

Junaluska Pool Attendance May Exceed 30,000 For The Season



SWIMMING INSTRUCTIONS have been in-
structed at Lake Junaluska pool this year—
including 169 pupils in three divisions. Instruc-
tors are these youngsters at the lake Tuesday were

(left to right) Carl Mundy, Jr., of Lake Junaluska; Ed Hardin of Birmingham, Ala., and Bill McElroy of Lake Junaluska, all of whom serve as lifeguards. (Mountaineer photo).

Swimming Courses Offered To Lake Patrons

By BOB CONWAY

Attendance at the Lake Junaluska swimming pool may top 30,000 by the time the pool closes for the season. It was disclosed Tuesday that the pool, water safety instructor at the lake, has 11 days of operation this year. The pool attracted 13,450 swimmers and sun bathers during the first season in 1954, the attendance of approximately 2,000.

Last year, the bottom of the pool has been concreted and additional equipment added to the Junaluska swim center, the finest in Western North Carolina. In all, some \$35,000 has

been spent on the pool. In addition to providing the wherewithal to swim, dive, wade, or just get a sun tan, the lake pool is also now teaching the art of staying afloat in H₂O.

Classes in swimming are being offered to beginners, advanced beginners, and advanced intermediates, and a fourth class is to be initiated next week in junior life saving.

A total 19 persons have enrolled in the swimming courses, which are taught by Carl Mundy, Jr., and Bill McElroy of Lake Junaluska and Ed Hardin of Birmingham, Ala.

The cleanliness of the pool is assured by the constant filtration and chlorination of the water and a complete change of the pool's contents every 12 hours.

For those who go in for aquatic acrobatics, there are two diving boards—one 10 feet high, the other 4 feet. The pool itself is 100

by 110 feet and is 10 feet deep at one end and three feet at the other.

Safety is also stressed at Junaluska where two lifeguards are always on duty and patrons are asked to register when entering and leaving the pool. The latter practice enables parents to find out if their offspring have left the pool or are still in swimming.

In its two seasons of operation, the pool has never had a major accident and only a few minor ones—such as bruises, caused by running or diving into shallow water.

Mr. Martin asserted that the Junaluska pool is looking forward to a bigger and better year in 1956 when attendance is expected to surpass this year's—which got off to a slow start because of the cool weather in June.

In past years, Western North Carolina has been behind much of the rest of the country in swimming facilities, but the mountaineer



INTO THE DRINK at the Lake Junaluska swimming pool goes Ed Hardin of Birmingham, Ala., swimming instructor and lifeguard. (Mountaineer photo).

Special Religious Services Planned At Cherokee 31st

The Rev. Frank E. Ratzell, pastor of the First Congregational Church of Asheville, will conduct the weekly religious services at

Mountainside Theatre in Cherokee, Sunday, July 31 at 4:30 p.m. This will be the fourth in a series of summer-long vesper services sponsored by the Cherokee Historical Association as part of its educational, cultural and religious program.

The vespers for August 7 will be conducted by the Rev. Malcolm Williamson, formerly of Waynesville and now pastor of the Tenth Avenue Presbyterian Church in Charlotte.

A native of Philadelphia, the Rev. Ratzell is a graduate of the University of Maine and Bangor Theological Seminary. Before entering the ministry he was a newspaperman and editor, and has contributed to many newspapers and religious periodicals.

Prior to going to Asheville, he held pastorates in Maine and Massachusetts.

Music for the services will be provided by the "Unto These Hills" choir with Robert Weaver directing.

Flag To Be Presented To Gold Star Mothers

The Gold Star Mothers of Jackson county will be presented with a flag and a set of organizational colors Monday night, Aug. 1, 7:30. The presentation will be a gift

of the Woodmen of the World, and the ceremony will be held in the Woodmen Hall in Sylva. Britton M. Moore, program chairman, said that all Gold Star mothers, as well as fathers of sons who lost their lives in service, are invited to attend the presentation services.



ENHANCING THE SCENERY at the Lake Junaluska pool Tuesday was this quartet of bathing beauties (left to right) Kathryn McCracken of Lake Junaluska, Rosemary Laney and Deanne Head of Coral Gables, Fla., and Barbara Jones and Judy Thomas of Waynesville.

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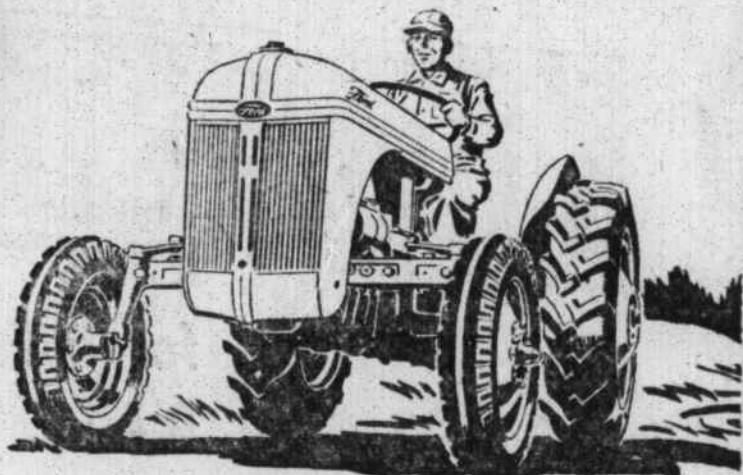
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