waynesville Unit; Next To The First National Bank

Announcement is being made today of the formal opening of the Dixie-Home Super Market on Main Street next to the First National Bank, on Thursday morning.

Ed C. Lane, general manager of the store, has had a special crew of trained men working for the past week arranging the stock which will be about four times the stock now carried in the Dixie Store here.

The modern store is 110 feet long and 37 feet wide, with about a fourth of the store devoted to the meat market, with its 48 feet of refrigerated display counters, and also a fourth to the display racks of produce. Self-service frozen foods and dairy counters are also a part of the new set-up. The grocery department takes up the remaining half of the store.

Besides Mr. Lane, the personnel of the store will include Fred Jones, manager of the market, and Ray

Street Naming Program May Finish This Week

Satisfactory progress is reported on the Town of Waynesville's program to paint names on all the streets. G. C. Ferguson, town manager, states that at the end of last week half of the streets had been named. Stencils are being cut for the remaining roads, and the painters are expected to have the remaining names on by the end of this week.

Mr. Ferguson also announces that the next regular meeting of the Town Board will be held Thursday, Sept. 5.

Weather Report

(Furnished The Mountaineer by the U. S. Weather Bureau):

Monday, Sept. 2—Fair and slightly warmer today and tonight.

Tuesday, Sept. 3—Fair and slightly cooler.

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

Date	Max.	Min.	Rainfall
Aug. 29	77	66	.22
30	77	55	
31	68	45	
Sept. 1	77	71	

Green, Jr., Discharged After Mechanics To Guam Natives

school in Richmond, Va., for 10 weeks. He was then assigned to a ship and left Portland, Me., for an overseas tour, after which he was sent to an advanced diesel school in Cleveland, Ohio. He returned to sea duty following this training, and shipped from San Francisco to the island of Guam, where he spent the remainder of his time. The latter part of his service was with the U.S.M.C. detachment as a mechanical teacher to the natives.

He is now with his brother, Arlo Green at Penns Grove, N. J., as an assistant manager of a recently-opened garage. They are giving apprentice training to ex-service men, and have an agency for the new Bobbi-Kar.

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