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UNCLE ABE SEZ . . .
Some body has sed that the drinkin' class o' fokes air the most warm-harted; may be so. they stay warmed up so much.

Fire Hazards Few In Haywood Towns

Board President



Judge Marcus C. Redwine of Winchester, Ky., is president of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Board of Hospital and Homes which will hold its 1949 conference at Lake Junaluska on Monday and Tuesday.

Board To Confer At Junaluska

The Southeastern Jurisdictional Board of Hospital and Homes will hold its 1949 conference at Lake Junaluska, Monday and Tuesday.

The members are: the Rev. Rufus Wicker, Atlanta, Ga.; the Rev. T. C. Prewitt, Vicksburg, Miss.; the Rev. Faustino Carrion, Havana Cuba; the Rev. W. C. Franks, Campbellville, Ky.

In addition to Judge Redwine, presiding officers include: Bishop William T. Watkins, Louisville, Ky.; Dr. Wicker, Dr. Prewitt and Dr. A. L. Gunter, Sumter, S. C.

Mrs. Laura Grahl Dies At Hospital In Chattanooga

Mrs. Laura Clark Grahl, 79, widow of the late Will A. Grahl, died in a Chattanooga hospital early this morning.

Mrs. Grahl was a native of Haywood County but for the past twelve years had made her home with a daughter, Mrs. Sam Platt, in Chatsworth, Ga.

The body will be returned to Waynesville for burial. Funeral arrangements under the direction of Garrett Funeral Home were incomplete at noon.

Survivors in addition to Mrs. Platt are two sons, Linwood Grahl of Waynesville, and Wayne Grahl of Sulphur, La.; one half-brother, Miller Robinson of South Carolina; and ten grandchildren.

Haywood Enjoys Almost 'Wreckless' Holiday; None Hurt In Two Wrecks

Haywood County had a "wreckless" Fourth of July week-end—until late Monday afternoon when three cars and a truck tangled in two separate collisions.

The vehicles were damaged, but no one was killed or injured in either collision, reported State Highway Patrolman H. Dayton, who, incidentally, saw one of the accidents happen.

At 5:10 p. m., driving just east of Canton, he saw the panel truck ahead of him collide with a car that had turned off the road from

Inspectors Make Survey Of Business Districts Of Four Haywood Towns

An inspection for fire hazards showed Waynesville, Hazelwood, Clyde and Canton are in "generally good" condition.

W. E. Rushin of Charlotte, chairman of the North Carolina Fire Prevention Association, gave this verdict today, shortly after 20 special agents of the Association finished their two-day examinations of nearly 200 buildings in the business districts of the four towns.

"With few exceptions," he said in an interview, "conditions generally were good."

Poor housekeeping—trash or litter in basements and upper floors—made up the worst fire hazard the inspectors found, and these conditions existed in comparatively few of the buildings, Mr. Rushin explained.

Godfrey Cheshire, an agent from Raleigh, said: "The greatest safeguard against fire ever devised is cleanliness."

Mr. Rushin warned, "It's a matter of having one bad apple in a barrel of good apples."

"A bad condition in one building is a hazard to the entire block," the inspectors, working in teams of two each, examined stores, restaurants, hospitals, cafes, theaters, city and county buildings, and a few manufacturing plants, checking for defective power, electric, and wiring installation, and trash accumulations that could be sources of destructive blazes.

Church buildings and private residences were not examined. The inspectors were unable to check the county and city schools during their tour, but Paul Davis, Waynesville insurance man, said, these buildings would be examined in the fall.

"In general," Mr. Rushin added, "we found the property very well maintained. We did not find any condition that could be called alarming and require immediate remedy, as we have found in other towns."

"We also found these four communities to be somewhat better than average of the towns we previously inspected."

Referring to the fire-fighting installations, he added: "We consider the fire departments and defenses for the communities as reasonably good and perhaps better than average for towns of their size."

The agent also declared that the inspectors received "unusually good cooperation from local insurance executives, city officials, and individual property owners and renters."

Where hazards were discovered, the inspectors left their recommendations with the owners of tenants of the buildings.

A mimeographed report of these fire prevention surveys will be given to the respective town officials. Mr. Rushin said the civic officials have already promised to have their fire departments follow up on the recommendations of the inspectors regarding hazards found on property.

The recommendations, he explained, however, are not mandatory.

"The matter of correcting the conditions found is up to the individual tenants and property owners," he added.

"These inspections have nothing to do with fire insurance rates, and no reports will be made to the rating authorities."

He declared the agents hope one of the results of the survey will be the initiation of measures in the respective communities to prevent

Police Chief



OSIE L. SUTTON, World War II veteran and former police chief of Marion and Morganton, started work June 15 as Hazelwood's new police chief. A native son of Sylva, Chief Sutton succeeds John Woodard, who accepted a position as a patrolman in Canton.

Doctor Killed In Crash Near Soco Gap On July 4th

Dr. Richard Kerman, 55-year-old Veteran Administration hospital physician, stricken by a cerebral hemorrhage as he was driving near Soco Gap Monday morning, was killed when his car careened out of control across the traffic-filled highway and crashed into an east-bound bus.

Four of the bus' 41 passengers suffered minor injuries. An examining physician at Haywood County Hospital in Waynesville said Dr. Kerman died of a fractured skull about a minute after the accident in Jackson county.

The four injured passengers were released from the hospital after treatment for bruises and lacerations.

State Highway Patrolman Jeff May said the doctor's car ran off the steep, twisting road 2 1/2 miles west of Soco Gap, drove about 200 feet through a ditch, then crossed the highway and rammed the left front side of the slowly-moving bus.

The impact tossed the car over to the other side of the road again. He quoted PFC Edward Morvin of Camp Kilmer, Va., an injured passenger, as saying he saw the driver slump in the car on the other side of the wheel just before the crash. The soldier said he was seated in the front of the bus near the operator, Henry E. Sievers of Asheville.

Magistrate W. C. Uncle Abel Medford, of Waynesville, who had reddin with Dr. Kerman from near

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Depression-Born York Plant Farm Doing Fine

In that dark year of 1933, the Depression was four years old, and was to become older.

A Depression is no time, the economic experts and solid business men say, to start a new business, especially one you don't know much about.

It was about that time that D. D. York decided to start a new business—one he didn't know much about.

He rented about 30 acres of land on the Pigeon River above Bethel School, and he and his wife started cultivating a quarter of an acre of it to raise vegetable plants for sale.

Three more acres they planted in vegetables.

The Yorks had 15,000 to 20,000 plants that first year—and made a profit at a time when their sweet potato plants sold for 20 cents a bushel. (See Depression-Born—Page 2)

Court Term To Open On Monday

A two-week criminal term of Haywood Superior Court will open at 10 a. m. Monday with 110 cases scheduled for hearing before Judge Dan K. Moore of Sylva.

Clerk of Court C. H. Leatherwood, turning the size of the docket "average" for a July session, said drunk driving and reckless driving cases predominated, making up more than half the total.

The number includes both old cases continued from previous court terms and those which have developed since the February term.

Besides the criminal classification, five civil cases also are scheduled for hearing. If the usual procedure is followed, the divorce suits will be called first.

Meanwhile, Solicitor Thad Bryson said he hoped to complete the hearings on the criminal docket by next Thursday.

Among those scheduled for hearing is the manslaughter charge against Ransom Green, young Clyde man, which arose from the traffic death of Frank Haynes on November 21.

Haynes was struck and killed by an auto at a street intersection in Clyde.

Glenn Hampton Bryson in the February term pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter in Mr. Haynes' death and was ordered to pay compensation to the victim's widow, Mrs. Daisy Haynes.

Officers said the two defendants were driving the cars involved in the accident. After one of the autos struck Mr. Haynes, the other struck the first car.

The list of prospective jurors for the term were drawn late last month. They are:

First week—Ferguson Duckett, Fines Creek; Miss Frances Ray, Waynesville; Glenn Campbell, Ivy Hill; R. L. Davis, Jonathan Creek; Amos Moody, Jonathan Creek; Clifton Rich, Ivy Hill; Corbit W. Wright, Pigeon; Francis Bradshaw, Iron Duff.

William T. McGaha, Cataloochee; Tom H. Harkins, Beaverdam; G. W. Young, Beaverdam; P. D. Turner, Waynesville; J. G. Tate, Iron Duff; Guy McCracken, Beaverdam; K. L. Burnett, East Fork; Hugh Russell, Clyde.

Ned Crawford, Iron Duff; A. W. Devlin, Beaverdam; Morris T. Brooks, Beaverdam; James J. Clark, Fines Creek; Mrs. David Hyatt, Dewey V. Brendle and W. E. Nichols, all of Waynesville; and Grady L. Owen, Beaverdam.

Second week—Gilbert Reeves, Waynesville; Frank Parton, Ivy Hill; Haywood Chapman, Beaverdam; C. L. Hill, Jr., Canton; Sam

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Canton Lion



MAURICE T. BROOKS, Canton merchant, is the new president of the Canton Lions Club. He was installed during ceremonies last month at the Mount Valley Inn succeeding Floyd Robinson.

Lions To Install New Officers

The members of the Waynesville Lions Club will induct their new officers tonight.

The installation ceremonies will feature a steak dinner at Insurance Man L. N. Davis' camp off the Balsam Road. The meeting is scheduled to start at 7 p. m.

Richard Bradley, who was elected first vice-president last month, will automatically become the new president, succeeding Paul Davis, after the formal installation.

Lloyd Kirkpatrick, who was elected president for the new club year, was killed in an auto accident June 18.

Jimmy Reed will be inducted as second vice-president, John Cuddeback, third vice-president; Ernest Edwards, secretary; Herbert Angel, treasurer; Lester Burgin, Jr., Lion tamer; Joe Tate, Jr., Tail twister; Lawrence Leatherwood and J. C. Patrick, directors for one year; and Ben Phillips and C. E. Weatherby, directors for two years.

After Mr. Bradley assumes the presidency, Mr. Reed will become first vice-president, and Mr. Cuddeback, second vice-president.

The new directors will select the third vice-president after the ceremonies.

Haywood 4-H Clubbers To Go To White Lake

A week's vacation starts Monday morning for 100 boys and girls of Haywood County's 4-H Clubs.

That's the time they'll leave Waynesville for the State 4-H Club Camp at White Lake.

Assistant County Agent Joe Cline has advised the members planning to make the trip to return the cards sent them so arrangements can be completed.

Twelve local leaders will accompany the 4-H members.

Evangelist Holds Meetings Here

Evangelist J. W. Brent of Nashville, Tenn., is conducting a series of meetings at the community church building near the Haywood County Hospital.

The series is directed by the Churches of Christ of Nashville. Services are being held at 8 p. m. every day.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Mrs. Guy Massie has returned from a visit to her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kline, in Dixon, Ill., and other relatives in various cities in Indiana.

Flood Survey Being Made In This Area

Recreation Commission To Meet In Canton

Members of the Haywood Recreation Commission will meet at Canton High School at 8 p. m. tomorrow to watch demonstrations of games and contests and work out the details of the county-wide program.

Canton High School Athletic Director Charles Poindexter will direct the demonstrations, which will be given to aid the recreational committee of the individual communities in conducting their local programs.

The 35 commission members, who include community recreation leaders, civic and business representatives, and school and YMCA athletic officials, elected the Rev. C. L. Allen of Allens Creek as their chairman and drew up a general plan for a county-wide recreation program at their organizational meeting on June 28.

One of the points in the plan is to train recreational leaders to set up programs in their own communities.

Tomorrow night's meeting is the first of the scheduled monthly meetings which will be held alternately in Canton and Waynesville.

Community recreational committees throughout the county are urged to attend the session.

Lancasters Are Improving From Painful Injuries

Attending physicians reported Thursday noon that Dr. and Mrs. N. F. Lancaster who were painfully injured in an automobile wreck last Thursday night were "getting along satisfactorily" at an Asheville hospital.

Dr. Lancaster suffered several broken ribs, and cuts about the face.

Mrs. Lancaster received a concussion of the head and bruises about the arms and shoulders.

The two were returning from a visit to their son in camp near Weaverville when his head-on by a truck. Their car was almost demolished.

Indications yesterday were that they would remain in the hospital perhaps another week before being able to be brought home.

Judge Parker Says U. S. Must Carry Principles Into World At Large

High point of Junaluska Assembly's observance of the Fourth of July was the patriotic address at 8 p. m. by Judge John J. Parker of Charlotte, who spoke on "America's Leadership in the World Community."

He was heard by the season's largest evening crowd gathered in the outdoor auditorium.

Americans still believe, Judge Parker said, in the principals of the immortal Declaration of Independence—in the sovereignty of the individual soul.

Today, he added, there is more of security, more of opportunity and more of happiness to be found beneath the Stars and Stripes than anywhere else under God's shining sun.

"The time has now come," he continued, "when we must carry into the life of the world at large the principles upon which the greatness of our nation has been founded."

Flood Damage Survey Is Being Made In Haywood By TVA Engineers

The Tennessee Valley Authority will recommend the launching of a \$20,000,000 federal flood control program in the valley of the Upper French Broad River, when the valley people indicate they want to take part.

The recommendation would be made to President Truman.

This was announced shortly after U. S. Rep. Monroe Redden of Hendersonville, TVA Director Gordon Clapp, and TVA board members conferred Tuesday in Knoxville.

Under the tentative plans, seven detention basins would be constructed throughout the valley. dykes would be erected at certain points, the portions of the French Broad and Swannanoa rivers would be dredged and changes made at points in their channels.

Meanwhile, TVA Area Engineer Max I. Mitchell of the Asheville office continued his survey of Haywood streams and the damage done by the June floods.

He described his work to the Mountaineer on Tuesday as a "routine survey" to determine the damage and obtain other flood data in his area, which includes Buncombe, Transylvania, and Henderson counties as well as Haywood.

Mr. Mitchell said he was conferring with County Agent Wayne Corpening and others, and making personal observations for his official report which he will make to TVA Knoxville headquarters when his survey is completed.

He said he launched the study in his area on June 17, the day after the destructive floods.

On his way to Knoxville, Congressman Redden stopped in Waynesville Monday and conferred with Charles Ray, chairman of the State Parks Commission.

He and Mrs. Redden were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray at the Waynesville Country Club.

The Reddens are spending the summer at their Hendersonville home.

SUFFERS BROKEN LEG

Mrs. Frank M. Davis of Iron Duff, is in the Haywood County Hospital suffering from a broken leg. She had the misfortune to slip while at the community picnic Monday night, and broke both bones in her right leg just above the ankle.

Nearly 5,000 People See Hazelwood Boosters' July Fourth Program

The fourth annual Hazelwood Boosters Club Fourth of July program again proved a popular success during its one-week run from June 28 through last Monday.

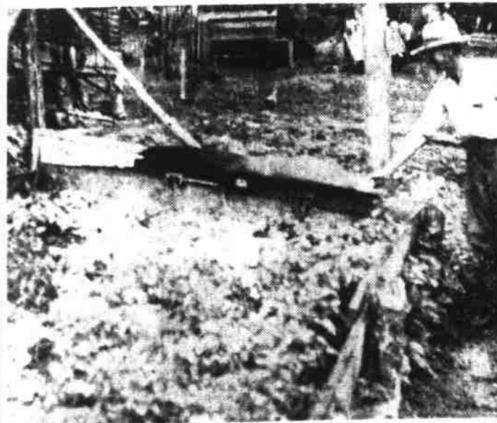
Up to 5,000 men, women and children went to the Waynesville Township High School field to try out the ferris wheel, merry-go-round, the four other rides, and Ralph Howell's ponies.

Hundreds more saw the track and field events, hog rifle match, and the other contests that made up a feature of the Independence Day program. About 500 watched Hazelwood beat Canton in an Industrial League baseball game at the school stadium.

On Monday morning, the main street through Waynesville and Hazelwood was packed with spectators who came in spite of the summer heat to see the Fourth of July parade that started at the Haywood County Court House.

After the final event ended, Club President M. H. Bowles said: "We want to thank all organizers" (See Boosters—Page 8)

Highway Record For 1949 (To Date)
In Haywood Killed . . . 3
Injured . . . 21
(This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol).



Hotbed Makes Better Peppers

D. D. York, owner of the York Plant Farm, points out the heating units in his new electric hotbed. The plants in the bed are sweet peppers. He also uses this equipment to grow sweet potatoes. The veteran "farmer's farmer" says the hotbed gives him better control over the conditions under which peppers and sweet potatoes grow. This is one of the two hotbeds he installed recently. These are some of the 300,000 plants of several different types Mr. York grows and sells to farmers and gardeners for replanting.