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Don't forget that your rab  
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## 4th Of July Program Opens Here Tomorrow

### Youth Group Head



REV. ROBERT STAMEY of Charlotte, is dean of the Western North Carolina Youth Assembly, which convened today at Lake Junaluska, with a registration of about 300.

The Hazelwood Boosters Club is sponsoring a seven-day program starting tomorrow night in observance of Independence Day.

The features, Club President M. H. Bowles announced, will include Union Services on Sunday night, a July 4 parade through Waynesville and Hazelwood, baseball and softball games, and amusement park rides.

The program will open officially at 7 p. m. tomorrow at the Waynesville Township High School field. The Williams rides will start running tomorrow night at 7 o'clock until 11, following that schedule every night through July 4.

In addition to these amusement features, a pony ring will be operated Tuesday through Monday also. On Saturday night, the Duke of Paducah and his string band will give two performances in the high school auditorium, starting at 7.15 and 9.15 o'clock.

Union Services, sponsored by the Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist churches and the Church of God, will be held Sunday starting at 8 p. m., with the Rev. M. R. Williamson, pastor of the Waynesville Presbyterian church, as principal speaker.

The Independence Day parade will be held Monday starting at 10 a. m. in front of the Haywood County Court House. Participating units will include the American Legion posts of Waynesville and Hazelwood, Boy and Girl Scouts, Waynesville Township High School junior and senior bands, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and National Guardsmen.

Following the parade, there will be an athletic meet for boys and girls directed by Waynesville Township High School Coach C. E. Weatherly and Carl Ratcliffe, with the events scheduled to run from 11 a. m. until noon.

There also will be general events, featuring contests to decide the largest immediate family present, the oldest man, oldest woman, oldest couple, and haldest man.

The athletic events are as follows:

Boys' Division—30 and 50-yard dashes, two-hand run, one-legged race, and cracker eating contests. Intermediates, 15 to 18 years old: 50 and 100-yard dashes, 50 yard back run, 50-yard bear run, three-legged, sack, one-legged, and shoe races; baseball throw for distance, banana eating contest, and wheelbarrow race.

Girls' Division—30 and 50-yard dashes, two-hand run, one-legged race, and cracker eating contests. Intermediates, 15 to 18 years old: 50 and 100-yard dashes, 50 yard back run, 50-yard bear run, three-legged, sack, one-legged, and shoe races; baseball throw for distance, banana eating contest, and wheelbarrow race.

At 3 p. m., the Hazelwood and Canton clubs of the Industrial League will meet in a baseball game.

That night, a Hazelwood softball team will play another team to be announced.

Mr. Bowles said half the net proceeds the Boosters Club will receive will be donated to the Waynesville Township High School band.

He added that the club appeals to all other civic organizations and to the community in general to give their full support to this celebration.

### State Health Officer Here For Meetings

Dr. C. C. Applewhite, director of local health units, will meet in a conference with the District Health Department of four counties here Tuesday at eleven.

George A. Brown, Jr., of Waynesville is district chairman, and the meeting will be held in Mr. Brown's office at the court house.

Dr. Applewhite attended a staff meeting of the Health Department here Monday afternoon.

## Sutton Is Hazelwood Police Chief

Hazelwood's new police chief is Ossie L. Sutton, World War II Army veteran who served overseas as a provost marshal.

Chief Sutton started in his new post on June 15, succeeding John Woodard, who became a Canton city patrolman.

Hazelwood's new officer, a native of Sylva, told the Mountaineer Friday: "It sure is good to get back into the mountains."

For the previous 29 months he had been police chief at Morganton.

Chief Sutton went into law enforcement work in 1935 when he became an officer in Marion. Before that, he had served as manager of the James Hotel in his native Sylva. He went to Marion when the hotel was sold.

After four years on the Marion force, Mr. Sutton was inducted in the Army, and later served in the European Theater during the war under Col. Bill Sloan of Waynesville.

After being discharged in October, 1945, he accepted an appointment as police chief at Marion, which has a force of seven officers, and served there until he was appointed to the Morganton post.

His wife, the former Amie Cunningham, also of Sylva, is connected with Sherrill's Studio in Waynesville.

## Woody Assumes Duties As Head Of Rotary Club

Jonathan Woody assumed the duties as president of the Rotary Club here Friday as Hallett S. Ward handed over the gavel he had wielded for the past year.

Mr. Woody made a detailed report of the recent international convention held in New York, which adopted as the Rotary theme for the coming year, "Making the world a better place."

"Peace, and better understanding among the nations of the world will be stressed," Mr. Woody said, as he gave an inspiring account of the growth and accomplishments of Rotary.

Committee assignments were made, and all newly elected officers and appointed committees will start their administration next Friday.

## Sports Being Organized

### Thickety Program Is Showing Good Results Of Persistent Effort

Working quietly and persistently, Thickety's 500-odd people have been steadily improving their community.

The results of the efforts they started investing immediately after they organized their Community Development Program last April are showing in the green pastures, the homes and barns, new and old, in fresh coats of paint, the new gardens, fencing, and lawns; and the work being done on the grounds of the beautiful Oak Grove Baptist Church.

and other farm equipment, and the clean herds of cattle.

Though the evidence shows mostly in the work they have done on beautification of farm and home, they are concentrating on every phase of living.

Recently, T. J. Fletcher and Howard Dodson rolled up their sleeves, laid out a softball diamond on a field donated by Earl Cabe, built a back stop, and cleared the diamond of rocks and stubble. They got the teen-age boys of the community together, organized (See Thickety—Page 5)

### Safety Man



Mac McKenzie, Western North Carolina safety supervisor for the State Industrial Commission, presented certificates at a supper meeting Friday night at the Mount Valley Inn to 23 department heads and supervisory workers of the Dayton Rubber Company plant at Hazelwood who completed an industrial safety course held last May.

## Hearings On Road Matters Are Changed

Due to changes in policy, James T. Knight, district state highway maintenance engineer, will not be in Waynesville on the third Monday to hear complaints on roads, as has been done for the past few years.

Instead of Mr. Knight coming here, the board of commissioners will handle petitions, as formerly, and then once a month—every second Tuesday—a district meeting will be held in Asheville, at which time grievances will be presented to the highway officials.

George A. Brown, Jr., chairman of the county board of commissioners, said that Mr. Knight coming here every third Monday had been a very satisfactory plan, and that the commissioners would continue to carry on the work and do what they could for the people of the county about road improvements.

## Alvin Downs Hit On Head With A Big Rock Saturday

Alvin Downs, 46, was reported as being "better and improved" at the Haywood County Hospital Monday noon, where he was taken shortly after receiving head injuries said to have been inflicted with a rock, at the hands of Robert Jolly, 33.

The incident occurred shortly after noon Saturday in Iron Duff. Members of the Sheriff's department were called, and found Jolly had already left the scene. They believed he was en route to his father in Hickory, and notified officers there to be on the lookout for Jolly on the bus.

Within a few hours, the Hickory officers called and said Jolly had been apprehended, and placed in the Hickory jail.

Deputy Wade McDaniel went to Hickory Monday morning to bring Jolly back here. He had not returned at noon, but was expected soon.

## Thickety Meeting To Be Held Thursday

Thickety residents will hold their next regular Community Development Program meeting at 7:30 p. m. Thursday at the Oak Grove Baptist Church.

Community Chairman K. O. Carswell will preside.

## Hospital Uses 78 Pints Blood From Red Cross Supply In Five Weeks

Since May 17, there have been 78 pints of blood from the Red Cross Blood Bank used at the Haywood County Hospital, it was learned this morning from Lee Davis, administrator of the Hospital.

During the past week, two emergency calls for special type blood was sent to the headquarters in Asheville, and the State Highway Patrol rushed the blood to the hospital.

On one occasion, Mr. Davis said, the blood was at the hospital in 47 minutes after the call was issued. About one o'clock Thursday morning the patrol rushed another special lot out for a patient critically ill. Due to weather, only 58 minutes was required to get the blood to the hospital.

### 17 Counties Represented

## WNC Welfare Officials Talk Over Problems

### Fox High Hats 22 Biddies

A red fox crawled into Frank M. Davis' poultry yard in Iron Duff early Friday morning. After resting a few minutes, he left, completely ignoring the sleeping chickens.

Mr. Davis, president of the Haywood and Jackson County Fox Hunters Association, said the scene took place during a fox hunt on his farm.

Cut off from the woods after a 10-hour chase, the fox sprinted a quarter of a mile to the fence around the half-acre yard, found a small hole, and lay down in the grass.

When the 10 hunting dogs had gone around the outside of the fence to the far side of the yard in their search for a hole, the fox darted out and escaped across the valley.

The tired dogs, looking disgusted, turned back to their masters, Mr. Davis and Devoy McElroy of Iron Duff, and Wes Milinder and Tom Devlin of Canton.

Mr. Davis also discovered how the fox knew the exact location of the small hole in the fine mesh fence.

Making his first count in 22 weeks, he found only 22 chickens in his original flock of 30.

That explained the mystery of the fox's familiarity with the yard.

Mr. Davis shrugged off his losses casually. "They were only ordinary hens," he said. "In fact, some of them weren't good layers."

"And that was a very unusual fox."

## Lions Club To Elect President

Members of the Waynesville Lions Club Thursday night voted to hold the nominations and election of their new president at their meeting on July 7.

They also voted to postpone the formal installation of their officers until July 14.

The election will name a successor to the late President-elect Lloyd Kirkpatrick, Waynesville civic leader, who was killed in an auto accident June 19.

Motions on the special election were made and adopted after Chairman James Howell of the club's constitution committee announced the committee's recommendation for such an election based on its interpretation of the rules of procedure.

Club officers and committee chairmen read their annual reports on work during the past fiscal year during the session at the Towne House.

Messages from the Waynesville Rotary Club board of directors and from District Governor E. J. White, expressing regret over the death of the president-elect and paying him tribute were read to the members.

Among the guests of the club were Gene Yarborough and Richard Parham, who had attended the previous week's session of the annual Tar Heel Boys State at Chapel Hill under the club's sponsorship. The boys expressed their gratitude for having been given the opportunity.

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## Four Hurt As Car Goes Down Steep Mountain On 276

Eight persons had narrow escapes in two traffic accidents on Haywood highways over the week-end. One was seriously injured, three others lesser injuries and four miraculously escaped except for cuts and bruises.

### Four Have Narrow Escape in Wreck

A light pick-up truck turned over on Highway No. 19 Sunday afternoon about 5:30 near Queen's Farm, when a fire blew out.

The truck landed in a ditch after turning over, but none of the four occupants in the cab of the truck were injured more than bruises and cuts, according to Patrolman Jeff May, who investigated.

Patrolman May said the party from Easta were en route home, when the fire gave way, and the truck wrecked. The four were given first aid treatment, and continued on their way home.

The four occupants were listed as Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wendell Gevedon and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Ray Gevedon.

The truck was badly damaged.

### Cars Crash Just East Of Clyde On Sunday

Two cars were damaged, but no personal injuries sustained in a crash just east of Clyde Sunday afternoon.

Cpl. E. W. Jones of the Highway Patrol said the crash resulted when one vehicle pulled from a service station. Patrolmen had no details, since no personal injuries were sustained.

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## Recreation Group To Meet Here Tonight

Members of the recently organized Haywood County Recreation Commission will meet at 8 p. m. today at the County Court House to draw up recommendations for rural recreation in the county-wide Community Development Program.

County Agent Wayne Corpening, who made the announcement today, said the Commission was formed recently with the appointments of the chairman of the individual community recreation committees and representatives of civic clubs and business firms throughout the county.

This was the eighth overall commission set up for the Community Development Program. Previously established were the Poultry, Forestry, Tobacco, Beef Cattle, Dairying, Fruits and Vegetables and General Commissions.

## Canton Baptists Start Work On Educational Unit

Jerry Limer of Lake Junaluska said that work of excavating the site for the modern educational building of the Canton First Baptist Church began this morning.

Mr. Limer was awarded the contract several weeks ago for the construction of the educational building, which will cost over \$117,000.

This is the first of two units the church plans to build—an auditorium to be built later. The officials of the church broke ground a week or so ago, with several persons taking part.

## Cecil Plans Sunday Soft Ball Games; Petition For Paving Being Signed

By MRS. MAMIE BROWN Mountaineer Correspondent

Approximately 60 Cecil citizens Thursday night moved to have their township road paved and to expand their recreational program.

The action was taken at a Community Development Program meeting at Cecil School.

The residents, including Cecil ministers, agreed to the plan to have Sunday softball games at the school with both boys' and girls' teams to be organized.

Dr. A. P. Cline, the community chairman, pointed out that every Sunday many young people gather at the school's playgrounds in an effort to find recreation. The previous Sunday alone, he said, there were 65 boys there.

Assistant County Agent Turner Cathey, discussing the benefits of the Community Development Program as a whole, stressed the importance of providing recreational facilities.

"The term recreation," he declared, "covers many things—not only baseball and the other sports. (See Cecil—Page 5)

### Four Hurt As Car Goes Off Steep Embankment

John R. Allen is in Moore General Hospital, with a broken back, and paralyzed from his waist down, due to injuries sustained about 1:30 Sunday morning when his car plunged 127 feet down a bank just east of Pigeon Gap on Highway No. 276.

According to Patrolman Jeff May, the Allen car ran for 62 feet on the shoulder of the highway, then went down the steep embankment, turning over several times.

Mrs. Allen suffered cuts and bruises, but was dismissed from the Haywood County Hospital on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Foster, also occupants of the car, were still in the Haywood County Hospital at noon Monday, and their condition was reported "good." Both are suffering from cuts and bruises.

Patrolman May said no other car was involved in the accident.

## Body Of Canton Man Is Found In Davidson River

The body of Jimmy Wells, 21, of Canton, RFD 2, was found early Sunday in Davidson River near Brevard, following an extensive search.

Wells, a Champion Paper and Fibre Company employe and veteran of World War II, had been missing since about noon Saturday. He and two companions, Carl Trull and Fred Trantham, both of Canton, RFD 2—began fishing the stream at 9 a. m. Saturday.

They separated and had planned to meet around noon. Trull and Trantham began a search soon after Wells failed to meet them as scheduled. Help was obtained and a party searched until midnight, resuming operations again Sunday morning.

Sheriff B. H. Freeman of Brevard, said Wells apparently had slipped on a rock and fell into the water unconscious. The drowning occurred at a point between the Davidson River concrete bridge and the fish hatchery. Sheriff Freeman said no inquest would be held.

Wells served with the Navy during the war aboard the U. S. S. Hodges, a destroyer. He was discharged a boatswain's mate, second class, after serving approximately (See Canton Man—Page 5)

## Baptists Finish Excavating Site For Auditorium

The excavating for the new auditorium of the First Baptist Church here has been completed. The auditorium will be built on the Main Street lot adjoining the Sunday School building.

Henry I. Gaines, architect, said that plans and specifications would be ready to submit to contractors for bids within a few days.

The auditorium will seat 625 persons.

### IN NEW YORK

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Masste and daughter left Sunday for New York, where they will spend a week buying fall merchandise for The Toggery.

## Highway Record For 1949 (To Date)

In Haywood Killed . . . 3

Injured . . . 21

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