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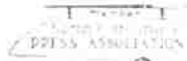
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### WAYNESVILLE THE BEAUTIFUL

The phrase, "Waynesville The Beautiful" was appropriately coined years ago and which has been broadcast in our publicity campaigns ever since. Nature endowed, we unquestionably have some claim to that description.

From the standpoint of our streets, our business properties, and in many instances, our residential properties, however, we may be questioned as to the accuracy of the term.

It might be well said that nature has given us everything beautiful, while some people have done exactly opposite.

There are today standing on prominent corners and on the most used streets of the town, old buildings that are absolutely worthless to the owners, and detrimental to adjoining property and the town at large. In discussing the topic with one of Waynesville's most civic-minded leaders, he said:

"In each case," after naming nine buildings that need removing, "these structures are privately owned and their owners, unquestionably have certain undisputable rights with relation to their property. However, the public has certain rights with relation to every piece of private property and it is the opinion of many citizens that the town should require the removal of many of the antiquated structures about Waynesville; and that in other instances, community pride suggests that the owners should make appropriate improvements."

We believe that there is more public sentiment existing right now to beautify the community than at any time in the past five years. The Federated Clubs, under the direction of Mrs. R. N. Barber, are staging an active campaign along this very line. The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the movement, and it seems to us that it will be only a matter of a short time until drastic changes will be made. And by the use of the word drastic, we use it in its fullest meaning.

### THE WORM TURNS

Miami, Florida's gayest resort, seems to have been flying too high. The grand jury resented existing conditions and expressed its resentment in a scathing report. Gamblers are in a stew and the sheriff is busy caring for those who are surrendering upon gambling indictments.

It is apparent that all the residents of Miami who have gone there to enjoy the sunshine, surf, and climate are not patrons of the race track, the roulette wheel, and the gay life that has made the city famous. There are those who prefer the quiet life and who resent the influence of an American Deauville upon their children. The rattle of the gambling wheel, the laughs of the gamblers, the buying of chips, the betting at the race track have not weaned them from the ways of decency. They seem to be in the majority in Miami and the city is in for a clean-up.

Florida once won an unenviable name when the great real estate boom collapsed. It has been recovering from that debacle and tourists in greater numbers than ever before have been seeking its sunshine for several years. To Miami have gone the pugilists and their followers, the race horses and bettors, gangsters and common thieves. Their presence has been welcomed by some in authority and no doubt they have been spenders in hotels and shops and bathing resorts. But they have injured Miami. If they are permitted to infest the cities the entire state will be injured. It probably is time for Florida to let the world know that it stands for the finer things of life.—Spartanburg Herald.

### FORWARD WITH WAYNESVILLE—A CHALLENGE

Waynesville has elected a new Board of Directors, a new President; has reelected a Secretary, and other officers are in the process of being selected. This step has been taken earlier than usual this year in recognition of the importance of getting an early start.

Never before has Waynesville been faced with greater possibilities. Never before has Waynesville been faced with greater need for an aggressive Chamber of Commerce. Never has your Chamber of Commerce had such a great need for the cooperation and the encouragement of the citizenship, both individually and collectively.

In degree as this support shall be forthcoming, so shall your Chamber of Commerce have the foresight, the courage, and the means with which to carry the community forward. If we allow laziness, personalities, petty animosities, shortsighted self interest, jealousy, and general cussedness to prevent our getting together and pushing forward then your Chamber of Commerce will fail of its purpose, and Waynesville will continue to dry-rot. Its up to the average citizen. The organization can only provide the leadership, and do the sweating.

With the average citizen willing to cooperate by rendering committee service; being on hand at banquets and mass meetings; cleaning up his property; beautifying his hotel and boarding houses; improving his business facilities; and making a nominal contribution to support of the organization; then you can be assured that Waynesville will go forward.

Folks its up to you and me as individuals. Lets go forward with Waynesville. Lets increase the value of Waynesville Real Estate. Lets increase the length of season to a point where we can make a net profit for our hotels, boarding and business houses. Folks, lets make Waynesville grow with the park.

CHAS. E. RAY, JR.,  
President The Waynesville Chamber of Commerce

### —OR JUST WHAT WAS IT?

The historian of the United Daughters of the Confederacy is at present staging an educational campaign—endeavoring to show the people that the term "War Between the States" is proper and not "The Civil War" when speaking of the war that was waged in 1861 in this country.

It is generally agreed that the war of 1861 was not a Civil War, but all historians do not agree upon this point. Most Southerners, however, like the term "War Between the States." As for us we prefer to leave out entirely the title "Civil War," although a southerner for two years taught us all the battles of the "Civil War," but a northerner later showed us that it was a war between the states.

Judge Francis Winston while here a few summers ago made the bold suggestion of abolishing all organizations that were carrying on, as he said, "the battles of the war that ended in 1864."

We merely mention this fact to show that if the attitude of Judge Winston becomes universal even to the slightest degree in the South that it will be a hard job for the U. D. C. historian or anyone else to persuade the use of the term "War Between the States."

It is a hard matter to change people's minds unless they are enthused over that particular subject. We trust that the proper term will be used always, but we fear it will be a hard job to complete.

### FEWER SCHOOL HOUSES

One America's pride, the "little red school house," with its barn-like single room and primitive equipment, is slowly but surely passing. More than 10,000 of these small district school buildings were abandoned in the past few years, their places being taken by the modern consolidated school.

With the rapid extension of good roads and the employment of motor buses for the transportation of children to these larger institutions, it seems inevitable that the one-room school with its many handicaps, will eventually disappear.

While the district school must thus give place to a new and better system, it has filled a paramount role in the advancement of the nation. To the self-sacrificing labors of faithful teachers in these rural schools many famous men and women owe their early education and inspiration.

But the demands of progress must be met in education, as well as in all other phases of our increasingly complete civilization. The new and larger consolidated school, with its staff of better prepared teachers, its improved organization and its modern equipment will mark an advance over the "little red school house," which must make for a more enlightened and efficient citizenship.

### Looking Back Over The Years



The above photograph was made several years ago of Mr. W. L. Hardin, who is now serving as secretary for Congressman Zebulon Weaver. Mr. Hardin is regarded as one of the best sportsmen in this section of the state.

### Random SIDE GLANCES

By W. CURTIS RUSS

George A. Brown, Sr., the delinquent tax collector is anxiously awaiting the arrival of spring. Just what he has in his sleeve is off the record, but his guess he'll be among the first to get a fishing license. Last year he spent his vacation in Florida, but this winter the only sunshine he got was through the window of his office.

While poring around the temple of Justice Monday I ran into N. C. West of Clyde. He looks so much better than I had to figure as to the cause, and found that he had given up his inside job of doctoring sick autos and instead is now out in the great wide open spaces contracting and hauling acid wood.

Mr. West tells this one on himself. It was while taking treatment for several ailments, that he told the attending physician that when he sat down he didn't have enough energy to get up, and he thought it was caused from his stomach. The doctor said, "That ain't stomach trouble, that's plain laziness." But it wasn't laziness at all.

The religious minded folks will welcome this bit of news—Rev. John R. Williams will hold a revival in Waynesville at the Presbyterian church. Rev. Mr. Williams, you remember, is the evangelist who got next to many Waynesville people about two years ago. He's not afraid of the devil and under no circumstances will he compromise with him.

W. T. Shelton believes that this paper has the makings of the biggest news scoop in the history of the county if we would only take advantage of it. He says: "Right here in Haywood County is a man that is different from any other living creature—he's even more sensational than Mr. Dionne, father of the 'quins'—the man I am talking about is Mr. Weaver McCracken, who was offered a political job on a silver platter and then turned it down. It's almost unbelievable."

Mr. McCracken listened intently, and it was suggested he go on the stage and make money because of his being so different from other people. It will be remembered that last June no less than 18 people shook hands for weeks begging the Haywood voters to vote for them, and now comes along Mr. McCracken and is offered the same job without having to even shake one hand, or give away a chew of tobacco, or a cigar—it's almost unbelievable, some are saying; but Mr. McCracken goes enjoying things as they are.

Speaking of Mr. Dionne reminds me of the fact that the most helpless looking sight in the world is a father in public holding his first three-weeks old crying baby.

Just to show you is what extreme some women will go—they spend hours fixing their nails as they will shine, and then worry themselves gray-headed if their nose shines—what a world.

L. Roy Davis, former Waynesville boy, who is now keeping things running smoothly in Sumter, S. C.—(he's an oil salesman) was in town this week. I tried to find out if he had taken unto himself a wife, but he only turned his head behind the ears and denied he had middle-aged—as yet.

He mentioned the fact that one cold rainy day a check showed 2,500 cars passed through Sumter headed South for Florida. I move that the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce put a

sign at that point telling them to come to us when they head north this spring—maybe LeRoy will do that for the sake of sentiment for his home town—how about it "Greasy"?

### Letter To The Editor

NORTH CAROLINA'S MAIN STREET

Editor The Mountaineer:

Highway 10, North Carolina's Main Street, has more traffic, also more business than any other highway in the state, yet the condition of this road in many places makes travel hazardous, as well as difficult to travel—being very narrow in places with blind and dangerous curves, and in addition to this the chuck holes are numerous in places and border of road broken just where we have to pull off of the pavement to let some large commercial truck pass. This seems dangerous also.

If we want tourists to come to see our "Beautiful Mountains" with their more than 20 beautiful lakes and 50 or more beautiful waterfalls pouring down the mountain sides. And when the tourists arrive to see the beautiful mountains the flowers of our National Forests (7 divisions) and to see the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, what will we say about North Carolina's Main Street?

North Carolina Highway 10 should be widened and improved in many places, so that we can hold with pride in our State's Main Street when our tourists arrive and when we have a heavy commercial truck not have to leave the pavement and take to the ditch.

Our State has been famous for good roads. Will we continue to have good roads or will we do like the man who only bought one new suit? April

### 24 Years Ago in HAYWOOD

From the files of February 27, 1911:  
Mr. R. L. Lee made a trip to Canton on Monday.  
Mrs. Charlie Owens Creek visited friends in Mocksville for a visit to relatives there.  
Mr. Verland Campbell was a Waynesville visitor on Monday.  
Mr. L. A. Miller was in town on Monday.  
Attorney Junius Adams spent several days here on professional business.  
Mr. Edwin Cooper was the guest this week of J. W. Ferguson.  
Misses Virginia and Susan went to day in Asheville.  
Mrs. R. S. Sorrells is the guest of her sister on Sunday and Monday.  
Mr. Frank Ray who is at the Asheville Business Hotel Saturday and Sunday at home.  
Master Eugene Brown spent several days in Waynesville the guest of relatives last week.  
Mrs. D. M. Killian left for Waynesboro, Ga., for home she will visit Burg and Greenville, S. C.  
All those who desire names of their homes in the summer folder of the State way see Mr. Dowling at the Depot by noon tomorrow. He send away his report on Sunday.  
Dr. D. W. Bennett of Home speaks very kindly of the people of Haywood in a letter enclosing his report. Bennett is a native of Haywood and is now a physician at Sevier, Tenn.  
Several workmen have been this week raising the sidewalks of the Atkins Bros. Building in the offices of the management of the Southern Assembly. The work is pushed so the rooms will be ready for occupancy in April. A few of the men have brought the proposition the Assembly grounds one step closer and it is a long and important since it means that work is well begun.

Those who gathered at the Park House on Tuesday night and found that they decided to join the staff of the High School Echo in the celebration of St. Valentine's day. A delightful program was presented, a cake containing a thimble, and was sold slice by slice and the net was auctioned off by John H. H. Napier Harold was adjudged the popular young lady present.

Efforts are now going in for bids for North Carolina. We need this amount to be spent on North Carolina's Main Street. We need need of this, as all say, but it is the time to get organized and concentrated action and not wait until two or three years from now when all our J. W. A. Funds are up and spent we can shove our shoulders up in our suspenders and say "our industry to North Carolina Main Street." Or when we tourists to come to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, we pride to this Highway which is more traveled than any road in North Carolina, and not have to take to the ditch and say, "Yes, it is a good This improvement is needed now, not in one, two, or three years."  
W. L. REYNOLDS,  
Hendersonville, N. C.

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