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UNCLE ABE SEZ . . .

Why flounder about fer a subjick? Weather comes fust, o' course, — that pet afflickshun nex'.

Going To Europe

Miss Evelyn Underwood, who is at present teaching at Mars Hill College, plans to spend the summer in study and travel abroad. She will sail from New York on June 15, and will travel a month on the continent and in the British Isles, visiting France, Switzerland, Holland, Belgium, England, and Scotland. Later in the summer Miss Underwood will attend the University of Edenburgh for its regular summer session. Before returning to the States in early September, she will join friends and attend the International Festival of Music and Drama held each year in Edinburgh.

Alexander Named To State Body

Tom Alexander, owner of Cataloochee Ranch, was one of seven members appointed by Governor Kerr Scott last Monday to the State Board of Conservation and Development.

The appointments were made for terms of four years each.

Mr. Alexander assumes the post which was made vacant May 1 when the term of Percy B. Ferebee expired.

Other new members appointed by the governor are Mrs. Roland McClamroch wife of a University of North Carolina English professor; Aubrey L. Cavenaugh of Warsaw, former Dublin County commissioner; Fred Davis, Zebulon newspaper publisher; J. C. Murdock, Iredell County farmer; T. V. Rochelle, High Point furniture manufacturer; and Fred Latham, farmer of Beaufort County.

The full board consists of 15 members.

Mr. Alexander, active in the promotion of tourist business, has been a vigorous campaigner for the continued development of the National Park and the completion of the Parkway in this area.

Into The Black

C. E. Ray's Sons have had their parking lot, next to the store on Church Street paved with asphalt. The work was being completed today, and will give the first privately owned paved parking lot in this section—with the exception of areas around service stations.

Electrical Storm Hits Community

Lightning Sets First Baptist On Fire Wednesday

Lightning set the First Baptist Church on fire shortly after three o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

The bolt went in on the electric wires and started a blaze in the boiler room of the church.

W. F. Strange and another plumber were working in an adjoining room and put out the blaze. The fire department responded and made a thorough check of the building. Mr. Strange is a member of the fire department.

The damage was confined to the electric wiring in the boiler room.

Firemen said that had the storm been at night, the building probably would have been severely damaged before the blaze could have been discovered.

Utilities Of Section Suffer From Severe Storm On Wednesday

One of the worst electrical storms to hit this area in several years struck about two o'clock Wednesday afternoon, doing considerable damage to utility lines from Balsam to Lake Junaluska.

Bolts of lightning struck numerous places in the community, and outside of burning out light meters did little damage, except at the home of Mrs. W. L. McCracken on Cherry Street and the First Baptist church.

Workmen for the Town Light Department, the telephone company, and Carolina Power and Light Company went right to work restoring service, and it is believed most services will be back to normal by late today.

Some forty street lights were burned out by the heavy bolts of lightning, and many areas of town Wednesday night had only partial street light service.

W. L. Lampkin, of the Southern Bell Telephone Company, said that about 60 phones were put out of order, but he expected all to be working by this afternoon.

The Carolina Power and Light crews worked late Wednesday night restoring service, and expected to have the troubles corrected by this afternoon. One bolt burned out a meter at the Sinclair Oil bulk plant in Hazelwood.

One transformer on the Waynesville lines was burned on Pigeon Street, near the home of Clem Fitzgerald, and several others hit. Numerous fuses were blown, and the meter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Craig on East Street was destroyed by lightning.

A bolt hit the chimney of the home of Mrs. W. L. McCracken, and knocked down the stove pipe, and ripped some guttering from the eaves of the house.

A tree back of Martin Electric Company was struck; a building at the Band Mill site was hit, also a tree on Johnson Hill and a tree at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Sloan.

Waynesville light crews also found trouble in East Waynesville, on Dolan Road, Shingle Cove, and on Main Street.

The heaviest rain seemed to have fallen on Plott and Hyatt Creek.

Flag Day Program Announced

A parade and colorful flag ceremonies sponsored by the Waynesville Elks Lodge will mark observance of Flag Day here June 14.

Cooperating with the Elks in the program are the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars posts, Waynesville Boy Scouts, the Waynesville Township High School band, and Waynesville's National Guard Heavy Tank Company.

Members of these units will march in the parade with the Elks, headed by Exalted Ruler Jonathan Woody of Lodge 1796.

The approximately 300 marchers will assemble at 7:30 p. m. in front of the old Masonic Temple on Church Street for the march down Main Street to the Court House, where the flag pageant will be held.

Joe Casabella, co-chairman of arrangements for the Elks, said in his anouncement this week that

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Lions Hear Ambassador Of Thailand

Prince Wan Waithayakan, Thailand (Siam) ambassador to the United States, told the Waynesville Lions Club last night that his people must learn to make their constitution work through interpretation, as the United States had done, rather than by changing it.

In a brief address broadcast from the Towne House by Station WHCC, the English - educated prince said:

"In our political life we cannot do without the assistance of the United States. With it, we can succeed" in Thailand's fight against Communism.

After tracing the development of his country's constitutional government with its two governing houses corresponding to the U. S. Senate and House, he said the French model constitution which the nation has won't do, indicating that the American form is the workable one.

The prince, who is the grandson of the Siamese king in the popular book, "Anna and the King of Siam," told his hosts that the word "Thai" means "free" and that though the nation does have a king, the government is the type known as a constitutional monarchy.

He explained that his people could adapt themselves to the Western democracy because they have learned from the West.

After his grandfather opened Thai to foreigners, U. S. business-

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To Attend Girl's State

ALICE MARIE BURGIN

NANCY FLOYD

Miss Alice Marie Burgin, left above, and Miss Nancy Floyd have been chosen by the faculty of the Waynesville Township High School to attend Girl's State to be held at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina in July. Miss Burgin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hurst Burgin of Route 2, Waynesville, and Miss Floyd is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Floyd of Lake Junaluska. The girls were selected on the basis of scholarship, leadership, and character. They will study state and national government and will visit the State Capitol, the Governor's Mansion, and other government buildings. Girl's State is sponsored by the Auxiliary of the American Legion.

165 Expected To Attend Meeting Of Clyde Lions; Getting Charter Friday

Approximately 165 persons are expected to be present for the presentation of a charter to the new Clyde Lions Club in the school cafeteria Friday at 7:30 p.m.

D. J. Whitener of Boone, district governor of Lions International, is to present the charter to Grover C. Haynes, president of the local club.

Chief speaker for the dinner meeting will be W. L. Rikard, principal of the Canton High School. He will be introduced by Floyd Robinson, president of the Canton Lions organization.

Paul Davis, president of the Waynesville Lions Club, will present a gavel and bell to the Clyde group.

Visitors from various Lions clubs in this locality are to attend the meeting.

Rev. W. T. Medlin, Jr., pastor of Clyde Methodist Church, is toastmaster for the banquet. Jack Medford will lead group singing, and Rev. D. D. Gross, pastor of the Clyde Baptist Church, will speak the invocation.

A quintet composed of Jewel and Mildred Rhinehart, Dale and Nancy Medford, and Geraldine Fish will present special music. Alice Fincher of Waynesville, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Clayton Mehaffey will give a vocal solo. Other music is being planned by the Canton Lions.

D. A. Jaynes Dies At His Home At Mills River

D. A. Jaynes, 81, retired farmer of Mills River, died Tuesday afternoon at his home.

A native of Haywood County, he had resided in the Mills River section for 27 years and was the son of the late Mack and Hester Owen Jaynes.

Funeral services were held today at 2:30 p.m. in Mills River Methodist Church. The Rev. W. E. Rufty and the Rev. T. A. Groce officiated and burial was in Mills River Chapel Cemetery.

Pallbearers were the following grandsons: Bruce, Harry and Howard Jaynes, John and Russell Tate and Hugh Howell.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Dora Tate Jaynes; four daughters, Mrs. D. V. Howell and Mrs. Hubert Hall of Hendersonville; Mrs. Boyd Nesbitt and Miss Athalyne Jaynes of Mills River; five sons, C. G.,

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6 Haywood Boys Named To Attend Boys State

Six Haywood County high school boys, who will be seniors next fall, will leave Waynesville Saturday to attend the annual Tar Heel Boys State at Chapel Hill.

The session, sponsored annually by the American Legion, will open Sunday for a week of meetings.

The Waynesville boys and other outstanding North Carolina high school students will study state government procedure, spending government procedure, spending a day at the state capital at Raleigh.

But there will be play with the work. Officials of the event have organized a recreation program for the boys.

The Haywood students are Joseph Lawson Bingham, Clyde, Route

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County Board Certifies Bond Election Results

Members of the Haywood County Board of Elections officially tabulated and certified the returns from Saturday's state road and school bonds election at a meeting at the Court House Tuesday morning.

One copy of the official canvass was sent to the State Board of Elections office in Raleigh, and another was filed with the Haywood Superior Court clerk, County Elections Chairman Jerry Rogers said.

The official results, he added, tallied with those published Monday in The Mountaineer.

More than 6,000 county citizens registered their sentiments about the separate bond issues in Saturday's voting.

The final returns showed 83 per cent of them favored Governor Scott's $200,000,000 rural road program, and more than 95 per cent voted their approval of the proposed $25,000,000 bond issue for school improvements.

The results showed 5,098 votes

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Junaluska Store Entered Tuesday: Man Held

Early Tuesday morning, Nightwatchman Truman Cutshaw was making his rounds at Lake Junaluska Supply Company's general merchandise store when he met a man coming out of the building.

The man engaged him in conversation for a few minutes, then went away, explaining he wanted to get a drink from the well.

Meanwhile, Mr. Cutshaw quietly phoned the police.

On a platform outside the store was a case of food.

A few minutes later, Lake Junaluska Officer Max Cochran arrested the man near the Cross, sent him to jail on suspicion, then investigated for a possible break-in.

Officers found in the man's possession:

A new pocket knife, a new watch, a new plow point, telescope, bottle of silver cleaner, putty knife, and 29 cents in cash.

The man, who told officers he

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Baptists Approve Plans For Building Modern Auditorium

Excavation To Start Immediately; Auditorium To Seat 623 People

The congregation of the First Baptist church formally approved the architect's plans for the new auditorium at a church conference Wednesday night, and set in motion machinery for early construction of a modern auditorium which will seat 623 people.

At the same time, the building committee awarded a contract to the Clay Excavating Company to move about 700 cubic yards of dirt from the recently acquired lot adjoining the church property and facing 83 feet on Main Street.

The new building will supplement the present plant of the Baptists, with the auditorium, in addition to 9 large rooms for classes and a pastor's study.

The building will be of brick and steel construction, with a spire on the front reaching 103 feet above the street level.

The new auditorium will be fifteen feet from the Welch Memorial Building, with a covered arched walk-way connecting the fronts of the two buildings.

Engineers and architects are already at work on the detailed specifications in preparation to putting the project up for bids. Tentative plans are to have the bids in by July first, and work underway shortly thereafter.

Plans are to have the excavations completed by the middle of next week.

The building will have a balcony seating 143 people, and indirect lighting will be featured throughout the auditorium, with specially treated acoustical walls and ceiling.

An automatically controlled ventilating system is included in the plans, and the heating will be from hot water forced through coils in the floor.

Rev. L. G. Elliott, pastor, said that no formal ceremony would be held when the ground is broken, adding, "We will incorporate that part of the service when the building is dedicated, about Christmas."

Henry I. Gaines of Asheville is the architect, and W. Curtis Ru is chairman of the building committee.

The estimated cost of the building, including furnishings, will be in excess of $100,000.

As soon as the new building is completed, plans are to make a modern chapel out of part of the present auditorium, and Sunday School classes of the remainder adding another story over part of the building.

The completed projects will give the First Baptist one of the largest church units in this area.

Town Is Building New Sub Station

The Town of Waynesville is building a new sub station on Smathers Street, in preparation for handling high voltage for the power system in town.

The new station will divide the town power system into five circuits, giving better service, and a steady voltage, it was announced by G. C. Ferguson, town manager, this morning.

Electrical engineers were brought here to design the system, and much new equipment is being added to the system, including a modern circuit breaker oil switch.

"The new distribution system will materially improve the service," Mr. Ferguson said.

The consistent steady increase in power consumption necessitated the addition of equipment and the larger station. The cost will run into several thousands of dollars.

Conference To Close Saturday At Junaluska

With the season's first conference scheduled to end Saturday, another week-long session is scheduled to open the next day at the Lake Junaluska Methodist Assembly.

This week, more than 300 college students from throughout the mid-West and South have been attending the Student Regional Conference under the direction of the Youth Division, Methodist Board of Education.

Scheduled to open Sunday is a Youth Caravan Training Center for the Southeastern Jurisdiction, Assembly officials announced today.

These meetings will continue through June 18.

Water Gauge Will Be Installed On Town Watershed

A water gauge to measure the amount of water on the Waynesville watershed will soon be in operation.

The construction is slated for an early date, and is a co-operative project, with the town, state and federal government participating in the cost.

"The gauge will give us accurate information as to the amount of water we have, and takes out all the guess work," said Dr. Tom Stringfield, alderman in charge of the water system of the town.

The gauge will be on Allens Creek just below where Rocky Branch enters the creek.

Mrs. Richard Barber, Jr., and daughter, Mary, returned today from Griffin, Ga., where they have been visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Norman. Betty Barber remained for a longer visit with her grandmother at Clarksville, Ga.

Group To Leave Tuesday For Pack Trip In Park

Twenty-six people will leave Cataloochee Ranch Tuesday morning for a 10-day pack trip into the Great Smokies.

This is the first time since the war that the Trail Riders of the Wilderness have made their trip into the Park.

Tom Alexander is in charge of the arrangements and details of the trip, which will cover 125 miles during the 10 days. About 15 miles a day will be made, with two days of complete rest.

The event is sponsored by the American Forestry Association, and riders will be from New York, Louisiana, Pennsylvania, Florida, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, Rhode Island, and Ohio.

The group will meet at the Ranch Tuesday and leave from there for Flat Creek for the first stop.

J. Howard Mendenhall will represent the American Forestry Association, and Dr. C. L. Hobaugh, of New Kensington, Pa., is the medical officer in charge.

The trip will take the riders through the Park and into Tennessee and over several peaks more than 6,000 feet high.

Highway Record For 1949

(To Date)

In Haywood

Killed 1

Injured 17

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

New Clyde Officials Ask Highway Patrol To Handle Traffic On Highway In Town

V. W. (Barney) Haynes, banner bearer for a new party pledged to return the highway to the state highway patrol, was elected mayor of Clyde by a wide margin of 78 votes in a municipal election Tuesday.

More than half of the town's civic-minded populace came to the polls to mark a total of 277 ballots, giving 176 votes to the young business college student and 98 votes to John Smathers, succumbent in the race for mayor.

Three defaced ballots were thrown out by the election judges.

Selection of three aldermen from a slate of six office-seekers attracted much attention, as Cecil (Zeke) Spencer, well-known driver of a local work bus, polled 189 votes. His was the largest vote received by a single candidate in the election.

Second high man on the ticket was Jay Morgan, who was elected to the town board with 181 votes. Gerald Fish, a former Clyde alderman, was recalled with a vote of 170.

The voting ran along party lines, although the printed ballots listed names of neither party—Citizens (or New Party) and the Old Party—names by which the parties had been designated unofficially.

All candidates of the Citizens Party were elected.

N. C. West, running unopposed for police judge, received a vote of 172. Since last year he has been filling the vacancy left upon death of Judge Manson Cagle, who was

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ville architect, also estimated, in the conference with school officials in County Schools Superintendent Jack Messer's office.

The board members and the architect discussed the proposed plans for work on the schools in the county system, and made revisions in those which had been drawn up before the war.

Two days before, North Carolina voters had appreved the proposed state road and school bond issues.

After the meeting, Mr. Messer said the board needed further information on when the state funds from the bond issue will be available and under what terms they would be available before further action could be taken on school construction or the county school budget for the next two fiscal years.

He added that the $250,000 the 1949 General Assembly appropriated for the county's schools was expected to become available in the near future.

This is in addition to the county's estimated $280,000 share of

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