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Town Proposes Annexing Allens Creek

Poultry Industry Is Growing Fast

Resolution Passed By Board To Extend City Limits Around Section

Many Farmers Are Adding Poultry To Farm Projects

As recently as six months ago, most people in Haywood county, considered poultry raising as a woman's job.

But under the stimulus of the Community Development Program, this "woman's job" is expanding into a major industry.

With the program only three months old, 19 new chicken houses for commercial flocks have been completed or are under construction, County Agent Wayne Corpening reports.

And current indications promise that the program's goal of 300,000 broilers in the county for 1949 will be reached.

The new poultry houses range in size from structures for 1,000 or 2,000 birds to Hilliard Moody's four-floor "apartment poultry house" on the Dellwood Road, and the houses like the ones at the Sunburst Hereford where turkeys will be raised.

Mr. Moody plans to have 40,000 broilers when the work he started the first of the year is finished by early fall.

Referring to the new construction, Mr. Corpening said:

"All this means that the poultry industry is of the way up and will take its place along with other leading 'cash crops' in Haywood county."

Leading in construction of new houses for broilers and layers are the farmers of the Pigeon River area where eight new poultry houses have already been completed or are under construction.

Van Wells, chairman of the county program's Poultry Commission and of the East Pigeon Community Development Program, expressed confidence that the 1949 goal would be attained for broiler production. (See Poultry—Page 4)

2,500 Pounds Of Ramps Washed Down By 1,100 Gallons Of Black Coffee

By BILL LINDAU
Mountaineer Staff Writer

The ramp was honored yesterday at Black Camp Gap in a way that this fragrant plant has never been honored before.

By the time the last weary workers climbed into their cars after seven o'clock, 4,000 people from 14 states had travelled the winding, narrow, dirt road that twists 4 1/2 miles from the Soco Gap highway to J. R. Boyd's field at the foot of the Masonic Monument for the 18th Annual Ramp Convention.

Yesterday morning, the committeemen and their workers had 800 pounds of ramps ready for the first early arrivals at the sunny, windswept field.

Before the convention ended, the visitors from states as far off as Washington, had consumed 2,500 pounds of the lily-leaved plants with the combined aroma of the onion and the garlic.

Dewey Sutton reported that the delegates drank more than a thousand gallons of the coffee his committee had prepared from more than 50 pounds of the raw material. He and the workers on his coffee committee were kept busy almost constantly filling the cups of the visitors.

Looking over the visitors, eating quietly and listening to the Haywood Ramblers sing their hillbilly songs, Dewey admitted that the affair which he and his fellow coon hunters started, had grown some since the day in 1930 when a dozen people came to the first convention.

The delegates ate their ramps in a dozen different ways—fried with country ham, scrambled with eggs, boiled, and eaten plain raw.

For the more timid who did not care to carry the unique aroma with them all week, there were sandwiches from the stores.

There were plenty of songs, some clog dancing, and Mack Hill of Canton, with his guitar and his western ballads, and other soloists and quartets.

But there were no speeches. The late adjournment of the 1949 General Assembly on Saturday prevented many state officials and legislators from attending. Secretary of State Thad Eure sent his regrets.

Convention Secretary Clarence Medford showed messages from Governor Kerr Scott, U. S. Rep. Monroe Redden of Hendersonville, and Agriculture Commissioner L. Y. (Stag) Ballentine, expressing their good wishes and their regrets. (See Ramps—Page 8)

Rotarians Attend District Meeting

A large number of Waynesville Rotarians are attending the Rotary District Conference in Hendersonville tonight and tomorrow. The delegation is headed by H. S. Ward, president of the local club.

Among those from here expected to attend the conference sometime this afternoon and tonight include: Richard N. Barber, Jr., Rev. M. R. Williamson, M. H. Bowles, Johnny Johnson, David Hyatt, Dave Felmet, Leo Weill, B. J. Colkitt, Felix Stovall, Jonathan Woody and H. S. Ward.

Elected President Club Formed At With 31 Members

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Memorial Plot About Finished; Ready To Grass

Work is nearing completion on the Memorial Plot in Green Hill cemetery, and plans are to plant grass on the plot by the middle of this week.

T. C. Norris has the contract for building the plot, which will be a burial site for some 200 men and women from Haywood who died while serving their country.

The nine-foot memorial marker has been erected, and tentative plans are to unveil this in a special Memorial service on Sunday, May 29th.

The project is being sponsored jointly by Gold Star parents, in cooperation with the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, auxiliaries of both groups, and the town and county.

Masonic Past Masters To Meet Tomorrow

The past masters of the 41st Masonic District will hold their spring meeting Friday night at the Hazelwood Presbyterian Church, Secretary C. B. Hosafook announced today.

A supper will be served at 7:30 p.m.

It's Vaccination Time For Dogs, Says Vet

Now is the time for all good people to needle their pooches. Dr. A. R. Riegg, Haywood County rabies inspector, is doing the actual needling himself at rabies clinics throughout the county.

The Hazelwood veterinarian reminded dog owners today that state law requires them to have their pets inoculated against rabies. He reminded hunters particularly that bears, foxes, and raccoons can transmit rabies to humans. The schedule for clinics: Tuesday;

Finest Creek—B. E. Price Grocery, James Creek, 4 p.m.; N. C. Fines Store, 5 p.m.

White Oak — W. L. Messer's Farm, 6 p.m.; Liberty Church, 7 p.m.

Wednesday—3 p.m., R. J. Messer's Store, Cecil; 4 p.m.—Walker Brown's Store, Retreat; 5 p.m.—Bethel School.

Thursday—3 p.m., Ira Cogburn's Store, Cruso; 4 p.m., Oils Massie's Store, Cruso; 5 p.m., Bridge at mouth of Dicks Creek; 6 p.m., Riekman's Store, Pigeon Valley.

Band Rates 'Excellent' At Meet

Waynesville High School's 50-piece band got a rating of excellent from the judges at the North Carolina Music Contest Friday at the Woman's College in Greensboro.

The 30 girls and 20 boys in the band finished behind Central High of Charlotte and High Point High School, each of which was rated "superior".

But, Waynesville Band Director Charles Isley said today, his youngsters drew high praises unanimously from the music scouts of the University of North Carolina, Catawba, and many other colleges in the state.

Mr. Isley, who attended the week-long festival-and-contest after bringing 18 of the school's singers to Greensboro last Monday, declared that the band "played as well as they ever have, and I am proud of them."

He added that the students took their setback in the band contest with a display of good sportsmanship, just shrugging it off and predicting they'd do better next time.

The singers, who performed in a chorus of 600 students from throughout the state earlier in the week, and the bandmen both gained valuable education and experience from their trip, Mr. Isley declared.

The Waynesville band opened with "Army of Night," a march by Alford, then played Verdi's "Force of Destiny," and concluded with "Suite In F For Military Band" by Holst.

The judges selected the last piece for the band to play, and the musicians themselves elected to play "Force of Destiny," though they had their choice of playing. (See Band—Page 4)

Collision

Out of the heavy traffic that carried nearly 4,000 people to yesterday's Ramp Convention at Black Camp Gap, there was only one accident.

State Highway Patrolmen Jeff May and H. Dayton reported that two cars met on a curve of the 4 1/2-mile, narrow, twisting mountain road.

Damage: one scraped fender.

2 Confess To Robbery In Clyde

Two boys arrested last Monday have admitted the theft of cigarettes and cameras from the Clyde Pharmacy the night of March 12.

Canton Police Chief W. N. Stroupe said Billy Robinson, 22, of near Clyde and J. C. Houston, about 18, of Clyde, signed statements admitting the break-in which said netted them about \$21.

The officer added that the boys are each charged specifically with breaking and entering and larceny of the goods he said were worth between \$75 and \$100.

Last Wednesday, Clyde Police Court Judge N. C. West continued preliminary hearings on the charges until May 2 on motion of Defense Attorney Charles Smathers of Canton.

Both defendants are free under \$500 bond each signed by their fathers.

Robinson was arrested in Clyde by Clyde Police Chief Shay Henson who signed the warrants, and Houston was taken into custody by Canton Patrolmen James Mason and Everett Moore.

The two boys told the officers that they drove to Arlington, Va., in Billy's car the night they broke into the store, pawned one of the cameras for \$1 and sold the 20 cartons of cigarettes at a tavern for \$1 a carton.

Four days after the thefts, they were back home, broke.

The officers recovered the pawned camera and another one undamaged from a thicket on the banks of the Pigeon River a mile above Canton.

The boys told officers that they threw the other two cameras from the store in the river.

Chief Stroupe said they gave no reason for throwing the cameras away.

Both boys work at odd jobs.

Officers Searching For Iron Duff Sign Wreckers

Saturday morning civic leaders of Iron Duff finished putting up signs on the highways leading into their community.

Saturday night holes were shot in the signs, and the supporting posts uprooted.

Sunday morning officers had excellent fingerprints and started an investigation.

Monday morning new signs had been erected.

Such is the 24-hour period covering the life of the signs in Iron Duff. The signs are part of the

Legislature Passes Six Local Bills For Haywood

Representative Grover C. Davis arrived home Sunday after attending the 109-day session of the General Assembly.

He termed the session, "an interesting one, and it seems, a rather progressive program for the state adopted."

Rep. Davis said that Governor Scott had accepted an invitation extended by him to come to a farm event in Haywood in the near future. The invitation was extended just before Mr. Davis left Raleigh.

"Haywood will get \$250,000 for the state school building program, and \$1,892,000 if Governor Scott's (See Legislature—Page 8)

Rotary President



JONATHAN WOODY was elected president of the Rotary Club here by the newly elected board of directors. Mr. Woody will assume office July 1, succeeding H. S. Ward.

Woody Is Named President Rotary

Jonathan Woody will assume the office of president of the Rotary Club here on July first.

Mr. Woody was named by the seven-member board of directors who were elected by the club a week ago.

Richard N. Barber, Jr., will be the new secretary, and George Kimball will be treasurer, and Johnny Johnson, assistant treasurer.

H. S. Ward who has served as president for the current year, will become vice president.

The board of directors are: Richard N. Barber, Jr., Jack Messer, Johnny Johnson, David Felmet, M. H. Bowles, James L. Kilpatrick, Jonathan Woody, and H. S. Ward.

Changes Made On Canton Election Ticket For May 3

The field was still slim today as the May 3 Canton municipal election drew closer.

Mayor J. Paul Murray and Floyd Woody were the only candidates for the city's highest office. Fred Pressley withdrew last week.

The rest of the lineup for city government officers, Elections Chairman Clarence Medford reported, was as follows:

For the three posts on the board of aldermen: Incumbents A. B. Robinson and P. D. DeWeese, and A. J. Reno, Albert J. Anderson, Cole Cogburn, Connie Henson, and Red Miller.

Mayor Murray, and Mr. Robinson, DeWeese, and Reno, are running on the same ticket.

Only alderman not seeking reelection is Lloyd Sellers, who announced the press of business prevented him from making the race.

Police Judge Ralph Mease and City Solicitor T. A. Clark also are running for re-election.

The voters in Waynesville will also have the right to have an election called upon presentation of a petition bearing fifteen per cent of the signatures of the qualified voters of Waynesville, the notice says.

The legal procedure is identical to that which was used in extending the city limits as to include East Waynesville, according to J. R. Morgan, attorney for the Town of Waynesville.

Mr. Morgan said here this morning that he understood that many signatures had been put on a petition by property owners in the area signifying their approval of the plan as outlined by the town board of aldermen.

Soldier Shaken Up As Car Leaves Highway

Pvt. Davis Asbury Medford was bruised and shaken when his car hit a bank on the Dellwood road Saturday night.

Pvt. Medford was blinded by the lights of an approaching car, and lost control of the car as it left the pavement and hit a soft shoulder. No estimate was made as to the damage to the car.

Pvt. Medford is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Medford, and returned Sunday to his post at Fort Eustis, Va.

Special Committees Selected

Allens Creek Program Aims For Better School

Allens Creek citizens Thursday night decided to work for a bigger and better school building in their community development program.

The action was taken at a meeting at the school house.

They completed the organization of the program with the appointment of special committees.

During the meeting, also, they saw movies of last year's out-of-state farm tour which resulted in the organization of the county-wide community program.

After the meeting adjourned, Mrs. Fred Farmer, Lonel Allen, Elwood Caldwell, and Mrs. Jo Norman went to work arranging the special program for the next meeting, set for 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the school house.

The entertainment feature of the meeting will be a spelling bee. The committees named were: Foods and Nutrition—Mrs. Garland Mills, chairman; Mrs. Luther Gilliland.

Beef Cattle—Scott Cunningham, chairman; John Estes, Lem Shepherd, Will Wilson, Grady Farmer, and E. W. McCracken. (See Allens Creek—Page 8)

New Church At Hyder Mountain Is Dedicated

Hyder Mountain's new and modern Methodist church was dedicated at services yesterday by Dr. C. N. Clark, Methodist District Superintendent.

Citizens of the community contributed the money and much of the labor to the new chapel which replaces the old frame church that served the community for half a century.

The new church, which seats about 180 persons, was filled to capacity for the dedication services.

Lower Crabtree C. D. Meeting Set For May 17

Lower Crabtree citizens will hold their next community development program meeting May 17 at the Crabtree-Iron Duff School.

Dr. Blanton To Preach At Baptist Revival Here

The Rev. L. G. Elliott yesterday launched the series of revival meetings at his First Baptist Church with two sermons.

At the regular morning service, he preached his sermon based on the title "A Compulsory Matter".

Last night the pastor discussed the theme "Taking Christ Seriously".

Dr. Sankey Lee Blanton, dean of the Wake Forest College School of Religion, will discuss the "Preaching of Jesus" at tonight's meeting which will start at 8 p.m. Tomorrow night, the Wake Forest dean's subject will be "Implications of Discipleship" and on Wednesday he will discuss "The Scandal of the Cross".

Dr. Blanton, former pastor of Wilmington's First Baptist Church, is the visiting minister for the revival which will continue through May 1.

At each of the weekday meetings, scheduled for 8 p.m., and the Sunday meetings at 11 a.m., the church's combined choirs will sing under the direction of Charles Isley, Waynesville High School band director and minister of music for the host church.

Highway Record For 1949 (To Date) In Haywood Killed . . . : 1 Injured . . . 12 (This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol).

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