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WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 1947 No. 59 Sixteen Pages Associated Press News WAYNESVILLE, N. C., FRIDAY, JULY 25, 1947 \$3.00 In Advance In Haywood and Jackson Counties

## Working Meters Up; To Go Use Saturday

Working meters installed in city to regulate traffic. The city will be required to install parking meters in the city by Saturday morning. The meters will be installed in the city by Saturday morning. The meters will be installed in the city by Saturday morning.

## One-Tenth Names On Jury Scrolls Here Are Women

Approximately one-tenth of the persons whose names are on the new jury scrolls for Haywood county are women, reports B. J. Medford, register of deeds. Mr. Medford has about finished the bi-annual change of names, with the new scrolls being based on the 1945 tax payers of Haywood, nearly 11,000 persons. For the first time in the county's history, the names of women are included in the list of eligible jurors.

## Midshipman Lee Is On Training Cruise To Europe

Midshipman Robert L. Lee, Jr., son of Robert L. Lee of Walnut St., Waynesville, of the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., is participating in an extended summer training cruise to Europe aboard the destroyer USS Strubling. The cruise, first to be made to Europe by midshipmen since 1937, began June 23 at Rosyth, Scotland, and includes Copenhagen, Denmark; Oslo, Norway; Göteborg, Sweden, and the English ports of London, Portsmouth, Weymouth, Plymouth, Greenwhich, and Woolwich, as ports of call.

## Bethel Cannery Will Operate Only On Tuesday Each Week

Mrs. Joe Beverage has announced that the Bethel Community Cannery will operate on Tuesday only next week. Previously it had been stated that the cannery would be open twice a week and attention is called to canners of this change. The cannery will operate only on Tuesday each week until further notice.

## Examiner Finds Autos Are Worse Than Drivers

"I find more trouble with the cars than with drivers," reports M. L. Kimrey, drivers license examiner for Haywood and Jackson counties. Defective lights and brakes are the main things that have caused several applicants for driving permits not to finish their examinations.

## Old Rifles Blast Silence On Fie Top Wednesday

Jarvis Caldwell Posts Best Record Before Big Crowd At Shooting Match

The silence on Fie Top mountain was blasted Wednesday by the crack of burnt powder and whistle of lead as more than 90 marksmen of all ages brought out ancient muzzle-loading rifles and laid behind logs to fire in the first post-war old-fashioned shooting match conducted by Tom Alexander on his Cataloochee ranch. Jarvis Caldwell, 34, of Maggie placed his three shots an average of four and a quarter inches from the knife slit on the charred board target for the best record of the day.

Ben Friswold, 19, of Louisville, Ky.; Roy Medford, 34, of Haywood; and Frank Rich, 65, another Maggie contestant, won in their respective age groups; each of the four winners getting a quarter section of a prize steer.

Several hundred spectators, including many summer visitors from a variety of states, watched with interest throughout the day. A few drivers found the steep gravelled grade up to the ranch too stiff, parked their autos on the way and made it afoot.

Sixteen women, including girls in their teens, young men and old timers such as Jim Bradshaw, 77, of Iron Duff, filled the thick bores of their weapons from powder horns, took a hand-shaped lead from buckskin pouch, and inserted a cap for the side-hammer to ignite as their turns came to shoot. Most entrants lay on bearskin and steadied their weapons on logs to fire a 60-yards on the target, laid against a tree stump. A few chose to try their luck off-hand, standing or kneeling, from 40 yards, both methods being authorized.

Five members of the Rich family, (Continued on Page Two)

## White Oak-Pigeon Church Cemetery Decoration Set

The annual decoration at White Oak, Pigeon Baptist church will be held Saturday, August 9. The cemetery will be cleaned off on Thursday, August 7. On decoration day the decoration will be held at the Teague graveyard at 10 a. m. Dinner will be served on the church grounds at noon, then the church cemetery will be decorated.

## Mt. Holly Boy Wins Contest At Junaluska

Frank L. Rankin, of Mount Holly, won first place in the speaking contest for high school students, staged for the three Methodist conferences in the Charlotte district. Betty Kate Jones, of Spartanburg, won second place, and William Gribble, of Hartsville, S. C., was third.

## On Two Programs Here Friday



R. B. HOUSE Chancellor of the University of North Carolina, will speak at Rotary today at 1 o'clock, and also tonight at the Alumnae meeting of Western Carolina at 7:30.



MARION SAUNDERS, alumnae secretary of the University of North Carolina will appear on the Rotary program, and also at the W. N. C. Alumnae meeting of the University tonight.

## Commissioners Given '46 Financial Report

Harry J. Krusz, president of the North Carolina Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives, and executive secretary of the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce, plans to come here August 4th, and remain through the fifth. He will also visit the area west of here.

While in Waynesville, Mr. Krusz will be guest of the Chamber of Commerce directors at either a luncheon or dinner. A committee composed of Charles E. Ray, David Felmet and W. Curtis Russ was named by C. J. Reece, president, to make arrangements.

## Haywood REA To Start K Project During August

An erection contract for 148 miles of rural power lines in Macon, Jackson and Transylvania counties will be let in August, it is announced by R. C. Sheffield, manager of the Haywood Membership Electric Cooperative. The "K" project will cost approximately \$220,000 and bring electricity to an estimated 550 new members.

Right-of-way on the line is now about 50 per cent staked, reports Mr. Sheffield. A contract already has been signed to clear the right-of-way through woodlands and this work will begin the first of August. Final plans for the "K" project have been approved by state and federal rural electrification headquarters. It is hoped to begin erection of the lines next month and have the project completed before the end of this year.

## Bryson Urges All '46 Taxes Be Paid

A final call for payment of 1946 county taxes has been issued by Sebe Bryson, tax collector. Unless taxes are paid before the end of July, the property will be advertised during August and sold on the first Monday in September, as provided by state law. Mr. Bryson says that about 10 per cent of the taxpayers are delinquent, and urges all who have not done so to pay right away.

## County Treasurer Submits Report At Meeting Here This Week

The financial statement for Haywood county as of June 30, 1947, showed a balance on hand of \$202,240.16, and only two funds of 15 from which payments are made with overdrawn accounts. The statement was adopted and ordered published at a meeting Monday afternoon of the Board of Commissioners with all members present, after being offered by Charles H. Metcalfe, county auditor.

At the meeting N. C. West of Clyde was appointed to serve as a member of the Haywood county Welfare Board, due to the refusal of Gudger Bryson of Canton to fill a vacancy. After adopting the financial statement, the commissioners recessed to continue their meeting Saturday.

More than half of the present fund balances consist of prepaid 1947 taxes, with smaller amounts in the special fund, hospital fund, debt-service, capital outlay and various welfare funds. The county's general fund was shown overdrawn \$6,391.15 and the school current fund \$5,088.32. Two other school funds, however, had balances: the capital outlay fund with a balance of \$13,396.11 and the debt-service balance \$11,697.11.

Uncollected taxes for 1946 were approximately 90 per cent paid, with \$30,359.64 not received of a tax levy amounting to \$333,849.61. Revenue other than taxation last year was \$302,966.51. Total payments due on debt retirement and interest for the fiscal year now begun amount to \$117,474.13.

## Highway Patrol Radio Tower Is Up Near Soco Gap

Work was completed Friday on the erection of a radio tower near Soco Gap for the State Highway Patrol network, reports Patrolman O. R. Roberts. The tower will serve as a relay for SHP broadcasts in the western part of the state, between the control station at Swannanoa and patrol cars, making possible instant contact with many areas that have been out of range. Only a few changes of equipment will be required now to transfer the SHP radio set-up to Frequency Modulation from the AM system, which transfer was begun last year. Power will be connected to the Soco Gap tower when the new system begins operating.

## The Pirates Of Penzance To Be Music Highlight

WTHS Music Department Sponsors Colorful Opera Here Monday Evening

The light, gay music of the opera, "The Pirates of Penzance," will be given by an outstanding cast and orchestra from Transylvania Music Camp under the direction of James Christian Pfohl at 8 o'clock Monday evening in the Waynesville Township high school auditorium. Charles Isley, director of the high school music department which is sponsoring the program, points to the opera as the finest musical entertainment to be brought here this year.

Members of the cast and orchestra are either music students at college or professionals from all sections of the country taking part in the summer program at Transylvania Music Camp, rapidly rising as one of the best groups of its kind in America. As with all Gilbert and Sullivan operas, "The Pirates" build up many humorous and romantic situations, and is sung in English. Stage settings and costumes will add to the colorful atmosphere as Frederick, the male lead, attempts to escape the curious pirate band and becomes entangled in the affairs of the beautiful wards of

## Miss Polly Dyer Named Queen At Lake Junaluska

Miss Polly Dyer, of Lake Junaluska, was elected Queen of Junaluska Wednesday night, in the annual contest staged at the Lake. Much interest was shown in the spirited contest, with a number of candidates in the race. Miss Dyer is a graduate of the Waynesville high school, and lives with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Floyd at the Lake. She is a clerk in the Lake Junaluska post office. The coronation of the queen will be held later.

## Parole Is Granted To Haywood Man By Governor

James King of Haywood county, serving an eight-month term on the roads for larceny, was freed Tuesday under a parole signed by Governor Gregg Cherry, according to a press report from Raleigh. Other prisoners who were paroled at the same time included Mattie Franklin, a Negro woman who had been convicted in Fredrick county in the death of another colored woman for second degree murder, and Clifton Jack Perry, serving five years from Pasquotank county for secret assault and attempted robbery.

## Former Director Of Music At Lake Taken By Death

News has been received here of the death of Andrew Hemphill, for many years director of music at Lake Junaluska. Mr. Hemphill passed away at his home in Dallas, Texas. He was well known throughout the south as he made many friends during the years he led the music at the Lake. Mrs. Hemphill survives, and lives at 3433 Shenandoah Avenue, in Dallas.

## Interest High In Farm Tour, To Begin Tuesday

Much interest is being shown in the 5th out-of-county Farm Tour, which will leave Tuesday morning at 7 o'clock from the Haywood county courthouse for four days of travel through Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee. More people than went to the Eastern Carolina coast last year have notified County Agent Wayne Corpening already that they will join the convoy of automobiles and buses making the trip. Groups of veteran farm trainees and businessmen of this area have been invited to join the tour, with indications that around 120 in all will be "aboard."

## Civic Groups To Enter Protests Against Southern Taking Off Trains

Chamber of Commerce Employs Lawyer To File Protest With Commission

The board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce here Tuesday night instructed James Hardin Howell, Jr., to prepare briefs to be filed with the State Utilities Commission protesting the proposed removal of trains Nos. 17 and 18, the two passenger trains operated daily from Asheville to Murphy, through here. Mr. Howell was also instructed to represent the organization at the hearing in Asheville on August 12th, and to head a delegation of business and civic leaders from here to appear before the commission.

The Southern Railway has set out in their brief filed with the commission that they are losing approximately \$80,000 per year in operating the two trains, and are asking the commission's permission to discontinue the trains. Other communities on the Murphy branch of the road are expected to join with Waynesville in making formal protest before the Utilities Commission. The Chamber of Commerce here is financing the project, and Mr. Howell expects to visit all communities west of here in the interest of the case. C. J. Reece, president of the Chamber of Commerce named a committee to work with Mr. Howell. The committee is composed of C. N. Allen, Richard N. Barber and W. Curtis Russ.

## Opera Gems To Be Given Tonight On Lake Stage

Opera Gems will be presented tonight by the Cathedral Singers, as the spotlight of interest at Lake Junaluska is focused on the second of three concerts by the talented Atlanta chorus under the direction of Alec B. Simson. Opening the program will be Frank Love, Jr., and the chorus in the "Toreador Song" from Carmen, followed by the rollicking hit of other familiar opera melodies which will offer contrast to the stately music of Franz Schubert which featured the opening concert last week. The first of the three part program will consist of a group of arias and the third act quartette from Bizet's Carmen. Soloists, in addition to Frank Love, Jr., will be Betty Turner and George Holden. Cherie Smith, contralto, will sing the aria "Cavatina" from Der Freischutz after the first intermission; after which Betty Milford, soprano; Mary Hancock, contralto; Barnes Sale, tenor; and Hugh Wilson, baritone will present the quartet from Rigoletto. Miss Turner will sing "My Name Is Mimi" from La Traviata. The sextette from Lucia will complete the second portion of the program. The closing selection will be taken from Cavalleria Rusticana. Miss Milford, Willa Lowrance and Evelyn Wall will accompany the singers.

## 275 At Baptist Sunday School Picnic Wednesday

The annual picnic of the Sunday school of the First Baptist church attracted 275 Wednesday afternoon, at the farm of M. O. Gallaway on Plott's Creek, who provided the barbecued beef and chicken for the occasion. Before the meal, Rev. I. G. Elliott led in vesper services, interspersing hymns and prayer. RECOVERING IN HOSPITAL Peggy Ann Payne, 16, of Canton, who was taken to the Haywood County Hospital on Tuesday to undergo an appendicitis operation, is reported recovering nicely.

## Highway Record For 1947 In Haywood

(To Date) Killed - 4 Injured - 27 (This Information Compiled From Records of State Highway Patrol) (Continued on Page Two)