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UNCLE ABE SEZ . . .  
Hit's not a queschan 'bout  
wether the sun shines on all  
alike or not, but who makes  
the bes' use uv the shinin'.

## Allens Creek Asking To Vote On Annexation With Waynesville; Have Petition

Residents of Allens Creek want to vote on the question of that area becoming a part of the Town of Waynesville.

A petition calling for an election on the question, and bearing the names of about 125 citizens of the area is scheduled to be formally presented to the Waynesville Board of Aldermen on Friday. It was learned from R. L. Hendricks, chairman of the special committee named several weeks ago at a mass meeting.

At the meeting held Monday night, the 150 people attending, including children, heard officials of Hazelwood explain the position of that town in regard to the annexation. Mayor Clyde Fisher was the principal speaker, and conducted a 45-minute question and answer period afterwards. Two aldermen of Hazelwood, Carl Swanger and Grady Smith also spoke. The third member of the board, R. L. Prevost, was not present. Mr. Hendricks presided, and the decision was reached to ask for an election on the matter.

Mr. Hendricks said, "it was the prevailing feeling that the citizens prefer to vote, as that is the Democratic way, and give everyone a voice in the matter."

"The decision in asking for a vote on the question is certainly no indication of opposition to becoming a part of Waynesville—we feel that the election method is the best way to decide the issue," he continued.

Some 70 signatures were put on the petition right after the meeting, and by Wednesday night 40 others had been added. Mr. Hendricks said it was a voluntary procedure, and that by the time the petition was presented Friday, he expected at least 125 names would be on the paper.

The law stipulates that 15 percent of the qualified voters can call an election on matters of this nature. It has been estimated that there are about 400 qualified voters in the area proposed to be annexed by Waynesville. The estimate is based on a recent church census.

About 30 days ago the Waynesville Board of Aldermen passed a proposed ordinance which would annex Allens Creek into Waynesville. The proposed ordinance gave until three o'clock Thursday, May 26th for the Allens Creek citizens to answer the proposal. Had the election not been requested, the area would have automatically become a part of Waynesville at that time.

Under the provisions of a law passed by the 1947 General Assembly, a town board can annex additional territory by adopting an ordinance. (See Allens Creek—Page 8)

## Head Haywood Community Program



K. O. CARSWELL  
Vice-Chairman



R. C. FRANCIS  
Chairman



CHARLES DUCKETT  
Secretary



MRS. W. D. KETNER  
Treasurer

These officers were named here last Friday to head the county-wide Community Development program. These officers will have the same duties for the county, as the 26 similar community officers have for the community units.

The board of directors to serve on the county board includes: Dr. A. P. Cline, Mrs. Paul Hyatt, Larry Cagle, Jonathan Woody, Mrs. W. A. Bradley, R. N. Barber, Jr., Mrs. W. M. Cobb, Mrs. Marshall Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Marvin Leatherwood, Mrs. Welch Singleton, Fred Mann and William Osborne.

The groups were elected at a meeting attended by 150 civic and farm leaders.

(These photos by Ingram's Studio)



MISS LUCILLE CATHEY  
Reporter

## Congressmen To Inspect Park And Parkway In Area Friday

## Commencement Exercises To Start At Six Haywood High Schools Next Week

Next week will be the happiest time of the year, not excluding Christmas, for Haywood County's school children.

School will be over until September.

For the county's graduating seniors, however, the joy will be tinged by a mixture of nostalgia and eager optimism.

For them, it will be the start of a new era. Commencement week, the formal, sober farewell to the graduates of 1949, will start Sunday with Baccalaureate services at most of the county's high schools, ending with graduation exercises later in the week.

Canton High School will be the last in the county to give its seniors their colorful, solemn send off into the business or college world. Baccalaureate services are scheduled for the night of June 5 with commencement exercises to be held the following night.

School teachers and fellow students started saying goodbye several weeks ago in an informal fashion—in the annual junior-senior banquets, school plays, and other events.

## Waynesville Township High School

Sunday, 8 p.m.—Baccalaureate services will be opened with a professional to the music of Handel's "God Of Our Fathers" played by Mary Ann Massie at the piano.

The Rev. Paul Throver, pastor of the Hazelwood Presbyterian Church will deliver the invocation.

The Rev. Russell Young, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Waynesville will preach the sermon on the subject: "The Great Masterpiece".

Following the benediction by Mr. Throver, the program will close with the playing of Gounod's "Praise Ye The Father" by Miss Massie.

Wednesday—Graduation exercises will start at 8 p.m. After the processional, with Miss Massie playing Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance," the Rev. M. R. Williamson, pastor of the Waynesville Presbyterian Church will deliver the invocation.

Amon Lee Swanger will be salutatory speaker, and Jimmy Swanger, Anna Jean Crocker, and Mabelle Limer will deliver the class orations.

Following Allen Hart's valedictory address, Principal C. E. Weatherby will make the presentation of the class.

The highlight of the program will come with the presentation of the class. (See Commencement—Page 8)

## Band, Chorus To Give Final Concert Tuesday

The band and mixed chorus of Waynesville Township High School will give their final concert of the school year at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the High School Auditorium.

Band Director Charles Isley said tickets will be sold by members of the band and the chorus.

## Programs Arranged For Haywood County Day At Lake Junaluska June 5

A committee began work yesterday on formulating a program for the afternoon of Haywood County Day at Lake Junaluska, on June 5.

The regular morning service, with Rev. Clay Madison, former pastor of the Methodist church, will be the speaker at the 11 o'clock hour, followed by a picnic. Dr. Frank S. Love, superintendent of the Assembly, said special music would also be arranged.

Starting at two o'clock, a religious and musical program, incorporating the religious committees of all the communities of

## Holiday

The First National Bank of Waynesville will be closed all day tomorrow in observance of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, President Jonathan Woody announced today.

May 20 is observed throughout North Carolina in commemoration of the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration at Charlotte on that date in 1775.

## R. W. Boone New Head Of Apple Growers Group

R. W. Boone was elected chairman of the Smoky Mountain Apple Growers Association by members at a meeting Monday night at the Haywood County Court House.

He succeeds Henry Francis. They also elected Zac Massey as vice-chairman, and Charles W. Edwards, Jr., secretary-treasurer. Named as directors were R. N. Barber, Jr., Ira H. Cogburn, H. H. Evenson, Henry Francis, Bolling Hall, and Hugh Massey.

## Displaced Persons To Come To Waynesville

The Army Transport Mercy was scheduled to dock at New York City yesterday carrying 373 displaced persons from Europe to new homes in this country. Fifteen of them are going to Bryson City, Tabor City, and Waynesville.

The National Catholic Welfare Council is sponsoring the group. It was not learned immediately how many of them would come to Waynesville.

## Plaintiff To Appeal To Supreme Court Court Returns Judgments Favoring Defendants In \$60,000 Sentelle Suit

John Sentelle has given notice that he will take his suit for \$60,000 damages against 5 Haywood men to the North Carolina Supreme Court.

His counsel filed notice of appeal yesterday after efforts to obtain an award in Haywood Superior Court failed following a two-day hearing.

The 80-year-old prosecuting witness had charged in his complaint that he had been unlawfully arrested and imprisoned after he spoke at a Democratic rally in the Court House on Nov. 2, 1946.

He asked \$50,000 actual and \$10,000 punitive damages from his brother, R. E. Sentelle; Sheriff R.

## House Public Lands Committee To Be Dinner Guests Here Friday Night

With a decent break in the weather, 25 Congressmen, together with 40 Park and State officials, and guests from Tennessee, will be shown some of America's finest scenery and hospitality this week-end. The hospitality will be there, regardless of the weather.

Charles Ray, chairman of the N. C. Park Commission, who is among those heading the local committees, said all details of the program for the visiting officials and the hearing Saturday morning had been completed.

The group arrived in Asheville this afternoon. Some came by plane, and some by train. A visit to Craggy Gardens and the Blue Ridge Parkway in that area will be featured this afternoon.

At nine Friday morning, the group will leave for a tour of the Park, going first to Cherokee for a brief stop, and then on to Newfound Gap, and to the Chimney Top camp ground for luncheon by the Gatlinburg Hotel Association.

The party of about 100 are scheduled to get back here at six Friday evening for dinner at the Waynesville Country Club, as guests of the Chamber of Commerce.

A large delegation from Haywood is expected to attend the public hearing of the committee in Asheville on Saturday at ten. Several members of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce plan to attend.

At the hearing, Mr. Ray will make the initial address, following by other civic leaders of Western North Carolina. The N. C. Park Commission is asking the committee for an increased appropriation of five millions for construction work on the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Tom Alexander will also be among those presenting facts before the committee, which is being brought to this section on the inspection tour and for the hearing, through arrangements made by Rep. Monroe M. Redden, representative from this district.

After the hearing, the group will be guests at a luncheon at Biltmore Forest Country Club, followed by a tour of Biltmore Estate.

At 6:30 the group will be entertained. (See Congressmen—Page 8)

## Civil Term Closes After Award Made Today

Judge John Clement adjourned the two-week May civil term of Haywood Superior Court shortly after noon today after the jury awarded the plaintiff approximately \$300 in the case of McClure vs. Moss.

McClure had filed suit for the amount he said due on the purchase price of a skidder used in logging.

This was the only case the jury heard today before adjournment was called.

Yesterday, the jury awarded Mrs. Maude Worley \$700 in her suit for \$2,800 against W. C. Worley, administrator for the estate of his father, Steve Worley.

Mrs. Worley, daughter-in-law of Steve Worley, sought recovery of what she termed expenses incurred in caring for Steve Worley during the four years prior to his death about a year ago.

The defendant asked for an appeal to the State Supreme Court.

## New Projects To Be Planned For Center Pigeon

By ED MEHAFFEY  
Mountaineer Correspondent

Center Pigeon citizens will plan new projects for their Community Development Program when they hold their regular monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. tonight at Long's Chapel Methodist Church.

The Rev. Gay Chambers, chairman of the Community Club, urges all officers and other members to attend this meeting.

The Club members also will hear the reports from the special committees in the Program.

## School-Road Meet Held At Bethel

About sixty people attended the first meeting sponsored by the Haywood unit of Better School and Roads, Inc., which was held Wednesday night at the Bethel school.

H. Arthur Osborne, county chairman, presided, and the speaker's committee, composed of D. Reeves Noland, Jonathan Woods, Jack Messer and A. J. Hutchins addressed the group.

"This is the first of a series of meetings that will be held throughout the county as a means of acquainting the people with the facts," Mr. Osborne said.

## James Buell Wins FFA Award

James R. Buell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Odie Buell of Buellton, Calif., has been awarded a \$1000 scholarship given by the Standard Oil Company of California for excellence in scholarship and superiority in agricultural projects.

Young Buell won the award after competing in Future Farmers of America events at the Cow Palace in San Francisco. He was competing for the scholarship with boys from five western states.

He is a grandson of Mrs. James R. Thomas of Waynesville and is a member of the senior class in the Santa Ynez Valley Union High School and an honor student.

## Fines Creek Meeting Set For Tomorrow

Jack Messer, superintendent of Haywood County Schools, and D. Reeves Noland will be principal speakers at a Fines Creek Community Development Program meeting at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow at the Fines Creek School.

## Thickety Citizens Plan A Community House Soon

Residents of the Thickety community have plans underway for the construction of a community house in the near future. It was learned from K. O. Carswell, chairman of the committee of the Thickety area this week.

The site for community center has been selected, and extensive recreational facilities will be built around the house. It was explained.

## 51 Persons Report As Waynesville Blood Program Opens Tuesday

### Repaid

Last September, 22-year-old Theodore T. Muse, of Waynesville, Route 1, seriously injured in an auto accident, received two transfusions.

The two pints of blood came from the American Red Cross center at Asheville.

Last Tuesday, when the Red Cross Blood Program started in Waynesville, 51 volunteers reported to the donor room that had been set up in the basement of the Waynesville Presbyterian Church.

One of the first was Theodore T. Muse of Waynesville, Route 1, who gave one pint of blood, to the Asheville Regional Blood Center.

Additional information about volunteers will be found on page seven.

## \$40,000 Church Planned For Center Pigeon Area

By ED MEHAFFEY  
Mountaineer Correspondent

Construction will start soon on a new \$40,000 building for the Spring Hill Baptist Church in Henson Cove.

The job of excavating the site for the new building was launched

shortly after the Community Development Program in Center Pigeon was organized.

The Rev. Gay Chambers, church pastor and Center Pigeon community chairman, who gave the information this week, said the new structure would be built of brick and steel.

Highway Record For 1949 (To Date) In Haywood Killed . . . 1 Injured . . . 16 (This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol).