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## PLANE CRASHES ON COLD MOUNTAIN, 5 DIE

### Legion Officers Confer With C. Of C. Secretary



Legion officers, secretary, is shown standing (right) talking about the convention with Miss Beatrice Jones, chairman of the program committee. Left to right seated are: Rev. M. R. Williamson, Mr. Laffoon, Miss Cobb, Clyde Fisher, Al Resch, of Siler City, and facing the camera is Fred English. The jug in front of Miss Jones contains fresh cider. (A Mountaineer photograph by Skyland Studio.)

## C. Press Association Entertained On Friday

### Supper Served By Rufus Indians Featured

Except the weathered to make the barbecue for the North Carolina Press Association here last Friday. The event was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

and entire meal served by Rufus Indians. The help of the directors and the Chamber of Commerce helped in serving the 50 people, including the Chamber of Commerce.

concert, fresh cider and the barbecue. The Chamber of Commerce was master of the event during the meal. The Rufus Indians gave a performance of archery and blow gun.

Harvey Laffoon, Chamber of Commerce Press Association, and the Chamber of Commerce for the entertainment.

formal program, presentation of the Indian songs, and an exhibit. Mr. Laffoon presented a huge red apple (see page 3).

### LAND BETTER

Orville Noland, a serious operation at the Asheville Hospital, Asheville, was reported to be satisfactory yesterday.

### er Report

The Mountaineer by the Bureau: 16—Cloudy and occasional light rains. Temperature in the 50s.

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## Out-Of-State Traffic Hit Peak In August

### Another Record Broken In Civil Term Court Here

Another record was broken here Monday at the September term Superior Court, civil session, with Judge Felix E. Alley, presiding. During a period of one and a half hours in the morning session twenty divorces were granted with an additional one in the afternoon, making a total of 21 for the day.

## Madison Case Brought Here For Trial

### Judge Alley Presiding Over Civil Term Superior Court Which Convened Here Friday

The case of Fred English versus Fred Freeman, E. Y. Ponder, Alvin Duckey, J. Robert Johnson, Ernest Shelton, and Moody Brigman, which was moved here for trial from Madison county and has been pending since 1942 got under way yesterday afternoon in the Superior court session here with Judge Felix E. Alley, presiding.

The plaintiff is bringing suit against the defendants for \$50,000. The case grew out of the appointment of English to fill the unexpired term of the clerk of Superior court of Madison county who entered the armed service.

English was appointed by the Madison county board of commissioners and later Judge Zeb V. Nettles of Asheville, stated that the appointment was out of their jurisdiction and came under his duties. He named J. Robert Johnson to the post.

English is said to have refused to turn over the office to Johnson, and was charged with contempt of court and lodged in jail.

The following Haywood county men are serving on the jury during the first week: Grady Honeycutt, Joe Campbell, Edwin Hill, Haywood Mackey, Grover Davis, J. D. Heatherly, Lush Caldwell, Lynn Chambers, G. G. Rector, Joe Tate and Will Trammell.

It was thought yesterday that the current term of court would continue through this week into the following week, as the Madison county case would take several days.

### Vehicle Count In East Waynesville Shows Trend In Number Visiting

Early August traffic by out-of-state automobiles going in, and out of Waynesville was the highest than at any time during the summer months, records of the Chamber of Commerce show.

Since early June the Chamber of Commerce has been getting a personal count, made by Miss Barbara Boyd, on representative weekdays and Sundays of automobiles bearing tags from other states. This was made on the main highway at the eastern edge of town.

In the period covered, visiting automobiles were more numerous in early June and July, climbed to the peak about the middle of August, and dropped sharply towards the last of that month. The highest count was made on August 9th, and 11th, 436 visiting automobiles tallied during a four-hour check on Friday, Aug. 9, and 1,105 counted during seven hours on Sunday. This total of 1,599 vehicles makes an average of 145 hourly. During the June-July period the

## Truck Accident Victim Buried On Monday

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock at the Balsam Baptist church for William Howard Warren, 36, who died at 6:00 o'clock Thursday, Rev. C. N. Allen officiated. Burial was in the Balsam cemetery.

Pallbearers were: William Penny, William Coward, George Knight, Eugene Brooks, John Kenney and Clyde Green.

Mr. Warren died from injuries suffered when he is alleged to have attempted to board a moving logging truck. He had thrown his coat on the truck, and as it started off he is said to have tried to throw himself up on the moving vehicle, but fell underneath. He died soon after the accident.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Warren of Balsam, one brother, Claude Warren, also of Balsam, three sisters, Mrs. Howard Jones of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Bob Arrington of Norfolk, Va., and Mrs. Vernon Gurr of Cochoa, Fla.

Garrett funeral home was in charge of the arrangements.

## Dr. Crittenden Granted Year's Leave From Work

Dr. Christopher C. Crittenden, director of the North Carolina Department of Archives and History, has been granted a year's leave of absence to do some special work in Washington, D. C. for the National Archives.

Dr. Crittenden's assignment will include some special research and compiling of data on World War II, for the U. S. Government, and the request from the National Archives for his leave is a distinctive recognition of his historical work in this state.

During Dr. Crittenden's absence, his wife and three children will come here from Raleigh, and spend a year. They will reside with Mrs. Chas. E. Quinlan, mother of Mrs. Crittenden, and the children will attend the local schools.

## Nine Arrested Over Week-End

City police arrested 8 for being drunk over the week-end, and one for gambling.

Most of the defendants were scheduled to face trial at Mayor's court yesterday afternoon.

## Heintoga Scene Published In State

The last issue of The State Magazine, published in Raleigh, carried a front cover picture of Heintoga Gap, which overlooks the park, and is only a short distance from Waynesville.

Charles Ray, who accompanied officials on the inspection trip, is shown in the left of the picture.

## Army Party Abandons Ground Hunt Near Maggie

### Searchers Leave Friday Without Discovering Plane Lost Since 1944

Rain that set in Friday morning cancelled plans to continue the search for the C-78 Cessna plane by the 12-man party from the Greenville Air Base, and they returned to their base that afternoon.

Thursday afternoon's hunt located a few minor pieces of plywood. The main wreckage has not yet been found, but still is believed to be in the general vicinity of the valley south of Maggie.

Prior to leaving Waynesville, Maj. T. J. Heatt, intelligence officer who commanded the party, stated that he would recommend that liaison planes make a further search in the valley. If the main part of the plane, which was lost during the winter of early 1944, can be seen by plane it is presumed that another searching party will be sent here at a later date.

Meanwhile, there is considerable interest among residents of this area, and the chance that someone on an informal hunt may sight the wreckage. Persons who do make such a hunt are reminded that it would be better to leave instruments and other data as found so that dials would not change readings and experts could gather valuable information from them.

An Associated Press release concerning the plane listed the occupants of it at the time of the crash as Dr. Carlton Haigis, Greenville, Mass. (a scientist on the Oak Ridge project), Lieut. Irving Bumber of New York and L. B. Wheeler of Charlotte.

## Max Thompson Is Invited To San Francisco Meet

North Carolina's four Congressional Medal Honor winners during World War II, including Sgt. Max Thompson of Cane Creek, have been invited to attend the American Legion National convention at San Francisco from Sept. 30-Oct. 4.

Lt. Charles P. Murray of Wilmington, Pvt. Jacklyn Lucas of Belhaven, Lt. Rufus G. Herring of Roseboro, and Sgt. Thompson are the four Tar Heel soldiers who earned the nation's highest combat decoration. They are invited to attend the legion convention as guests of the state and national departments.

Department Commander William M. York of Greensboro, will head the North Carolina delegation to San Francisco.

## Dr. J. R. McCracken Attending Medical Meet At Hendersonville

Dr. J. R. McCracken is attending the meeting of the North and South Carolina eye, ear and nose specialists which is being held in Hendersonville this week.

## Durham Editor Says State Must Pay More Attention To Health And Education

Dr. Sylvester Green, editor of The Durham Herald, was the speaker at Rotary here last Friday.

Dr. Green discussed health, education and religion as it now stands in North Carolina. He pointed out the lack of facilities for hospitalization throughout the state, and urged cooperation on the proposed health program now being started in the state.

In the educational field, Dr. Green spoke with much feeling, since he was formerly president of Coker College, he pointed out the low salaries paid teachers, and the inadequate school rooms for the state at large. "We must pay our teachers more, and increase standards," he pointed out.

### Speaks Here



JAMES W. TISDALE, World War I veteran and prominent Legionnaire from Asheville, will address the local post Thursday night.

## Legion To Hear James W. Tisdale Thursday Night

James W. Tisdale of Asheville, Western North Carolina representative on the American Legion's state administrative committee, will speak at the next meeting of Haywood Post No. 47 on Thursday night at the Legion Home.

Mr. Tisdale, who has been prominent in the organization for years, will discuss with those who attend the changes recently made in state organization and explain the new goals of the Legion in North Carolina.

All members of the Legion and Auxiliary, as well as all persons interested in the organization, are cordially invited to attend the meeting.

## Sylva Truck Driver Beaten To Death

Bill Jordan, 45, truck driver of Sylva, was beaten fatally about 7:45 p. m. Sunday in the negro section of Sylva by Paul Dorsey, negro of that area.

A heavily armed mob of 300 persons is said to have stormed Sylva and its surrounding territory late Sunday night and early Monday seeking the whereabouts of the young negro veteran. Crowds of armed men swarmed around the Jackson county jail demanding that officers of Sheriff Leonard Holden turn over the negro whom they believed to be in jail in Jackson.

Jordan, a truck driver for the Robinson Lumber Company, was

## Market Reports

**Eggs and Poultry**  
Local egg receipts at the Farmers Exchange are still running light and get 50c a dozen. From the Asheville market: eggs are steady with receipts light. Grade A large 55, A medium and B large 45, Grade C 32, checks and dirties 30, and current receipts 38-40. The Asheville live poultry market is steady on broilers and fryers. Receipts light. Fryers and broilers 33 (Continued on Page Four)

## Haywood Is Scene Of Latest Air Tragedy

### B-25 Wrecked Friday, Bodies Located After Intensive Hunt Sunday

Five army men, including Maj. Gen. Paul B. Wurtsmith, temporary commander of the Eighth Air Force, were instantly killed when a B-25 bomber on the way from Detroit to Tampa crashed into the side of Cold Mountain, near Pisgah, shortly after noon Friday.

No one heard or saw the crash, and the wreckage was sighted when a large group of planes went out to search for it Saturday and Sunday. Fifty planes joined the flights to locate the plane, and it was 7:10 Sunday morning when Capt. James M. Poole and Lt. O. S. Long of McDill Field, Tampa, flying an AT-11 first saw the remains of the large bomber.

W. M. Huber, forestry warden in the Pisgah National Forest, was notified of the location, and identified it as Cold Mountain, which lies in Haywood county near the Transylvania line. He immediately organized a ground party, which was joined by a large number of army personnel from the Greenville, S. C. Air Base, and they set out to find the B-29.

Mr. Huber related to The Mountaineer that he and the men working with him were equipped with "walkie-talkie" radios that allowed contact with liaison planes flying over the wreck. They went up the road following Crawford's creek for three miles, then followed a trail that reached the head of Lenoir creek. The wreck was found near there, between 2 and 3 p. m. Sunday.

Bodies of the occupants were badly broken up. The army personnel, who were led by Lt. Col. Edmond Freeman of McDill Field, and Maj. T. J. Heatt of the Greenville base (who last week led the search in the Maggie area for another lost army plane) took the victims to a Greenville funeral home Sunday night and removed part of the wrecked plane.

Other than Maj. Gen. Wurtsmith, those who lost their lives were Lt. Col. F. L. Trickey, of Tampa, Lt. Col. P. R. Okerbloom, of Tampa, M/Sgt. Hosey W. Merritt of Geneva, Ala., and S/Sgt. Hoyt W. Crump of Tampa.

During the flight Friday the B-29 at 11:57 a. m. reported its position as 10 miles west of the Kingsport, Bristol and Johnson City airport, and the pilot said he was going to lower altitude because of bad weather. It was flying at about 230 miles per hour, and evidently was coming in too low and the fog and rain made it difficult to see the mountains.

Three men, two Brevard photographers and one of the army personnel, were lost on the mountain during the search. However, Warden Huber reports that they were found Sunday night and early Monday by men from the Forestry Service.

Maj. Gen. Wurtsmith had a distinguished combat record in the Pacific area, and had risen to important commands in the peacetime reorganization of the army air corps.

## Car Wrecked At Lake; 3 Charged As Being Drunk

Arthur Green, of Clyde, was out under bond, charged with driving drunk, and disorderly conduct, according to records of the Waynesville police department.

Green was arrested Friday night after police followed him from Waynesville to the sharp curve just this side of Lake Junaluska, when the Pontiac he was driving hit the guard posts on the edge of the highway and wrecked.

Policeman Gough and Setzer, also arrested two other occupants of the Green car, on charge of being drunk.

The highway was wet, and a heavy fog blanketed the area at the time Green is said to have attempted to outrun the officers.

## Sang And Danced For Press



Here are two of the Cherokee Indians who entertained the Press here Friday night as they ate their meal. On the left is Chief Standing Deer, leader of the group of entertainers. Besides dancing, singing and doing rope stunts, they have exhibitions of archery and blow gun practice. (A Mountaineer photograph, by Ingram, Skyland Studio.)

## County Wins Many Prizes In Junior Stock Show

### Eight 4-H And FFA Members Take Blue Ribbons In Show At Biltmore

Eight blue ribbons were taken in the Junior Livestock Show at Biltmore, Friday by members of Haywood county 4-H and FFA clubs. A large number of registered calves from Western North Carolina counties were entered.

County Agent Wayne Corpening announces the following 4-H winners: first prizes—Weaver Higgs, Beaverdam club; Zene Wells (two calves), Bethel; Foster Chason, Bethel; Marion Ellis Howell, Waynesville, and Peter Noland, Crabtree.

Red ribbon winners were: Jeanette and Nancy Leopard, Waynesville club; Albert McCracken, Clyde; C. V. Rhodarmmer, Morning Star; Nicky Williamson, Bethel; and Zene Wells, Bethel.

White ribbons were won by Jack Chason of the Bethel club, Robert and Frank Medford of the Pennsylvania Ave. (Canton) club, and Billy Manioux of Bethel. Foster Chason received the second prize for showmanship.

Robert Evans, vocational agriculture teacher at Clyde, announces the FFA winners. Massie Osborne won two blue and one red ribbons, and Blount Osborne took one blue and one red ribbon. Newell Jackson and Charles Holder took red ribbons with their entries, David Joe McClure and Blount Osborne received white ribbons in other classes.

## James A. Gwyn Making Progress Following Operation

James A. Gwyn, who underwent a major operation last week at the Mission Hospital, where he had previously spent a week, taking treatments, is reported to be making satisfactory progress.

It was expected yesterday that Mr. Gwyn would be able to be removed to his home near the Country Club sometime the latter part of the week.