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UNCLE ABE SEZ
Yess sir-ee! Jay-walkin' is often a "hurry-up!" way o' goin' whir you don't inten' to go!

Baptists Buy Property For New Auditorium

83-Foot Lot Adjoining Sunday School Building Acquired This Morning

The First Baptist church today bought the 83-foot Main Street lot adjoining their property as a site for a modern auditorium. The members voted unanimously in a church conference Wednesday night to purchase the lot, and to build an auditorium to seat about 600.

The church in conference, also instructed the building committee "to proceed immediately with plans for the construction." The committee plans to confer with an architect over the week-end.

The property which was acquired today, is the vacant lot between the Welch Memorial Sunday school building and the Dunham House. The lot was purchased from J. R. Boyd and his two daughters, Miss Bessie Boyd, and Miss Daisy Boyd. The lot is the same depth as the church property. The Baptists now own 234 feet on Main Street and about 150 on Academy Street.

Tentative plans are to begin as soon as possible the construction of the modern auditorium on the newly acquired lot. When the auditorium is completed, plans are to convert the present auditorium annex into Sunday school rooms, and make a chapel out of the original auditorium which has been used by the church for over 40 years. The pews and pipe organ now used would remain intact for the chapel.

The parsonage which faces Academy Street will not be disturbed by the expansion program. It is estimated that the cost of building and furnishing the auditorium, including a pipe organ, will be about \$100,000.

The church inaugurated an "expansion program" several years ago, and have since that time been raising money for the project. In the past few months, the leaders of the church have been working on a number of possible plans for expanding the physical facilities of the church. These plans include everything from remodeling to moving to a new site. After a thorough investigation of costs of all the plans, the committee unanimously recommended to the church that the 83-foot lot be bought and the auditorium built there, and later making changes on the present building. The church accepted the recommendation of the committee without a single dissenting vote.

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Easter Programs Are Scheduled For Area

Military Rites For Pvt. Webb Set For Sunday



Military rites will be conducted at the Ratcliffe Cove Baptist Church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock for Pvt. Fred E. Webb, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Webb, who died in Germany on May 1, 1945 as a result of wounds received in combat. The services will be in charge of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars with the Rev. R. L. Young, chaplain of the Legion, officiating.

Soco Road Group Plan Civic Meet At An Early Date

A tentative survey by civic leaders of the Soco Road area shows that the most favored name for the valley is "Socoluska". This name was suggested recently, as the valley has Soco Gap at one end and Junaluska ridge at the other. A spokesman for the leaders said that another meeting of citizens of the area is being planned. "The purpose of this meeting," he explained, "will be to work out a program that will be for the best interest and welfare of the citizens as a whole."

There is no need for any citizen to worry about having the area incorporated into a town; neither will there be any plans whereby any barns will have to be torn down, or even painted, as has been rumored. Such ideas are not the purpose of the proposed meeting," he continued.

The time and place of the meeting is in the hands of a committee composed of Norville Rogers, Grady Henry, John Finger and H. G. Valentine. Citizens of the Soco Road section can get details from any one of these, it was said.

Address Of Eight Men Sought By Draft Board

Haywood County Local Selective Service Board 45 is interested in determining the current addresses of eight Haywood County men. Chairman W. A. Bradley said the board has been unable to contact the following because of change of address: William Fred Gibson, William Thomas Grant, Hay Frank Reece, Hollie Monroe Potter, Estell Willie Forester, Melvin Clifford Carver, John Henry Parris, and Robert Perry Phillips, Jr.

Maggie School Patrons Seeking New Building

Members of the Maggie Parent-Teachers Association decided Tuesday night to take their plea for a new school building to the county school board and superintendent again. This action followed a discussion led by District Committeeman Fred Campbell of the short-comings of the physical plant which are blocking state accreditation. Spokesmen pointed out that: There are only four small classrooms for the 167 pupils, necessitating the use of the inadequate auditorium for class work; There are only two drinking fountains.

Sunrise Service Set For Lake Junaluska And Soco Gap On Sunday

The people of Haywood County will celebrate the most glorious event of Christianity this Sunday at colorful, solemn services. The observance of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ 1,949 years ago will end the traditional week of mourning over His suffering and death on the Cross for the sake of all people who were born and who will be born.

On Sunday, the people will attend the special Easter services planned by every church in the county.

Hundreds of worshippers of all denominations will go to Lake Junaluska for the annual Easter Sunrise Services that will start at 5:30 a.m.

At the same time, others will attend the services of the Free Methodist Chapel at Soco Gap, and still more will go to the Clyde Baptist Church at 5:15 a.m. for the Sunrise services there.

At many of the churches, the congregation will hear the singing of choruses of up to 60 voices. The Waynesville High School band of 50 members and chorus of 60 under the direction of Charles Isley will take part in the Sunrise Services at Lake Junaluska.

These services have been arranged and will be conducted by the Methodist Youth Fellowship of Haywood County, with Bill Mainus of the First Church of Canton heading the arrangements as chairman for the services.

At the First Baptist Church of Waynesville, the church's junior and senior choruses of some 60 voices will sing at the 11 a.m. Easter services. Again, this combined chorus will be directed by Mr. Isley, who is the church's minister of music.

Evening services at many of the churches will close the Easter Sunday observance.

The union services of the Hazelwood Presbyterian, Baptist and Methodist Churches for the second quarter will be held Sunday night at the Methodist Church.

The Rev. Paul P. Thrower, the Presbyterian pastor, will bring the message at this interdenominational gathering.

And on the lighter side, many (See Easter—Page 6)

Summer Resident Drowns In Florida

Little Claude Maurice Patrick won't be coming to the mountains this summer. Many friends of his family in Waynesville had written his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Walker, who own Rock House Farms in Balsam, saying they were looking forward to seeing him. The three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wendell Patrick of Winter Park is dead. He drowned recently when he fell into a canal near Zellwood, Fla. Mrs. Walker sent the Mountaineer a newspaper clipping which tells this story of the tragedy: The boy disappeared a few minutes after his father stopped at a muck farm. He was found in some weeds in the canal, and all efforts to revive him failed. The Patricks have one other son, Wendell Patrick, Jr. The father is associated with Mr. Walker in the Walker Fertilizer Company at Fairville, Fla.

Ramp Dispenser



This man is laying out freshly-dug ramps for the benefit of the delegates to the ramp convention. The picture was taken at last year's session. This year's convention is scheduled for Sunday, April 24 at Black Camp Gap.

Plans Made To Complete C of C Drive

Efforts are being made to complete the annual membership drive of the Chamber of Commerce this week-end, according to Mrs. Frank Knutti, secretary.

Three of the eight committees working on the drive have made reports, Mrs. Knutti said. "Reports coming in so far have been satisfactory," Mrs. Knutti said.

Plans are to have complete details of the drive ready for the board of directors for the meeting Tuesday night.

Engineer Won't Meet With Commissioners

District Engineer J. M. Knight will not meet with the Haywood county commissioners Monday because of the Easter holidays, the commissioners' office reported.

Lookout Trout, Here Come The Fishermen

Tomorrow is the day fishermen have been waiting for since last August. It's also the day trout have been worrying about.

The trout season opens in the mountains of North Carolina for four and a half long months. To assure its success—from the angler's point of view—District Game and Fish Protector C. W. Ormand, and his assistants, aided by Haywood County sportsmen stocked the county's streams the first three days of this week.

They started putting in the trout after meeting at Pott's Esso Service Station.

The trout population of Jonathan Creek was multiplied on the first day with brown trout from the Balsam hatchery. Then Big East Fork and Big West Fork were stocked on the succeeding days.

Uncle Doc Rogers Has Lived In Same House On Fines Creek For 93 Years

By W. C. MEDFORD

"My father bought this place and moved in here before the Civil War, when I was only six years old, and I've been living here ever since."

So said Uncle Doc (Adolphus) Rogers when we went to see him recently for the purpose of writing this sketch. In the old family Bible, now over one hundred years old, is this entry: "Adolphus H. M. Rogers was born July 30, 1850 in the year of our Lord." So, come July 30, '49 Uncle Doc will, if still living, be 99 years old—the oldest person in Haywood county, or in this entire section, so far as the writer knows.

He lives with his son, Hugh and family, in the Wilkins Creek section of lower Fines Creek, where his father, Matthew Rogers, lived for many years. Elizabeth Lusk Rogers was his mother, she being a sister of Col. Virge Lusk of Asheville. And Matthew Rogers was the son of Hugh Rogers, one of the earliest pioneers of Haywood county and a soldier of the American Revolution.

Mr. Rogers told us that his grandfather, Hugh, who lived to be about ninety, could then boast that he had one hundred and ten grandchildren by the Rogers name—"which was," said Uncle Doc, "the biggest generation around here, even bigger than the Rathbones or McCrackens." He said that his grandfather first settled in Tennessee but soon sold out most of his belongings there for an Indian pony and a gun and (See Rogers—Page 6)

New Shipment Of City Tags Arrive

The supplement shipment of city tags are here.

The town bought 550 city tags for distribution the first of the year. The supply was exhausted, and some 100 motorists had to do without.

Now that the new shipment is here, police will begin checking all Waynesville motor vehicles to see that they are displaying a 1949 tag.

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Safety Award Given Newspaper



The Mountaineer has been awarded a certificate of Safety Achievement, signed by State Labor Commissioner Forrest H. Shuford for having achieved a perfect record of no (Continued on Page 3)

Will Soon Be 99



A. H. M. ROGERS, of Fines Creek, will be 99 in July. He is one of the oldest living persons in Haywood.

6,000 Maps Bought By C of C Here

Six thousand pictorial maps have been received by the Chamber of Commerce, and are now being distributed as part of the material sent from the office to prospective visitors.

The maps measure 22 by 34 inches, and are printed in five colors.

The map takes in the area from Elkin to Murphy, and is a pictorial design showing the mountains, lakes and the larger places in the area.

Also scattered throughout the map are small figures of people in such scenes as camping, fishing, horseback riding, hunting and dancing.

Under Waynesville is the notation "entry to the Great Smokies". In the upper left hand corner is a legend about this immediate area, pointing out that "You haven't seen Western North Carolina if you haven't seen Waynesville."

The map was prepared by Bill Sharpe of the State Advertising Service, and the Chamber of Commerce here bought six thousand for distribution. Several places catering to tourists have bought large quantities from the Chamber of Commerce for their own use.

On the back of the maps are 12 descriptive tours of this area. All carefully planned, and concise explanation of the trip and some of the things to see enroute.

Park Streams To Open For Fishing Monday, May 16

Don't plan to fish Park streams until May 16.

That's the stern warning of Mark Hannah, warden in the Park.

Warden Hannah made the statement yesterday following the publication by an out-of-town sports writer that the Park streams would be open earlier.

The official date is Monday, May 16, and anyone fishing in Park streams earlier are doomed for arrest. Warden Hannah pointed out.

Pre-School Clinics Are Underway In This County

Dr. Mary Michal, district health officer, today announced a schedule for pre-school clinics in Haywood County to check the physical fitness of each pupil.

The examinations, she added, also are for an enrollment record, which becomes part of the cumulative record of each child.

Dr. Michal urged parents of pre-school children to have these physical examinations made each spring.

Such checkups are urged as a means of assuring that the child will be ready physically for school enrollment in the fall.

Henson Cove Petitions For Paved Highway

Citizens of the Henson Cove community are petitioning the State Highway-Commission to pave the road in that area.

The petition and project is being sponsored by interested citizens, property owners, together with the Henson Cove Community Development organization, and the Pigeon Valley Civic Club.

According to Edgar W. Mehaffey, the petitions are now ready to be submitted to the county commissioners for formal approval.

\$100 Given By Elks For Cancer

The Elks Club donated \$100 to the Cancer Drive here Thursday morning. It was announced by Mrs. W. M. Cobb, chairman of the campaign.

"This is our largest single contribution towards our quota of \$2,500," Mrs. Cobb said.

Carload Pipe For Water Mains Is Bought By Town

A carload of cast iron pipe for water mains has been bought by the town for extension of several lines.

G. C. Ferguson, town manager, said the pipe is due to arrive in a few days. It will be one of the largest single shipments received in several years.

4 PAGES OF CHURCH NEWS

The first four pages of the second section are devoted to news and pictures of churches.

Highway Record For 1949 (To Date)
In Haywood Killed . . . 0
Injured . . . 12
(This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol).