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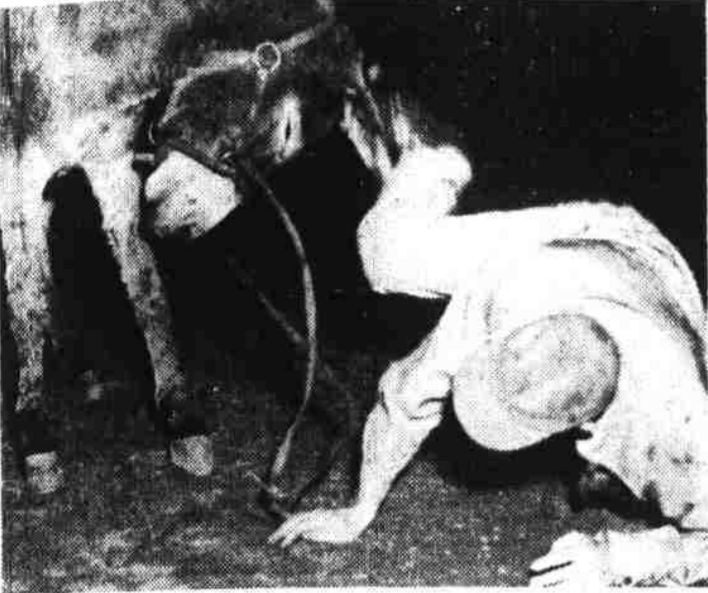
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UNCLE ABE SEZ

This is the time o' year
when a man thinks of seeds
and fishin' while the women
foaks think of new duds.

— And Great Was The Fall



This was just one of many Waynesville men who hit the dust of the Athletic Field Thursday night in a benefit Donkey Baseball game for the band. This unidentified player had just slid from his mount as Ingram snapped this photograph for The Mountaineer. The player was not hurt that night—but did walk with care on Friday. The game was played between the Rotary Club and the Lions Club. The band netted about \$300 from the game.

Players Have Feelings Hurt In Baseball Game

The Waynesville Band and 2,500 spectators won the Donkey ball game here Thursday night. Players on the two teams lost by heavy falls. The players were keyed up for a big game, but their means of transportation over the field, the spirited little burros, just did not want to follow the rules of the game. Many a player's feelings were keenly hurt, when his donkey stopped suddenly, and the dignified Lion or Rotarian hit the dust. There were not any close plays that demanded sliding Thursday night, but that phase of the game was the most prevalent—hardly a single player participated but what made a tumber of slides—sliding off the back of his donkey. There was one beast of burden that was cooperative. He went when and where directed. He had three brothers, as much alike for looks as three peas, but temperament and disposition were opposites. One donkey carried his player to third base instead of first, and upon arrival, staged a sit-down strike and just gazed at the huge throngs. Another very cooperative one, took his player to first base, then headed for the outfield in a full gallop, minus his player. (See Players—Page 6)

Bill To Cut Terms Of Clyde Officials Becomes A Law

Last Monday, the North Carolina General Assembly ratified legislation cutting the terms of Clyde government officials in half. The new law, authored by Haywood Representative Grover Davis, reduced from four to two years the terms of the Clyde mayor, aldermen, and police court judge.

ats Of Thickety Mined About Trash on City Dump

Office in Waynesville. On the recommendation of the citizens, a committee of three was named to start action to remedy the situation. This committee, made up of Chairman Jack Harris, Roy Robinson, and Dale Birch, also is to take action to stop the dumping of trash on community highways and to look into the matter of highway improvement. The discussion of the city dump was going on when County Agent (See Thickety—Page 6)

County's Finest Fiddlers Ready For Maggie Session

Haywood County's finest musicians will compete for honors Friday night in the fourth annual Fiddlers Convention at Maggie School. The events are scheduled to start at 8 p. m. Maggie School Principal R. R. Ferguson reported that a dozen bands and individual performers, including Fiddling Masters Uncle Billy Evans and Cal Messer, had entered the contest by Saturday.

38 Put In Jail Over Week-End

"Must have been home coming, or something," commented Bill Plemons, jailer, as he counted his record and found he had received 38 "boarders" on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the county jail. "Most of them were drunks," he said. "We don't have much trouble with drunks, except they all want cigarettes, and never have any when they get put in jail." Jailer Plemons asked a reporter: "If you are going to get drunk, and get locked up, please have an extra package of smokes with you. We don't have time to run out shopping all day."

Ratliff Cove Group To See Out-Of-State Farm Tour Movie Thurs.

Citizens of Ratliff Cove will see a movie of last year's Tennessee (See Ratliff Cove—Page 6)

Maggie Citizens Against New Name

Plans for developing the Maggie-Dellwood area into an outstanding tourist center took another step forward Friday night at a mass meeting of some 200 citizens of the section. Sentiment was strong, however, for retaining the present name of Maggie for the post office. It had been suggested by the newly organized Soco Road Boosters Club that the name of the post office be changed. General opinions expressed Friday night, were that the post office name be left as it is, and that the whole area be given a suitable name that would be attractive to drawing tourists into the valley. H. C. Wilburn, an authority on Indian lore, was called upon for suggestions, and presented the name "Socoluska." This was one of many names presented, and a committee will select about four names and present a petition to the citizens for their choice. Mr. Wilburn pointed out that at one end of the valley is Soco Gap, and Junaluska Ridge at the other. By combining the names, both ends of the valley would be incorporated into one name. Other names included Soco City, Mountain Valley, Mountain View, and numerous others.

William Medford, former state senator, told the meeting the importance of organizing, and cooperating to develop the area. He introduced Mr. Wilburn. Charles E. Ray, chairman of the N. C. Park Commission, urged that the area be kept natural, with the roadsides beautified with native shrubs, and to steer clear of "becoming cityfied." He also pointed out the work Rep. Monroe M. (See Maggie—Page 6)

More entries are expected before the event gets under way. Uncle Billy, a Maggie citizen, and Cal, from Cataloochee Ranch, are both widely recognized as experts in their art. But they face strong competition for honors in this department from other musicians. Prizes will be awarded for the best performances by fiddlers and by bands as units. (See Fiddlers—Page 6)

Cancer Drive Is Pushed

Haywood County's 1949 fundraising campaign for cancer relief continued today with solicitations. The drive opened April 1 toward a goal of \$2,500 - \$5,000 more than last year's. Materials have been distributed, and collection boxes placed in drug stores and restaurants in Waynesville. The educational phase of the campaign continued through last week.

The Waynesville Junior Chamber and the Waynesville Woman's Club are sponsoring the Campaign this year. The drive being conducted by the Haywood County Cancer Society, with Mrs. W. M. Cobb as drive commander.

Blue Robinson, president of the Waynesville Junior Chamber, and Virgil Smith are campaign co-chairmen.

The work in the county is part of the national campaign being held this month.

Poultry Series To Open Tonight At Bethel School

A series of poultry meetings scheduled in connection with the Haywood County Community Development Program will open tonight at Bethel School at 7:30 o'clock.

The principal speaker at all three meetings this week will be C. F. Parris, North Carolina State College Extension Poultry specialist.

He will talk about the poultry situation and the outlook for broilers and fryers.

At each session, color films on poultry raising will be shown.

County Agent Wayne Corpening in announcing the schedule pointed out that poultry was one of the six enterprises suggested for promotion under the community development program.

"It is felt," he explained, "that there are many small farms in the county where more poultry—broilers or layers—should be raised.

"If you need some special help in your chicken business, please let us know and we will be glad to contact you."

After tonight's session, the remainder of the schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, 7:30 P. M.—Haywood County Court House, Waynesville.

Wednesday, 7:30 P. M.—Crabtree-Iron Duff School.

Commander



Ernest O. Edwards, 35, Pacific combat veteran, is the new post commander of Haywood American Legion Post Number 47. He was elected at Friday night's monthly meeting to succeed Fred Y. Campbell.

Post Adjutant



Robert Platt was elected adjutant of the American Legion's Haywood Post Number 47 at the regular monthly meeting Friday night. He succeeds Ernest O. Edwards, who was elected commander.

Edwards Named Commander Of American Legion

Members of the American Legion's Haywood Post No. 47 at their regular monthly meeting Friday night elected Post Adjutant Ernest O. Edwards, 35-year-old Navy combat veteran, as their post commander. He succeeds Fred Y. Campbell. To fill Mr. Edwards' old job, they named Bobbie Platt.

The Rev. R. J. Young, pastor of Waynesville's First Methodist Church, was re-elected post chaplain. (See Edwards—Page 6)

Waynesville Girl Elected To College Posts

Jean Ann Bradley, of Waynesville, was elected recently as secretary of the Brenau College Student Government Association. Miss Bradley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bradley, also has been elected vice-president of Phi Mu, a sorority at the college, which is in Gainesville, Ga.

N. W. Carver On Welfare Board

N. W. Carver has been named as the third member of the Haywood Welfare Board.

James R. Boyd, Jr., is chairman, and N. W. West, of Clyde is the other member of the board. Mr. Boyd is named to the post by the state, while the commissioners named Mr. West, and the two members name the third, which is Mr. Carver.

Mr. West replaces H. A. Osborne, and Mr. Carver is taking the place vacated by C. E. Brown, who is now secretary to Rep. Monroe M. Redden, in Washington.

Mrs. Sam Queen is superintendent of the welfare work in the county.

Baptists To Take Action On Church Building Wed.

The congregation of the First Baptist church are making plans for an important business conference Wednesday night at eight o'clock. At that time, formal action will be taken on a resolution which is being offered by the finance committee, board of deacons, and building committee.

The resolution, is the unanimous report of the three groups, says in part—"That the church authorize the building committee to employ an architect immediately to prepare plans and specifications for a new auditorium in keeping with the expansion program adopted several years ago."

A tentative survey of the membership over the week-end showed unanimous opinion favors the recommendation of the deacons, finance and building units of the church.

The conference Wednesday night is just the formality of giving every member an opportunity to express themselves on the matter—it is the Democratic method followed by the church," Rev. L. G. Elliott, pastor, said. "Other business matters of a routine nature will also be presented, as this is the regular monthly business conference."

Mrs. Rogers New Vice President Of Teacher's Group

Mrs. Claude Rogers, Allens Creek School teacher, is the new vice-president of the Classroom Teachers Division of the North Carolina Education Association.

She was elected without opposition Saturday during the Association's 65th annual convention.

Mrs. Rogers, who was nominated previously by the Haywood-NCEA Unit, has served as president of the Haywood Classroom Teachers Association for the last two years.

She will be succeeded in her Haywood post next fall by Charles Luby, director of the Waynesville High School band.

Services For Holy Week Scheduled

Grace Episcopal church will hold special Holy Week services this week.

They will be at 8 p. m. Wednesday, Holy Communion at 11 a. m. Thursday (Maundy Thursday), and 11 a. m. Good Friday. The public is invited to attend.

Lower Crabtree Program Leaders



These men and women were elected principal officers of the Lower Crabtree Community Development Program at the organizational meeting last month. Left to right are: Mrs. Larry Ferguson, secretary; Chairman Marshall Kirkpatrick, Mrs. James Kirkpatrick, vice-chairman; the Rev. C. O. Newell, treasurer; and Mrs. Millard Ferguson, reporter. (Photo by Ingram's Studio.)

3 Hurt In 5 Auto Wrecks In County

Five automobile wrecks over the week-end in Haywood, accounted for three persons being injured, and seven cars damaged. The property damage ran high, as several of the cars were almost total wrecks, according to investigating officers.

The series of accidents started at Lake Junaluska when two out-of-town cars collided; Saturday night two cars collided on the Platt Creek road, driven by M. R. Ketter and Jerry Smith. Early Sunday morning a car driven by Robert James Korte crashed into a power pole at the Hotel Gordon, and early Monday morning a car driven by John W. Chubb, of Gastonia, turned over just east of Lake Junaluska when a tire blew out.

Jail Prisoners Eat Five Bushels Of Cooked Ramps

That peculiar odor near the jail in the court house is the "hang-over" from cooking a 5-bushel bag of ramps Saturday. "Never saw anything eaten so fast in my life," said Jailer Bill Plemons.

The prisoners following the pattern of Jack Spratt, licked their plates clean.

The odor was so strong that officers taking prisoners to jail would lock them in the elevator, turn the automatic control, and call to Plemons to "take 'em off."

Jailer Plemons enjoyed giving the prisoners a "treat" and said the little spring tonic is good for their system.

Carnival Bill Is Ratified - A Law

A bill which would prohibit vaudeville shows and carnivals from appearing in Haywood and Graham counties passed second and third readings Friday in the State House of Representatives. The measure, a substitute for one introduced by Haywood Representative Grover C. Davis, thus is virtually certain of being ratified into law. The Senate's inclusion of Graham County in the bill's provisions was the only major change in Representative Davis' original measure.

Restless Anglers Warned Against Jumping Gun

With the opening of the trout season only four days off, the fishermen are getting restless. But jumping the gun would be expensive and the chances of escaping the usual fines are slimmer than a trout hook. District Game and Fish Protector C. W. Ormand and his assistants are touring Haywood's trout havens with their usual vigilance, aided by plane, radio and patrol car. The season runs from April 15 through August 31, with a daily bag limit of 10 fish, but no limit on size. The limit for possession is 20. A rule prohibiting fishing after dark will go into effect this season for the first time, Mr. Ormand reminded anglers. The new Wildlife Resources Commission regulation is designed to protect brown trout which feed at night.

Highway Record For 1949 (To Date)

In Haywood Killed 0 Injured 12

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

Just Before The Players Started Eating Dirt



This is the beginning of the Rotary-Lions Donkey Baseball game here last Thursday night, before 2,500 fans. The person on the extreme left is J. W. Killian, under the mask. Next astride the white burro is Rev. Russell L. Young, while Howell Crawford, in straw hat, poses in his new Easter outfit. Next to Crawford is a sad-eyed donkey, then Joe Liner in the clown outfit, and an unidentified boy in plaid shirt holding a donkey. In the background near scoreboard is Rev. L. G. Elliott, then Claude Woodard and astride the donkey on extreme right is Claude Rogers. This photograph by Ingram's Studio.