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UNCLE ABE SEZ

The way some folks swear in court, hit's a wonder Lady Jestis don't fertit her blindness an' strike 'em down with that sword.

President



S. E. CONNATSER was unanimously elected president of the Tourist Promotion Association Wednesday night.

Tourist Group Names Connatser As Their President

Shirley Connatser was elected president of the Tourist Promotion Association Wednesday night by a unanimous vote.

The election was held at a joint meeting of the Association and the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce at the Haywood County Court House.

Jim Kilpatrick, president, and Mrs. Frank Knuffl, secretary, represented the Chamber at the meeting.

Fred Allison Head Of Program On Jonathan Creek

Citizens of the Jonathan Creek Community Wednesday night elected Fred Allison chairman of their community development program.

At the organizational meeting at Rock Hill School, they also elected Mrs. John Williams vice-chairman; Claudia Leatherwood, secretary; Bill Boyd, treasurer; and Mrs. Roger Ferguson, reporter.

Tom Rainer was named chairman of the Survey committee, and Nathan Carver, Mrs. Mary Platt, Enos Boyd, and Marvin Leatherwood, members of this group.

Named to the program committee were: Mrs. Dick Moody, chairman; Mrs. Grady Howell, Robert Howell, Mrs. Frank Kennedy, Mrs. Billy Boyd, Nathan Carver, and Mrs. Lowery Owen.

4 Communities To Hold Meetings

Next week citizens of at least four communities will meet their respective community development programs.

The schedule: Monday night—Ratcliffe Cove officers and committeemen, home of Chairman R. C. Francis.

Tuesday, 7:30 p. m.—Hominy Creek, home of Hershell Hipps; Beaverdam Creek, Murray Branch, home of Mrs. George Worley.

Thursday, 7:30 p. m.—Brown and Bowen Creek, Oak Grove Baptist church.

50 Honor Students In WNC Contest

A group of Waynesville High School's classroom wizards and singers are competing Friday against other students from western North Carolina high schools in the Western Carolina Teachers College Field Day.

Quartets and soloists are entered in the musical phase of the Field Day, while honor students are matching their knowledge of mathematics, English, Spanish, and other subjects in competitive examinations with the best brains from other high schools.

The Waynesville students also are showing their exhibits in home economics and other fields in another Field Day contest.

Waynesville is represented by 50 or more students in the contests in which hundreds of other western North Carolina students are taking part.

The singers from Waynesville will compete in Asheville Saturday for honors in the District Music Contest.

They are among more than 200 Waynesville musicians entered in the Asheville competition.

The winners will enter the state contest in Greensboro later this Spring.

Clyde Folk Study Recreational Needs Of Section

The representative commission of the Clyde Recreation and Cultural Association made plans Monday night to show a motion picture soon first activity sponsored by the Association for public participation.

The action was taken at the commission's monthly meeting at the Clyde school.

The commission voted to instruct its chairman, Stanly Livingston, to make the necessary contacts for submitting plans for various activities to be held on the school grounds.

Mrs. Weaver Chapman, the secretary, was authorized to order bats and balls for the softball teams that are being organized.

The Commission's next meeting will be held April 4 at 7 p. m.

Former Resident's Husband Dies; Founder Of Lions

Word was received in Waynesville this week of the death of Lyle Ormsbee, founder of Lions International.

Mr. Ormsbee, whose wife is the former Miss Mary Ella Ansley of Waynesville, died in Spokane, Wash., Monday morning following a heart attack the day before.

He and Mrs. Ormsbee had arrived at Spokane by plane, shortly before he was stricken.

Mrs. Ormsbee revealed the tragedy in a telegram to her uncle, J. Rufus Barnes of Waynesville, Monday night.

Funeral services and interment will be held in Watauga, Wash. Mr. Ormsbee's former home town and the city where a son lives.

Prior to her marriage, Mrs. Ormsbee served for several years as a secretary at the Unagusta Manufacturing Company of Hazelwood.

Leaders Of Allens Creek Program



These are the officers for the Allens Creek Community Development program, which was recently organized. Standing, left to right: C. L. Allen, chairman, Mrs. Hiram McCracken, vice chairman, Elmer Hendricks, secretary, Miss Lou Elva Eller, treasurer and Mrs. Blanche Franklin, reporter. This is a Mountaineer photograph by Ingram's Studio.

Allens Creek Baptists To Start Building Soon

A new educational building and an auditorium will be built for the Allens Creek Baptist Church—but on a pay-as-you-go basis.

For the last five years, members and other friends of the church have been contributing to a building fund for a new church plant.

In a letter to the Mountaineer this week, the Rev. Thomas Erwin, the pastor, announced the plans. At a recent conference, the church voted unanimously to start work on the new building.

The Educational Building, with 22 Sunday school rooms, a 42 by 30 foot assembly room, will be built first; the auditorium later when sufficient funds become available.

The two-story educational building will be 92 by 32 feet, of cinder-block construction, surfaced with brick veneer.

Owners Of Stray Dogs Are Warned

Are you bothered with stray dogs? Some citizens are, and just by calling the police, the matter will be taken care of in short order.

Chief of Police Orville Noland yesterday said that some sections of town had "too many" stray dogs, and they were being a nuisance to citizens in the area.

"Owners of stray dogs are subject to a fine," the chief said, "as well as being warned that all dog owners should keep their dogs at home."

The chief pointed out that instances were known where owners of unwanted dogs had taken them to other parts of town and left them, with the hopes that some one would provide a home for the animal.

Funeral Sunday For Two Brothers Who Died In War

The bodies of two brothers, who died in World War II, are arriving back home Friday in Canton.

Joint funeral services for the boys—Navy Lieutenant Logan M. White, Jr., and Seaman First Class Charles D. White—will be held at 4 p. m. Sunday from Canton's First Baptist Church.

The sons of Mr. and Mrs. Logan D. White, Logan was killed when his plane crashed on Ryukyu Island, Japan, in June 1945. He was 23 years old.

Nineteen-year-old Charles died in a hospital in England after contracting rheumatic fever.

Chas. Ray In Park Group Sees Truman

WASHINGTON—(Special To The Mountaineer)—President Truman met three members of the North Carolina Park Commission in his office Wednesday. The group was presented to the president by Representative Monroe M. Redden.

The Park Commission Committee, headed by Charles E. Ray, chairman, of Waynesville, came to Washington Tuesday to confer with congressional leaders on a plan for getting a five million dollar increase for construction work on the Blue Ridge Parkway.

The Park Commission meeting in Waynesville several weeks ago, voted to seek the increase in Parkway funds, as they felt it was important that construction of the Blue Ridge Parkway continue at this time.

Accompanying Mr. Ray here for the series of conferences were Francis Heazel, of Asheville, and Dr. Kelly Bennett, of Bryson City, both are on the Park Commission.

The North Carolina group plan to return to their homes on Friday.

Agriculture-Bankers Urge Development Of Natural Resources

Large Gathering Here Wednesday, Discuss Future Development Of State.

North Carolina's future in agriculture will be more prosperous than ever before — if her human and natural resources are used to the best advantage.

This basic idea was brought out by speakers Wednesday in Waynesville at an area meeting sponsored by the N. C. Bankers Association agricultural committee, N. C. State College, and the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Va., in the Western North Carolina counties.

Jonathan Woody, president of the First National Bank of Waynesville, presided at the all-day session which attracted farmers, bankers, agricultural officials, teachers, and newspapermen from Haywood, Buncombe, Henderson, Transylvania, and Madison counties.

The five major speeches before the audience of approximately 120 underscored these major factors as essential to the state's agricultural progress and its inevitable effect on the state as a whole.

Building and conservation of the soil—putting back the plant food that is taken out.

Teamwork by the farmer, the (See Bankers—Page 2)

Services For Lt. Hugh Davis Set For Sunday

Funeral services for 2nd Lt. Hugh L. Davis, 27, son of Virgil K. and Nora Moody Davis of the Iron Duff section of Haywood county, will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at Davis Chapel Methodist church in Iron Duff with the Rev. and Mrs. C. O. Newell officiating.

Palbearers will be members of the American Legion Post No. 47 and cousins will serve as flower bearers.

Graveside rites at Memorial Plot (See Lt. Davis—Page 2)

Bethel Boy Makes Good With Chicks

Zene Wells, 16-year-old member of the Future Farmers of America club at Bethel, is proving that broiler-raising is profitable business in Haywood County.

He planned to send 1,000 roosters averaging 2 1/2 to three pounds each to Asheville to sell to the Farmers Federation through Simpson Brothers, Asheville seed firm.

At current market prices, Zene's flock should bring him \$745 to \$870.

He has 1,000 other birds which he plans to sell in a week or so after he fattens them up a little more.

Bob Gibson Gets Scout Award After Five Years

It would have happened five years before.

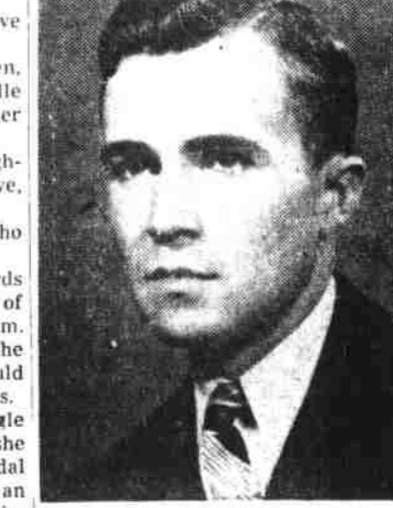
But the war was going on then, so Bob Gibson, Jr., of Waynesville enlisted as soon as he could after he turned 17.

The Eagle Scout award, the highest honor a Boy Scout can receive, had to wait until Monday night.

"Everything comes to him who waits," said Bob's father.

He spoke quietly, but his words carried to the farthest reaches of the Hazelwood School auditorium. For there were not even the normal sounds 200 people would make, just shifting in their seats.

Bob's mother pinned the Eagle Scout medal on him, and then she relieved from her son the medal showing she was the mother of an Eagle Scout. Bob's father gave him (See Bob Gibson—Page 2)



ROBERT H. GIBSON, JR.

Highway Record For 1949 (To Date)

In Haywood Killed 0

Injured 9

(This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol.)

Uses Railroad As A Highway, Pays \$112

The long, sleek, smooth-running diesel locomotives of the Southern Railway skimming along the Murphy Branch must have put ideas into the head of a Haywood motorist.

He decided to play the part of an engineer, and while he did not own a diesel locomotive, he did have an old Ford. With his Ford and a drink or two of "joy water" he struck out for Saunook, to take to the tracks.

Since Saunook is just east of the Balsam grade, it was all down hill towards Waynesville.

While it was not as smooth a ride as a diesel would have been, he did manage to stay on the ties, until he got almost to the Dayton Rubber Company.

Then and there, an axle of the make-believe locomotive broke. But such a mishap did not worry the "engineer" as he just curled up in the "cab" of his locomotive and went to sleep, no doubt dreaming of speeding along the silvery rails, as if riding on a cloud.

In a short time his dreams and slumbers were interrupted as Patrolman Jeff May entered upon the (See Railroad—Page 6)

Judge Smathers' Article In April Reader's Digest

At 37, Frank Smathers, a native of Waynesville, was a New Jersey District Court judge when he was stricken by the crippling disease, arthritis.

Twelve years ago, the torturing ailment forced him to retire completely.

But—he says he is learning to live again, though arthritis has made him an invalid.

Judge Smathers, who spent his summers in his native town, told his story in Argosy magazine, and it was condensed and reprinted in the April issue of Reader's Digest.

"For ten years," the judge wrote, "doctors waged futile war against a disease I never had. Diagnosing pains in my back, leg and shoulder as neuritis, they prescribed medicine and diets."



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