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Five Persons Injured In Accidents

Five persons have been injured in accidents in the Waynesville area in the past several days, the largest accident toll of the year.

Fannie Mae Almond of the Dayton Co., is in a serious condition at a Sylva hospital today when she was riding on the highway and overturned on 23-19A just west of the Jackson line at Balsam Bay evening.

Almond suffered head and neck cuts and bruises and hip injury.

Driver of the car, Mrs. Margaret Gibson Ashe of Sylva, Dayton Rubber employee, suffered an injury to her left arm and cuts and bruises.

Pritchard Smith of the Highway Patrol said that the car was driven by Mrs. Ashe, traveling west on the highway and overturned down an embankment. The vehicle was damaged in the accident.

Man Sam Sanford of Jacksonville assisted Cpl. Smith in investigation.

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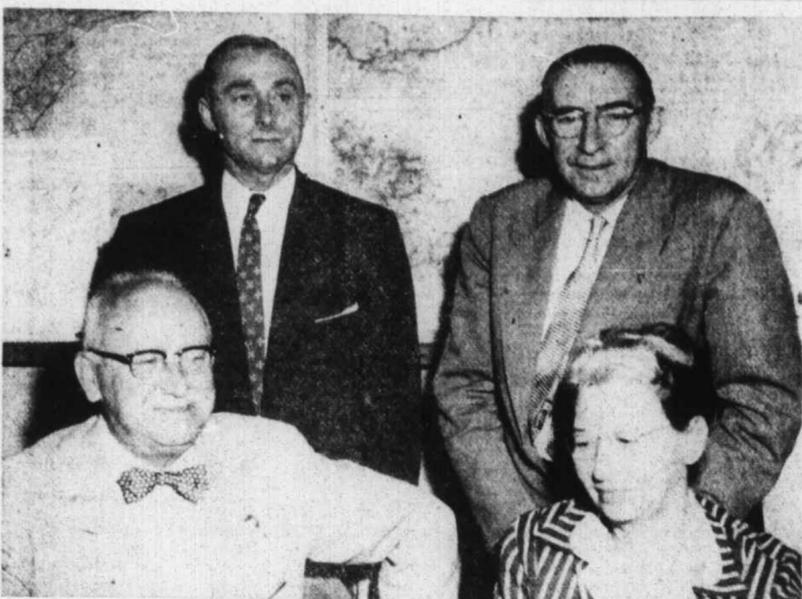
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PARK COMMISSION officers were re-elected this morning at their annual meeting in the office at Masonic Temple. Seated left is Dr. Kelly Bennett, of Bryson City, chairman; Mrs. Edith P. Alley, office manager; W. R. Winkler, Boone, vice-chairman, and C. M. Douglas, Brevard, secretary.

Park Group Seeking Early Building Of New Road From Cherokee To Newfound Gap

The State Park Commission will urge the immediate construction of Highway 441 from Cherokee to Newfound Gap, as they appear before the State Highway Commission to lend all assistance and influence in getting the Bureau of Public Roads to begin work at once on the project.

The commission heard Edward A. Hummel, superintendent of the Great Smokies this morning, as he described the road as worn out and inadequate to handle the increase of travel into the Park. The Bureau of Public Roads would have to construct the road as it is all within the National Park.

The Commission also re-elected all officers this morning: Dr. Kelly Bennett, Bryson City, chairman; W. R. Winkler, Boone, vice-chairman; C. M. Douglas, Brevard, secretary; and Mrs. Edith P. Alley, Waynesville, office manager.

This afternoon the commission was to discuss the Blue Ridge Parkway projects with Sam P. Weems, superintendent of the Parkway.

Annual reports were made, and plans for projects for the year were discussed.

Other members attending the meeting today included: William Medford, Waynesville; Frank Brown, Cullowhee; Robert I. Pressley, Asheville; and Charles Ray, former chairman.

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Lake Junaluska Shatters All Records As Successful Season Comes To End

Over 30,000 Attend Lake '54 Programs

The 41st season, just closed, was the best in the history of the Lake Junaluska Assembly, James W. Fowler, Jr., superintendent, told The Mountaineer today as final attendance figures were being checked.

"We exceeded our pre-season prediction of 30,000 visitors Fowler said. The conferences were better attended, the spirit was fine, and the appraisal of those who have been coming here for years was encouraging."

"We are deeply grateful to the boards, agencies, Haywood County folk, especially the Haywood Highlanders, who assisted us in taking care of overflow crowds," he continued.

The golf course had far more players than last year, and the new pool was enjoyed by between 11,000 and 12,000 swimmers, the report shows. The pool will close Thursday. Plans are to concrete the bottom, and it was found through a mechanical means, ways to prevent the water from becoming cloudy.

As one group of officials were busily checking over the business of the past season, others were at work on programs for 1955 and 1956. Both sessions promise to see some of the largest groups ever to come to this area in attendance to conferences already on the schedule.

Still another group, the buildings and grounds committee, headed by W. H. Massie, Waynesville, are completing plans for active construction to begin this fall on the \$60,000 Archives Building, and it is believed that work will begin soon after the first of the year on the \$100,000 Paul B. Kern Youth Center. About \$30,000 is on hand for this building, and the officials authorized construction to begin when half of the funds had been raised.

Next Monday the building and grounds committee will confer with architects on plans for adding 40 to 56 rooms to Lambuth Inn.

In addition to the general construction projects by the Assembly a number of private projects are under way, Supt. Fowler said. A number of new homes are being built.

Although a number of games were rained out, Allen's Creek played hosts as scheduled to Cruso Saturday in another county CDP community tour.

After assembling at Allen's Creek School at 9:30, the group inspected the new Allen's Creek Baptist Church, visited the new home of Lucius Allen and the Rocky Branch Missionary Church, went to Claude Browning's for flowers, John Estes' for corn, Rufus Siler's for sheep and hogs and then drove through Big Cove.

The tour also visited the Rocky Branch Freewill Baptist Church, the new Waynesville filtration plant, Harry Hembree's fish pond, Gordon Hendrix' new home, and the Buchanan Cemetery. Rained out was a planned visit to C. L. Allen's residence to see his tobacco field.

Lunch was served in the Allen's Creek School lunchroom, after which singing was held and guessing games and bubble-glowing contests were staged.

Highway Record For 1954 In Haywood (TO DATE) Killed . . . 2 Injured . . . 31

(This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol)

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REA Members Reelect Same Board Directors

(See pictures page one second section, and page 3 this section)

More than 600 persons attended what was described as "the best meeting we've ever had" Saturday at the Haywood Electric Membership Corporation held its 15th annual meeting at the Waynesville High School. R. C. Sheffield, manager of the cooperative, rated the program as "the best rounded we have ever enjoyed."

The guest speaker, William T. Crisp, executive manager and general counsel of the Tar Heel Electric Membership Association in Raleigh, condemned efforts during the past year to decrease the "preference rights" of cooperatives to Government-produced electricity and praised Congressional leaders who fought against such legislation.

Among the reports heard during the business session was one on the extension of the local system. A total of 143 new members received service, bringing the cooperative's total memberships to 3936. Twenty-seven miles of line were added, for a total of 863 miles. Kilowatt hours used rose from 6,562,195 to 7,795,120.

All members of the present board of directors were re-elected, and will select their officers at their first regular meeting on September 8. Directors are Ira H. Cogburn of Cruso, Jack Harris of Beavard, H. W. Davis of Buncombe County, Walker Brown of Pigeon, Roy B. Medford of Iron Duff, Dan Reid of Lake Toxaway, M. M. Kirkpatrick of Fines Creek, Carter Osborne of Clyde, Blaine Nicholson of Jackson County, J. N. Fisher of Macon County and C. W. London of Buncombe.

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General Tells Lions Club U.S. Going Downhill Fast

Lt. Gen. Sumter Lowery, of Tampa, Fla., retired U. S. Army general, at a meeting of the Waynesville Lions Club Thursday night asserted that "the United States is moving fast on the road downhill to destruction — due to cowardice and dishonesty in government circles."

Painting a dark picture of the U. S. in world affairs, the general singled out the State Department and the U. N. for stinging criticism.

The State Department, he charged, "has failed to stand firm on vital issues. Unless things are changed, Communists in the U. S. will seriously undermine this country."

Red agents have obtained a strong hold within the government and are causing constant friction, he said.

"Cowardice and dishonesty are responsible for Americans selling out their country for personal gain."

Gen. Lowery assailed the U. N. as an organization formed to establish a world government—with a charter written mostly by Alger Hiss. He also accused the United Nations of "selling the U. S. down the river in Korea."

"Patriotism is at a low ebb in this nation today," the general told his audience. "Victory has been the watchword of America in the past, but young people today have lost the will to win," he added.

"The only thing that can save this country is to revive patriotism and restore the word 'victory' to its former eminence," the general said, pointing out that the word "victory" occurs throughout the Bible in the sense of victory over death and victory over sin.

In a lighter vein, Gen. Lowery asserted: "Spending the winter in Florida and the summer in Western North Carolina is the closest thing to paradise on earth."

The Mountaineer regrets this error.

Pullet Show Slated Friday At Courthouse

The annual county 4-H Club pullet show and sale will be held this Friday, starting at 2 p. m., on the courthouse lawn. A total of 120 pullets will be sold.

Buyers will be offered 12 of the best hand-picked pullets out of each 100 in the "poultry chain." Proceeds from the sale will be used to buy chicks for next year's project.

The poultry chain is sponsored to give 4-H members experience in raising pullets and keeping adequate records.

Selling Rhode Island Reds will be Joe Bob Harris of Thickety, Alice Leopard of Ratcliffe Cove, Bobby Hunter of Fines Creek, Gene Glance of Crabtree, and Tom Massie of Waynesville.

Selling White Leghorns will be Linda Mae and David Hips of Beavard, Carroll Browning of Bethel, Charles Wayne Ferguson of Maggie, Neal Allison of Bethel, and Tommy Kirkpatrick of Crabtree.

Several groups are scheduled to take part in a singing for the benefit of the polio drive at the Crabtree-Iron Duff High School on Wednesday, September 1, at 7:30 p. m.

Already listed are the Friendly Five of Asheville, the Melody Five of Sylva, the Travelers of Waynesville, the Webb Trio of Waynesville and the Sanford Quartet of Clyde. All singers are invited.

Clyde Gets \$2,135 From State; Hazelwood \$6,786

Under the terms of the Powell Bill, in the allocation of State Highway Funds, the town of Clyde will receive \$2,135, which is \$65 less than first anticipated, while Hazelwood will also receive a little less than the estimate, according to the official figures just released from Raleigh.

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3-Day Chaplains Retreat To Begin At Junaluska Tuesday

About 125 chaplains and their families are expected to arrive at Lake Junaluska today and tomorrow for the 3-day meeting of active Methodist Chaplains of the Southeastern Section of the nation.

This group met here in 1952, and were invited back by Admiral W. N. Thomas, resident of the Lake, who will serve as official host to the group.

Among the speakers will be Bishop Charles C. Seelman, of Dallas; Dr. Elmer Clark, of Lake Junaluska; Dr. Ray Jordan, of

North Carolina; and Rev. Mr. Hayes, a recently returned missionary.

The Retreat is sponsored by the Methodist Commission on Chaplains, headed by Bishop T. Bramley Oxnam. Those attending from the commission will include Chaplain Fred H. Heater, and Chaplain Fred Reynolds.

Arriving on Thursday will be members attending the Conference of World Peace, with Dr. Charles F. Boek, of Chicago, heading the conference.

Car Kills Cow Near Junaluska

A cow owned by Hardy Liner, Asheville Road, was killed at 10 p. m. Sunday on Highway 23-19A between Seay's Motor Court and Ed Sims' place when it was struck by a car driven by Gene Kinsland Howell, Route 2, Waynesville.

Mr. Liner said this morning he is still unable to determine how or at what point his cow got out of the pasture. He valued the animal between \$150 and \$160.

Investigating state patrolmen found the accident to be unavoidable and no charges were made.

Kenneth Griffin Named By Error In Wreck Story

It was erroneously reported in the last issue of The Mountaineer that Kenneth Griffin of Hazelwood was charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants as the result of an accident on the Soco Road last Tuesday.

Actually this charge was placed by the State Highway Patrol against Billy Eugene Ramey, 20, of Lake Junaluska, the driver of a 1950 Chevrolet convertible, the records show. Griffin was only a passenger in Ramey's car.

The Mountaineer regrets this error.

Bethel FFA Team Second At Raleigh

Bethel High School's FFA stock-judging team, previous federation and district winners, placed second in the state in their event at the annual North Carolina FFA Convention at Raleigh last week.

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Bloodmobile's Goal Is Set At 200 Pints

Two hundred pints of blood will be sought when the American Red Cross Bloodmobile visits the Waynesville area on Tuesday. The mobile unit will be at the Hazelwood Presbyterian Church from 11 a. m. until 5 p. m.

The goal was set high in an effort to make up the deficit which has been incurred because past quotas have not been filled.

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Although interior work in the new sanctuary is not yet complete, the growing congregation decided to start using its auditorium to avoid turning away worshippers who cannot be seated in the old assembly room.

The number present for Sunday School rose from 228 to 308. The total for the worship service was not reported, but represented a large attendance.

"The presence of God in the new auditorium Sunday was very real," the church's pastor, the Rev. C. D.

Sawyer, said today.

When interior facilities are completed approximately a year from now (the church is working on a "pay-as-you-go" basis), the first floor will seat 500 and the balcony an additional 200.

The new building measures 111 by 52 feet on the outside and 89 by 50 feet on the inside. The ceiling will be 21 feet high and the floor will be made of concrete and elevated 15 inches.

Interior walls will be of slick-finish plaster, while the ceiling will be of a special "acoustical" plaster. Woodwork will be "new honey blonde" paneled oak. Exterior walls will measure 12 inches—with eight inches of concrete block and four inches of brick.

Lions Nominate Leatherwood For District Governor

Lawrence Leatherwood is being sponsored by the Lions Club of Waynesville for the office of District Governor of District 31A, Lions International, for 1955-56, it was announced today.

A letter is going out to the presidents of all Lions Clubs in the district, pointing out Leatherwood's qualifications for the office.

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Democratic candidates were guests at the meeting Friday night.

Joe Tate, Jr. Re-elected Head Of Haywood YDC

Joe Tate, Jr., of Hazelwood was re-elected president of the Haywood County Young Democratic Club at a meeting Friday night at the courthouse.

Also re-elected was Mrs. Walter Clark of Canton as vice president.

Two other Cantonians were named to other offices in the organization: Carlos Sides, secretary, and Charles Bell, treasurer.

Plans were made by the group for the coming November elections, and several committees were appointed to handle arrangements by Frank Ferguson, chairman of the Democratic executive committee.

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