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N. C. GROUP ASKS MILLION FOR SMOKIES

Club Women To Convene Here Thurs. More Housing, Merger of Towns Asked

Inspection Tour Made Of Eastern Park Area

Increased Funds Are Requested By WNCAC

In Charge Of Local Arrangements

Methodist Churches To Hold Joint Meet Sunday
Will Worship Together At Junaluska Haywood County Day Program

All Methodist churches in the county will cancel their regular services Sunday, June 1 to worship together during the observance of Haywood County Day at the Lake Junaluska Assembly, it is announced by Dr. Walter West, district superintendent.

Hon. Josephus Daniels, publisher of the Raleigh News and Observer, is the principal speaker at the 11 o'clock service Sunday morning. Special music will be presented by the combined choirs of the First Waynesville and Canton Central Methodist churches.

Each family that attends is requested to bring a basket lunch and enjoy dinner on the grounds.

There will be no afternoon service, as has been customary in the past, reports Dr. West. The Haywood Methodist Youth Fellowship is sponsoring an inter-faith rally of young people, to begin at 8 p. m. in the Assembly auditorium.

Requests for a definite plan to meet the housing shortage here, that Waynesville and Hazelwood consolidate and take in outlying areas and an optimistic report on the outlook for the Lake Junaluska summer assembly program were highlights of the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet, held Friday evening at the Hazelwood school cafeteria.

Approximately 280 persons were present to hear speakers report on past accomplishments, define the place of the State Test Farm in its relation to the agricultural and business life of the community, describe how legislation has made possible the needed expansion of the Haywood County Hospital, and report that the project for a large, modern hotel here still is under serious consideration.

C. J. Reece, Chamber of Commerce president, was the presiding officer and introduced the speaker, Rev. M. R. Williamson gave the invocation, after which the group sat down to a delicious meal prepared by the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Dinner music was presented by members of the high school band.

At the close of the program the benediction was given by Rev. S. R. Crockett.

PAYING OF PISGAH ROAD A PRIMARY ACCOMPLISHMENT

L. E. Sims, past president, stated that during the last year much of the Chamber of Commerce work dealt with answering inquiries of "every conceivable nature" from every state in the union, Mexico and Canada. The group offered financial support to the Haywood County Livestock and Home Arts Show, promoted the Homer Ferguson Day program and a banquet for the N. C. Press association. It joined in the organization of Western North Carolina Associated Communities whose influence already "is being felt in Washington and Raleigh."

Although many of their activities were intangible in the assessment of results, Mr. Sims cited the paving of the Pisgah mountain road — on the eve of the press group's visit here — as a primary achievement. He closed his talk by commending all member for their hard work and cooperation with him on the projects.

STATE TEST FARM GROWTH IS CITED

The Mountain Experiment Station, reported Howard Clapp, is a state sponsored research unit for agriculture in Western North Carolina. He related how the test farm had grown, since 1944, to include 396 acres and represent an investment of \$100,000.

Local Problems Are Discussed By Speakers Friday in Hazelwood Cafeteria

Twenty-four students, including four ex-servicemen, will be awarded diplomas tonight at the Clyde High school graduation program. Rev. Ralph Taylor, pastor of the Central Methodist church, delivered the baccalaureate sermon Sunday evening in the school auditorium.

The program was opened with the professional, played by Mrs. Mahaffey, after which a hymn was sung by the congregation and Rev. T. H. Parris gave the invocation. The scriptures were read by Rev. J. E. Sampley, and a number presented by the girls chorus.

Student speakers and musicians will be featured in the graduation exercises tonight. The opening and closing music will be given by a violin and piano ensemble. Rev. T. H. Parris will speak the invocation, after which the junior chorus will sing, "Springtime."

Margaret Cockerell Jones will deliver the salutatory and Lucille Mann the valedictory. The senior class will join in singing the "Alma Mater." David McCracken will speak as class optimist, Ruth Lindsey Hall as historian, Josephine McCracken as the prophet and Herbert Simpson will give the last will and testament. Diplomas will then be awarded by the principal, Homer Henry.

The graduates are Susie Isabella Chambers, Margaret Kathryn Cockerell, Margaret Ann Cole, Betty Dotson DeWeese, Mary Aileen Francis, Ernest G. Hall, Jr., Ruth Lindsay Hall, Charles W. Hannah, Ernest Howell Jackson, Virginia Dorothy Kuykendall, Paul Leatherwood, Georgia Lucille Mann, William E. McClure, David E. McCracken, Josephine McCracken, Paul Rogers, Rex Shuler, James Herbert Simpson, Bonnie Caldonia Sorrells, Joe E. Terrell, John Best, Ned W. Brown, Jerry Lane Leatherwood and Lester P. Lovelace.

Development Program Studied By Civic Leaders of Waynesville-Asheville

Some 20 civic and business leaders of Asheville visited the eastern end of the park for the first time on Sunday as the guests of the Chamber of Commerce here. The trip was an inspection tour of the Big Creek, Cataloochee, Camp Gap and Heintoocha areas.

"The visitors were impressed by the undeveloped area of the park, and agreed to cooperate fully on a general program calling for the complete development of that entire section," Charles Ray, general chairman, said yesterday.

In addition to the Asheville city officials, directors of the Chamber of Commerce and Junior Chamber of Commerce of that city, the tour had representatives of the state and federal agencies, and a photographer of Holiday magazine. The Asheville group was headed by Mayor Clarence E. Morgan and Alderman Fred Seely.

Alfred DeLardi, photographer of Holiday magazine, was along and made many photographs which will be used in a 28-page section of the magazine on North Carolina in the October issue. Another photographer, John Hemmer of the state news bureau, and Carl Sink, assistant director of the bureau were among those making the trip. The Carolina Motor Club was represented by Don Wilkeson and the AAA by Mr. Durkin, road checker. Canton was represented by W. J. Dantoff and Walter Dantoff, Jr. Waynesville's new board of aldermen were present in a body. They were Dave Cade, Dr. Tom Stringfield and Henry Gaddy.

So interested is Tennessee in the development of the area, and a water-level road from Waynesville to Newport, that a delegation of 12, headed by Judge George Sheppard of Newport, met the Tar Heel representatives at Cataloochee.

The Waynesville party, playing host to the out-of-town inspection party, was made up of about 30 civic leaders, including most of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce. Lunch was served picnic style at Cataloochee church, with Richard Geringer in charge.

The park service had five representatives to join the party at Big Creek. They were Blair Ross, superintendent of the park, John Needham, chief ranger, and Ralph Shaver, James Light and Mark Hannah.

The Waynesville Chamber of Commerce assisted the visiting photographers here on Saturday night in getting colored pictures of a typical square dance at Cataloochee ranch, with the Cataloochee string band furnishing the music. The group were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Alexander, owners of the ranch. Some of these pictures will be among the group sent to the editors of Holiday magazine for publication.

Statement Is Received By U. S. Senate Seeking \$844,923 For Smoky Park

By MARGARET KERNODLE

WASHINGTON, May 26 (AP)—North Carolinians asked today that the federal government spend nearly \$1,000,000 on the Great Smoky Mountains national park in the year beginning July 1.

The request was made before a senate appropriations subcommittee by a delegation headed by Francis J. Heazel, president of the Asheville chamber of commerce.

In a statement filed with the committee, Heazel asked that \$844,923 be appropriated for operation and development of the half million acres of the 13-year-old park in North Carolina and Tennessee.

The Interior Department appropriations bill as passed by the House provides only \$120,310 for the park. The appropriation for the current fiscal year was \$120,148. Heazel asked that the \$844,923 be provided for these purposes:

1. Operation and maintenance, \$160,342.
2. Forest protection and fire prevention, \$24,581.
3. To build pioneer museum at Mingus creek, \$135,000.
4. To build museum wing to administration building near Gatlinburg, \$65,000.
5. Construction of road within the park from the Black Camp Gap entrance to Heintoocha Overlook and Balsam mountain campground, \$350,000.
6. Development of the Balsam mountain camp grounds near Heintoocha Overlook on the North Carolina side of the park, \$100,000.
7. To complete surveys and plan for construction of park road between the park boundary near Bryson City and park boundary near Fontana Dam (to replace N. C. highway 288 that was flooded by Fontana lake), \$50,000.

Heazel said the "park as it now stand constitutes a forest preserve rather than a national park."

"In its present undeveloped state, the park constitutes a disappointment not only to North Carolina and Tennessee, but to the very large number of people who visit it."

"In contrast to parks in the west, the Great Smoky Mountains National park was made possible largely by donations of land to the United States . . . which represent sizeable investments by these two states . . . made upon the invitation of congress."

"The investment of \$11,500,000 is unjustified, he added, as long as the usable area is limited."

"Congress," he added, "would be wise to provide adequately for the maintenance and operation and reasonable funds for a program of development designed to keep faith with contributors to the park and to meet the public needs."

"The people of North Carolina generally feel keenly that the development of the park has been unduly slow and that the public consequently is being denied use of a great natural resource."

"The personnel for the park has been insufficient to render adequate service to visitors but (the park) ranked first in the number of visitors to national parks in (Continued On Page Eight)

Memorial Day Service To Be Held Friday

The hearing in the case of John Sentelle versus Grady Henry, said to involve the payment for some printing which the plaintiff claims never was delivered by the defendant, will be heard in magistrate's court at 10:00 o'clock Saturday morning, May 31.

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Canton Man Is Elected Head NC Postmasters

Warde C. Hill, Canton postmaster for the past 13 years, was elected president of the North Carolina Postmasters' association, at a joint three-day meeting of the N. C. and South Carolina Postmasters' association at Columbia, S. C. last week.

Mr. Hill attended the convention at Columbia, which opened Thursday. Between 400 and 500 postal representatives from the two states attended.

The Canton postmaster was congratulated.

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Newspaper Editors Tour Western Carolina Getting First Hand Information

More than 20 members of the W. N. C. Press Association toured Western Carolina Saturday and Sunday, getting first-hand information of the scenic spots of the area. The trip was made as a survey for a tour to be given the National Editorial Association in May 1948, when more than 600 editors and publishers from all 48 states will hold their annual meeting in North Carolina.

The group traveled in a special bus, and the delegation was headed by Herbert Peele, of Elizabeth City and president of the N. C. Press, and Miss Beatrice Cobb, of Morganton, secretary of the state association.

The party had lunch in Waynesville, and went to Cherokee via Soco Gap, and then to the top of Clingman's Dome, and back into Bryson City for dinner, and spent the night there.

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Haywood Girl Hurt In Wreck

The condition of Miss Jennie Faye Putnam, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Putnam, of Lake Junaluska, who suffered injuries when she was struck by an automobile after alighting from a bus on the Enka highway near Enka around 8:20 Saturday evening, was resting fairly well, it was learned yesterday afternoon from the North hospital, Asheville, where she is a patient.

The accident was investigated by State Highway Patrolman C. D. (Continued on Page Five)

Commencement Exercises Will Start Here Friday Night With Class Play

The first of commencement exercises for the Waynesville Township high school will be held Friday night as the senior class play is presented. The graduating class this year is made up of 127 members, according to M. H. Bowles, superintendent.

On Sunday night, at the high school auditorium, the annual baccalaureate sermon will be held with the Rev. L. G. Elliott, pastor of the First Baptist church bringing the message.

Regular classes will be held on Monday, but just part of the day Tuesday, Mr. Bowles said.

Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, the eighth grade promotion exercises, with the award of attendance certificates, the American

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Highway Record For 1947 In Haywood

(To Date)

Killed - - 2
Injured - 17

(This Information Compiled From Records of State Highway Patrol)

Miss Bradley Represents Waynesville Club In Pageant At Lions Convention

Jean Ann Bradley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bradley, was dressed in the costume of China as she represented the Waynesville Lions Club at the 25th state convention colorful Flag of Nations pageant, Sunday evening in the Asheville City Auditorium.

Girls from all towns in Western North Carolina in which there are Lions Clubs took part in the pageant, which featured the opening night celebration of the North Carolina "Silver Jubilee." Miss Frances Rogers of Canton represented Honduras.

Springdale School To Give Operetta

As a feature of the closing activities of Springdale School, a production of "Trial By Jury," Gilbert and Sullivan's famous comic operetta, is being prepared by the students and staff and will be presented Wednesday evening, June 4th, at 8:30, at Springdale School.

This delightful, gay, and tuneful operetta, will be one of the most ambitious projects undertaken by the students. It is under the musical direction of Mr. Sol B. Cohen, Springdale's well known musical director, and will be staged (Continued On Page Eight)

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Corpening Named Vice-President Of State ROA

Wayne A. Corpening, Lt. Col. Inf. Reserve, was elected senior vice-president of the Department of North Carolina, Reserve Officers Association, at the state convention held last week-end at Wrightsville Beach.

As president of the Haywood Chapter, ROA, Mr. Corpening invited the department council to consider Waynesville as the place for the 1948 convention.

Speakers at the convention included Maj. Gen. Edward H. Brooks, Third Army C. G., Senator William B. Umstead, Congressman Carl T. Durham, Maj. Gen. S. LeRoy Erwin, V Corps C. G., and several other officers prominent in reserve and training commands.

Members of the Haywood ROA who attended were Mr. Corpening, Paul Davis and Richard Bradley, accompanied by Mrs. Corpening and Mrs. Davis.

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County Wildlife Group Will Meet Wednesday Night

The Haywood county Wildlife Federation will meet at 8 p. m. Wednesday in the courthouse, to which members and all other persons interested in wildlife are invited, announces Felix Stovall, president.

Officers for the coming year will be elected at this week's meeting.

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