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TODAY'S SMILE

Time is said to be the great healer. It may be that, but it certainly is no beauty specialist.

QUEEN Joyce Morgan, majorette and eader at Bethel High School, smiles just being crowned by Thad Eure, ramp spokes- and North Carolina secretary of state (sec- ond from right). Other convention officials were A. W. "Fats" Parker (left) and Fred Ferguson. (Mountaineer Photo).

ecord Crowd At 5th Ramp Meet

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By W. C. MEDFORD
Mountaineer Feature Writer

Under ideal weather conditions the 25th annual (Silver Anniversary) Haywood Ramp Convention was held at Camp Hope Sunday.

Although a large attendance was expected, the number this year went beyond predictions, there being 10,201 persons in attendance by actual count made at the entrance gate.

Members of the State Highway Patrol estimated the cars at 300. All the parking spaces at the camp were filled by noon and by 2 o'clock the highway near the camp entrance was lined for more than a mile with cars.

Out-of-state cars were from Alaska, Massachusetts, South Carolina, Tennessee and other states. A two-car group of former Haywoodites, now living in the State of Washington, were en route to the convention, but the party was delayed by rains or road conditions somewhere in Missouri and failed to get here. A telegram of regrets from the group was read at the convention, stating that they would arrive Tuesday.

The dews around Camp Hope in the Cruso section were "still on the roses"—and everything when those in charge of arrangements, cooks and others began to arrive. By 10:30 a.m. several hundred people were on the grounds, and soon the program had started off in full swing.

The program this year, which was sponsored in part by the Haywood Post V.F.W., was perhaps the best the convention has ever put on from the standpoint of variety and excellence. It consisted mostly of string bands with vocal accompanement, also clog and square dancing by teams from various sections, as follows:

Ed Story and his Melody Mountaineers from WISE, Asheville; Rile Cathey and his Pigeon River Ramblers; Bill McElrath and Fiddling Marcus Martin of Swannanoa; Taft Crawford with his Blue Ridge Rifters from Canton; the Sexton Family, Del Rio, Tennessee; Waterville String Band; Bethel High School Band; Sam Queen's Square Dancers; Geraldine and Joan Mathis, dancing sisters (6 and 7 years old) from Cosby, Tennessee; and 5-year-old Susan Marie Pickens, singing, Canton.

Secretary of State, Thad Eure, the convention's annual speaker,

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k louder" will not be used aywood county court room modern public address has been installed, and whisper from the witness n be heard in all parts of e room.

al grand jury reports have d that officials investigate posal and install a public system. Several judges o made the suggestion.

nit has two microphones—the judges' bench, and the n front of the witness

the system has been in- we have had much favor- mments," C. C. Francis, n of the board said.

ISLEY AT HOME

s Isley, director of the Music Department, return- e Sunday from an Ashe- pital, where he underwent t for pulled muscles in

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Frost Damage In Haywood Not Severe

Garden crops in Haywood County apparently have been the hardest hit by the cold weather of the past two weeks. Major crops, however, such as tobacco and corn, have not been damaged appreciably.

Tom Alexander of Crabtree said that tomatoes had been the worst hit of his crops. Hay and Alfalfa also were affected, with the possibility that some alfalfa may not bloom, he asserted.

Mr. Alexander disclosed that his strawberries survived the cold spell without harm.

The most noticeable effect of the weather, he added, that the grass stopped growing for a week.

R. C. Francis of Ratcliffe Cove said that some tobacco plants, beans, potatoes, and tomatoes suffered damage, but termed the effect "not too bad."

His corn should come on out, he said, and some of his beans are to be replanted.

Other county farmers were not concerned about the cold weather, pointing out that their crops had not been affected "except for a few beans." Their tobacco was not damaged, they added.

All agreed that the rain Thursday and Friday helped the situation considerably.

Another of the county's major crops — apples — apparently escaped the heavy damage caused by frost last year in April.

R. V. Leatherwood Dies Saturday After Illness

Robert Vance Leatherwood, 76, of Waynesville, a retired lumberman, died Saturday in the hospital here after a brief illness.

He was the son of the late William Harrison and Clara Hayes Leatherwood of Haywood County.

He was a member of Long's Chapel Methodist Church at Lake Junaluska and a former Haywood County school teacher.

He had been active in recent years in politics and Woodmen of the World. His first wife was Mary Reeves Leatherwood who died in 1919.

Surviving are the second wife, Mrs. Grace Allman Leatherwood; six daughters, Mrs. Helen Gallienne and Mrs. Sarah Hamrick of Canton, Mrs. Grace Rutledge of Atlanta, Ga., Mrs. Mary Harrison of Waynesville, Mrs. Catherine Pennington of Knoxville, Tenn., and

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Lions To Begin Broom Sale Thursday Night

Lions heard the Billy Stamey family in a musical program Thursday night, and then completed plans for selling 200 dozen brooms in the annual broom sale. The benefit sale begins Thursday night, and continues through Saturday.

The money derived from the brooms will be used for continuing the work of the club with the blind.

Clifford Harrell, chairman of the convention committee, and Cpl. Pritchard Smith, chairman of the safety committee, are in charge of conducting the house-to-house sale of brooms, as well as street sales.

Dr. Kelley Bennett Tells Rotarians

Area Must Fight For Equal Share Natl. Park Funds

"We have been promised everything and given nothing," Dr. Kelly Bennett, chairman of the N. C. Park Commission, told Rotarians here Friday, as he discussed the "deplorable condition of the Park".

"The Park situation today is anything but beautiful," he began his address.

"The roads and trails built by the state, and given to the National Park Services are rotting down, and they are doing nothing about them. We have got to fight—everyone must fight—not by letters or petitions, but personally, and through pointed editorials in newspapers, and letters to editors. We must get our feelings back to Washington."

Dr. Bennett ridiculed what he called the present administration's "false economy program". He continued, "they are letting things ruin, and without realizing it is going to cost more in the end."

He told of appearing before the budget commission seeking funds, and was given just three minutes. He presented 36 large pictures to illustrate his points that bridges, trails and roads were in a sad state of affairs. The officials listened, and said they were sorry, but no financial help could be given.

"Then the director of the budget turned as he started to leave, and told me that if the North Carolina side of the Park burned, that funds could be made available to restore the bridges and trails."

Dr. Bennett said, "that is their thinking."

He said the Park was not getting the proportionate share of National Park funds.

"But we can't find out what is

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Travel In Pisgah During Early May At New High Peak

"Travel in Pisgah National Forest resembled mid-season," District Ranger Ted Seely told The Mountaineer this week.

"Travel in May—until it turned cold—was just like the middle of the summer. The first Sunday of May was one of our heaviest days. Every available spot was filled with people on a picnic," the ranger said.

"We still get the most of our visitors from upper South Carolina. Those people seem to delight in a weekend in Pisgah," he concluded.

400 Attend Guard Unit's Open House

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Weapons, equipment and training facilities used by Tank Company, 120th Infantry Regiment, Waynesville's National Guard unit, were shown to 400 visitors at an open house Saturday afternoon at the Armory in observance of Armed Forces Day.

Outside the armory, were the company's three M4A3 medium tanks—one of which was opened to the public's inspection.

Inside the armory, weapons and equipment were displayed in the drill hall, supply room, day room and orderly room.

On exhibition were a telescope, periscope, quadrant, binoculars, switchboard, field telephone, set of signal flags, mountain cookset, observation scope, pistols, carbines, 45-caliber submachine guns, 30-caliber air-cooled machine guns (light), 50-caliber machine guns, 3.5 mm. rocket launcher (bazooka) and the 2.36 launcher, aiming circle, model terrain table of foam rubber, 75 mm. shells, overhead projector, 2½-ton trucks, model compass, working models of the carbine and 30-caliber machine guns, map reading aids, and other training equipment.

Visitors to the armory were welcomed by Capt. Sam A. Carswell, company commander. Other officers and non-commissioned officers were on duty to guide guests around.

East Waynesville School Plans Reading Contests

Two reading contests for sixth grade pupils, one for boys and one for girls, will be held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at East Waynesville School, according to Principal Frank Rogers.

Boys entered are Bobby Clark and Ronnie Gribble.

Girls entered are Jane Smathers, Phyllis Leopard, Sally Balentine, Jean Fowler, Mary Ellen Schuler and Beth Chambers.

50 Officials WNC Towns Gather Here

At noon today it appeared that a record crowd of officials would be here for the Municipal League District meeting, which begins at three today.

Officials from Western North Carolina towns will gather at the city hall here, and after a two-hour session, lead by League Officials, the visitors will go to The Lodge for dinner, as guests of Waynesville officials.

About fifty officials are expected to come here for the session.

Mayor J. H. Way will make the official address of welcome, and all Waynesville town officials will act as hosts to the visitors.

The Western Region includes the towns of:

Andrews, Robbinsville, Bryson City, Franklin, Highlands, Cashiers, Sylva, Hazelwood, Clyde Murphy, Canton, Rosman, Brevard, Hot Springs, Marshall, Mars Hill, Weaverville, Biltmore Forest, Burnsville, Black Mountain, Hendersonville, Saluda, Hayesville, Dillsboro, Waynesville and Lurel Park.

HEADING THE LIST of Haywood County's veteran school teachers is Fred Safford, principal and coach at Crabtree-Iron Duff School, who has been teaching for 37 years since graduating with honors from Duke University. He is pictured here talking with Superintendent of Schools Lawrence Leatherwood. (Mountaineer Photo).

Ferguson Heads Haywood Democratic Executive Group

CONGRATULATIONS says Charles B. McCrary, right, as he turns over the chairmanship of the Haywood county Democratic executive committee to Frank Ferguson, left, Waynesville attorney. Ferguson was elected by the 29-member executive committee Saturday afternoon following the county convention at the court house. (Mountaineer Photo).

Byers, Keynote Speaker, Predicts Democratic Congress Will Be Elected.

Haywood Democrats in their county convention Saturday heard a challenging keynote address by W. G. Byers, as he predicted the election of a Democratic Congress in November, "because the American people want to clean up this McCarthy mess - - - it is below the dignity of the Senate — I would stop the investigations."

The convention passed the only resolution of the day on the passing of Senator Hoey.

A group of delegates were named to the state convention to be held in Raleigh, May 20th, and as the convention adjourned, the 29-member executive committee went into session and named Frank Ferguson, Waynesville attorney, as chairman of the committee, succeeding Charles B. McCrary who had previously announced he had served long enough-two terms.

Mrs. Mary Robinson, Canton, was named vice chairman, and Mrs. Fred Y. Campbell, secretary.

McCrary in opening the convention, said he had worked for the best interest of the party, and made a plea for unity, as he pledged his unqualified support of the party.

Rev. James W. Fowler, Jr., gave the invocation, and following the reading of the resolution by Ben Sloan, relative to Senator Hoey, the convention stood in silent tribute to his memory.

All candidates were recognized, and then Byers was named permanent chairman.

The keynoter traced the Democratic history in the state and nation, after commending the high quality of government given by the commissioners and all other county officials. He pointed out the progress of North Carolina under Democratic leadership for half a century, and then turned to point out that the United Nations today is "but the idea as formulated in the mind of Woodrow Wilson when he tried to unite the world with the League of Nations."

"The Democratic party always remembers the forgotten man," he said, as he told of the achievements of the party during the Roosevelt administration.

The speaker hit at the present administration for not carrying out their promises, and rated Senator McCarthy as the strongest Republican in Washington. Byers pointed out the big drop in farm prices, and the general increase in unemployment.

The keynoter went on to predict the election of Stevenson in 1956 by an overwhelming majority.

The convention named the following to the State Convention: Tom Leatherwood, W. G. Byers, Grover Davis, Charles B. McCrary, Sam Kelley, F. E. Alley, Jr., Jack West, John Grasty, Loranzo Smathers.

Charles C. Francis, W. Curtis Russ, Henry Clayton, William Medford, J. H. Howell, Jr., Lawson Mehaffey, Glenn Brown, Joe Palmer, Willard Moody, Charles Beall, Mrs. Fred Campbel, R. N. Johnson, Joe Tate, Jr., Mrs. Smiley Carver, Mrs. Ruth Kelley, James W. Fowler, Jr., Bill Swift.

Hub Caldwell, Hugh Leatherwood, James W. Killian, John Carver, Hooper Alexander, Mrs. Quay Medford, Jarvis Caldwell, Frank Ferguson, Bruce Brown, Floyd Miller, Floyd Woody, Bob Francis, Mrs. Edith Alley, Roy Plott, Henry Gaddy and J. B. Siler.

The resolution as passed, read in part:

"The citizenship of Haywood

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Waynesville Will Be Host To District Rotary Meet

Waynesville and community will be host to about 400 Rotarians early in October, as the 280th District Conference is held here.

The exact date will be determined soon, said M. R. Williamson, past district governor, who, with Dave Felmet, issued the invitation for the confrence to come here.

The group met last fall in Asheville, with about 400 attending the banquet of the two-day meeting.

The 280th district embraces all of the Pidmont and mountain area of North Carolina, and the upper part of South Carolina.

Lake Auditorium Being Readied For Big Season

The auditorium at Lake Junaluska is getting a thorough house-cleaning. Large air compressors were utilized in cleansing the high ceiling and network of steel of the auditorium.

Besides the cleansing, same additional units are being added to the public address system in the building.

Mayor Of Dutch Town Visiting In Waynesville

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By BOB CONWAY
Mountaineer Staff Writer

Although the rainfall in Haywood County has been on the heavy side in recent weeks, county farmers might be a little slow to complain if they could talk to someone whose land was completely under water for eight months!

Such a catastrophe befell farmers in Holland last year when ocean waters swept over the dikes in February and were not brought under control until September. During that time, 1,800 Dutch people lost their lives and 50,000 houses were damaged or destroyed.

The sufferings of his people during the world's worst flood were related to us in The Mountaineer office last week by the burgomaster (mayor) of a Dutch town of 1,800 inhabitants—Rene J. H. Q. Roell of Haamstede, Holland, who is now visiting Mrs. J. Newton Dunn of Balsam.

Haamsted is on the island of Schouwen Duiveland in the province of Zeeland in the southwestern corner of The Netherlands. When floodwaters engulfed the island, 800 persons were drowned and another 200 are still missing. A total of 500,000 acres of land were submerged and it is predicted by agriculture experts that it will be seven years before crops can again be grown on this soil.

During this flood last year, thousands of dollars were raised by Americans for the relief of victims in Holland. To express his people's thanks for this aid from the U. S., Burgomaster Roell came to this country at his own expense to say "thank you."

Mr. Roell, along with his attractive, dark-haired wife, Maria, landed in the U. S. on April 19. After a few days in New York City, they went to Kingston, N. Y., a city with many residents of Dutch ancestry, who contributed heavily to Dutch flood relief.

They have also visited in Philadelphia and Washington, D. C.

When they leave here on Wednesday, they will go to Atlanta, New Orleans, Kerrville, Texas; Colorado, where a brother of Mrs.

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Sgt. Morgan Is Declared Dead In Korea

Sergeant Arnold L. Morgan, 39, son of Mrs. Wesley Harbin and the late Mr. Rufus Morgan of Canton, reported missing in action in Korea Jan. 3, 1951, has been declared dead by the Defense Department.

Sgt. Morgan entered the service in 1941 and had been stationed in Korea for more than a year when he was first reported missing.

The body was identified, according to a message received by his mother from the Defense Department, in the vicinity of Chong-Hang-Ni, Korea.

The body will be returned to the United States for funeral services and burial.

Highway Record For 1954 In Haywood

(TO DATE)

Killed 0
Injured 8

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