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

## Part of Huge Crowd At Ramp Convention



Shown here is a small part of the huge throng which gathered at Black Camp Gap Sunday for the 16th annual Ramp Convention. At the lower left is the loud speakers, while in the lower center can be seen a stove on which the ramps and eggs were fried. Cars and trucks were parked at every available space for a long distance from the site. This is a Mountaineer photograph by Ingram's Studio.

## 2,000 Ramp Eaters Gather Sunday

### Many Leading Political Figures Speak At Black Camp Gap Gathering

Drawing more attention than the most optimistic had expected, Haywood county's unique Ramp Convention was staged for the 16th year Sunday with more than 2,000 persons coming to Black Camp Gap during the day.

Many of the "delegates" saw and tasted their first ramp, gathered from the shady areas where they grow wild in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. In fact, although promoters of the convention were prepared for a large crowd, so many arrived that the supply of ramps was exhausted before the day was over.

The day was devoted to ramp eating—raw, boiled, or fried according to taste—and good humor. Many of the leading figures in state political circles were present, the highlight speaker being Thad Eure, secretary of state. Former Governor J. Melville Broughton, candidate for the Democratic nomination as U. S. Senator, Lt. Gov. L. Y. "Stag" Ballentine, and gubernatorial candidate R. Mayne Albright were other widely known speakers. Zeno Wall served as master of (Continued on Page Five)

### Self Service Laundry Opens At Hazelwood

The Self Service Laundry has opened on the highway in Hazelwood, equipped with 10 automatic washing machines. The new business is owned and operated by Mrs. E. A. Hall and H. A. Hall, with Dick Hall as manager.

## Over 2,900 Vehicles Are Inspected In Haywood

### Returned



**CPL. JOSEPH CARROLL HAWKINS, U.S.M.C.**, killed in action during World War II, is being returned this week for final burial. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hawkins of Clyde. The funeral will be held Thursday at the Clyde Baptist church.

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## Commencement Exercises Start At Fines Creek; Twelve Will Graduate

### Dogwood Is At Blooming Peak; Heavy Blossoms

The dogwood is in full bloom in this area, and one of the favored spots for seeing a mass of the white flowers is from the spot on the Waynesville-Hazelwood line near the home of Dr. I. B. Funke and Roy Moseman.

Looking down into the valley from the highway gives the appearance of a heavy snowfall. Numerous photographers have made pictures from the place, and today others are slated to try their luck.

This year's bloom is one of the heaviest in many years.

### Lake Man To Be Honored Soon At Univ. Of Illinois

John Charles Klapp, of Lake Junaluska, will be among the University of Illinois students who are to receive special recognition for high scholastic achievement on Honors Days ceremonies to be held April 30th.

The event has been held annually since 1925, some 3,000 students have attained the goal this year.

Commencement exercises will begin at the Fines Creek High school tonight at 8 o'clock with the presentation of an operetta, "Goldilock's Adventures," given by the elementary grads. The cast will be composed of around 80 children.

The senior play, "Oh, Professor, How Could You?" will be given on Friday night, April 23, at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium. Members of the cast for the three-act comedy will include June Brown, Milas Kirkpatrick, Kathryn Trantham, Della Jenkins, Mary West, Wanda Lee Messer, Harold Green, Max Rogers, Wayne Trantham, and R. L. Ledford. Britain McElroy will serve as stage manager.

On Sunday afternoon, at 3 o'clock Rev. Jarvis Teague, pastor of the Baptist Church of Seaboard, N. C., will deliver the baccalaureate address. Rev. Teague is a graduate of the Fines Creek High School, Mars Hill and Wake Forest Colleges, and of the Southern Theological Seminary of Louisville, Ky. Special music will be presented by the High School Girls' Chorus.

The graduation address on Thursday night, April 29, will be given by Major Cecil Brown of the Salvation Army. The following seniors will receive diplomas: Wanda Lee Messer, June Brown, Kathryn Trantham, Mary West, Della Jenkins, Marcene Rector, Beatrice Kinsland, Annie Ledford, Harold Green, Milas Kirkpatrick, Britain McElroy, and R. L. Ledford.

Wanda Lee Messer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Messer, is valedictorian of the class and June Brown, daughter of Fletcher Brown is salutatorian.

### Crabtree Senior Play To Be Given Thursday Evening

"Spring Fever," a comedy in three acts, will be presented as the senior play by the graduating class of Crabtree-Iron Duff high school at 8 o'clock Thursday evening in the school auditorium.

Members of the cast are as follows: J. M. Crawford as Jackie Howard, John Welch as Price Howard, Carroll Best as Ray Butler, Russell McCracken as Mr. Knight, Blanche Sanford as Peggy, Pauline Bishop as Bertha, Audrey Sanford as Eula Barnes, Naomi Massie as Donna, Edith Chambers as Spring Billington, and Mary Clark as Tessie.

Admission will be 20 and 40 cents.

### Chamber Of Commerce Directors To Meet

The board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce will meet tonight at 7:30; it was announced yesterday by Wayne Corpening, president of the organization.

Each committee will be called upon to make a report.

## 18 Haywood Candidates Meet Filing Deadline

### Republican Candidate Joins Race For Representative In Lower House

Eighteen candidates have filed for county and township elective offices, and will seek party nomination in the May 29th primary in Haywood.

In addition to the three Democrats who filed early last week, one Republican qualified as candidate to represent Haywood in the lower house of the General Assembly before the Saturday filing deadline. There are 13 candidates seeking election as constable in five townships, and one candidate for magistrate in East Fork township.

According to Jerry Rogers, secretary of the county board of elections, those who filed for representative include: Grover C. Davis, Charles Edwards and R. E. Sentelle, Democrats; and Joe Pressley of Canton, Republican.

Four Democrats and two Republicans will compete for constable in Beaverdam township. The Democrats are Hubert Thompson, W. H. Scott, Billy H. Mehafey and J. A. Anderson, and the Republicans are C. H. Jones and T. S. Grogan.

One man from each party filed as candidate for constable in East Fork: Glenn Rhodes, Democrat.

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## Five-Point Platform Is Presented By Albright

### Gubernatorial Candidate Speaks At Court House Here During Tour Saturday

"For roads, for schools, for politics clean."

"Against the sales tax... against the machine."

This five-point platform was explained by R. Mayne Albright, candidate for governor, who made a brief appearance here Saturday morning as his "Challenger"-led motorcade toured the western counties, swinging from Asheville to Murphy and back to Brevard during the day.

After pulling his trailer headquarters, with loud speakers announcing his arrival, on the court house sidewalk, Mr. Albright, his (Continued on Page Four)

## Laundry Resumes Operation A. F. of L. Union Recognized

### Advances



**TOMMY GIBSON**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gibson of Waynesville, was promoted to Eagle Scout rank at the Pigeon River district court of honor Monday night in the court house here. He is a member of Troop 2, Waynesville.

### Management And Union To Discuss Contract Within Next 15 Days

### C. I. O. GROUP STILL USING PICKET LINE

The Waynesville Laundry resumed operation Monday morning after being closed since March 29 due to a strike.

There were 37 production workers on the job Monday, all members of the Laundry Workers International Union Local 309, which was recently organized here. This union is an affiliate of A. F. of L.

As the plant resumed operations, a picket line continued to march in front and mad-up of members of the CIO Fur and Leather Workers International Union.

A stipulation was signed between J. W. Kilham, owner of the Laundry, and officers of the Local 309 on Saturday. The agreement was signed by Mr. Kilham, recognizing the A. F. of L. union as the bargaining agency, since it was shown that there were 39 employees members of that union, and 23 members were obtained by the C.I.O. union.

The stipulation covers four points: first, naming the A. F. of L. union as the bargaining agency. Second, that negotiations will be begun upon a contract concerning hours of work, wages and other conditions of employment with (Continued on Page Five)

## Broughton Urges Party Unity As He Talks Here

### Candidate For U. S. Senate Praises Work Of Many Haywood Men

J. M. Broughton, candidate for the United States Senate called for party unity, and praised the work of Haywood men, as he made his first court house address of the campaign here Saturday afternoon.

His address was broadcast over WICC.

Mr. Broughton paid tribute to the accomplishments in their respective work of Charles Ray as chairman of the Park Commission, Judge Felix Alley, now retired, Howard Clapp, in charge of the State Test Farm, Jonathan Woody as a banker and civic leader, D. Reeves Noland as a member of the board of agriculture and now a member of the highway commission, Jack Messer for his leadership in school work, W. J. Danforth (Continued on Page Eight)

## Large Crowd Expected To Attend Party Rally Here

### Young Democrats Of 12th Congressional District To Meet Here Saturday

The Young Democratic Clubs of the 12th District will hold a district organizational rally in Waynesville on April 24 with the Haywood county club acting as hosts. A large representation is expected to be present from the 10 western counties comprising the 12th district.

Registration will begin at 1:30 at the Haywood county courthouse and the business session will begin at 3:30 in the court room. Robert R. Williams, Jr., of Asheville, 12th district chairman, will be in charge of the business meeting and reports will be given by the various (Continued on Page Five)

### Guilty of Contempt



**JOHN L. LEWIS** will be sentenced today by Federal Judge T. Alan Goldsborough, who yesterday found the United Mine Workers and their chief guilty of both civil and criminal contempt of court. The trial ended last Thursday and grew out of the coal workers ignoring a court order requiring them to end the mine stoppage that began March 15. Many of the miners have yet to return to work, awaiting Judge Goldsborough's decision.

## E. P. Martin Dies At Home After Illness

### Former Merchant And Prominent Citizen Here Passed Away Thursday

Elisha Pinkney Martin, beloved citizen of Waynesville, passed away at his home early Thursday night after a short illness.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at the First Methodist church with the Rev. Russell L. Young, pastor, officiating. Interment was in Green Hill (Continued on Page Eight)

## Trade Event Is Termed Success By J. C. Jennings

The "Value Demonstration Days" staged by merchants here last week was a success, J. C. Jennings, general chairman of special events for the Merchants Association said yesterday.

The public took advantage of the many special offerings of the merchants last week, Mr. Jennings said. The committee has worked out a number of special events of community-wide interest for the coming year.

## Candidates Attend Ramp Convention



Candidates for state offices turned out in a large number at the Ramp Convention at the edge of the Park Sunday. Shown here, from left to right, Mayne Albright, candidate for governor; Dan Tompkins, candidate for lieutenant governor; J. M. Broughton, candidate for U. S. Senate; Thad D. Bryson, Jr., solicitor of this district, who is up for re-election without opposition; Sebe Bryson, president of the Ramp Convention, and tax collector for Haywood; L. Y. Ballentine, now lieutenant governor, and candidate for commissioner of agriculture, and holding the new summer hat is Thad Eure, N. C. secretary of state, seeking re-election. Mr. Eure was the speaker of the occasion. Shown in front of Mr. Albright is one of the many baskets used in gathering the ramps. This is a Mountaineer photograph by Ingram's Studio.

**Highway Record For 1948 (To Date)**  
In Haywood  
Injured -- 13  
Killed ---- 1

(This information Compiled From Records of State Highway Patrol)