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UNCLE ABE SEZ . . .
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make better time walkin'!

Masonic Assembly Opens Here

The 1949 Summer Assembly of the North Carolina Masonic Royal and Select Masters' Grand Council opened at 10 o'clock this morning at the Waynesville Armory for two days of meetings and recreational activities.

Masons from several states in addition to North Carolina, are attending the assembly.

The day's program started with the reception of distinguished visitors.

The incoming visitors were received yesterday afternoon, then entertained at an open house held at the Armory last night.

Scheduled for this afternoon is the conferring of the TIM degree on a class of candidates.

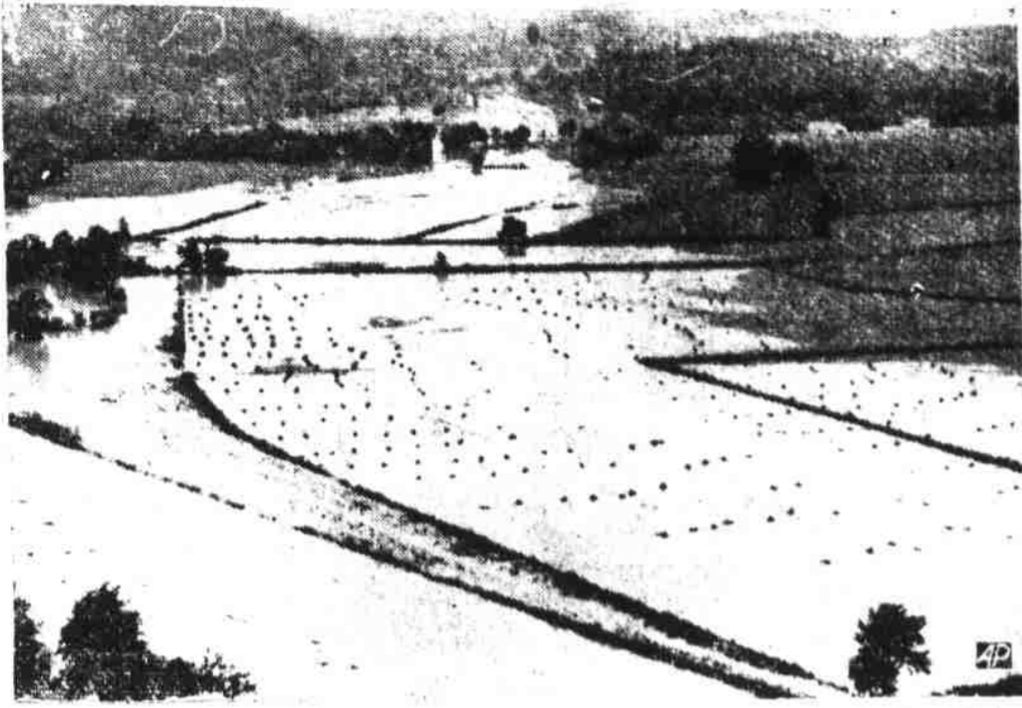
Meanwhile, those Masons who are not eligible to attend this ceremony, and lady visitors, will leave at about 2 p. m. on a sightseeing tour to the Devil's Court House near Beech Gap.

Tonight, two sections of candidates will receive the degree of Master Mason in ceremonies starting at eight o'clock.

The officers of Waynesville Lodge 259, AF and AM, will confer the degree on the first section, and the West Gate Club of the 41st Masonic District will perform the service for the second section.

All Cryptic Masons and Western North Carolina Master Masons are invited to attend the evening event.

Crop Damage Heavy In North Carolina Flood



Flood water surges through the upper French Broad river valley west of Hendersonville, and does heavy damage to farm crops. Rich farm land is covered and shocks of grain are partially submerged. It is the second time the river has overflowed in the area this month. Some farmers are losing their second planting of crops. (AP Photo)

Haywood Bulletin Board

Here is the schedule of events in the Haywood Community Development Program for this week:

- Monday, 7:30 p. m.—Beaverdam Community Development meeting at Beaverdam School.
- Tuesday, 7 p. m.—Hominy Community Development meeting and ice cream supper at the home of Mrs. Monroe Silvers.
- 7:30 p. m.—West Pigeon at Bethel School; East Pigeon at Dix's Creek Church.
- Wednesday—Field Day and community farm tour, Panther Creek residents at Lower Crabtree.
- Thursday, 5 p. m.—Dellwood Community Development meeting at the cemetery to plan further beautification and hold a picnic supper. Meeting at Baptist Church in case of rain.
- 7:30 p. m.—Center Pigeon meeting at Spring Hill Church; Cecil meeting at Cecil School; Thickety at Rockwood Methodist Church.
- 8 p. m.—White Oak Community Amateur Night at the Presbyterian Church.
- Friday—Field Day and community farm tour, Hominy at Beaverdam, 7:30 p. m.—Cruso meeting at Cruso School.
- Saturday—Field Day and community farm tour, Saunook at Francis Cove.

290 Register To Vote In Allens Creek Election

Road Sentences Imposed In Auto, Assault Cases

Haywood Superior Court Judge Dan K. Moore last Thursday sentenced Sam Freeman to two years imprisonment for attacking Willis Burnett with a shovel last May.

Freeman, pleading guilty to the charge of assault with a deadly weapon, claimed self defense in his trial Thursday morning.

Burnett suffered a fractured skull during the argument in front of his home near Lake Logan on May 21.

Testimony was that Freeman was working on a road in front of Burnett's home at the time the argument started.

Judge Moore set bond at \$2,000 for Freeman's appearance to start serving his sentence October 1.

In other criminal cases that came up the same day, three men drew road terms of 18 months each for thefts.

Wayne Adams pleaded guilty to auto larceny, and Lee Edwards and Ed Trammell each pleaded guilty to temporary larceny of an auto.

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Two hundred and ninety citizens of Allens Creek had registered by the deadline Saturday when the registration for the election on the question of incorporation into Waynesville closed.

Ballots will be cast Saturday, July 30, to decide whether the community is to become part of the county seat.

Derry Norman, a precinct judge and registrar, who gave the figures today, said Allens Creek has a total of 500 residents who are qualified to vote.

This coming Saturday will be challenge day.

Supporters of the annexation proposal pointed out that the homes of Allens Creek would have the advantages of Waynesville's sanitation and water facilities.

They argued that it would mean the general improvement of health conditions for homes which now require outside wells and toilet facilities.

Opponents, on the other hand, point out that annexation would mean imposition of Waynesville's town taxes on home and property owners.

The annexation subject to the approval of Allens Creek citizens, was authorized in a resolution adopted last spring by the Waynesville town aldermen.

Tourist Season Seen As Good Here

So far, more visitors have been coming to the Waynesville area this summer than last summer, but they haven't been staying as long.

Mrs. Frank Knutti, secretary of the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce, made this observation today in a survey of the current tourist season.

"It's shaping up, however," she added, "as a good season."

"The inquiries we received during June by mail outnumbered those during the same period last year, and all tourist facility operators report reservations are excellent for August and September."

As for the trailer visits, some tourist court and rooming house operators have expressed concern.

But Mrs. Knutti explained it in two words:

"Money's scarce."

Operators report that for the first time since the war ended, tourists are "shopping" for rates this summer.

Since this summer's visitors generally are spending only a few days to two weeks here, rather than up to an entire season, they are not renting houses as they used to living more in tourist courts and apartments.

However, the situation is not unique in Waynesville.

The same trend has been reported by tourist areas throughout the nation. Vacationers on the average, having less money than they had in previous years, are being more careful with their spending, and economizing closely on their visits.

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More people visiting in the Waynesville area than there were during the same period last summer.

Ratcliffe Cove Motto Adopted At CD Meeting

BY MRS. ALGIE RATCLIFFE, Mountaineer Correspondent

The people of Ratcliffe Cove have a motto for their Community Development Program: "A better community for better living."

The suggestion for the slogan was submitted by a motto committee Thursday night at the Community Development Program meeting at Elizabeth Chapel.

Approximately 85 people attended the session over which Community Chairman R. C. Francis presided.

They heard Assistant County Agent Turner Cathey ask them to "take care of the best crop that we have—the human crop, our children."

His comment was made during his discussion of recreation in the Community Development Program.

The meeting opened with a brief devotional.

Another pleasant feature that greeted the people was the ice cream and cake Mrs. R. C. Francis and the members of her refreshment committee served during the meeting.

Two Real Estate Sales Conducted

Two nice real estate sales were completed Monday morning at public auction conducted by Penny Brothers.

The Charles Furtado place on the Country Club road was purchased by Charles Stokes of Jacksonville, and Hilliard Ross bought the 84-acre Underwood farm in Ninevah for \$8,650.

Two other sales were slated for this afternoon.

Displays Works



DOUGLAS GRANT, local artist, has his paintings on display at the Asheville Museum on Charlotte Street this afternoon. His works will remain on display through August 14th. A wide variety of subjects are being shown, including local scenes and sky effects.

The gallery is open from 2 to 5 daily except Mondays.

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Court Term Nearing End Today

Jerry Smith, young Waynesville man, was standing trial in Haywood Superior Court late this morning on a charge of hitting another motorist following a traffic collision near Hazelwood.

Smith, acting as his own attorney, was cross-examining witnesses as the Mountaineer went to press. He had entered pleas of innocent to charges of drunk driving, carrying a concealed weapon, and assault with a deadly weapon.

Mr. Ketter, young prosecuting witness, testified that after his and Smith's car collided, Smith punched him, saying, "I'll teach you to run your lights."

The case was one of the final scheduled for hearing in the two-week July criminal term.

Superior Court Clerk Hugh Leatherwood indicated the session probably would close today.

Five Sentenced In Theft Cases

One teen-age boy is under an 18-months road sentence and four others are on five years' probation in connection with break-ins last May in the Prison section.

Lava Friday, Haywood Superior Court Judge Dan K. Moore imposed the road sentence on Robert Goodson, oldest of the boys, and placed Virgil Brown, 17, of Lake Logan, and Philip Sherrill, 17, and Frank Vance Welch, 17, both of Bethel, on probation after suspending 18 months sentences for each.

Friday, he also put 16-year-old Stuart Sentell under a similar probation suspending an 18-months sentence.

The boys had pleaded guilty to forcible break-ins.

Virgil and Frank had been accused of taking gasoline from Willie Burnett's service station May 6.

The Welch, Sherrill, and Sentell boys, along with Goodson, were accused of taking money from the home of Welch Singleton, Prison community leader, last month.

Goodson, charged with breaking, entering and larceny of \$314 was given the road sentence in consideration of the fact that he had been on probation in connection with another case at the time of the alleged theft.

The judge indicated in passing the probationary conditions on the youngest boys that these lighter sentences were based on the understanding that they were first offenders and had made restitution.

He instructed the boys to report once a month by the duration of the probation period to State Probation Officer H. A. McElamery.

In other cases tried Friday, Kelsy Hooper and J. C. Walters were fined \$75 and costs after pleading guilty to violation of the state probation laws. Their sentences of six months each were suspended.

Hattie Conrad, Wilburn Conrad, Harriet Conrad, and Walter Honek, pleading guilty to affray, were each given six months imprisonment, each suspended for three years on condition of good behavior. Each was ordered to pay one-quarter of the court costs.

Dwight Chambers' sentence of 12 months imprisonment was suspended on condition he pay \$50 per month for the benefit of his wife and children. He had pleaded guilty to non-support and abandonment.

Traffic Lighter Past Week-End in Haywood

Highway patrolmen reported a light week-end, with only one accident reported in the county. A drunken driver ran into a car at East Canton Saturday night. No personal injuries were sustained, but both cars were damaged. Patrolman Bill Sawyer investigated.

Church Gives Community Field For Playground

BY MRS. ALGIE RATCLIFFE, Mountaineer Correspondent

Ratcliffe Cove has a new community playground, thanks to the Ratcliffe Cove Baptist Church.

Church leaders last week donated a large field behind the building to the community to aid its recreational program.

The men of the community are already at work trying to get the land in shape for the Field Day with Iron Duff residents on July 26. They already have mowed it and removed the heavy growth of weeds.

This field will be the scene of the track events and other recreational activities which will be held both during the Field Day and the rest of the summer.

LANCASTERS AT HOME

Dr. and Mrs. N. F. Lancaster have returned to their home here after spending two weeks in an Asheville hospital for treatment for injuries received in an automobile accident.

Both are improving, but are confined to their rooms.

Haywood Folk Festival To Open Thursday Night

The Haywood County Folk Festival, sponsored by the Canton VFW, will open Thursday at the Canton High School field for three days of singing, square-dancing, beauty contests, and other colorful events.

Directors of the event, which was born last year, were working on the final details this week.

Principal speaker during the Festival will be State Labor Commissioner Forrest C. Shuford. The state official will make his brief address at 8:15 p. m. Thursday, after he is introduced by W. J. Danlott, executive of The Champion Paper and Fibre Company's Canton division.

Serving as master of ceremonies will be Harry Varner of Asheville Radio Station WWNC assisted by Guy Roberts, Canton businessman.

In brief, the program indicates there will be enough variety to tickle every taste in entertainment for every man, woman and child in the county.

The finest square dancers, fiddlers, string musicians, singers, and some of the county's prettiest girls (See Festival—Page 8)



It'd Be Just Bait In Haywood
The caption for this AP photo said this German brown beauty is one of the largest trout caught in Utah this season. It weighs 11 pounds. Anyone who wants to see a TROUT, should go to the First National Bank of Waynesville, where Max Rogers' catch is mounted. The one in the picture was hooked by Edd Bowen of Coalville, Utah, in the Weber River near Echo. The girl is his 15-year-old daughter.

First Community Field Day Set For Wednesday

The first of the inter-community Field Days set by the Haywood County Recreation Commission will be held all day Wednesday.

The people of Lower Crabtree will be hosts to the families from the neighboring Panther Creek.

During the morning, the visitors will tour Lower Crabtree farms, noting the improvements made under the Community Development Program. Following dinner, they will compete with their hosts in a series of games, contests and other recreational events.

Glenn Fincher is chairman of the Panther Creek community, while Marshall Kirkpatrick heads the program in Lower Crabtree.

Mr. Kirkpatrick said today the tour will start at 9:30 a.m. from the Riverside Schoolhouse, and the visitors will see the various points of interest in the following order, with the names of the farm owners and special features of each listed:

John Robert Ferguson, alfalfa and tobacco; Willie Green, corn (See Field Day—Page 8)

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Highway Record For 1949 (To Date)

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