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UNCLE ABE SEZ . . .

If ever'body wuz purty, look sitch a worl' we'd have—ever'body flattered an' no-body to be pitted!

## Information Booth To Be Set Up On Highway 284

### Texas Governor Dies



GOV. BEAUFORD JESTER, of Texas, was found dead in his Pullman berth when his train recently pulled into Houston. He had undergone a busy and hard session of the legislature.

### Number Wrecks Are Reported

A series of highway accidents have been checked during the past few days by highway patrolmen, but the only injury reported was a 9-year-old boy who was hurt in a bicycle-car crash in Canton.

Tuesday morning a car turned over just east of Canton, but did little damage to the vehicle, and the driver, a soldier, did not receive any injuries. Patrolman H. Dayton investigated.

Wednesday afternoon a car from Illinois left the highway between here and Clyde, broke down several guard posts, and landed down the embankment. Considerable damage was done, but no injuries, according to Patrolman Bill Sawyer.

Earlier on Wednesday, a car from Cullowhee suffered about \$30 damages when forced to leave the road by an approaching car from Ohio. No one was injured, and the matter was settled.

Gerald Paxton, 9-year-old Canton boy, suffered painful head injuries in the bicycle-car collision at Canton. He was reported at noon Thursday as getting along nicely at the Haywood county Hospital.

### Haywood Girl With Red Cross Overseas

Hilda Fisher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Fisher of near Waynesville, left recently for an overseas assignment with the American Red Cross in the Caribbean area.

Miss Fisher served with the organization from November 1945 until last November as a club recreational worker in the Pacific.

She was recently stationed at Madigan General Hospital, Camp Stoneman, Cal.

Miss Fisher was working with the Board of Education of Newport News, Va., when she joined the Red Cross.

She is a graduate of Western Carolina Teachers College.

## Tax Rate For Canton Will Remain At \$1.95

The tax rate of the Town of Canton will remain the same as last year, it was made known by town officials this week, as they filed reports for the past year and prepared the estimated budget for the next fiscal year, beginning July 1.

The rate will be \$1.95 on \$100 valuation, which will bring the town an estimated total of \$111,162.49. The distribution of the tax money will be as follows: Debt service, 55c, operating expenses, park, 10c, and operating expenses of departments \$1.30.

## Duke President To Speak At Junaluska July 23

### Speaker



Dr. Arthur Hollis Edens, president of Duke University, will be the principal speaker at the annual Duke University Day program July 23 at Lake Junaluska.

A large audience is expected in the Assembly auditorium for Dr. Edens address, which is scheduled to start at 8 p. m.

He will be introduced by Don S. Elias, president of the Asheville Citizen-Times.

Charles A. Dukes will deliver the alumni message.

A picnic supper starting at 6:30 p. m. will precede the address.

Serving as general chairman for the program is Frank D. Ferguson of Waynesville, 1929 graduate of the University.

W. Thomas Reeves of Canton, is president of the Haywood County Association of Duke alumni.

The special music will be provided by the Junaluska ensemble directed by Dr. Cyrus Daniel, of Nashville, Tenn., director of music at the Assembly.

During the afternoon Alumni Association officers of Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee, will meet.

## Illinois Family 'Sold' On This Part Of World

### Draft Board Seeks Current Addresses

Haywood Selective Service Board No. 15 is seeking the present addresses of the following men:

J. B. Smith, Jerry Gibson, Billy Jack Russell, Eugene McCall, Rufus Lee Parris, Wilfred Messer, and Bobby Johnson.

Board officials need the information to send questionnaires and other notices to the registered men.

## Specialists In Hospital Work Pay Visit Here

Representatives of the Duke Foundation accompanied Dr. Pedro Garcia, of Venezuela, here Wednesday for an informal inspection of the Haywood County Hospital, and the study of the institution's administration plans.

Dr. Garcia is making a special study of hospital administration in the United States. He is now working under the direction of the Kellogg Foundation and is a graduate of Northwestern University. He was sent here by his country after doing outstanding work in the rural areas of his native country, where he specialized in obstetrics.

Accompanying Dr. Garcia here were Marshall I. Pickens, associate director of the hospital division of Duke Foundation, and J. R. Feltz, Jr., field representative.

Dr. Garcia will be in this area about ten days. Other institutions in this area were studied yesterday and today.

Tuesday, Mr. Pickens and Mr. Feltz played golf here, and were impressed with the Country Club course. Dr. Garcia liked the course, as he did not play.

All three were well pleased with the Haywood Hospital, pointing out the need for additional space, as the institution is crowded.

## Non-Suit, Mistrial Ordered In Canton Larceny Case

The Haywood Superior Court trials of two young men accused of stealing \$300 from Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Hare of Canton ended this week in a mistrial for one defendant and dismissal of the charge against the other.

Yesterday, Judge Dan K. Moore non-suited the larceny charge. (See Trial—Page 6)

EN ROUTE TO CRETE

Dallas R. Clark, chief machinist's mate, USN, of Boundary Street, is scheduled to arrive at the Island of Crete, July 16 as a crew member aboard the aircraft carrier USS Coral Sea for a five-day visit.

CHARLOTTE PASTOR TO SPEAK

The Rev. J. G. Huggins, pastor of Charlotte's Myers Park Methodist Church will preach at the 11 a. m. Sunday services at the First Methodist Church of Waynesville, where he once served as pastor.

## County Is Lagging In Bond Drive



WALTER REUTER crushed a weak left-wing opponent and has won his third term as CIO-United Auto Workers president. His union has a million members. The annual election was held this week.

## County Is Lagging In Bond Drive

Haywood county is lagging in the Opportunity Drive for the sale of U. S. savings bonds.

So far, reported County Chairman J. E. Massie of the U. S. Savings Bonds Committee, the county people had bought only \$77,268.75 worth of bonds up to July 2—about 58 per cent of the \$133,000 E bond quota which should be reached by Saturday when the drive ends.

The Haywood figure also is behind the average for the state as a whole which stood at 84.1 per cent of the state quota up to July 2.

"It is hoped," said Mr. Massie, "that those who expect to buy Savings Bonds any time this year will make an effort to purchase as many as possible by Saturday of this week, so that they will count in the drive."

"Haywood has always made a good record in these Savings Bond campaigns and it is hoped that the county will not show a bad record at this time."

Sales for the state up to July 2 amounted to \$481,766.50. Mr. Massie added.

## Haywood Lions To Attend Convention In N.Y.

Delegations from Lions Clubs in Haywood County are scheduled to leave this week-end for the Lions International Convention in New York City.

The four-day convention will open with Sunday night services, with the delegates getting down to business matters the following day.

Three North Carolina high school bands will be sponsored at the convention by Tar Heel Lions Clubs—the Cannon School band of Kannapolis, and those from Mooresville and Salisbury.

Heading the North Carolina Lions is Edward H. McMahan of Brevard and Raleigh, a member of the International board of directors and of the State Utilities Commission.

The Tar Heel musicians will take part in the big parade of Lions from the 48 states and 25 foreign nations down New York's Fifth Avenue.

Dr. D. J. Whitener of Boone, retiring District 31-A governor, said today hundreds of North Carolinians are already arriving in New York in preparation for the convention.

## Masons To Open Summer Assembly Here Sunday

Masons from several states will open the three-day 1949 summer assembly of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina next Sunday in Waynesville.

A class of candidates will receive the degree of Master Mason in ceremonies at the Waynesville Armory Monday night, with all Master Masons invited to attend.

In making the announcement of the assembly program, Dr. J. R. McCracken of the Waynesville Lodge said today:

"These meetings have done much to advertise western North Carolina and the Smoky Mountain National Park."

Outings into the Park near Waynesville comprise outstanding features of the three-day program.

## Many Cases Disposed Of In Criminal Court Here

### Tentative Plans Are To Adjourn Early Next Week; Civil Cases Set For Monday

Haywood Superior Court entered the last lap of the opening week of the July criminal term today after making heavy inroads in the docket of approximately 110 cases.

Superior Court Clerk Hugh Leatherwood said at recess today indications were that the criminal term could not be closed tomorrow as originally expected.

Some civil matters are scheduled for hearing Monday, when the second week of the term will open.

Among the divorces granted in the civil hearings held Monday after Judge Dan K. Moore convened the session were: Shirley Mann from Robert Mann; C. E. Riddle from Hazel Riddle; Donald Reagan from Mildred Melhaffey Reagan; Hilda Phillips from Rex Phillips; and Fred Davis from Hester M. Davis.

In the criminal cases last Monday, Rufus Massie was ordered to pay \$15 per month instead of the \$10 previously set for the support of an illegitimate child. The increase was granted on motion of the prosecuting witness.

George Conner, Herman Conner, and Arthur Brooks, each pleading guilty to assault with a deadly weapon against 64-year-old Wilburn Conner, received sentences of 60 days suspended on condition they remain on good behavior for two years, and not molest Mr. Conner, and pay the court costs.

The sentence was imposed following a jury trial.

Carroll Holcomb, charged with assault, pleaded guilty to simple assault. Prayer for judgment was continued on payment of costs.

Andy Sanford Wyatt, after pleading guilty to a drunk driving charge, was fined \$100 and costs and had his driver's license revoked for one year.

Prayer for judgment was continued until the November term in the case of Monroe Green, Henry Messer, and Johnnie Bradley after they pleaded guilty to charges of possessing and transporting non-tax-paid liquor.

A 12-month prison sentence imposed on Frank Phillips, who pleaded guilty to abandonment and non-support of his wife and three children, was suspended on condition that he pay \$30 a month to the support of his family.

During the Tuesday session, Robert Parton, pleading guilty to non-support of his wife and baby, drew a 12-month sentence that was suspended on condition he pay \$35 per month to their support.

Johnny Pressley was fined \$150 and costs and his license was revoked for a year after he pleaded guilty to drunk driving.

Prayer for judgment was continued for Mrs. Wilma Smith Cogburn, found guilty of reckless driving, on condition she pay \$336.02 to Howard Myers, owner of the car damaged in the case. Evidence was that Mrs. Cogburn had already paid \$150 in damages.

Not Here

Questioned about a rumor that Susie Sharp, North Carolina's first woman superior court judge, would be on the bench in Haywood court Monday, Judge Dan K. Moore replied:

"It would be a surprise to me."

Judge Moore is on the bench for the two-week criminal term that started last Monday in Haywood Superior Court.

On Monday, the ladies and the Masons who are not eligible to attend the conferring of the TIM degree will make a tour of some of the scenic points in the surrounding mountains.

On Tuesday afternoon, the delegates will go in a motorcade to the Masonic Monument at Black Camp Gap, where an outstanding speaker will deliver the principal address.

After the exercises end, they will visit Heintooza Bald, which affords one of the finest views in the entire Park. There they will have an out-door picnic dinner.

The Waynesville Masons, who will supply 100 fryers for the picnic, are asking others to bring baskets of other kinds of food except meat to supplement the chicken. (See Masons—Page 6)

### Guest Speaker



BISHOP LLOYD C. WICKE of Pittsburgh, Pa., was a guest speaker at the annual conference of the Methodist Board of Hospitals and Homes Tuesday and Wednesday at Lake Junaluska. He was elected to his office last year.

## Defendant Serves As Own Lawyer; Gets 18 Months

Haywood Superior Court Judge Dan K. Moore complimented the defendant in a larceny case Tuesday on his ability as an amateur lawyer.

Then he sentenced him to 18 months imprisonment.

The defendant, William P. Carney, 27-year-old merchant seaman from Chicago, Ill., had acted as his own attorney in defending himself against a charge of breaking, entering and larceny of about \$45 worth of goods from the Junaluska Supply Co., last month.

Describing what he termed his illnesses, Carney said, "I'm no doctor, but . . ."

"But," interrupted Judge Moore, "you're a good lawyer."

The jury returned a verdict of guilty of larceny of goods worth less than \$50.

Lake Junaluska Officer Max Cochran testified that he had found a box containing 42 different items ranging from apples to a butcher knife just outside the door of the store early on the morning of June 8 when he arrested Carney.

He added that Carney had other articles in his possession, including a putty knife, watch, two bottles of silver polish, and a piece of steel. Carney countered he had stumbled over the box as he was walking along the railroad near the store.

## Two Boys Face Trial In Killing Of Trained Bear

Two 20-year-old Maggie Lave face trial in Haywood Superior Court on charges of killing J. T. Bradley's pet bear last Saturday night.

Floyd Eie and Jack Setzer, who accused of taking the trained bear out of his cage at Mr. Bradley's Soco Gap road store, then shooting him, cutting his throat, and mutilating him.

Officers said the animal's body was taken away and thrown on a mountainside.

They said the boys admitted killing the bear, but gave no reason for doing it.

The defendants each are charged with cruelty to animals and malicious destruction of personal property.

Solicitor Thad Bryson indicated the case would be called in this term.

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While the rate will be the same, total receipts from taxes will be somewhat higher than last year, due to a 5 per cent increase in property valuation, authorized by the county commissioner.

The proposed budget for the current year has been set at \$245,385.76 for all purposes as compared with actual expenses for last year of \$165,441.42. Increases in year an estimated total of \$111,162.49. The distribution of the tax money will be as follows: Debt service, 55c, operating expenses, park, 10c, and operating expenses of departments \$1.30.

(See Tax Rate—Page 6)