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49,500 People
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16th Ramp Convention To Be Held April 18th

Secretary of State Thad Eure Will Be Main Speaker For All-Day Program

Haywood county's 16th annual Ramp Convention will be held Sunday, April 18, at Black Camp Gap, announces Sebe Bryson, convention president.

The day-long festivities on the edge of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park will be staged when the wild mountain branch of the onion family is at its tenderest. Ramps will be collected the day before the convention, and eaten raw or cooked in the manner most preferred by the individual.

Thad Eure, North Carolina secretary of state, will be the main speaker. Singing, square dancing, and string music is being arranged for by an entertainment committee to make this one of the best conventions ever held, states Mr. Bryson. Rev. M. R. Williamson will give the invocation.

Approximately 300 persons from several states and many Western North Carolina counties were present for the convention last spring, and with favorable weather a larger gathering is expected this year.

Groups that come are asked to bring a share of such items as bread, eggs, meat, paper cups and plates, a frying pan and seasoning. Ramps will be furnished free, and plans are under way to repair a large cooking oven. The giant coffee pot used last year will again be on hand.

A report during the past week-end was that the ramps were about half-grown, with the bulb part starting to form, indicating that they will be at their best on the 18th.

Officers of the convention, in addition to Mr. Bryson, are: Girt Smathers of Canton, vice president; William Medford, Waynesville, secretary; and A. W. Parker, Canton, treasurer.

Members of the entertainment committee are Richard Queen, Zeno Wall, Ray Parker, Frank Davis and Herbert Tate. On the food committee are Tom Campbell, Floyd Woody, and Floyd Rhinehart.

The principal speaker, Secretary of State Eure is a native of Gates county and graduate of the University of North Carolina law school. Since leaving school he has made his home at Winton, Hertford county, where he served as mayor and state representative. He has held his present office since being elected in 1936.

Hugh Monteith To Speak April 8th At Bethel School

Bethel Citizens Committee Sponsors Address by Sylva Attorney

Hugh Monteith, well known Sylva attorney and popular lecturer, has been secured to deliver the feature address at a meeting of the Bethel Citizens Committee in the Bethel high school auditorium Thursday, April 8, at 7:30 p. m.

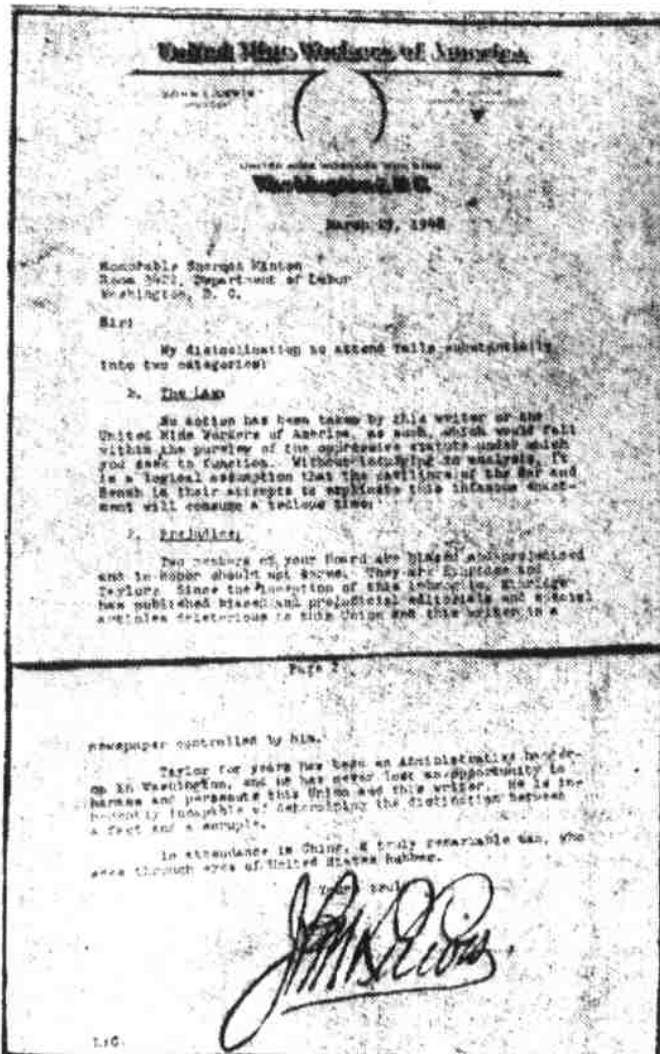
Hugh K. Terrell, chairman of the committee, announced the speaker and said the meeting would be chiefly educational in nature. He urged all residents of the community, both men and women, to attend the meeting.

The Bethel Citizens Committee was organized several weeks ago for the announced purpose of launching a concerted effort by the community to secure "better and more adequate" facilities at the Bethel school plant. Since its organization many interested members of the committee have discussed the possibility of making it a permanent organization, perhaps as a community club, but this has not been effected as yet.

Boosters To Meet Thursday Night At 8

The Hazelwood Boosters club will meet Thursday night at the Presbyterian church for the regular monthly supper meeting. The supper will be served at 7 o'clock. Ernest Green is president and J. R. Carwell is secretary.

Lewis Ordered To Appear Before Coal Board



AFTER RECEIVING A SUBPOENA, ordering him to appear before the President's Coal Fact Finding Board, John L. Lewis (right) head of the United Mine Workers, is shown leaving the UMW Building in Washington. Lewis recently boycotted a meeting of the inquiry board, called to investigate the walkout of soft coal miners. By way of explanation, the mine union boss sent one of his more acid-toned notes (left) to Federal Judge Sherman Minton, chairman of the fact finding group. In it, denied there had been any violation of the Taft-Hartley law. He also charged that George W. Taylor and Mark Ethridge, board members, were prejudiced.

Haynes Wins County Soil Conservation Contest Here

Clyde High Student Places First; District Contest To Be Held Friday

Sammy Haynes, Clyde high school senior and son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Haynes, won the soil conservation speaking contest for Haywood county, Friday at the courthouse. Second place was taken by Bobby York of Waynesville high.

Subject for the state-wide contest, sponsored by the North Carolina Bankers Association, is "Soil Conservation and Its Relations to the Economy of North Carolina."

Winning students from 13 counties will compete here Friday, April 9, for the right to represent group 9 in the state finals. Entries are expected from Buncombe, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, Mitchell, Swain, Transylvania and Yancey counties.

The district contestants, states County Agent Wayne Corpening, will assemble Friday at 10 a. m. at the courthouse, take a brief tour of the State Test Farm, and return to the courthouse for the speaking. Judges will be Miss Pauline Hotchkiss and R. W. Shoffner, district Extension Service agents, and Tal Stafford, district Future Farmers of America leader.

Prizes of \$15 and \$10 went to the county winners, given by the First National Bank. A \$75 savings bond will be first prize for the district contest. Judges for the Haywood event were Lloyd Langdon of Carolina Power and Light company; Ed Spear of The Mountaineer, and L. R. Harrell, state 4-H club director.

Rabies Inoculation Clinics Start April 12

Clinics at which dogs will be inoculated against rabies will be held in all sections of Haywood county during the period April 12-30, announces Dr. A. R. Riegg, veterinarian and county rabies inspector. All dog owners are advised to bring their animals to one of the clinics, since the inoculations are required by law.

A full schedule of the clinics will be published Friday.

\$150,000 Bond Issue Voted At Canton Today

Two More Farm Planning Meets Are Scheduled

Meetings Announced For Thursday At Cecil, And Friday At Maggie

Two additional community farm planning meetings will be held this week, announces County Agent Wayne Corpening. Three meetings have been previously announced.

First of the week's series was set for Monday night at Bethel high school. At 7:30 p. m. tonight a planning meeting will be held at Rock Hill school, at Fines Creek on Wednesday evening, at Cecil school, Thursday; and Maggie school, Friday.

State College specialists in agronomy, livestock, dairying and other subjects of local interest will speak. The WTHS band will give a concert to open each program and free prizes and a movie will be included on the program.

All farm families are invited to attend the meeting in their home area.

'C', 'D' Named Drivers Urged To Take Exams

Only a small portion of North Carolina's drivers with surnames beginning with "C" and "D" have obtained a new operator's license, and are warned by W. W. Moore, examiner, that the deadline of June 30 is nearing rapidly.

So far only 28,000 of the estimated 150,000 "C" and "D" drivers have been relicensed. "If all the others wait until June 30 to get their permits, it is going to mean congestion in the examining stations and applicants will have to stand in long waiting lines," says Mr. Moore.

The re-examination program is a part of the highway safety act, passed by the last legislature. Any person with surname beginning with "C" or "D" was given from last January through June to obtain their license. Any in this group who does not have a license and who is caught driving on an old license after June 30, will be guilty of a misdemeanor.

High Percentage of Registered Voters Are Expected To Cast Ballots

A high percentage of the more than 1,200 newly registered voters of Canton is expected to ballot today to determine the fate of a \$150,000 municipal improvement program.

Interest has been running high in the special election, with some observers predicting that practically all qualified voters will mark their opinions at the polls. Failure to vote, it is registered, means an automatic vote against the bond issue.

Seven propositions will be voted on separately. First on the list is \$75,000 to finance the establishment of recreational facilities. The other issues are: \$14,250 for enlargement and expansion of the city water supply system; \$6,000 for improvements to the sewer system; \$22,000 to finance the construction and repairs to streets and sidewalks; \$17,750 for the acquisition of a fire truck and two motor trucks; \$15,000 for the erection and equipping of a maintenance building and to improve the town jail. The final proposition approves the levy of an annual tax of from 3 to 10 cents per \$100 valuation for the maintenance of public parks and playgrounds.

Farm Auctioned For \$22,000

The David Underwood farm on highway 19-A between Waynesville and Lake Junaluska was sold yesterday morning for a total of approximately \$22,000, it was learned from a representative of Penny Brothers, auctioneers for the property.

The farm included 20 acres of land, a residence and barn.

Four Waynesville Girls On College Honor Roll

Four girls from Waynesville made the first semester honor roll at Womans College. They are Rosemary Herman, senior; Jane Wyche, junior; Theresa Alley and Elsie Green, freshmen.

The honor roll is composed of 10 per cent of the students who made the greatest number of quality points during the first semester.

Telephone Company To Spend \$70,000 Here

Library Adds Recordings Given By Music Club

First Benefit Tea For Music Collection To Be Given Friday Afternoon

A collection of musical recordings, including individual records and albums for circulation in the same manner as books is to be presented to the Haywood County Public Library by the Waynesville Music Club.

Several albums have already been presented to Miss Margaret Johnston, librarian, for this project and it is hoped that interested individuals will add to the Music Club collection. Recordings of popular and classical music for both adults and children will be acceptable.

The Music Club will sponsor the first of a series of musical soirées for the benefit of the record collection.

Murder Is Charged In Shooting

Hazelwood Woman Is Held In Death of Mrs. Dora Owl By Graham Authorities

Mrs. Dock Brock of Hazelwood was arrested Friday by officers of the sheriff's department and sent to Graham county where she is being held on a murder charge resulting from the shooting Thursday of Mrs. Dora Owl.

Mrs. Owl, mother of two small children, died shortly after she was admitted to the Cherokee hospital with a gunshot wound in the abdomen.

Graham Sheriff J. B. Crisp and Calloway Martin, special agent on the Indian reservation, said the shooting occurred on Panther creek in Graham county, near the home of W. M. Roberson.

They said their investigation disclosed that Mrs. Brock and another woman whose name was not revealed, accosted Mr. Brock, Mrs. Owl and another Indian girl parked in a car on Panther creek Thursday afternoon.

Stamey Testifies At Hearing On TVA Amendment

George Stamey of Pigeon township represented Haywood county on the five-man group of Western North Carolina farmers who testified Wednesday before the Senate public works committee in Washington on SB 1,277 which would curtail the Tennessee Valley Authority program.

The group prepared a joint statement which was read before the committee, of which Senator George Long of Nevada is chairman, and individually answered many questions about the test demonstration phase of the TVA activities. Their testimony refuted the assertion by proponents of the bill that test demonstration

Settlement Fails In Laundry Strike

A conference between J. W. Killian, owner of the Waynesville Laundry, and C. I. O. representatives, adjourned Friday afternoon after failing to reach an agreement over the strike at the local plant.

No indication was given as to whether further conferences would be held. The strike started March 22.

Power To Be Off Sunday Afternoon For 4 Hours

Electricity will be off Sunday, April 11, from 1:30 to 5:30 p. m. throughout the western half of Haywood county while repairs are made to the power line, it is announced by Carolina Power and Light Co.

Clyde, Lake Junaluska, Waynesville, Hazelwood, REA and Balsam will be affected by the cut-off. The power line near Medford farm which was broken in an automobile wreck will be replaced and other repairs made.

Postal Receipts Show 20 Per Cent Gain In Quarter

Sunday Mail Delivery Is Cut To One Mail In, One Out on Present Schedule

Postal receipts for the first quarter of 1948 were \$12,458.51, at Waynesville, Postmaster J. Hardin Howell announces. This is \$2,909 larger than receipts for the first quarter of last year, an increase of more than 20 per cent.

A change in Sunday mail delivery schedule has gone in effect, cutting out all but one incoming and one outgoing mails. Now that trains 17 and 18 have been taken off the Murphy run, parcel post is the only class of mail being brought by rail, in a freight car which arrives about 10 a. m. on week days.

Motor delivery of mail is on the following schedule: on week days, mail goes out (to the east) between 11:30 and 12 noon; about 3:20 p. m. and about 4:20 p. m.; incoming mail arrives between 12 noon and 12:30 p. m. and between 4:30 and 5 p. m.

On Sunday the mail comes in about 12 noon and goes out between 4 and 4:20 p. m.

Funeral Held For Jack Ledford, 24, Drowned Thurs.

Body of Fines Creek Man Found Saturday; Drowned in Creek Thursday

Funeral services were held at 2 Monday afternoon at the home for Jack Ledford, 24, who was drowned late Thursday when he slipped while crossing Cataloochee creek near Waterville Lake. The body was recovered Saturday.

The stream is swift at the point where he fell in, and the recent rains has swollen the creek to a full bank. Two companions tried in vain to rescue him, but the swift current carried the man's body out of sight. Search was begun immediately, and the body was found Saturday.

Mr. Teague, caretaker at the Walters dam, together with a crew of men, found the body, which was lodged against two large rocks in the creek near the point where the creek flows into the lake.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Brindley. Interment was made in Piney Grove cemetery.

Pallbearers were the following cousins: Elmer Rogers, Junior Ledford, Jack Ledford, R. L. Ledford, Bob Rogers and Dewey Rogers.

Mr. Ledford was a veteran of World War II, having served in the Army for five years. At the time he entered the service he was engaged in farming and resumed his work following his discharge.

Surviving are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ledford; one brother, Pvt. Dee Ledford, U. S. Army, stationed in New York; three sisters, Mrs. Bell Thompson, of Fines Creek; Mrs. Mildred Smith, of Newport News, Va.; and Mrs. Marie Thompson, also of Virginia.

Crawford funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

The senate Friday confirmed the nomination of Thurman R. Smith to be postmaster at Hazelwood along with 10 other North Carolina nominations, it has been announced in Washington.

Larger Rural Line Expansion Program Being Considered, Rotarians Hear

Southern Bell Telephone company plans to spend \$70,000 in Waynesville this year on telephone installations and expansion of rural lines, J. Lovell Smith, district manager said here Friday as he addressed the Rotary club.

"The company has under consideration rural projects in Haywood which would cost an additional \$80,000," Mr. Smith said, but he gave no definite date when the projects would get under construction.

Around \$76,000 was spent by the company last year, which brought the investment of the company in the local exchange up to \$236,000.

Mr. Smith traced the growth of the company in Waynesville, pointing out the first long distance lines were brought here in 1902. Permission to construct the plant within the city limits necessary to furnish long distance service was granted by a special ordinance passed by the mayor and board in February 1902. The ordinance provided that not more than three telephones were to be established in the town and these stations to be used exclusively for long distance business.

The Waynesville Telephone company furnished local exchange service in town until February 1916, when its properties were acquired by the Asheville Telephone and Telegraph company. These properties were conveyed to the Southern Bell company in August 1927.

In 1916 when the Waynesville exchange was acquired by the Asheville Telephone company, there were 255 telephones connected to the local switchboard, Mr. Smith said. This number increased to 486 by 1923 when the property was transferred to the Southern Bell. Only moderate gains were experienced between 1923 and 1940. In 1940 there were 626 telephones and today there is around 1,700.

Subscribers in 1940 made 5,000 calls a day, while today 14,000 are made daily. The long distance calls in 1940 numbered 100 daily, while now the average is over 400.

Mr. Smith said that in spite of the rapid expansion there are around 300 people in Waynesville today waiting for telephone service. Since 1945 more than 700 telephones have been installed here. At the end of the war 103 people were waiting for telephones, while there are three times that many today, he said.

"The demand is a great deal more than the simple backlog of war, according to the telephone folks. It stems from economic, industrial and agricultural progress, which was making its effects felt before the war, and which today is more apparent in North Carolina than ever before," he concluded.

Rotarians To Meet With High School

The Rotary club will meet Friday in the luncheon of the high school. This is one of a series of meetings the clubs holding in the various places throughout the community.

Last Friday Rev. M. R. Williamson, president, read a number of letters from Europe from people who received food parcels shipped there last fall by the club. Some of the food went to Germany, Holland, Switzerland, Belgium and France.

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