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UNCLE ABE SEZ . . .
I guess hit wuz intended
fer' wimmen t' have the las'
word, ennyway, le's give it to
'em, no grudin'.

Work To Start Soon On \$50,000 Drive-In Theatre, Near Hospital

Present plans are to start construction on Monday on a \$50,000 drive-in theater at the intersection of the Asheville and Rateliff Cove roads. The announcement was made this morning by Homer West, owner of the property, and builder of the theatre.

Mr. West plans to return to Charlotte Friday or Saturday to complete the purchase of equipment, and let engineering contracts for immediate construction.

"We plan to push construction in order to have the theatre in operation by July Fourth," Mr. West said.

Mr. West said an announcement would be made at this time as to the operator. He explained, "that detail will be completed within a few days, but in the meantime, we are pushing along with plans for construction."

The theatre will accommodate 300 cars, and is being built on the ten-acre tract of land owned by Mr. West. The plans call for a screen 50 feet high and 40 feet wide. The entire site will be covered with stone, and the latest type equipment will be installed, Mr. West said.

For several weeks he has been creating various drive-in theatres throughout the section, and consulting with engineers about the plans.

The site where the theatre will be built is a natural sloping tract, and will need but little grading. The crop of alfalfa is now being cut in preparation to getting construction underway immediately.

Mr. West said that arrangements have been completed for getting lights and water to the site, and work on this will also start within a few days.

The theatre will feature the individual speakers for each car, which will also be on an elevated ramp, in order to assure clear, unobstructed vision of the screen.

The theatre will be about a quarter of a mile from the city limits. The tract on which the theatre will be built faces on the Asheville highway and Rateliff Cove road, both of them are paved.

Secretary Krug Will Arrive On Saturday

Secretary of Interior Julius A. Krug will come to this section for an inspection of the Park and Parkway this week-end.

Charles Rye, chairman of the N. C. Park Commission said this morning that his commission and a similar group from Tennessee, have a series of conferences scheduled with Secretary Krug from the time he arrives at the Asheville-Hendersonville airport on Saturday about noon until he departs Sunday from the Maryville airport.

After a luncheon in Asheville, the group will go to Gatlinburg and spend the night there. Conferences will be held in the afternoon, and again that night.

An inspection trip into the Park will again be made on Sunday by the Secretary leaves for the Capital.

Mr. Krug's visit here follows that of one week of the House Public Lands Committee, who spent part of four days in this section last week on an inspection of the area.

Gov. Scott Sees Road Program As Means Of Fully Developing Haywood Into A Wealthy Area

95 Years Old Sunday



Mrs. B. F. Smathers will observe her 95th birthday this Sunday. She will be guest of honor at a tea at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Adora Rayne. The widow of the late Dr. B. F. Smathers, former U. S. Senator William H. Smathers of Atlantic City, N. J., Judge Frank Smathers of Miami, and formerly of Waynesville. She also is the mother of Mrs. Joe Rose of Asheville, and Mrs. J. G. Holtzclaw of Waynesville. Mrs. Smathers has been too busy lately to remember that she has been approaching 95. She devotes much of her time to her home and her garden, and is one of the Waynesville Public Library's most regular patrons.

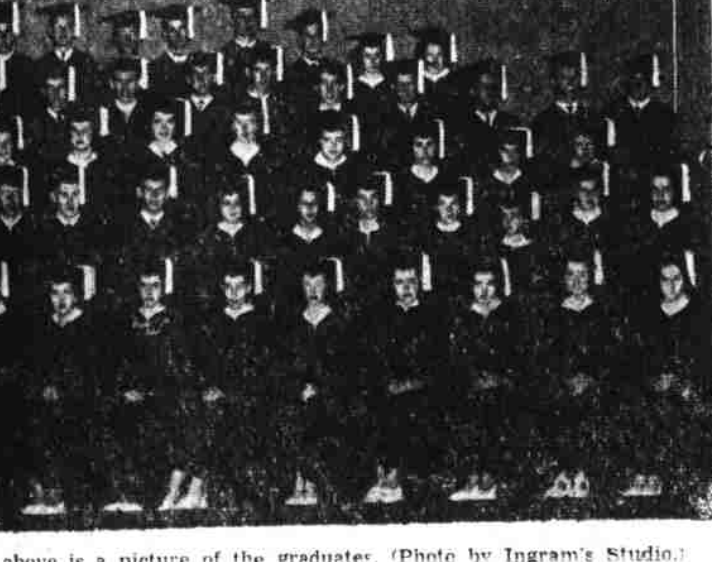
State Agriculture Commissioner Speaks Over 500 Attend Dairy And Feed Production Field Day At Test Farm

More than 500 farmers heard State Agriculture Commissioner L. Y. Ballentine and other authorities discuss farm problems yesterday at the Mountain Experiment Station.

Clyde Police Chief Says He'll Resign June First

Clyde Police Chief Shay Henson said this week he would resign next Wednesday to become a city policeman in Portland, Ore.

1949 Waynesville High School Graduating Class



At the Waynesville Township High School, there is a total of 103 graduates in the 1949 class. Shown above is a picture of the graduates. (Photo by Ingram's Studio.)

Haywood County Day Set For Lake Junaluska

R. C. Francis, chairman of the Haywood County Community Development Committee, today released the detailed program for Haywood County Day, June 5, at Lake Junaluska.

The principal speaker will be W. M. Landess, head of the Tennessee Valley Authority's information and education section. He will be introduced by Mrs. W. D. Ketter, treasurer of the Haywood County Community Development Committee.

The program was arranged by a committee whose members are Chairman Jonathan Woody, Richard Barber, Dr. A. P. Cline, Mrs. (See Haywood Day—Page 7)

Big Still Captured By Officers

Haywood deputies and a federal officer swooped down on an old logging camp Friday in the Big Bend section of Fines Creek township.

Their catch: a 500 to 600-gallon copper still, and 2,400 gallons of home-made beer.

Their raid was so sudden, two men in the camp barely had time to flee before the officers appeared.

Taking part in the raid were Deputies Wade McDaniel and Max Cochran, and Roy Reece, Alcohol Tax Unit officer from Asheville.

Mr. McDaniel said the operators of the still had their headquarters in a cabin near their plant.

The beer was destroyed. The still with its coils was taken to the garage at the County Court House.

Monument And Plot To Be Dedicated Sunday

A granite marker and plot established in Green Hill Cemetery in honor of Haywood County's soldiers, sailors and marines will be dedicated Sunday in impressive Memorial Day services at 3 p.m.

The massive 16-ton monument, measuring 9 1/2 square feet at the base, and nine feet in height, will be unveiled by a representative of the sons and daughters of the county's dead war veterans.

Then Major Allen C. Eden, district chaplain for the U. S. Third Army at Fort Bragg, will make the dedicatory address.

He will be introduced by the Rev. Russell L. Young, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Waynesville.

Taking part in the ceremonies will be representatives of the three organizations that sponsored the project to establish the monument and the plot—the Haywood County posts of the Veterans of

Stores To Close

Stores in Waynesville will be closed from 10:30 a.m. until noon Monday in observance of Memorial Day.

This was announced this week by officials of the Merchants Association of the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce.

Foreign Wars and their auxiliaries, and the Haywood County Gold Star Parents; relatives of the county's veterans; town and county officials, and representatives of civic organizations and industries.

The start of the ceremonies will be announced by the notes of the bugle call, "Assembly."

The prayer by the Rev. L. G. Elliott, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Waynesville will form. (See Monument—Page 2)

Francis Cove Gains \$57.10 From Box Supper

By MRS. BILL HOLLINGSWORTH
Mountaineer Correspondent

A box supper last Friday night made the Francis Cove Community Development Program treasury \$57.10 richer.

That was the amount the boxes brought at the auction which featured the program at the Francis Cove Church.

A large group of residents were entertained and educated by the spelling bee and the singing of the quartet.

The next meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Friday.

Community Meetings Planned

Meetings scheduled for this week in Haywood county include the following:

Thursday, 7:30 p.m.—Joint Allens Creek and Saunook community meeting for Saunook "Merry-Makers" Show at Allens Creek School.

8 p.m.—White Oak at White Oak Presbyterian church, Jonathan Woody to speak.

Friday, 8 p.m.—Joint Lower Crabtree and Upper Crabtree meeting at Crabtree-Iron Duff school, Jack Messer and Reeves Noland to speak.

7:30 p.m.—Thicketty at Oak Grove Baptist church, Rep. Grover C. Davis to speak.

8 p.m.—Francis Cove at Francis Cove church.

Tuesday 9 a.m.—Smoky Mountain Apple Growers tour of county orchards starts at R. N. Barber's orchard. (See Community—Page 8)

Governor Addresses Large Group of Workers For Program At Luncheon Here

Governor Kerr Scott said today that voter's approval of the road building program would mean eventually the fullest development of Haywood County's tourist business, industry and agriculture.

Urging Haywood's support of the road and school bond issues in the June 4 election, he made his remarks before an audience of nearly 100 business, farm, and government leaders at a luncheon meeting at the Towne House.

The governor's address was broadcast by Station WHCC.

He declared that if the bond issues are approved, recognition would be made of this county's "stepped-up" agricultural program and of the need for development of the area "west of Asheville."

Governor Scott forecast that this section would "some day become the wealthiest in this state," that this prospect hinged on the proposed program.

"North Carolina," he declared, "has not reached the zenith yet," in any field.

But, he added, the state has this opportunity and "we don't want to miss it."

Referring specifically to Haywood County's Pigeon River project, he indicated that this must be viewed in the light of the program as a whole.

The governor declared, that if the road bond program goes over it would be possible to "work on these secondary roads" that the money would be available.

Conversely, he indicated that if the program fails to carry on June 4, then the means would not be available for this project.

The governor declared it "is going to take every bit of the money (the proposed \$200,000,000) to do the job, and even then there is some doubt that that will be enough."

Explaining the need for the money through the bond issues, Governor Scott said Governor Cherry's administration inherited \$40,000,000 from the Broughton administration because the program could not be carried out during the war years.

He added that the last administration spent this \$40,000,000 in its final 2 1/2 years actually or in commitments till by the first of (See Gov. Scott—Page 8)

Predicts Victory



Mrs. Ray Named Trustee

Mrs. Charles E. Ray, Jr., of Waynesville, this week was appointed a trustee of Western Carolina Teachers College by Governor Kerr Scott.

The governor named eight officers to the board for four year terms to expire May 1, 1953.

Mrs. Ray, wife of the chairman of the North Carolina Park Commission, served for a number of years as executive secretary of the University of North Carolina School of Arts and Sciences at Chapel Hill.

She succeeds former State Representative Glenn C. Palmer of Clyde as WCTC trustee.

Mr. Ray, Waynesville civic leader, is widely recognized as one of the prominent leaders in the campaign to complete the development of the National Park and Parkway.

The other new trustees appointed by the governor are, Mrs. Jerry Davidson, Murphy school teacher; Former State Senator and Representative Lee Penland of Hayesville; Arnold Hyde, Graham county welfare official; Frank Weaver of the Farmers Federation at Asheville; State Senator W. H. Crawford, of Sylva; E. J. Whitmore, Franklin vocational agriculture teacher; Ralph Brimley, Forsyth county schools superintendent; and William Martin, Bryson City postmaster.

Clyde Seniors Graduate Tonight Graduation Exercises Held This Week At 4 County High Schools

Haywood county's district high schools are launching their 1949 seniors into a new life this week.

When commencement exercises end at Clyde High School tonight, high school days will be over for all the seniors in the county system.

St. John's and Canton High School will honor their seniors next week and the week after.

St. John's will graduate its largest senior class next Thursday night when 13 students receive their diplomas.

Seventy-nine Canton High School seniors will receive their diplomas on June 6 from Principal W. L. Rikard at graduation ceremonies starting at 8 p.m.

The first of Haywood's 1949 seniors formally graduated Tuesday night in exercises at the Crabtree-Iron Duff High School.

The 21 graduating students, their parents, and many friends heard the Rev. M. R. Williamson, pastor of the Waynesville Presbyterian Church, deliver the commencement address.

Bobbie James made the salutatory speech and Helen June Bradshaw delivered the valedictory for the departing class.

County Schools Superintendent Jack Messer presented the diplomas, and Crabtree-Iron Duff School Superintendent L. C. Bryson gave the honor students their awards

Highway
Record For
1949
(To Date)
In Haywood
Killed . . . 1
Injured . . . 17
(This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol.)

SHOWERS
Widely scattered tonight and tomorrow. Temperature in the 50's.

Min. Rainfall	40
40	24
47	10
46	03