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UNCLE ABE SEZ . . .

Too menny fokes take to the suppozishun that hit's better to regylate other fokes than themselves.

Diplomas To Be Given Graduates Of Five High Schools On Wednesday

Pfc. Parton



Pfc. McKinley F. Parton, son of Glenn Parton of Lake Junaluska was killed in action in France, September 12, 1944. His body is being returned here for burial Thursday morning.

Pfc. Parton Rites Are Set For Thursday Morning

The body of Pfc. McKinley F. Parton, 23, son of Glenn Parton of Lake Junaluska, who was killed in action in France on September 12, 1944, will arrive Wednesday morning and will be taken to the home of the father.

Funeral services will be held Thursday morning at 11 o'clock at the Lake Junaluska Baptist church in Rogers Cove with the Rev. O. J. Beck, pastor, and Bishop Paul B. Kern of the Methodist church officiating.

Interment will be in Crawford Memorial Park where military services will be held.

O. M. Swain Is New Manager Of Strand

O. M. Swain has assumed the position as manager of The Strand Theatre here, succeeding Mr. Hughes, who has returned to Fayetteville.

IN WASHINGTON

William Medford left this afternoon for a two-day business trip in Washington.

Boy Loses Life In Dam Lake Friday

Mr. Mills told this story of the tragedy: Young Wilson, Eugene Craig, Earle Mills, and Michael Gilliland, took the boat out on the lake at 9:30 p. m., a few hours after the troop of 14 Scouts had arrived for a week-end of camping.

After diving overboard Dean swam a few strokes, then started coughing and thrashing in the water.

His companions in the boat screamed for Mr. Mills who plunged into the lake, swam to the straggler and reported.

Recreation Center To Be Built In Lower Crabtree

By MRS. MILLARD FERGUSON

Residents of Lower Crabtree voted Tuesday night to raise funds for building a permanent recreation center.

The action was taken by the audience of 45 people at a Community Development Program meeting at Crabtree-Iron Duff school, with Community Chairman Marshall Kirkpatrick presiding.

Meanwhile, Jack Messer, county schools superintendent, who is also chairman of the community's program committee, said the school property could continue to serve for use in community activities.

Solemn, colorful baccalaureate services yesterday opened Commencement Week as Haywood County's graduating seniors marked the end of their high school days.

The Rev. Russell Young, pastor of Waynesville's First Methodist Church, preached the principal sermon last night for the 103 Waynesville Township High School graduates as several hundred of their parents and friends watched and listened.

At Clyde High School, the Rev. D. D. Gross, Clyde Baptist Church pastor, brought the baccalaureate message to a large audience yesterday morning.

The Rev. Paul Thrower, pastor of the Hazelwood Presbyterian Church, delivered the graduation sermon at the Crabtree-Iron Duff High School, and the principal speaker at the Fines Creek High School services was Dr. C. N. Clark, Waynesville Methodist district superintendent.

The morning baccalaureate services at Bethel High School featured the sermon by the Rev. Thomas Erwin.

Commencement activities honoring the 1949 seniors are continuing through this week and next to occupy the attention of the students and teachers even as they make cheerful plans for the summer vacation.

Crabtree-Iron Duff High School

Tuesday—The Rev. M. R. Williamson, pastor of the Waynesville Presbyterian church, will make the featured address at the commencement exercises which will start at 8 p. m. with the processional.

Mr. Williamson will deliver the invocation, and Bobbie James will make the salutatory address prior to Mr. Williamson's commencement address.

The presentation of diplomas to the 21 graduating students by County Schools Superintendent Jack Messer and of awards to honor students by School Superintendent L. C. Bryson will feature the ceremonies.

Helen June Bradshaw then will make her valedictory speech, and the graduating class will sing the Alma Mater.

The program will close with the Recessional. The Liberty Bell March will be the recessional music.

The 1949 Crabtree-Iron Duff graduates are Wilfred Allen, Carroll Best, Helen Bradshaw, J. R. Caldwell, Guyline Caldwell, J. M. Crawford, Stella Fisher, Ellen James, Bobbie James, Phyllis James, John Henry Jolly, Ney Kinsland, Joan McElroy, Peggy Medford, Dorothy Messer, Johnnie Milner, Juanita Noland, Thomas Noland, Dorothy Smith, Billy Weston, and Ruth Wright.

The class mascots are Pola Ann Harrell and Bonnie Bradshaw, and the marshals: Joan Medford, Bob Leming, Raye Noland, Sue Carolyn Noland, Eleanor Kinsland, and Lois McCracken.

Waynesville Township High School

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 Mozelle Linder will deliver the class addresses.

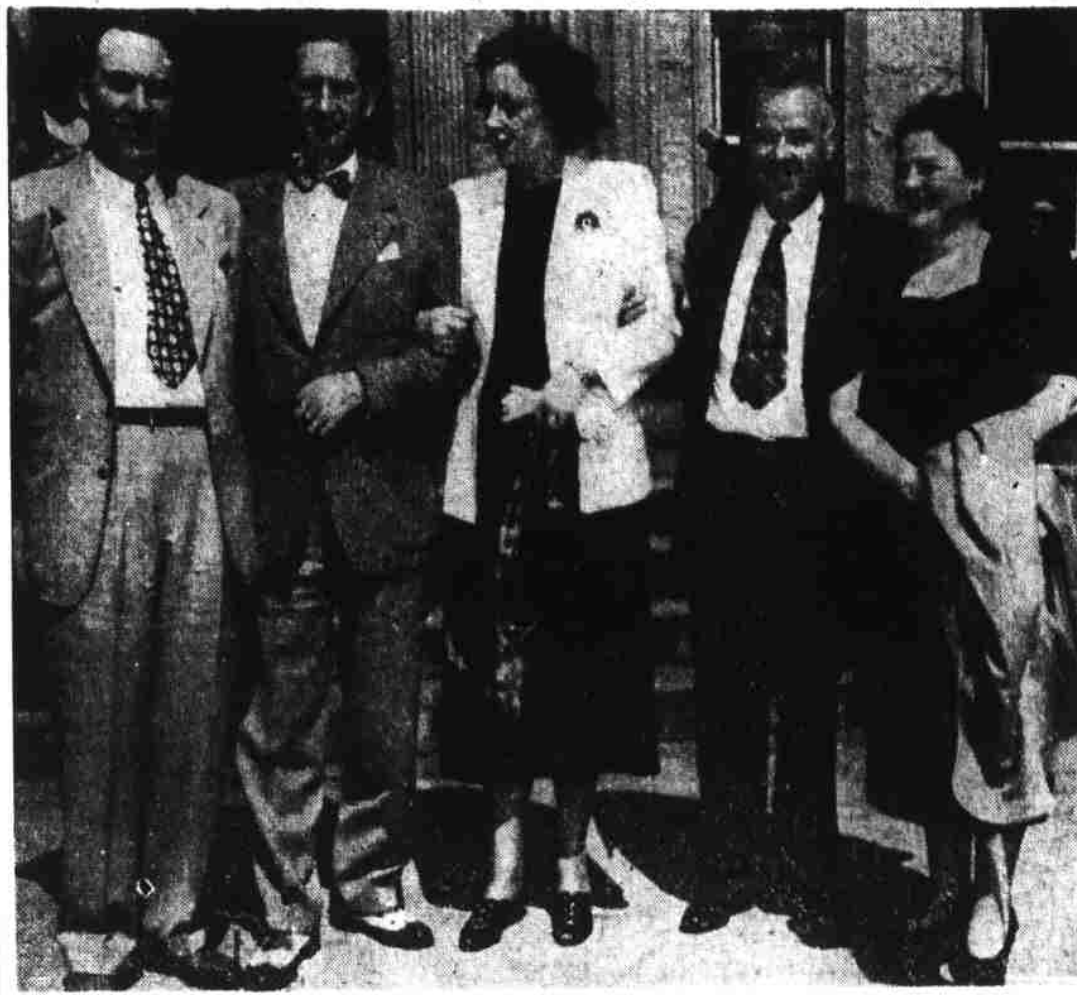
The members also decided to have a committee start work immediately erecting road signs throughout the community.

They established a refreshment fund and decided to hold a covered dish supper, charging 50 cents a plate, at 7 p. m. June 2, at the school house to help raise money for the proposed recreation center.

Mr. Messer discussed general community improvement objectives, with particular emphasis on recreation facilities.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Hugh Walker, chairman of the refreshments committee, assisted by Mrs. Sam Noland, Mrs. Bob James, Mrs. Joel Ferguson and Mrs. Elmer Gillet.

Leaders In Park-Parkway Hearing Pose In Waynesville



Leaders in the group of visiting Congressmen here Friday morning paused briefly for this picture in front of the court house. Left to right: Rep. Monroe M. Redden, who arranged the trip for the House Lands Committee; Charles E. Ray, chairman of the N. C. Park Commission; Rep. Reva Beck Bosone, of Utah; Rep. J. Hardin Peterson, of Florida, chairman of the committee, and Mrs. Monroe M. Redden. This is a Mountaineer photograph by Ingram's Studio.

Congressmen Favorably Impressed With Area; See Need For Development

Memorial Services To Dedicate Memorial Marker And Plot

WTHS Band And Chorus To Give Final Concert Here

The boys and girls of Waynesville High School's band and mixed chorus will close the school year in a burst of music and song in a final concert tomorrow night.

Band Director Charles Isley said last week popular music and songs would dominate the program, scheduled to start at 8 P. M. at the High School Auditorium.

Performances will be given by featured soloists, and quartets, as well as by the organizations in concert.

The band will open the program by playing the music that won the members the acclaim of critics at the State Music Contest in Greensboro.

The chorus will sing a selection of "light" songs in the second part of the program.

The band will follow these performances with a program of popular music.

Members of the chorus and the band are selling tickets for this final concert.

Chamber of Commerce President J. L. Kilpatrick Warm In Praise Of Farm Edition

"This is far beyond anything I ever dreamed of," said James L. Kilpatrick, president of the Chamber of Commerce, as he looked through five sections of the special farm edition of The Mountaineer which will be sent to all subscribers on May 30th.

Pictures of Several Hundred Haywood Students To Be Published Thursday

As a special feature commemorating the closing of school, The Mountaineer will on Thursday carry the pictures of several hundred Haywood county students.

A photographer was recently sent all over the county making pictures of school children. Also in Thursday's edition, will be pictures of more high school graduates.

Watch Thursday's paper for this special feature.

Enthusiasm mingled with surprise was the dominant note in the reactions of members of the House Public Lands Committee after their tour of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park last Friday.

The surprise was expressed particularly by some of the western congressmen who were visiting the Smokies for the first time.

In an interview with The Mountaineer following the buffet dinner given for the committee by the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce, Rep. Walter Baring of Nevada said:

"I don't believe the rest of the country realizes what you have here.

"And I do believe that it certainly should be advertised."

Rep. John E. Miles, former governor of New Mexico, also said he was impressed "mostly by the beauty of the mountains.

"Ours," he added, "run 13,000 feet high. But we have no trees."

The New Mexico congressman also was impressed by the fact that the land that comprises the Park was bought by the people who then

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Bids Sought For Excavating Lot For New Baptist Auditorium

Bids are being received for the excavating of the lot for the new auditorium of the First Baptist church, on Main Street here. The bids will be opened at noon, June 7th.

There are about 700 cubic yards of dirt to be moved, it was announced.

Man Critically Injured During Argument Saturday

Willis Burnett, 28, of Lake Logan road suffered a fractured skull Saturday afternoon when he was hit by a shovel during an argument in front of his home.

The injured man was taken to Haywood county Hospital for examination, then to Moore General Hospital near Swannanoa, where his condition was reported today as still critical.

Deputy Sheriff Wade McDaniel said today Sam Freeman, 28, was being held in jail here without bond on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon, pending the outcome of Mr. Burnett's injury.

Lands Committee Urged To Complete Park and Parkway

Promotion Needed For Area Say Officials

Members of the House Public Lands Committee and the official party received a hearty welcome when they stopped briefly in Waynesville Friday morning.

They responded with glowing compliments of the mountains, and the people.

Waynesville's civic leaders and county government officials turned out to greet the party as the Waynesville Township High School band led by Band Director Charles Isley serenaded the visitors in front of the County Court House.

The official party with a State Highway Patrol escort came here from Asheville, and continued after the brief visit their inspection tour of the National Park and the Parkway.

They returned Friday night for a dinner at the Waynesville Country Club.

Among the comments from committee members were expressions of respect for the work being done by U. S. Rep. Monroe Redden of Hendersonville, a member whose influence was a major factor in bringing the group to Western North Carolina.

Representative Redden and State Park Commission Chairman Charles Ray, Jr., of Waynesville were the busiest men during the visit here.

Several of the congressmen expressed their observations in interviews broadcast over Station WHCC at the microphone set up in front of the Court House.

Conrad Wirth, assistant director of the National Park Service, said this was the largest group he had seen on a tour of this type.

He said the committee members as a whole were showing great interest in this area.

When he was questioned about the prospects for the proposed increase of \$5,000,000 in Park appropriations, he shrugged, shook his head, and smiled.

"That's something no one knows."

Members of the committee and the party who were interviewed answered with expressions of approval of the beauty of the area, some declared it "should be developed."

Committee Chairman J. Hardin Peterson, Florida Democrat, a native of Batesburg, S. C., described

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500 Expected To Attend Test Farm Field Day 25th

About 500 dairy farmers are expected to attend the dairy and feed production field day at the State Test Farm here Wednesday it was announced by Howard Clapp, director in charge, last week.

At least eight specialists, headed by L. Y. Ballentine, commissioner of agriculture, will be present and take an active part in the all-day program, which will begin at ten o'clock.

One hour of the program will be broadcast over WHCC, Mr. Clapp

The future of the Blue Ridge Parkway, and the Great Smokies looks brighter today, since the House Public Lands committee have seen for themselves the potentialities offered by both federal projects if fully developed.

The committee heard representatives of two states Saturday morning in Asheville make an earnest plea for funds to complete the projects, and "fulfill a promise made by the Federal Government ten years ago."

The committee spent Thursday and Friday visiting in the area, and had familiarized themselves with the projects for which additional appropriations are being sought.

Charles E. Ray, chairman of the N. C. Park Commission, and long a proponent of a greater park and completion of the Parkway, keynoted the hearing with a masterful plea for money for both projects, especially citing the urgency for five millions for construction of the Parkway in this area. He also set forth the need of an expansion of the road system, development of the museum, together with camping and other recreational facilities.

Mr. Ray told the Congressmen, and some 350 civic leaders who almost filled the Buncombe court room, that "Seventy-five per cent of the Park area is closed to the general public because of the lack of roads and trails.

Then it was that Mr. Ray reminded the committee members that the Federal Government had promised ten years ago to complete the Park and Parkway after the two states had put millions into the projects. He flayed the federal government for its "broken promises" and said that now it is time for Congress to live up to its contract.

Speakers from the two states backed up Mr. Ray, as they discussed various phases of the development of the projects, and what the completion would mean to this area.

Tom Alexander discussed the projects from the standpoint of hotels, while Walter J. Dantloft of The Champion Paper and Fibre Company cited the "disappointing slowness" of the Federal Government in development of the park and said that as a result, "investment in the Park is falling far short of yielding maximum benefits."

Rep. John R. Murdock (D., Ariz.), first ranking member of the committee, pledged himself to lead the fight for greater appropriations in the 1950 fiscal year.

That was just what the crowd of 350 political, civic, business and industrial leaders wanted to hear. Minerals, which Committee Chairman J. Hardin Peterson, (D., Fla.), had hoped would share the spotlight with the park and park-

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Highway Record For 1949 (To Date)

In Haywood Killed . . . 1

Injured . . . 16

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