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## Junaluska Assembly Is Expecting One Of Best Seasons Ever This Year

### Dr. Love Announces That Formal Program Will Get Under Way In June 1st

Indications are that the 1947 season at Lake Junaluska will surpass all other seasons in the high program that will be presented according to Dr. F. S. Love, superintendent.

The season will formally open first, with the annual observance of Haywood County Day. Paul D. Kern is expected to give the address during the morning, and the night program will be in charge of the Haywood Youth Fellowship group.

A new movie projector has been purchased, and contracts made for several movies, which will be shown several times a week during the season.

Probably the high point in entertainment this season will be our "Dr. Love said. Alec Sims of Atlanta, will be in charge of music, and will bring with him eight trained soloists from Atlanta.

During the season, the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit is scheduled to make appearances at the Lake, ranging from popular operas. There are also as among the best in the state.

A new highway from the new entrance to the Terrace Hotel is scheduled to be completed before the season opens. Other improvements on the grounds and some major buildings operated by the Assembly are scheduled for completion before June first, according to Dr. Love.

## S Group Will Remain In Area Hunt Airplane

Despite unsuitable flying weather, the S group has kept their planes in the area since Monday afternoon. Air rescue Service personnel continue their stay in this area in search of the missing Cessna airplane.

According to Major T. J. Hiatt, S group was based at the Asheville-Hendersonville airport instructions to remain in this area until they can search it thoroughly from the air. The group, which has a large helicopter and observation craft.

Major Hiatt returned to the Asheville Air Base for the week leaving Thursday afternoon.

## Below Zero Is Reported During Cold Spell

Below zero weather descended on Wood County's mountains for the coldest spell yet this winter, dropping to 9 below at Catahena Ranch early Wednesday morning, according to Tom Alexander, after hitting zero at 5:00 p. m. Tuesday.

At the State Test Farm the thermometer dropped to 5 degrees below. Small flurries of snow blew in the lowlands, never quite to last, but covered the mountain sides with a light blanket which has not yet disappeared.

Later froze in many homes. Water in school buses could not be turned on their own power. However, there was a break in the weather Thursday for a moderate amount of relief, with freezing temperatures expected last night, and the possibility of rain forecast for today.

## Weather Report

Published The Mountaineer by S. Weather Bureau: Tuesday, Feb. 6—Mostly cloudy warmer today and tonight but rather windy tonight. Temperature tonight generally above freezing. Light rain probable Wednesday morning.

Wednesday, Feb. 7—Cloudy with occasional light rain and little change in temperature in the morning, but becoming colder and snow flurries in the afternoon. Colder Thursday and Saturday.

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

Max.	Min.	Rainfall
50	17	
46	15	.11
18	5	

## 12 Haywood Delegates At Meeting In Capital

### Group to Confer With Secretary Of Interior Today In Washington

Haywood will be represented by at least a dozen delegates this afternoon, when some 40 to 50 Western Carolina leaders confer with Secretary of the Interior J. A. Krug and others of his department, on further development of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the completion of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Some of the delegates left Wednesday afternoon in order to make plans for the presentation of facts before Secretary Krug and others. Others from Haywood left yesterday afternoon. All went by train, and are expected to return Saturday morning.

Arrangements for the meeting in Washington were made by Representative Monroe Redden, in behalf of the Western North Carolina Communities Association. Invited to attend the meeting are all North Carolina congressmen and the two senators. A group from Raleigh will be present, with a possibility that Governor R. Gregg Cherry will attend. Others from Raleigh will include A. H. Graham, chairman of the State Highway and Public Works commission, R. Getty Browning, chief locating engineer of the highway department, W. W. Neal, chairman of the state park commission. Senator William Medford, of Waynesville, and Robert D. Coleman, of Canton, will attend, and both left Raleigh last night.

Those leaving here Wednesday were: Charles E. Ray, vice chairman of the WNCAC; C. J. Reece, president of the Chamber of Commerce; C. N. Allen, G. C. Ferguson, town manager; Miss S. A. Jones, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce; and L. E. Sims, former president of the organization.

Those leaving yesterday included J. E. Massie, owner of the Park Theatre; James T. Noland, official of the First National Bank; W. Curtis Russ, editor of The Mountaineer; Tom Alexander, of Canton; Harley E. Wright, of the Canton Chamber of Commerce; W. J. Dantoff and Beckman Huger, of Champion Paper and Fibre company.

## Water Tank in Kitchen Bursts With Medford Family At Breakfast Wednesday Morning

Eight members of Ben Medford's family were sitting around the breakfast table at their home in Iron Duff, just off highway 209, Wednesday morning about 9 o'clock, when their water tank behind the kitchen stove exploded, blowing the family under the table momentarily unconscious, and scattering fragments through the house with the force of an artillery shell.

Two neighbors, Dock Boyd and C. Y. Parks, sitting in the adjoining living room, escaped the main force of the blast and rushed in immediately to help take the small children outside the house. By some lucky stroke of fate, no one was badly injured.

The explosion, described as a deep thud by someone who witnessed it from the outside, jarred the surrounding houses. Steam and smoke filled the house for some time, but fire did not start although the stove firebox was spread in every direction.

Other than the stove, a wood and coal range, and 30-gallon water tank, property losses include a yard-square hole in the wall beside the stove, broken windows, dishes, minor damage to furniture, a hole through the kitchen roof, and miscellaneous items. Mr. Medford estimates that it would cost \$800 to re-quip his house as it was before the explosion.

The family, he relates, had gotten up only a short time before following one of the coldest nights this winter which had frozen the water in the tank. He had built a fire in the stove at 8:30 o'clock, and Mrs. Medford had prepared breakfast. Their oldest daughter had left for school, but the parents and other children, J. R. 12, Edwin, 10; Mack, 8; Otis, 7; Dewain, 5; and Betty, 3, had just sat down at the table.

Hot water from the stove, trying to get in the ice-filled tank, had built up pressure, which resulted in the explosion.

Little Betty had small burns on her right arm, and Otis received a burn behind an ear. A few minor scratches were received by other members of the family, but none of the injuries required the care of a doctor.

Mr. Medford, a carpenter, had been living at the house only four months, and plans to rebuild it with additional rooms. He had another stove at his former home, and was preparing to install it Wednesday afternoon in place of the one destroyed.

## Walter Mallonee Is New Aircraft Division Head

Walter B. Mallonee, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mallonee, of Waynesville, who is a native of this county and lived here until he was grown, and now a resident of Charlotte has been named head of the aircraft division of Whitehead's, Inc., according to Troy Whitehead, president of the concern.

The company's new hangar at Morris Field, Charlotte, will be ready in about 30 days and the plans have been made for extensive expansion of operations at this time. Mr. Mallonee in his work with the company, will have charge of an approved repair station, a certified training school, and the company's specialized sales and the services of the North American's Navion "plane." The concern offers charter service and has the distributorship in the Carolinas, Georgia, and parts of Tennessee and Virginia for the Navion.

Mr. Mallonee has had long experience in aviation. He soloed in Charlotte in 1934 and received his commercial license in 1936. He was flight instructor at the Cannon Airport from 1937 to 1939 when he

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## Schoolmasters Discuss Teacher Legislation

Thirty members of the Haywood County Schoolmasters club met at the Clyde high school Monday night.

Lawrence Leatherwood, principal of the Hazelwood school, discussed legislation concerning teachers and schools now being considered by the General Assembly at Raleigh.

## Bishop Garber Describes Nazi Effect On Europe

Hunger, sickness, and lack of adequate clothing characterize the condition of Methodist leaders in Europe following six years of living under the Nazis, reported Bishop Paul N. Garber in an address at the First Methodist church Wednesday evening.

The bishop, who has supervised Methodism in 11 European and North African nations and the Madia Islands for the past two years, gave numerous examples of the heroism of protestant leaders under Nazi prosecution, and ended his talk with a plea that Americans continue sending food and medicine overseas and help finance the rebuilding of churches in war-torn lands.

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## Their Organization Sponsoring Park Hearing



These three men are the officers of Western North Carolina Associated Communities, the sponsoring organization for the meeting today in Washington with Secretary of the Interior J. A. Krug and other interior department officials for a discussion of the possibilities of improvements of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the completion of the Blue Ridge Parkway. Shown here, left to right, Charles E. Ray, Waynesville, vice president of WNCAC; Percy Ferber, of Andrews, president and C. M. Douglas, of Brevard, secretary-treasurer. This photograph was made here recently, as the group met to discuss vital matters of the area. (A Mountaineer photograph by Ingram, Skyland Studio.)

## Judge Bobbitt Hands Down Court Order In Jury Motion Hearing

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Upon the convening of Court the names of the forty-two men drawn and summoned for jury service were called by the Clerk, Erastus Medford and Frank Davis were excused by the Court on account of physical disability, and Felix Stovall was excused by the Court on the ground that he is Assistant Chief of the Fire Department, and on that account is exempt from jury service. Scrolls on which appeared the names of the remaining thirty-nine jurors were placed in a hat by the Clerk in open court and a child under ten years of age was called from the audience in the Court room and under the supervision of the Court the child withdrew from the hat eighteen scrolls, one by one, and as each scroll was drawn the Clerk read out the name of the juror entered thereon and the eighteen men whose names were so drawn were called into the jury box, one by one as their names were called, thereupon the Court named Mr. J. Earl Ferguson as Foreman of the Grand Jury, it having been announced prior to the aforesaid proceedings that the Grand Jury was being drawn. After the swearing in of the Foreman, J. Bat Smathers, Esquire, Attorney of the Buncombe County Bar, appearing in behalf of one C. W. Edwards, Jr., who, it was stated is bound over to this court on a charge of reckless driving, made a motion that the entire jury panel from which the Grand Jury was selected, be set aside and vacated for that in the drawing of the jury list of forty-two names the twenty-fifth name was that of Ned Carver, and that his name was set aside and that in lieu thereof an additional name was drawn, namely that of Felix Stovall. Upon the making of this motion the Court announced that it would hear evidence bearing upon this motion, whether offered in behalf of the movant or offered in behalf of the officials designated by law for the supervision of the drawing of the jury, and evidence

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## Canton Firemen Put Out Small Fires Wednesday

Canton firemen answered two calls within an hour Wednesday morning. Neither alarm was serious, and the fires were extinguished without the use of water.

The first call was to the home of Mrs. Guy Hipps on Newfound street, and the second to the home of Oscar Banks on Clyde street. Both were mainly "flue fires," firemen stated, and no damage was done.

## New 1947 Chevrolet Is On Display Here

The first 1947 Chevrolet is on display at Watkins Chevrolet company and is creating much interest. The car, although sold, will be on display for the next several days, according to M. D. Watkins, owner of the firm.

## Many Farm Meetings Scheduled For Month

A series of meetings of interest to dairy men, orchardmen, poultry raisers, and all farmers in general is announced by County Agent Wayne Corpening.

Saturday an agronomy team from Raleigh will discuss soils, the correct fertilizer practices, and talk over individual problems at a county-wide meeting at the Court House. The program will start at 10 a. m.

Orchardmen of the county will gather at the county agent's office Tuesday at 2 p. m. H. R. Niswonger, extension horticultural specialist from State College, will discuss orchard problems with them.

A group from Haywood, including Zene Wells, son of Van Wells in the Pigeon section, who was selected the outstanding 4-H Guernsey raiser in the county, will attend the State Guernsey Breeders association meeting in Winston-Salem, on Feb. 13. The group will leave Waynesville at 6 a. m., and return from the meeting that night.

Pure bred Jersey growers will gather at the Biltmore Plaza, in Biltmore, Tuesday at 10:30, when the western counties will be organized into parishes for the work of their recently employed field man, Harry Lutz.

A one-day western district Poultry School and Egg show will be held at Brevard, Feb. 18, from 10 a. m. to 3:30 p. m. All persons with poultry problems are urged to attend, and those who wish to enter eggs in the competition for prizes are reminded that each farmer may enter two baskets of one

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## House Destroyed By Fire Here On Wednesday Night

Fire started by a small bedroom stove burned two rooms, the attic, and caused considerable damage to a house in the colored section of Waynesville on Oakdale road, about 11 o'clock Wednesday night. Firemen worked in near 12 degrees weather to put it out, with water freezing as it fell to the ground.

The house is the property of Mary Rose, of New York, and is rented by John R. Cox. The frame structure, with sheet metal roof, is built in the shape of a T, the front part two stories high, and the rear ell one story.

Four persons were in the house when the fire started; Cox, his wife, and two roomers. One of the roomers, Ed Lenoir, had built a

## Criminal Term Of Court Nears End Of First Week With Many Cases Tried

### Hazelwood Methodists Will Build New Church

### \$40,000 to \$50,000 Structure Is Planned For Church and Recreation

Tentative plans call for an expenditure of some \$40,000 to \$50,000 on a Methodist church, church school and recreational building in Hazelwood, according to Dr. Walter West, superintendent of the Waynesville district of the Methodist church.

The Methodists sometime ago bought the old Presbyterian church building in Hazelwood, and last week completed the purchase of the manse, on the same property. The acquisition of the manse gives the church property "frontage" of 100 feet on the street, and extending back 150 feet.

Plans call for moving the church building back forty feet from the street, and making it a rock veneer building. Then to the left a rock veneered wing for a church school and recreational hall will be constructed. Dr. West said.

The present building on the property, called the "Hut" will be modernized and used until the main plant is completed.

Dr. West said plans also call for a full-time pastor to take over the work of the church sometime in early June. At the present, Rev. and Mrs. C. O. Newell are holding evening services at the church. Since the manse has been bought, the housing problem has been solved, and will provide a home for a pastor of the church. The church has a membership of about 100.

The possibilities of the Hazelwood church are unlimited, and now that we have a church building, and pastor's home, we can go right ahead with expansion plans and put up a plant that will fill the needs of a membership of several hundreds," Dr. West said.

## Five to Seven Year Sentences Given Haney on Robbery Count Tuesday

Several criminal cases for offenses that included robbery, trespass, selling liquor, and highway irregularities appeared before Judge William H. Bobbitt, presiding at the February term of Superior court which opened here this week. Five divorces were granted Tuesday and Wednesday.

Robert Elwood Haney, 25, who pled guilty to robbing a 61-year-old Negro, Lucius (Hambone) Love, in the Gibsontown section of Canton on January 22, was given a five to seven year sentence on the road for the stiffest penalty handed down so far this week.

John McAllister of New York and Edith Chapman, said to have been involved in the robbery, were reportedly arrested in Washington last week, but were not present for the trial.

Thursday afternoon the court was trying an assault case, in which David Cook was the defendant. Alvin Wyatt Nodine, involved in a highway accident in the Pigeon section last summer in which a boy was killed and the vehicle Nodine was driving had a load of liquor, entered a plea of guilty to transporting whiskey. A manslaughter indictment against him was thrown out, although it may be reopened at the discretion of the solicitor.

The divorces granted included: Josephine W. Lourain from Alexander Lourain, E. L. Chastain from Lydia Adams Chastain, Rex D. Mitchell from Mary Elizabeth Mitchell, Jack T. Burrus from Sarah Marie Burrus, and Albert Sprinkle from Beatrice Sprinkle.

Serving on the jury this week were Jonathan Woody, Boone Sentelle, J. R. Platt, Albert Ferguson, Carter Osborne, Lenoir Moody, France Rogers, C. E. Cole, Dick Moody, Ben Noland, Levi Caldwell, and Spauldin Underwood.

Jack and James King, in a larceny case carried over from the November term of court, were sentenced to eight months on the road.

Lawrence D. Brooks, who pled guilty of reckless driving, was fined \$50 and costs.

Hub Milner, after pleading guilty to assault with a deadly weapon was released on paying court costs.

Final judgment against Don H. Cogdill, charged with abandonment was a six months sentence, sus

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## Boy Scouts Of District Will Rally At Canton

Boy Scout Week, which starts today and closes next Saturday, will be celebrated by 1,980,000 scouts in America under the theme "Scouts of the World—Building for Tomorrow."

The Pigeon River District, which includes the troops at Canton, Waynesville, and Bethel, will stage a joint rally Sunday afternoon at the Champion YMCA, with Cub Scouts, committeemen and other friends invited to participate.

The program will begin at 3:00 p. m., with special emphasis to be laid on scouts here helping to rebuild scouting in war-torn countries. Voluntary gifts to the World

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## Polio Drive Will End February 15; Goal Of \$3,500

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## Highway Record For 1947 In Haywood

(To Date)

**Killed - - 0**  
**Injured - 8**

Vehicles Checked - 825

(This Information Compiled From Records of State Highway Patrol)