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Crews Are Renewed To Locate Lost Plane Air Rescue Service

Operator, Three
Crews Craft.
Crews Hunt Over
This Week

Search now is being made to locate the C-78, which with its crew been missing since a crash landing in this area during the night of Jan. 31, 1944. The Air Force Service of the Air Corps is using a large helicopter, C-53, and a C-47 for a concentrated search of the Cataloochee area. The helicopter will be based at the Hendersonville Airport. The search will be during the day from Monday through Friday. Major T. J. Smith has been in charge of the search since last summer, and a radio controlled search coordination from the Hendersonville Airport.

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State Winner

MISS THERESA ALLEY, senior at Waynesville Township High School, won first prize after going through all rounds of the state-wide oratorical contest conducted by the Good Health Association. Her essay appears on page 8 of this issue.

Waynesville Girl Earns Good Health Scholarship

Theresa Alley Emerges From Oratory Finals With Highest Honors

Miss Theresa Alley was the winner in the final contest sponsored by the North Carolina Good Health Association which was held last Thursday night in the state Capitol building in Raleigh. Miss Alley had won in the school, county, district, regional and semi-final contests, held prior to the last one in which a boy and girl from the east competed with a boy and girl from the west.

Competing with Miss Alley from the west was Harvey Adams of Farmer of Randolph county, and they had as their opponents, Dorothy Raynor of Ahoskie and Alton Hill of Kinston, the latter winning in the boys group.

The two top winners were presented \$500 scholarships by Governor Cherry in behalf of the Good Health Association. The winners were presented radio-phonograph combinations.

Miss Alley is also competing in the state Pilgrimage contest sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution. Her scrapbook has gone to the judges, but she has not as yet heard from their decision. She is representing the local township high school in the contest.

Patrolmen Wage Drive On '46 Auto Tag Users

Highway patrolmen are waging a drive against 1946 license tags, and against tags not being properly displayed on motor vehicles. Over the week-end some 15 motorists were stopped by the patrolmen in the county.

Cpl. E. W. Jones said he felt that most of the vehicles had new tags, as the arrests had decreased Monday.

Southern States Best WNC Vacation Visitors

Western North Carolina's best vacation customers probably are residents of the states to the south, according to a survey recently made by the N. C. Travel Council and the State Division of Advertising and News.

Floridians predominate at resorts lying south of Route 70 and west of Asheville, and are especially prominent in late summer and fall, according to the survey.

Lions Hear Explanation Of Social Security Act

Many Retired Workers
And Dependents
Fail To Apply
For Benefits

"Not only workers covered by the Social Security law, but their dependents as well are eligible for benefits," stated D. W. Lambert of the Asheville field office in an address and discussion of little known phases of the federal program at the Lions club meeting last week.

Mr. Lambert emphasized that many persons do not know they are eligible for benefits, and stated that applications should be made to a field office.

By a retired worker when he reaches age 65.

By dependents of a worker upon the latter's death.

All persons working for a living are not covered by Social Security, such as farmers, self-employed persons, government and railway workers, which he commented was "one of the weaknesses of the law."

Attempts to revise it to include a (Continued on Page Eight)

19 18-Year-Olds Register In January

The following boys, who have become 18 years of age during the month of January have registered under the selective service draft with the local county boards. It was learned yesterday from the clerks.

Those from the Canton area include J. B. Emerson, Canton, Rt. 1; Wade Weaver Rogers, Canton, Rt. 2; Charles Edward Ford, Canton; Russell Eugene Jones, Canton, Rt. 1; Kenneth Briscoe Saunders, Canton; Grover Posey Parham, Canton; Gresham Mingus Heatherlee, Canton, Rt. 1; Robert Glenn Stroup, Canton, Rt. 1; Charles Farman Worley, Canton, Rt. 1; and Herbert Ollie Bentley, Fiberville, Canton.

Registering from the Waynesville area of the county were: William Brent Massie, Waynesville, Rt. 1; Lowery Lee Candler, Waynesville; Bennett Douglas Best, Clyde, Rt. 1; Max Ralston James, Clyde, Rt. 1; James Wesley Trammell, Waynesville, Rt. 1; George Robert Gaddy, Waynesville; William Glenn Kingsmore, Waynesville; Charles Lewis Burnette, Waynesville, Rt. 1; and George Wallace Brown, Waynesville.

Miss Harris Returns To Mission Field

Miss Ruth L. Harris, who has spent the past 21 months in the United States following 17 months service with the Mission Board of the Northern Baptist church calls Friday, the 14th, to resume her former position as secretary-treasurer of Central College, at Iloilo, Luzon Island, in the Philippines.

Miss Harris came to this country for recuperation following her liberation from a Japanese prison camp in the Philippines, where she was held as a prisoner for three years. She has spent sometime with her sister, Dr. Mary Michal here, regaining her health.

For the past several months she has held a position with the Central office of the Northern Baptist church Foreign Missions society in New York City.

She will sail on the S. S. Marine Lynx, of the American President Lines from San Francisco, Calif.

Allotment of \$66,489 Is Planned For County Soil Work During '47

Speaks Here



BISHOP PAUL N. GARBER, of the Southern European charge, will report on the relief needs of the war-devastated areas at a district rally Wednesday evening at the First Methodist church.

Complete figures for the amount spent in the county last year are not yet available, remarks H. M. Dulin, secretary of the A. C. A., because a large number of performance reports for 1946 have not yet been turned in.

Payments to farmers on their conservation measures is figured on their yearly reports.

Deadline for submitting 1946 reports is February 15, and R. C. Francis, chairman of the county committee, urges that "extra effort be made to file performance reports before this date."

Farmers who received either lime or phosphate in place of cash payments are particularly asked to report their use of these materials immediately.

Meeting have been called this week at the AAA office for members of each county committee to approve last year's reports, recommend new grower burley tobacco allotments for 1947, and to receive instructions on filling out the 1947 farm plans. Approximately half of the new farm plans have been made already, and the county committee plans to concentrate on getting all plans signed and returned to the office by February 15.

Five meetings are to be held each starting at 10 a. m. Monday the Beaverdam and Pigeon committees met, and today the Clyde, Crabtree and East Fork groups will meet.

Schedule for the remainder of the week is: Wednesday, Fines Creek, White Oak, and Cecil; (Continued on Page Eight)

Motorcycle Crash Injures Two Men Saturday Morning

William G. Dotson and Edward Gregory of Route 1, Clyde received leg injuries when the motorcycle they were riding hit the fender of a car ahead of them on the highway Saturday morning, and bounced off a four-foot embankment.

The accident occurred about 10:20 a. m. on the highway between Lake Junaluska and Waynesville. Dotson, who was driving and Gregory, owner of the motorcycle, were going towards Waynesville, and following the 1939 Plymouth driven by Thurman W. McCracken.

The automobile slowed to stop near Conatser's service station, and Dotson cut the motorcycle towards the middle of the road to avoid hitting it, reports O. R. Roberts, investigating patrolman. The motorcycle, however, glanced the left rear fender of the car and went off the road.

Both young men received a compound fracture of the right leg, and were taken to the Haywood County hospital for treatment.

State Test Farm Asking \$45,000 For New Buildings

A hearing will be held before the appropriations committee of the legislature on Thursday night, in an effort to get \$45,000 included in the agriculture fund for new buildings at the State Test Farm here.

Howard Clapp, general superintendent, will be among those attending the hearing and testifying as to the needs for the proposed expansion.

The \$45,000 is needed to complete the plans for the Department of Agriculture as set forth in the original plans when the test farm was established here.

Sec'y Krug Meets WNC Delegation This Week

Group From
Haywood Will
Join Discussion
Of Park Improvements

At least seven persons from Haywood county will attend the meeting Friday in Washington between Secretary of the Interior Julius Krug and Tar Heel congressional delegates and civic leaders of the western part of the state to discuss plans for developing the North Carolina side of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park.

Four of the Waynesville delegates, Charles Ray, Ed Sims, C. N. Allen and C. J. Reece, will leave here Wednesday. The others, J. E. Massie, W. Curtis Russ, Tom Alexander, and either Jonathan Woody or J. H. Way, Jr., will join the special train leaving Asheville at 4:00 p. m. Thursday afternoon.

Asheville, Brevard, Hendersonville, Bryson City, Sylva, Andrews, Franklin, Robbinsville, Murphy, and possibly Canton will be represented by approximately 40 persons attending from this area.

William Medford, state senator from Haywood, and other W.N.C. members of the assembly, will attend the meeting from Raleigh.

The meeting was arranged early in January by Rep. Monroe Redden, who has been assured the support of the entire North Carolina congressional body in presenting their plans to the interior secretary.

Development of the Tennessee side of the Park has been more intense than that of this side. Although North Carolina has not been discriminated against, Rep. Redden has commented, it does appear that development here has been neglected.

A comprehensive list of projects for improvement of the park have been written in a report, compiled by Mr. Ray and other community leaders in the W.N.C. Associated Communities, to be the basis for discussion at the meeting.

The interior Department will have the discretion of including which of these projects; road improvements, picnic grounds, rest stations, etc. it favors in its departmental budget. If the budget is approved by Congress, funds would be authorized to carry out the outlined work.

Others who desire to go are urged to join the group, and are asked to get in touch with Miss S. A. Jones at the Chamber of Commerce office to get a train reservation. The group will return Friday night, so no hotel reservation will be necessary.

Pigeon District Scouts To Observe 27th Anniversary

Boy Scouts in the Pigeon River District will celebrate scouting's 27th birthday anniversary in America Sunday, February 9, at the Champion YMCA in Canton, starting at 3 p. m.

C. C. Poindexter, co-vice chairman of the district, announces that a program featuring the theme of National Boy Scout Week (Feb. 7-13) will be presented, and an offering taken to help re-establish scouting in countries devastated by World War II.

Members of all boy scout and cub scout troops in the district are urged to be present. Committee men, pastors and friends of the organization also are asked to attend.

Test Farm Is Becoming One Of Best In South

Despite shortages of materials and labor, the new Mountain Test Farm at Waynesville is now one of the best equipped experiment stations in the South, according to H. R. Clapp, assistant director in charge of operations at this station.

Clapp reports that the farm has completed two burley tobacco barns, one of which is equipped with blower equipment for forced air ventilation for use in curing tobacco and for drying hay. An "ordering pit" and classing room are also attached to one of the barns.

He says the Mountain Experiment Station now has a fully equipped tobacco barn especially equipped for curing Turkish tobacco grown for experimental purposes in the Waynesville section. For poultry projects the station

Judge Denies Motion To Set Aside Jury Drawn For Feb. Court

Motion Takes Several
Hours, As February
Term Of Criminal
Court Convenes



Foreman

JUDGE WILLIAM H. BOBBITT, of Charlotte, yesterday afternoon, denied a motion made earlier in the morning by J. Bat Smathers, Asheville, attorney, that the jury panel of 42 names drawn for the first week of the February term of criminal court, be set aside and vacated.

In behalf of his client, Mr. Smathers gave a notice of appeal to the supreme court, saying he represented Charles W. Edwards, Jr., of Lake Junaluska. Mr. Edwards has a case in court on a charge of reckless driving.

The motion sought to set aside the panel of 42 names was made right after the foreman of the grand jury had been sworn in by the court. The hearing on the motion started at 10:30 and continued until the 12:15 recess, and was resumed at two o'clock. Judge Bobbitt gave his decision, after putting into the records, a full summary of testimony given before the noon recess.

J. E. Ferguson, tax collector of Haywood county from 1940 to 1946, was named foreman of the grand jury. The other seventeen members are: N. W. Ferguson, Sam Kelly, Swan L. Hendricks, Sam Noland, Bryan Heatherly, Wess Piess, Carl Rogers, Turner Franklin, G. W. Burnette, D. M. Cagle, J. Manson Arrington, Larry Justice, A. Grady Noland, Clint Burnette, Jack Felmet, J. M. Palmer and W. W. Piess.

The grand jury was drawn in court, with 7-year-old Jerry Henry, drawing out the names.

Judge Bobbitt excused Erastus Medford from jury duty, due to his physical disability, and Felix Stovall was excused by virtue of his position as assistant fire chief. Frank Davis, of Beaverdam, was also excused because of physical disability.

The other 21 men of the original 42 named for jury service will serve as trial jurors for the first week of court.

Just after Mr. Ferguson had been sworn in as foreman, Mr. Smathers made his motion that the panel of 42 names be set aside and vacated, on the grounds that the 25th name drawn was Ned Carver, and his name was set aside in lieu of the name of Felix Stovall.

Mr. Smathers charged that the name of Carver had been "taken from the list by no one in authority."

Mr. Smathers then submitted the original list of the 42 names drawn for jury service, and pointed out to the court that name No. 25 had been erased. The name erased was that of Ned Carver, and the name of Felix Stovall substituted, the lawyer said.

Bryan Medford, register of deeds, and clerk to the board of commissioners, was called to testify before.

Rev. Townsend USNR Ordered On Cruise

Rev. Paul Townsend, U. S. Naval Reserve, pastor of the First Methodist church, has been ordered by the Navy Department to report to Charleston, S. C., on Saturday, the 8th, where he will be assigned to duty on a training cruise.

Rev. Townsend, who holds the rank of Commander, will serve aboard the U. S. Little Rock, Cruiser, as a chaplain for a two weeks period.

Rev. Townsend, who has served the local church as pastor for the past 13 months is a veteran of World War II, having been on duty in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters with more than four years of service to his credit.

At the time he volunteered in the navy he was pastor of Main Street Methodist church, of Belmont.

One-Fifth of Cars Checked By SHP Have Bad Lights

About 400 motor vehicles
were checked during two light
stations held by Highway
Patrolmen in Canton recently.

Of the 400 cars checked, about 80 had defective lights, and were sent to garages to have the systems repaired.

"We plan similar stations in Waynesville soon," Cpl. E. W. Jones told The Mountaineer yesterday. "The ratio of one out of every five is entirely too high," he said.

The station was conducted by Cpl. Jones, Patrolman O. R. Roberts, and Patrolman F. R. Harper, who will be here until the 15th, and is expected to be transferred to Andrews.

Highway Record For 1947 In Haywood

(To Date)

Killed - - 0
Injured - 8

Vehicles Checked.....804

(This Information Compiled From Records of State Highway Patrol)

Groundhog Advises That Winter Is Not Over In Annual Forecast

That until finally he appeared,
rubbing his eyes and stretching
his forelegs after having
been cramped up for such a
long time.

He was rather grumpy at first, muttering about being tired of all the newspaper publicity. He looked around cautiously before emerging from his home, then sighed and came forth. We mentioned the morning's sun, and the chilly wind accompanying it. "Just what I expected," he said, rather testily.

Asked what his forecast was. (Continued on Page Eight)

Max. Min. Rainfall
89 56 .65
59 30
55 22
47 14