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\$1.50 IN ADVANCE IN COUNTY

MAD DOG ATTACKS 4 PEOPLE

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Mt. Sterling Student Missing ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Disappeared After Registering With Local High School

No Trace Found Of Boy After Being Assigned To Classes In High School

A boy of the freshman class of the high school is missing. He came into town on Monday from Mount Sterling in the office of the county superintendent of education. He was a bright, intelligent boy, apparently ambitious, wanting an education. He asked Mr. Messer to help him find a place where he could work mornings and afternoons for his board and keep. Mr. Messer assured him that he could assist him and sent the boy to the high school to register. Upon arriving at the high school he was sent to the room for registration and has not been seen or heard of since.

What happened? Was the crowd too much for the boy? Did he get homesick for Mt. Sterling? Did some unthinking boy treat him as boys will sometime do each other?

School authorities late Wednesday afternoon had been unable to locate the boy.

Clark Takes Up Duties On Paper In Circulation

W. C. Medford, Resigns After Four Year's Services; Will Continue Uncle Abe

Robert M. Clark assumed duties as circulation manager of The Mountaineer this week, succeeding W. C. Medford, "Uncle Abe," who has served in that capacity for the past four years, and recently resigned, to devote his time to some special work, and look after his farming interests. Mr. Medford, in a statement yesterday, said: "In resigning as circulation manager for The Mountaineer after four years, I deem it proper to express my appreciation to the subscribers of this paper for the cooperation and courtesy shown me as such."

"My work in this capacity hereafter will be in a limited way, as assistant to Mr. Clark, my successor." (Continued on page 4)

RATHER WORK THAN TAKE OFF HOLIDAY

E. V. Erk is still wearing a puzzled look on his face, and it all came about early this week, when he announced to his force of men, that the plant would be closed all day Labor Day, and each man would receive full pay for the day.

After making the statement, two workmen told Mr. Erk they appreciated the opportunity to get off Labor Day, but had rather remain in the plant and work than to have a holiday.

They insisted, so arrangements have been made for them to have their washes in the matter.

Bears Chase Waynesville Folks From Picnic In Park

"I didn't tarry long after that bear started on his lunch. I figured that when she got through with that picnic she might take a fancy to somebody in the crowd," said Oliver Shelton, in speaking of his recent experience on the Clingman Dome road in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. A party had spread their lunch near the road about a mile from the top of the dome, according to Mr. Shelton and had just pitched in to enjoy their food when a mother bear of about 400 pounds and her cub of sixty or more pounds decided they wanted to attend the picnic.

When the bears arrived Mr. Shelton and the picnickers very politely stepped aside and turned things over

Full Day Of Activities Planned For Labor Day

Labor Day Chairman



WILLIAM CHAMBERS

Cabe Bill Goes Before State Supreme Court; Decision 12th

Constitutionality Of Cabe Bill To Be Determined By High Court This Month

Proponents of the ABC liquor stores, carried their case to the state supreme court yesterday, which they appealed from Judge Felix E. Alley's decision on July 19, when he held that the Cabe act was unconstitutional.

Walter Crawford, attorney for the proponents of the stores, argued the case for his clients, and F. A. Clark, Canton attorney, represented the plaintiffs, who were J. T. Bailey, and H. A. Osborne, Canton, Edwin Fincher, Clyde, and M. T. McCracken, Waynesville.

The state supreme court is expected to hand down their decision on September 12th.

The question of determining the legality of establishing a liquor store under the ABC set-up was argued before Judge Alley last July, after a petition bearing 1,780 names had been presented to the Haywood board of elections. The plaintiffs in the case took issue with the petition, setting out that some of the signatures were not gotten as prescribed by law.

The legality of the petition was not made a part of Judge Alley's decision, he based his decision on the constitutionality of the Cabe bill which would permit the establishment of a liquor store in Waynesville or Beavertown townships, provided the voters of either township voted for the stores, regardless of the vote of the remainder of the county.

Mrs. M. A. Poteate spent several days last week in East Flat Rock, visiting her father, Mr. R. R. Burnett.

The most extensive program of entertainment that has ever been observed on Labor Day in Waynesville is being planned for Monday, starting with the grand parade at 9:30 at the Gordon Hotel, led by Mayor J. H. Way, Jr., of Waynesville and Mayor Whitener Prevost, of Hazelwood, and closing with the street dance on the Main street of Hazelwood at 8 o'clock in the evening. Chairman Bill Chambers and his committee are leaving nothing undone to make of the day a gala occasion.

The stores of the town will observe Sunday hours, and house wives and other shoppers are urged to lay in their supplies on Saturday. The schools of the Waynesville township will be closed for the day, in order that the children may take part in all the festivities.

Chairman Chambers has asked that all places of business have their flags floating from their buildings, windows arranged appropriately for the day, and all cars and trucks decorated and entered in the parade. If it seems too big a task to carry out some special idea in your car or float, Mr. Chambers insists that each car bear some festive sign, if nothing more than "crepe paper made into a few ribbons tied to your car."

Special emphasis is being given the (Continued on page 4)

Dr. W. L. Lambeth Elected President Southern Assembly

Heavy Vault Door Delivered To Bank

A vault door, weight six and a half tons, was delivered to the First National Bank yesterday morning, and will be part of the new and larger vault which will be constructed within the next few weeks.

The large steel door was brought on a special trailer, and handled by a crew of steel erectors.

A program to modernize the interior of the bank is scheduled to get underway this week, and it will take about a month to complete the job, according to bank officials.

A large assortment of sizes of safety deposit boxes were delivered with the vault door.

Business will not be interrupted during the construction.

Cars From 48 States Noted On Main Street

Cars from every state in the union, and eight foreign countries have been listed by Norman Caldwell, traffic officer, in the past sixty days.

While on duty at the corner at the First Baptist church last Sunday, officer Caldwell counted cars from 32 different states during the one hour period.

"There are more cars from Ohio than any other state", Mr. Caldwell said.

Board Stamps Bond Issues For Urgent Emergencies

3 Liquor Salesmen In County Studying Local Situation

Eyes of the liquor interest must be centered on Haywood county, as no less than three representatives of liquor manufacturers—(legal)—have made business trips into the county during the past week.

The representatives are showing much concern over the outcome of the case which is now pending in the supreme court to determine the constitutionality of the Cabe bill.

It has been known a long time that Haywood has been looked on as the "logical" western county in which to establish liquor ABC stores. At present, Durham is the most westerly county with stores.

It is admitted, that if one western county can legally have the ABC stores, that it will serve as a wedge for other counties to adopt similar methods.

Those who have been spending some time studying the situation in the west, relative to the liquor conditions, point out that should Haywood have liquor stores, that it would almost force Buncombe and Henderson counties to vote on the ABC stores.

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The Mountaineer was given the first formal statement of the Waynesville board of aldermen and mayor yesterday, since the calling of a bond election to be held on September 16th.

The Waynesville officials branded the sewer project, which calls for construction of a sewer line from Hazelwood to a point below Lake Junaluska, as "essential and unavoidable."

On the program to make necessary changes in the water system, they said, "it is necessary because an emergency exists."

The plan, worked out in detail, calls for the town of Waynesville to sell \$86,000 in bonds; Hazelwood to sell \$36,500 and for the two towns to accept a grant or direct gift from PWA for \$100,227, with which to build the sewer line. The bonds would carry an interest rate of four per cent, for thirty years.

On the water system election, the board is being urged by the state board of health to make certain improvements, and after going over the plans with engineers and health officials, the Waynesville officials have looked on the matter as an emergency. This proposed project would cost \$63,415, with PWA granting as a gift, \$27,350, with the remainder on long term notes at four per cent.

The action of the board, and their (Continued on page 4)

Total Enrollment Of District Schools Reaches 2,776 Mark

The schools of the Waynesville district opened on Monday morning for the term 1938-39 with a total enrollment of 2,776 pupils, according to a statement made yesterday by M. H. Bowles, superintendent.

The high school represents a total enrollment of 559, with 169 in the freshman class; 138 in the sophomore class; 131 in the junior class, and 121 in the senior class. The junior high had an enrollment of 234, making an increase of 37 over the number of last year in the latter school.

Other schools in the district and their opening day enrollment include: Central Elementary, 317; East Waynesville, 248; Hazelwood, 450; Rock Hill, 302; Lake Junaluska, 169; Maggie, 167; Allen's Creek, 143; Saunook, 112; Dellwood, 75.

Heavy enrollments in the classes at the high school have necessitated a six period day schedule, instead of five as formally observed in the high school. Classes will begin at 8:44, and school will close at 3:35 with the exceptions of Fridays when the pupils will be dismissed at 3:04.

The cafeteria in the high school will be a supervised WPA project and Mrs. Kate Kennedy will be in charge. It will open the 10th of this month. In the meantime a group of the mothers are sponsoring the lunches.

On Labor Day the pupils will be given a holiday so that they may participate in the activities of the celebration to be observed on that day.

Deputy Kerley On Way To Church, Captures 2 Stills

John Kerley, deputy sheriff, decided to combine business with pleasure, when he set out last Sunday morning to fill an invitation to attend decoration day in Quinlan Town.

Deputy Kerley, accompanied by Bob Jenkins and Rufus Ball, got to the church earlier than the hour set for the services, and instead of waiting around, decided to trek into the nearby woods.

When they returned, they had two stills, twenty-six gallons of liquor, and 150 gallons of beer.

Their surprise raid almost broke up the services, as the 60-gallon and 25-gallon stills were displayed, along with the white lightning, and beer.

One of the stills was all set for

15 Dogs Killed Since Monday As Safety Measure

In Recent Weeks Twelve Cows Have Died Of Rabies; People Taking Treatment

Reports from the state laboratories of the State Board of Health show that the stray dog that attacked the child at the nursery school at Central Elementary on Monday at noon of last week, was mad. Since that time three other children have been bitten and all four are now receiving treatment for rabies.

While the first child was only scratched, the nursery teachers took no chances, being suspicious of the dog's actions, gave the child attention at once. They called the police, who were unable to locate the dog until Tuesday afternoon. It was killed and the head sent at once to the State Board of Health.

Since that time fifteen dogs in this community, all said to have been bitten by the same stray dog, have been killed. It was also learned from those in authority that during the past few months at least twelve cows, have died from rabies.

There are listed on the tax books of Haywood county 2,086 dogs, with 727 being given a special value. It is claimed that there are anywhere from two to three thousand dogs not listed, with their owners evading the law, in many cases disclaiming ownership.

There has never been an active campaign in this county to enforce the rabies law and as a result there have been cases from time to time that could have been avoided. The penalty for failure to have dogs vaccinated in this state as set forth in the state statute is from \$10 to \$50 fine, plus court costs.

The county health officer is required by law to appoint rabies inspectors in each township in the county and these appointments have been made in Haywood. The inspector is supposed to vaccinate every dog in his township, for which service he collects 50c per dog, from the owner. The name of the owner of the dog is turned over to the county tax collector. When the owner of the dog pays his taxes, the amount of the 50 cents is deducted from the dog tax. It is (Continued on page 4)

\$130 Recovered For Summer Visitor

Felix Stovall's eyes flicked, and he was almost speechless when he picked up \$130 in traveler's checks from the floor of his place of business. He knew the owner, but did not have the slightest idea where he was stopping, but was positive the summer visitor was leaving early the next day.

The telephone was put into use, and every boarding house and hotel Mr. Stovall could think of was called, but to no avail.

Late that night the man came back, and as he began telling of his loss, Mr. Stovall began asking where he was boarding.

As Mr. Stovall handed the smiling stranger the recovered \$130, the name of one of the best known boarding places in the community popped into Mr. Stovall's mind—and sure enough, that was where the man was boarding.

Both men, remarked, "I'll be dog-gone."

Voice of The People

Do you think the North Carolina driver's license law has accomplished any good?

Robert V. Welch, Sheriff—"A little—as an officer of the law, I approve of any restriction that will protect those traveling on the highways. There are too many people driving cars, who even when they are sober are entirely too careless."

J. L. Stringfield, chief of police—"I think it has helped, especially in getting some drivers who drink from driving."

Clem Fitzgerald, fire warden, assist-

ant fire truck driver—"There are a lot of drivers with license that have no business with them, unless they change their way of driving."

M. D. Watkins, Chevrolet dealer—"Yes, but not as much as was expected when the law was passed."

Jack Messer, superintendent of education—"Yes, although I believe it is not strict enough and there are yet many drivers on the highways that should not be driving."

Norman Caldwell, traffic officer—"It sure has, but it could accomplish a lot more."

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