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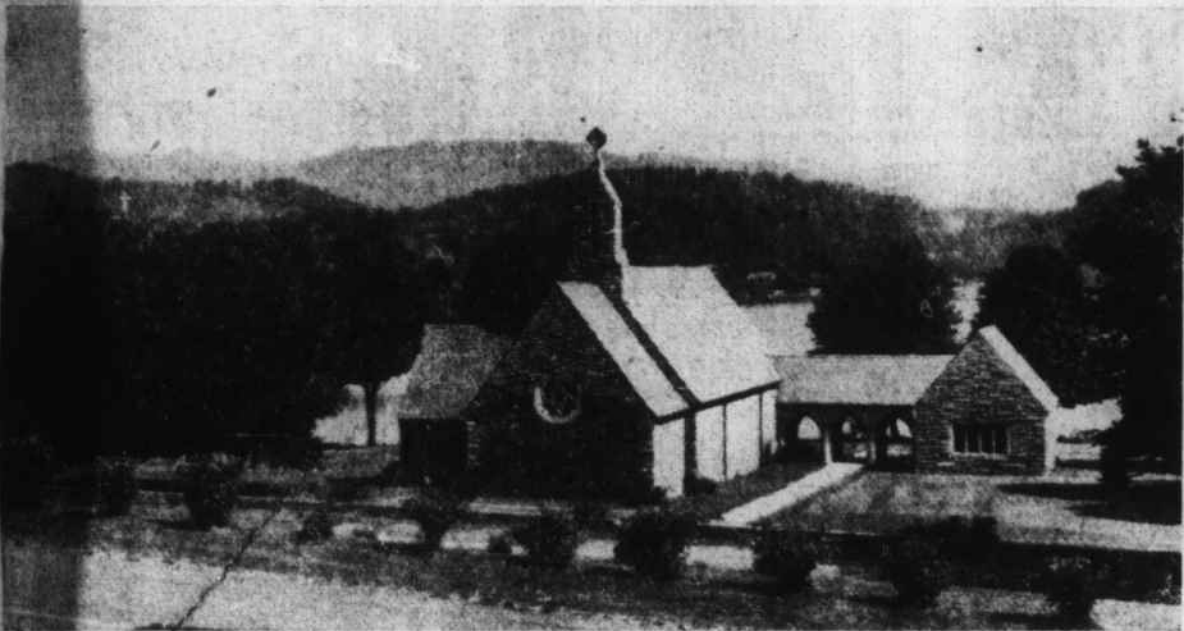
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WAYNESVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 1, 1954

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Canton OK's Viaduct, Rejects Fund Outlay



DEDICATION of Memorial Chapel, and "Room of Sunday afternoon's program at four o'clock. Memory" at Lake Junaluska will be a feature (Photo by Grenell).

State Asked To Assume Entire Cost

Canton officials, in a special meeting this morning, voted unanimously, to offer no opposition to the proposed viaduct through Canton, provided no financial obligation be placed upon the town.

This is the first official action the board of aldermen and mayor have taken on the matter since the proposal of the route was made at a public mass meeting last October by highway officials.

The original plan and the proposal as set forth by Harry Buchanan, Commissioner of the Highway Department for the 14th district, was that Canton pay for one-third of the right-of-way costs. Last October, the right-of-way costs were estimated by the highway engineers as costing about \$300,000. At a recent meeting, the engineers refused to make even an estimate as to the right-of-way costs.

The statement issued after the meeting this morning, said: "The mayor and board of aldermen, in special meeting, unanimously decided to offer no opposition to the State Highway Commission's proposal for a viaduct highway through Canton, provided no financial obligation be placed on the Town of Canton."

The motion was made by Curtis F. Stanley, and seconded by Henry Seaman. The third member of the board is Charles M. Beall, and W. J. "Bill" Stone is mayor.

The officials, last October named a special planning board to make a study of the proposed plans of the Highway Commission, and report their findings to the board of aldermen and mayor.

The commission recently made their report and said, in part that the proposed route of the viaduct was an "acceptable one." The report did not enter into any financial details covering potential costs.

The board of aldermen had before them this morning a letter from the Central Methodist church stating that the proposed route was acceptable to the church, provided a 22-foot street, or wider was left in front of the church. The proposed viaduct route begins right at the street entrance serving the church.

The Highway Commission proposes that a 750-viaduct begin at a point at the Smoky Mountain Candy Company, on Bridge Street, and follow the general course of the railroad, and come down to the ground just back of the Post Office and new Library, and there a street would continue to West Canton, crossing the river, and connecting with the new four-lane highway.

Mayor Stone told the Mountaineer this afternoon, that a copy of the motion made in today's meeting had been forwarded to Commissioner Buchanan.

Just what will be the next step in the matter remains to be seen. The project has been of much interest throughout the area since it first came to light about nine months ago.

The highway department has pointed out several times that with a three-lane highway on the East T. ever.

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Area Fourth Of July Observance To Center Around Lake Junaluska

Breaking Of Ground Set For Archives

Dedication of the Lake Junaluska Memorial Chapel and its adjacent "Room of Memory" as a memorial to more than 80,000 Methodist servicemen and women will be a feature of the July 4 program Sunday at the Methodist Church's southeastern summer assembly grounds.

The Gothic stone structure, termed by many visitors as one of the most beautiful chapels in the South, was completed in 1949 and first opened to the public on July 3 of that year. The official dedication was delayed, however, until the memory room was finished and because of Methodist policy not to dedicate a church-owned building until it is paid for.

A huge, leather-bound book, listing by states the names of men and women who served in World War II, will be placed in the annex. Parents and relatives contributed to the building fund.

The 4 p.m. ceremony will bring several notables of church and state to participate. Bishop Costen J. Harrell, Charlotte, will preside and lead in the ritual of dedication.

Assisting him will be Bishop W. C. Martin, Dallas, Tex., president of the National Council of Churches; Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, St. Louis, president of the World Methodist Council; Bishop Charles C. Seaman, Dallas, former president of Southern Methodist University; Gen. Charles I. Carpenter, Washington, D. C., chief of air force chaplains; Admiral W. N. Thomas, Lake Junaluska, retired chief of navy chaplains and dean of the chapel, and Dr. Elmer T. Clark, Lake Junaluska, a member of the building committee.

Other principals will include Edwin L. Jones, Charlotte, president of the Lake Junaluska Assembly; The Rev. J. W. Fowler, Jr., superintendent, and Dr. George E. Clary, Sr., program director here and executive secretary of the Methodist southeastern jurisdictional council, Atlanta, Ga.

Bishop Martin will preach at the 11 a.m. service Sunday in Junaluska auditorium, and Chaplain Carpenter at the 8 p.m. service.

Special music for the dedication and other Sunday services will be provided by the 35-member male choir of Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Miss. The group will journey by plane to Greensboro, and then by bus to Lake Junaluska, arriving Saturday.

Mrs. W. Clark Medford has returned from Baltimore where she has been visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Donald K. Robertson, for the past few weeks.

Night Fireworks Display Set For Junaluska Monday

A colorful fireworks display at 9 p. m. Monday will climax the Independence Day program at the Lake Junaluska Assembly.

Sponsored by business firms of Waynesville, Canton and Lake Junaluska, the night show is expected to be the best in the annual series of fireworks from atop Mission Hill.

Frank Dorsey, recreation director at the lake this summer, will be in charge of the holiday program. He is principal of the Alexander Mills School in Forest City. Assisting him will be Bill Haire of Spindale, Duke University ministerial student and summer director of religious education at Junaluska, and members of their staff.

The day's sports events will include field events and other contests for boys and girls, starting at 10 a. m., followed by swimming, diving and boating competition from 2 to 4 p. m.

Prizes will be awarded the winners of an "old time" community sing at 8 p. m. in the auditorium. The auditorium program also will feature a "kiddie parade" for little girls and their dolls.

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Businesses Will Close On Monday

A varied program of activities and a two-day holiday for most workers is on tap this weekend for the annual observance of the Fourth of July.

Because the Fourth falls on Sunday this year, it will be observed officially on Monday when business houses, industrial plants, various offices, banks, and the postoffice will be closed.

All during the holidays a carnival is being sponsored on the Waynesville High campus by the Hazelwood Boosters. The Boosters are also staging a donkey baseball game between their club and the Waynesville Lions Club at 8 p. m. Monday.

Also on the entertainment agenda are a baseball game between Hazelwood and Ecusta of the WNC Industrial League here at 3 p. m. on the WTHS diamond and a round dance sponsored by the Beta Sigma Phi sorority from 9 until 1 at the Waynesville Armory.

Major Fourth of July activities will center around the Lake Junaluska Methodist Assembly where a full program is planned — to be concluded with fireworks at 9 p. m. Monday.

Among the offices to be closed will be those at the courthouses and the Towns of Waynesville and Hazelwood. C. C. Francis, chairman of the county commissioners, announced that a meeting of the commission originally scheduled for Monday will be postponed until Tuesday.

The Mountaineer will be published Monday as usual, but will go to press about 10 a. m. The deadline for all news will be at 8:30 a. m. Monday.

Sing Planned Sunday

Red Bank Church, off the Balsam Road, will hold its regular monthly sing at 7:30 p. m. Sunday, July 4, according to Ray Porter, who will be in charge of the event. The Southland Quartet from Knoxville, the Southerners from Canton, and other vocal groups will participate.

Rev. Brendall Heads New Mental Health Society Here

In order to better educate the public concerning the problems of mental hygiene, a new organization — the Waynesville Mental Health Society — was formed Monday afternoon at a luncheon meeting at Spaldon's.

The Rev. Earl H. Brendall, pastor of the First Methodist Church, was named chairman of the society, Mrs. M. G. Stamey vice chairman

and Mrs. John C. Klopp secretary. The group was organized following a talk by Miss Ethel Speas of Raleigh, executive secretary of the North Carolina Mental Hygiene Society, who asserted that educating the public in preventive measures can keep many persons out of mental institutions.

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Gray Ladies Give Local Blood Bank

A few minutes Tuesday, it did like that for the lack of the lives of many Waynesville citizens might be endangered, all came about, when it was

pay \$600 for continuation participation in the Blood Program, or drop the program and be without the facility of free blood for patients at Hospital.

The local chapter of Gray Ladies volunteers — came to the aid and saved the day, and many lives that might later be upon blood from the Red Blood Bank.

Gray Ladies are those faithful who work so hard as steers everytime the Bloodmobile comes here, and in between, carry on the special work of the sick at Oteen and other

Bloodmobile is a Red Cross effort. It is sponsored and operated by the American Red Cross. Participating chapter pays rate share of the total cost operating the Bloodmobile, and Bank, which supplies hospital with the type, and amounts of blood needed.

In March, when the local Red Cross chapter had the annual call drive, the minimum quota was set at \$5,000. Only about \$3,000 was raised, leaving the local chapter short \$1,400.

The amount raised, 37.4 per cent. See Gray Ladies—Page 2)

Lake To Dedicate Chapel To Methodist Servicemen

The first in a series of three shots were to be given at 9 a. m. today at Fines Creek, at 10:30 at Crabtree; at 1 p. m. at Rock Hill, and 2:30 p. m. at Maggie.

The second and third shots will be given on the same time schedule on July 8 and July 15.

On July 22, typhoid shots will be given at Cruso at 9 a. m., at Cecil at 10:30, and Bethel at 11:30. They will be repeated on July 29 and August 5.

Although it occurs throughout the year, typhoid is especially prevalent during the summer when it is contacted from contaminated water or milk, unsanitary conditions, or insects. Several cases have already been reported in Haywood County this year.

Typhoid shots and other immunizations are given in the offices of the Health Department in the courthouse basement each Wednesday from 8:30 a. m. until 3:30 p. m. Residents of the Waynesville areas or other persons who cannot take the shots in their own communities may get them here.

Dr. Clark said it is hoped that the new building will be completed by next summer, and certainly not later than 1956 when the Methodist World Council is expected to hold its conference at Lake Junaluska.

To be built of stone to harmonize with Memorial Chapel and the Assembly's administration building the center will be located across from the lakeside chapel.

In addition to housing priceless books, letters, portraits and other effects of John Wesley and numerous other Methodist leaders, the structure will contain a library and administrative offices of the American section of the World Council and the Association of Methodist Historical Societies.

Dr. Clark, a Lake Junaluska resident, and trustee, is secretary of both organizations. He said the building is being financed by personal subscriptions of Methodists.

Man's Billfold Found In Dixie Store's Lot

A man's billfold was found in the parking lot at the new Dixie-Home Store Tuesday, according to manager Bob Wilson.

There was no money in the billfold, but it contained papers belonging to William M. Meares, Jr. of 3403 Jefferson St., Tampa (Hillsborough), Fla.

The billfold can be claimed at the Dixie Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Troutman of Atlanta, Ga. and Dr. and Mrs. Tom Harbin and four sons, Tom, Henry, Bill, and Bob, of Rome, Ga., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Woody.

violators. Last year, 19 persons lost their lives on North Carolina Highways. Because of this heavy toll, the Patrol is anxious to cut down on the record, and are observing their 25th anniversary with the slogan: "Slow Down And Live."

Canton Youth Loses Arm In Wreck While Racing

Because he liked to race a car on the highways, Monroe Sharp, 9, colored, of Canton, lost his left arm late Monday night and may even lose his life. He was still unconscious in the Haywood County Hospital at noon today.

A companion, David Joseph Andrew Davis, 16, of Canton, also was hospitalized with a broken right leg.

Cpl. Pritchard Smith of the State Highway Patrol reported that Sharp, driving a 1949 Ford, started racing another car about 11:40 p. m. from Pigeon St. out Route 276 to Pigeon Gap, where the cars turned around and started back towards Waynesville.

Near the intersection of the Test Farm Road and 276, Sharp's car rounded a slight left hand curve, failed to straighten up and ran into a ditch, traveled for some 215 feet and swerved back on the highway where it threw Sharp and Davis out on the pavement.

Sharp's left arm was mangled and had to be amputated at the hospital. He also suffered severe head injuries and is still unconscious, according to his attending physician, Dr. Thomas Stringfield. Davis also is expected to be confined to the hospital for some time, the doctor added.

Sharp's vehicle, which is owned by Horace Raeger, trainer for the Haywood County Horse Show Association, was traveling about 75 miles per hour before the accident occurred. It was completely demolished.

A third youth in the car, Raymond Cullins of Waynesville, was (See Canton Youth—Page 2)

Board Officials To Inspect Health Center Sites Today

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Highway Record For 1954 In Haywood (TO DATE) Killed 0 Injured 17

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

Patrol Warns Motorists Drive With Caution

Cpl. Pritchard Smith, of the State Highway Patrol, said at noon that all four Haywood patrol would be on duty from now midnight the fifth, in an effort to make the highways the safest ever.

The patrol is in keeping with the wide policy of the patrol for Fourth of July weekend.

The patrol will use every device available for curbing speeding on highways during the four-day period, which they expect to be safely traveled.

Since the inauguration of the really timed speed watch, speeding has been reduced.

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violators. Last year, 19 persons lost their lives on North Carolina Highways. Because of this heavy toll, the Patrol is anxious to cut down on the record, and are observing their 25th anniversary with the slogan: "Slow Down And Live."

Waynesville temperature reported by the State Test

	Max.	Min.
10	87	56
20	87	56
30	85	45
40	90	44

Drive Safely On The Fourth—Enjoy Living The Fifth



'LOSER' IN A HIGHWAY RACE Monday night was this car driven by Monroe Sharp of Canton, which crashed on N. C. 276 near the intersection of the Test Farm Road. Sharp's left arm had to be amputated and he is still unconscious from head injuries. Another companion suffered a broken leg. Standing by the demolished car is Elford Sutton, driver of the Watkins Motor Co. wrecker.

(Mountaineer Photo.)