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Group Asks Congress For More Park Funds

Civic Men and Rep. Redden Request Uncle Sam to Speed Up Program

Uncle Sam was asked this week for about \$1,000,000 for the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in North Carolina and Tennessee. A group representing both states presented a "special speed-up program" to members of Congress and other federal officials.

"This," they said, "is the least you can afford to do for this big park this year." (Fiscal year beginning July 1).

"Build the Bryson City-Fontana road in North Carolina at a cost of \$542,000; build the Cades Cove road in Tennessee at a cost of \$125,000; add to the Tennessee Museum building at Gatlinburg with \$67,700 and build a museum at Mingo Creek, N. C. at a cost of \$153,200."

"Also increase park personnel with the sum of \$41,701, equipment with sum of \$10,808."

Representative Redden is a leader of conferences which he said will continue two days. At the conferences are Charles Ray, Waynesville; Arthur Jones, Ralph Grant and Francis Heazel, all of Asheville. Tennessee and North Carolina residents of the Great Smoky (Continued on page two)

Spring Must Be Here—Pet Groundhog Returns

Spring has come to East Waynesville—that is, if the ground hog is any judge of seasons. Last summer a ground hog made his home near the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Leatherwood. During the season the little animal became so friendly toward the Leatherwood children that he ate out of their hands and was quite tame. Then came cold weather and Mr. Groundhog disappeared. But not for good. On Monday of this week the Leatherwoods were astonished to see their little friend back in the yard waiting to be fed.

Waynesville Groups To Fete York Rite Masons

York Rite Masons of W. N. C. To Attend Banquet Monday At Hazelwood

On Monday night, March 15, the Waynesville chapter No. 69, Royal Arch Masons, Doric Council No. 20, Royal and Select Masters, and Waynesville Commandry No. 31, Knights Templar will be host to all York Rite Masons in Western North Carolina.

Supper will be served in the dining room of the Presbyterian church at Hazelwood, at 7:30 p. m. Most Worshipful Thomas J. Harkins, Past Grand Master in North Carolina, will be the speaker of the evening. Most Excellent Companion Charles C. Ricker, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina, and many other distinguished York Rite Masons will be present.

All Work Rite Masons are invited to attend announce R. C. McBride, High Priest; H. J. Sloan, Jr., Ill-Master; and C. R. Eckhoff, Em-Commander.

Williamson President Of C. S. P.T.A.

Rev. M. R. Williamson was named president of the Central Parent Teachers Association on Tuesday night, succeeding Dave Felmet, whose term expires at the end of the present school year. Other officers elected were: Joe Jack Atkins, vice president; Mrs. Sam Bushnell, Jr., secretary and Miss Metcalf, treasurer.

Claude Rogers, principal, reported that \$1,100 in new books have just arrived for the school library. The books were selected by the ten teachers of the faculty, and is a project that is being sponsored by the Parent-Teacher organization. The treasury reported \$625 on hand.

During the program session, a brief report was made by W. Curtis Russ on the work of the committee on organization of the State Education Commission. He pointed out the purpose and plan of the commission, and some of the changes proposed in the state school system.

The devotion was led by Sara Linda Abel, and Betty Barber, of the third grade.

Farm Planning Speakers



DR. E. R. COLLINS



J. A. AREY



C. F. PARRISH



C. B. RATCHFORD

THE FOUR MEN pictured above, and L. I. Case, beef cattle specialist, will discuss the latest technical data in their respective fields at the farm planning meeting Tuesday night at the Crabtree-Iron Duff school. Dr. Collins, agronomy specialist, will furnish information on tobacco, corn and other crops. Mr. Arey will speak on dairying, Mr. Parrish on poultry, and Mr. Ratchford on farm management.

Farm Planning Meeting Series Opens Tuesday At Crabtree-Iron Duff

Grateful Patient

The Haywood County hospital has just received an unusual gift from a former patient. Last year Miss Marie Palmer was admitted to the hospital for treatment and when time came for her discharge, she was reluctant to leave. So, in appreciation of the attention she received while a patient, she made four pillows and presented them to the hospital.

Miss Palmer is 76 years old and lives with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Jarvis Palmer on the Dellwood road.

Many Activities Raise Funds For Bookmobile

News is coming in every day of the many activities throughout the county to raise funds to help buy a Bookmobile for the Haywood County Library.

Money has been raised by food sales, ball games, womanless and manless weddings, benefit parties, and by contribution from club funds, while a number of other projects are being planned.

The Beta Sigma Phi sorority will sponsor a benefit bridge on March (Continued on page two)

DAVE CABE IS IN DURHAM HOSPITAL

Dave Cabe, member of the town board of aldermen, left Tuesday for Durham where he has entered McPherson hospital for treatment. Mr. Cabe was accompanied to Durham by Mrs. Cabe and Miss Jo Cabe.

FORMER RESIDENT HERE

Dr. Dean Colvard, of State College, and former head of the State Test Farm, was in Waynesville yesterday on routine matters. He and family now live in Raleigh.

Spring Fashion Edition Being Presented Today

The second section of this edition of The Mountaineer is being devoted to Spring fashions, showing in photographs, the latest styles of the season.

Accompanying the pictures are special articles written by style authorities, covering many angles of the fashion world. This is the first fashion edition published by this newspaper since the war.

Auto Inspection Lane To Open Here Tuesday

Crew Widening Highway At Lake Intersection

Fire Strikes Asheville Hospital; Nine Dead

Highland Hospital Is Gunned By Flames Thursday Morning

The Highland hospital for nervous diseases at Asheville is a smoldering ruin from a fire which broke out early Thursday morning—shortly after midnight—and took the lives of nine patients.

The four-story central building of the institution went up like a box of matches. Within minutes after the fire broke out, apparently from the diet kitchen, the building was a mass of flames. All fire equipment in Asheville and all pumping trucks from two nearby towns rushed to the scene, but the institution was a roaring inferno before they could bring it under control.

There were 29 women patients in the hospital when the fire started. Two of the casualties were taken from the blazing building. (Continued on Page Two)

Schoolmasters Discuss Problems Confronting Them

Haywood Men Teachers Hold Monthly Meeting and Discuss Needed Changes

The Haywood Schoolmasters club discussed proposed state-wide changes and needs in the educational system, as they met Wednesday night for their regular monthly dinner meeting at Patrick's Cafeteria.

Dudley Moore, president, presided, and Jack Messer, county superintendent of education, was in charge of the program. The discussion of school problems was led by W. Curtis Russ, member of the State Education Commission committee on organization and administration.

The members of the club presented their major problems, and a discussion was held as to means for correcting them. Two of the matters receiving the most attention included reduction of teaching salaries. (Continued on Page Two)

March 15 Income Tax Date Is Near

Have you filed that income tax return for 1947 yet? If not just take a look at The Mountaineer dateline, and you'll see that the time is drawing close. You have until midnight of Monday, March 15 to get your return in the post office, or may find yourself paying a penalty for not meeting the deadline. This applies to both federal and state tax returns.

Indian Drama Of Prime Interest To Haywood

"Haywood county cannot afford not to commit itself to raising the \$4,000 quota in Western North Carolina's efforts to make possible the Cherokee Indian and Pioneer Drama," stated James Kilpatrick, Waynesville's representative on the sponsoring committee, this week.

"We are only one of 11 counties who have been given quotas in an initial effort to provide \$20,000 of the \$65,000 total cost. In estimating the benefits that will be derived from the drama, our quota

Symphony Concert Programs Will Be Given Next Week

North Carolina Little Symphony To Be At WTHS Auditorium Thursday

The North Carolina Little Symphony, under the direction of Dr. Benjamin Swalin, will give two concerts in the Waynesville high school auditorium Thursday, March 18, according to an announcement by Miss Betsy Lane Quinlan, chairman of the symphony committee.

The first concert which will be given in the afternoon, free for school children, will be broadcast by radio station WHCC to all the schools in the county.

The second concert will be given in the evening and admission will be by membership in the Symphony Society or by tickets which will be available at the door. Memberships are available for \$2, \$5 and up, and a membership subscription admits the holder to all adult concerts given by the orchestra during the concert season.

The program for the children's (Continued on Page Two)

VFW Will Pick Officers At Meeting Mon. Night

The Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary meet Monday night at 7:30 p. m. in the Episcopal Parish house, at which time the annual election of officers will be held. All members are urged to attend by Post President Roy Campbell, to choose the officers who will guide the organization in the coming year.

Rotarians Will Elect Officers At Meet Today

Waynesville Rotarians will elect officers at the regular weekly meeting here at 1 o'clock today. Officers elected today will take office July 1. The club names the board of directors and the board in turn names the president.

Under rules of Rotary, Rev. M. R. Williamson, president, will become vice president next year.

Mechanical Inspection Lane To Be Placed On Boundary Street Here

The vehicle mechanical checking lane for district No. 1 will be set up Tuesday, March 16, on Boundary street here, it was announced yesterday by C. P. Sawyer, supervisor for the eight-county area.

The lane will be open only for mechanics, city, county and state vehicles on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week and beginning Thursday will be open to the public. Each vehicle in North Carolina is required by law to undergo the mechanical inspection once this year, and every six months afterwards.

In addition to the supervisor, there will be four inspectors assigned to the lane: Sanford Mann of Franklin, Mr. Powell of Bryson City, Mr. Patterson of Hayesville, and Mr. Lunsford of Murphy. The equipment to be set up includes wheel alignment, lights and brake testers.

Mr. Sawyer, whose home is in Robbinsville, states that it will take only about five minutes to complete the inspection, once it is begun. A blue sticker, in the shape of North Carolina, is pasted on the windshields of autos and trucks which pass the check-up.

"If something unsafe is found, we put a rejected sticker on the windshield and give the driver a card showing what the defect is. He has a reasonable length of time to have the repairs made and can then take the test again," Mr. Sawyer stated. The driver is not restricted from using his car during the time allotted to make repairs, he added.

Hours in which the lane will be operated are from 8 a. m. to 12 noon, 1 p. m. to 5 p. m., Monday through Friday; and from 8 a. m. to noon Saturdays.

The lane will remain in Waynesville through March 30, after which it will be set up in Canton. Following a period of checking there, it will be taken to Brevard, Sylva, Franklin, Bryson City, Robbinsville, Murphy and Hayesville; and is tentatively scheduled to return to Waynesville by July 1.

There is a fee of \$1 for each vehicle inspected. This entitles the operator to as many as three inspections if that number are required to get an approved sticker.

Red Cross Drive Is Progressing Satisfactorily

Work on the 1948 Red Cross fund campaign is progressing satisfactorily, according to an announcement made yesterday by Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson, the chapter chairman.

A meeting of committee chairmen was held Tuesday afternoon in the courthouse and partial reports indicated that the goal of \$3,225 was in sight although no official figures were available.

Workers hope to complete the drive next week and Leo Weill, campaign chairman, is asking all those who have not reported to do so at once.

TWO PAY FINES MONDAY IN MAYOR'S COURT

Two fines were given for traffic violations at Mayor's Court trials Monday, and five defendants paid costs for public drunkenness. James Hartzell was fined \$100 on a drunk-driving count, and Charles T. Chambers of Clyde was fined \$25 for reckless driving.

Highway Record For 1948 (To Date)
In Haywood Injured ... 6 Killed ... 1
(This information Compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol)

Noland To Discuss Highways Today At Asheville Meet

D. Reeves Noland, district highway commissioner, will appear on the program of district county commissioners as they meet in Asheville this morning. Mr. Noland will discuss highways of the district, pointing out the budget, and over-all highway program of the 14-county district. The highway commissioner plans to visit every county in the district, together with J. C. Walker, district engineer. Already visits have been made to a number of counties, and plans are to make the visit at least every six months.

40 Men Employed By Grace Lumber Mill On East Fork

The Grace Lumber Mill on Little East Fork is now running full time, and employing about 40 men, according to Harry Lee Liner, the owner of the firm.

Mr. Liner is operating two other sawmills in North Georgia, employing about 50 men in that section. The mill in East Fork was constructed several months ago, and is cutting a large volume of lumber under present schedules.

ORCHARD EXPERT HERE TODAY

H. R. Nieswonger, Extension Service horticulturist will be in Haywood county today and visit a few of the apple orchards in the area. Other apple men are invited to contact Mr. Nieswonger at the county agent's office tonight at an informal gathering.

LEGION POST WILL MEET TONIGHT

The American Legion will hold its regular monthly meeting tonight, at 7:30 o'clock, in the third floor of the Masonic Temple building here, announces Commander William Medford.

Appliance Show Features Many Demonstrations

Demonstrations of farm home water systems, bathrooms, kitchen, ironing, preparing food for storage in a deep freezer, and an irrigation system will be features of the county-wide farm and home appliance show to be held next week-end at the Army here.

In addition to the equipment demonstrations there will be many other educational and entertainment highlights presented to the hundreds of folks who will attend the event, according to plans announced by Wayne Corpening, the county agent.

Free prizes will be given, movies shown and musical programs given during the show. A panel of specialists from the state Agricultural Extension Service and Rural Electrification Administration in Washington will make brief talks on using electrical and plumbing appliances in the farm home.

Miss Phyllis James, Fines Creek 4-H club member, and H. R. Caldwell, Iron Duff student at State College, will report on the prize-winning projects they carried out. (Continued on page two)

WEATHER

Must Be March 15

The courted all day Saturday with new office into effect this week is open five now.

March 15 is the final day for the new office and phosphate in conservation program.

Weather

Slowly clearing, increasing temperature.

Temperature in the staff of the county agent.

Max. 59 Min. 36

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