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\$3.00 In Advance In Haywood and Jackson Counties

49,500 People
Live within 20 miles of
Waynesville—their ideal
shopping center

Appliance Show Ready To Open

Attack On Woman At Canton Is Reported

Jerry Harkins, 25, Being Held In County Jail After Arrest Tuesday

Jerry Harkins, 25-year-old married man of the Morning Star section, is in the Haywood county jail charged with attempted rape and assault against Mrs. Ora Smathers, which allegedly occurred late Tuesday night at her home by the Dutch Cove road, near Canton.

Mrs. Smathers was treated for broken ribs and bruises about the neck and face suffered during the assault, when she managed to protect herself until her brother, John B. Smathers, who lives nearby, was attracted by her cries and came to her rescue. The attacker had left before the brother arrived, and word of the incident spread quickly to policemen.

Harkins was arrested by Cpl. E. W. Jones of the State Highway Patrol and Deputy Sheriff Horace R. Mehaffey at his home. The door was barred, and Harkins was found asleep and in what was described as a "heavily intoxicated" condition. His wife and child were not at home at the time.

According to word from the Canton Police Department, the preliminary hearing for Harkins will be before Magistrate R. R. Mease, but as of yesterday afternoon a time had not been set. Meanwhile the defendant remains without bond in the county jail.

Canton Red Cross Drive Is Going Along Fine

The Red Cross drive in Canton is going forward satisfactorily, and today employees of Champion Paper and Fibre Company will be given an opportunity to make contributions. J. Letch Worley is chairman of the Champion division.

Workers at a meeting earlier this week in Canton reported that more than \$800 had been turned in, with some chairman to make reports on their work later in the week.

The quota for the Canton chapter is \$3,532, while the county quota is \$6,757.

P. Frank Campbell is treasurer of the Canton area, and is accepting donations at the Haywood County Bank.

Library To Close March 29-April 5

The Haywood County Public Library will be closed March 29 to April 5 for inventory, it is announced by Miss Margaret Johnston, librarian. Books may be returned to the library during the week, but no books will be checked out.

Patrons are urged to take enough books before March 29 to last over the week the library will be closed.

Music Students Assemble For District Contests

Students from 14 Western North Carolina counties will converge on Lee Edwards high school in Asheville at 9:30 o'clock this morning to participate in the district music contests, with instrumentalists to be featured today and vocalists tomorrow.

Charles Isley, music director at Waynesville high, will accompany 58 members of the school band for today's events, and 57 members of the mixed chorus are to enter Saturday. A total of some 500 students are expected to take part in the instrumental division, and 500 in the vocal events.

Judges for Friday are Earl Slocum of the University of North Carolina, Allan Bone of Duke University, and James C. Pfohl of Davidson. Saturday's judges are Thane McDonald of Wake Forest, Paul Young of the University of North Carolina, and John Holliday (Continued on page six)

400 Attend Farm Meet Tuesday At Crabtree

Specialists In Agriculture Heard By Large Audience At Planning Meeting

Points to be considered in planning a well-balanced farm program for the year were discussed by the leading agricultural specialists of North Carolina's extension service before an audience of approximately 400 Tuesday night at the Crabtree-Iron Duff school, with emphasis placed on corn production, pastures, livestock and poultry.

County Agent Wayne Corpening presided at the meeting, the first of a series that will reach every community in the county. A half-hour concert by the Waynesville Township high school band preceded the speakers, and prizes of silver dollars were given by representatives of the First National Bank.

Dr. E. B. Collins, agronomist, described the "five steps" in increasing corn yields that has raised the state average six bushels to the acre since it was in effect. He brought out that mountain farmers have only small tracts of good cropland, and should do all possible to raise their per-acre production.

Discussing dairying, F. R. Farnham related that this has grown to where it brings a half-million dollars annual income to Haywood. The fact that North Carolina still (Continued on Page Four)

Gave 2 Concerts



DR. BENJAMIN F. SWALIN who successfully directed the North Carolina Little Symphony here for two concerts yesterday. In the afternoon a special concert was staged for school children, with every auditorium seat occupied. The concert was also broadcast over WHCC and each Haywood school tuned in for the hour. Last night a large and appreciative audience enjoyed the excellent program. Waynesville is one of the 30 communities in North Carolina to have the orchestra give concerts.

Community Music Group Is Formed

Plans To Bring Top-Ranking Artists For Concerts Later This Year

This past week a plan to bring a group of top-ranking musical artists to Waynesville for a series of at least three concerts this next fall and winter was presented to a music group at a meeting at the Towne House with the formation of the Haywood County Community Concert Association.

Meeting with a representative of Community Concert Service, a branch of the world's largest concert agency, Columbia Concerts, Inc., of New York, a group of Waynesville citizens organized the association as the preliminary step in establishing a permanent concert series here on a businesslike basis. The plan involves a membership campaign which has been scheduled for later this spring.

Officers of the association were chosen as follows: Mrs. Hugh Love, president; John J. Cuddeback, vice president; Mrs. Hilliard Atkins, assisted by Mrs. Charles Ray, Jr. (Continued on Page Two)

Charles Edwards Elected To Head Local VFW Post

Charles W. Edwards was elected commander of Haywood Memorial Post No. 6767, Veterans of Foreign Wars, at the regular meeting Monday night in the Episcopal parish house, succeeding Roy Campbell.

Other positions filled during the annual election were: senior vice commander, Albert Marshall, junior vice commander, Robert Chaffin, quartermaster, George Keller; chaplain, Gilbert Reeves; post advocate, Gilmer Caldwell, surgeon, Dr. W. Boyd Owen; and trustee, for three years, Bill Rogers.

The VFW also discussed plans to sponsor a carnival to appear in Waynesville the latter part of August.

Rotary Directors To Name Officers

The board of directors elected last week for the coming year of Rotary, will meet today at noon to elect a president and other officers. The directors are elected by the club at large, and the board in turn elects the officers of the club.

Rev. M. R. Williamson, president, will serve as vice-president next year, beginning July 1st. Directors elected to serve include: Jack Messer, Richard Barber, H. S. Ward, William S. Ray, Dave Felmet, M. H. Bowles and James Kilpatrick.

HAYWOOD GROUP TO ATTEND FORESTRY FIELD DAY

A group of 50 persons from Haywood county will attend a one-day forestry management and wood-cutting demonstration March 24 at Bent Creek experimental forest. Champion Paper and Fibre Co. will provide lunch to the visitors from Haywood and Buncombe county attending the field day.

60 Per Cent Of Haywood Not Christians, Survey Recently Made Discloses

A survey completed by the six denominations having churches in Haywood county shows that an estimated 20,000 people are not Christians. This figure based on the 1940 census, means that 60 per cent of the county's population are not Christians.

The figures are now being used in reports and special articles by the denominations in their respective fields of work, it was learned. The figure includes people who do not attend any church, or take any interest in any phase of church work. Some of the 20,000 have their names on a church roll, it was explained.

The survey made shows there are 62 churches in the county, with the Baptist leading with 46 of them. A majority of the churches have regularly scheduled services.

A spokesman for the group making the survey pointed out, that while the record for Haywood is not a good one, the county is no worse than many other counties of similar size. The survey took into consideration citizens twelve years of age and older.

Prospects Look Good For Cherokee Pageant

Many Cars Get Reject Stickers On First Test

Mechanical Inspection Lane Very Busy Here When Opened To Public

Sixty per cent of the vehicles which went through the mechanical inspection lane here early yesterday when it was first opened to the public failed to meet the standard of approval, although in most cases the defect was slight.

A check of traffic through the lane at 1:30 p.m. Thursday showed a total of 97 vehicles had been run through. Of this number, according to Supervisor C. P. Sawyer, there were 59 rejects on the initial run, and 38 approvals.

Ten of those rejected, however, were brought back later in the day with the mechanical fault adjusted and received approved stickers.

A steady flow of autos and trucks were being serviced and Mr. Sawyer figured that around 175 vehicles would be inspected on the first day.

The lane did not operate Tuesday because of the heavy rain, and Wednesday inspected 42 city, state and county vehicles.

Set up on that section of Boundary St. which leads toward the Armory, the lane has three testing machines along the route. One measures wheel alignment, the next tests the strength and focus of headlights, and the third checks brakes. The largest single cause of rejections was headlights out of focus.

Parkway Maps Are Filed Here By State

Show Right-of-Way To Be Condemned North And South Of Balsam Gap

Maps of two sections of the Blue Ridge Parkway in condemnation proceedings have been filed in the offices of register of deeds for Haywood and Jackson counties which will clear up doubt among landholders north and south of Balsam Gap as to the land that will be used in Parkway construction.

The right-of-way to be taken over by the state is of 150 foot width. The maps are for the area in project 2-W, between Balsam and Soco Gaps, and distance of roughly 10 miles, and project 2-X, from Balsam Gap southward to Rhinehart Gaps, a distance of roughly 10 Gap, a distance of 14 miles.

Ernest Gardner, senior engineer for the North Carolina Highway and Public Works Commission, filed the maps in the office of Register of Deeds B. J. Medford here last week so that they may be examined by interested landowners.

Construction on the projects is not expected to start for at least five years, according to Charles E. Ray, chairman of the state Park, Parkway and Forests Commission.

Property owners in Haywood county whose lands are in the direct line with the 2-X project include O. J. Beck, Mrs. George Hutchison, B. F. Smathers, W. Rabb, Carr Lumber Company, George Smathers, Haywood Supply Company, James A. Davey, and John M. Queen. In Jackson county the route crosses the property of Laura Arrington, Haywood Supply Company, Mrs. George Hutchison. (Continued on Page Four)

Six Counties Pledge Financial Support At Meeting Held Thursday

The Cherokee Historical Association committee heard encouraging reports yesterday from six of the eleven counties in Western North Carolina, who were assigned quotas for financing the production of the Cherokee Pageant this season.

The six counties reported \$36,250 in cash and pledges had been raised, but since five counties with a total quota of \$2,750 were not represented, the committee deferred action until another meeting within ten days.

The committee adjourned yesterday to be called back within ten days, at which time a definite report is expected from the five counties absent yesterday. Tentative plans call for election of directors at the coming meeting, and a decision reached on whether to proceed or not.

The counties not reporting yesterday, together with their quotas, are as follows: Madison, \$500; Macon, \$500; Graham, \$500; Clay, \$250; and Transylvania, \$1,000.

Those making reports and meeting their quotas were: Haywood, \$4,000; Buncombe, \$6,000; Swain, \$3,000; Jackson, \$2,000; Cherokee, \$1,000; Henderson, \$1,000; and Cherokee Village and Indian Affairs Committee, \$16,250.

Several technicians met with the committee yesterday, and discussed various aspects of the proposed production and the staging of the pageant.

Among those attending the committee meeting from Haywood included: James Kilpatrick, Haywood chairman, and Charles E. Ray, of Waynesville; J. E. Henderson and Glenn Brown, of Canton.

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Civic Group Endorse Cherokee Pageant

Chamber Commerce Directors To Help Raise Quota For Project

The directors of the Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday night, formally endorsed the proposed Cherokee Indian Pageant, and agreed for the directors to take the lead in staging a campaign to raise the quota of \$2,000 assigned this part of the county.

During the discussion, one director said: "I feel that this proposal is the number one project for Western North Carolina this year, and is a project which Waynesville will directly benefit as much as any other community."

Charles E. Ray gave a report on his recent trip to Washington, where he conferred with Congressional leaders for additional appropriations for the Great Smokies. Mr. Ray is chairman of the N. C. Park Commission.

A number of proposed projects were discussed for the organization.

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Help To The Red Cross Drive Today - - - Help It Meet Its Financial Quota