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\$1.50 IN ADVANCE IN COUNTY

Work On Sewer Project To Get Underway Friday

Contract Let By Towns Of Hazelwood And Waynesville To Blythe

At a joint meeting of the town boards of Waynesville and Hazelwood the contract for the construction of the Waynesville-Hazelwood sanitary sewer was tentatively awarded to the Blythe Brothers Company, Charlotte, N. C. The contract was awarded subject to the approval of the PWA officials in Raleigh.

There were six bidders in all, with the highest bid submitted by Wanahey & Wells, Inc., of Orangeburg, S. C., amounting to \$274,066.80. The accepted bid was for \$186,855.60.

Requirements are that the work begin tomorrow. The work is to be completed in 300 working days.

The scale of wages to be paid the laborers is as follows: Minimum for unskilled labor will be 30c an hour; bricklayers and blacksmiths will be as high as \$1.00, truck drivers an hour, and carpenters around \$1.25.

Directors To Be Elected By Ballot For Local C. of C.

Ballots Mailed To Members, Others Can Vote At Office For 1939 Board of Directors

Ballots for voting for the directors of the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce for the coming year were mailed Tuesday to those who subscribed to the organization the past year. Other interested citizens who do not make a contribution are invited to call at the office on Main Street and secure without obligation, ballots for voting.

An effort is being made this year to have all industries and various groups as members of the board, to carry out the policies of the organization, in order that the activities may be a well balanced program. The election closes the 8th, and that the ballots will be counted and the results made public at once.

There are to be sixteen directors elected. The following is a list to each group and the number indicated in each group is to be chosen to represent:

From the following group will be elected to represent industry: William Chambers, Ben Colkitt, R. V. L. J. Killian, Harry Lee Liner, L. L. Prevost, E. C. Wagenfeld, and Fred Yearout.

Ballots for three of the following groups—the merchants' group are to be: W. A. Bradley, W. H. Burgin, R. C. Coffey, N. W. Garrett, E. J. Hyatt, Paul Martin, W. H. Massie, T. G. Massie, Chas. E. Ray, Jr., Jeff Reeves, and Clyde H. Ray, Jr.

There are to be voted upon from the group representing the agricultural interests: C. N. Allen, George A. Brown, E. N. Barber, Jr., Frank Davis, and Ferguson, and R. R. Smithwick.

There are to be elected from the group representing the professional group as follows: L. N. Davis, J. R. Boyd, M. S. Bowler, Dr. S. P. Gay, J. E. Massey, J. R. Morgan, William Medford, Curtis Russ, Dr. R. Stuart Robinson, H. J. Sloan, Dr. R. H. Stretch, Dr. T. W. Wiche, E. L. Withers, and Dr. W. Watkins.

There are to be elected from the group representing the hotels and rooming houses as follows: Mrs. R. B. Blackwell, Mrs. Paul Hyatt, Quincy C. F. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. J. M. Medford, Mrs. W. H. Liner, and H. W. Medford.

Court Of Honor To Meet Here Tuesday

Court of Honor for the Boy Scout Troop of the county will be held on Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock in the court room of the court house. William Medford, chairman, will preside.

General Scouts will receive advancement at the court. The public as well as the parents of the Scouts are invited to attend this impressive ceremony.

WATER SUPTS. MEET FOR N. C.

Mr. Briggs, superintendent of the water department of Waynesville, is attending a meeting this week in Raleigh, N. C., for superintendents in the state. Mr. Briggs was accompanied by Mrs. Briggs.

Presiding Elder



Rev. W. L. Hutchins, newly appointed presiding elder, of the Waynesville district, has assumed his work here, and has had added to this district twenty-two churches which were formerly under the Northern Methodists charge.

Methodists Add 22 Churches To Waynesville Dist.

Rev. W. L. Hutchins Assumes Duties Here As Presiding Elder Of The Waynesville District

The Rev. W. L. Hutchins, who assumed his duties as presiding elder of the Waynesville district, of the Methodist Episcopal church this week, formerly resided here, having served the First Methodist church as pastor during the year 1930.

The Rev. Mr. Hutchins is well known throughout the state, and has visited this section on many occasions. During the past year he directed the Aldersgate program for the Western North Carolina Conference, in which campaign 7,000 additions were made to the church.

He has held at various times all the leading appointments in the conference. He has served under five governors as a member of the State Board of Public Welfare. Governor Hoey recently appointed him for another term of four years.

His work as presiding elder will be greatly increased over that required of other years, as this year will mark the union of the Northern and Southern churches, and twenty-two additional churches in the district, will come under his supervision.

The Rev. Mr. Hutchins is a forceful as well as delightful speaker, and is well qualified for his new duties. He has traveled extensively in Europe, South America and the Holy Land.

Waynesville Had Share Of Fright From Radio Skit

Citizens of this community shared the terror of those throughout the country, caused by radio's "end of the world" and "foreign invasion" program which was given as a Halloween program on Sunday night.

It is said there were many hysterical women and nervous men about town on Sunday night, some sitting quietly at home, with others riding about listening to the program.

Though it was announced four times during the hour's program that while given as "news briefs," it was merely a "fantasy," many just tuned in between times and heard the startling news, thinking it was authentic.

It is reported that one man here phoned the fire department that had his family all packed ready to ride, and wanted to know in which direction he should travel.

REPAIRS INTERRUPT POWER SERVICE MON.

The electric power was off for several hours on Monday morning, when repairs were being made at the sub-station of the Carolina Power and Light Company.

Notice was given that the power would go off again at midnight, for a period of one hour, but as the repairs at that time consumed only twenty minutes, they were on again before expected.

35 Local People Now Taking Treatment For Rabies

Number Of Suspicious Dogs Killed During Past Week; Movement On Foot To Enforce Law

All the twenty-six persons, including men, women and children, who were bitten last week by a mad dog have been taking treatment for rabies, and nine others, who while not bitten, had been in contact with the dog, are also receiving treatment.

The vaccine for the treatment was secured by the local health department from Asheville and Atlanta, and rushed here immediately last week when word was received from the state laboratory that the dog was mad. The persons needing the treatment obtained the vaccine from the health department and their family physicians have been administering the doses.

Information was received from the police department that a number of suspicious dogs had been killed during the past week, after the report of the mad dog by the State Board of Health.

It was also learned that a large number of owners of dogs in the community had had their animals vaccinated since last week.

It has been learned that a check up is being made on the inspectors in the various townships, and that a movement is on foot to more rigidly enforce the law concerning the vaccination of all dogs.

Quiet Hallowe'en Is Observed Here

According to Traffic Chief Norman Caldwell, Hallowe'en night was the quietest in twenty years. There was only one sign reported missing, and with the increasing number of signs at the private residences about town, this is a remarkable record.

The chief damage done seems to have been confined to the soaping of store windows and car windows, which no doubt in some cases was a blessing in disguise.

Let the older generation get the impression that the younger generation is losing interest in Hallowe'en pranks, a little inside information from the police department might clear up the impression. It was reported around town on Monday that the department had planned to have five extra men on the force for Hallowe'en night, and that no foolishness would be tolerated.

Forest Fire On Eagles Nest Mtn.

The smoke which enveloped this community yesterday and last night was due to a raging forest fire on the western slopes of Eagles Nest mountain, which was under control last night, with 15 to 20 men on the scene.

The fire was discovered Tuesday about three o'clock. The origin of the blaze has not been determined.

An estimate last night was that 50 or 60 acres had been burned.

Concrete Will Be Poured At Sinclair Station Today

Workmen were all set last night to begin pouring concrete today for the foundation of the new Sinclair station on Main Street, according to Jerry Liner, contractor.

The old Kenmore Hotel and Annex have almost been cleared away. The concrete work will be pushed before cold weather, and the remainder of the building removed.

Sells Out Firm



Clyde H. Ray, Sr., recently sold his business after 51 years of successful operation as a merchant in Waynesville.

Local Hunters Get A 200-Pound Bear

A party of twenty-five returned to town Tuesday afternoon after a two days hunt in the Sunburst section of the county. They report a sporty hunt, with one mother bear, weighing around two hundred pounds to their credit.

The bear was evidently not related to the bears in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, who are becoming too social to suit the authorities, for she gave them a run of two and a half hours, with several of the dogs being crippled in the chase.

Hidden Taxes In Haywood Amount to \$549,276 Annually

Hidden Taxes Said To Furnish 63 Per Cent Of All Local, State, National Revenues

Families in Haywood county pay \$549,276 annually in taxes on their retail purchases alone, according to a survey by the National Consumers Tax Commission.

Most of that amount is paid through hidden taxes in higher prices on food, clothing, fuel, medicine and other daily purchases, a report of the survey stated.

The survey, directed from the commission's headquarters in Chicago, was made public through Mrs. Rufus L. Allen, of Waynesville, the North Carolina member of the commission's national committee. She said the analysis was based on total retail sales in the county's 168 stores of \$3,521,000, as reported by the U. S. Bureau of Census.

Mrs. Allen, describing the commission as representing a nationwide fight by housewives on hidden and direct taxes that "penalize the consumer," declared:

"Every day shoppers, whether they know it or not, carry a major share of the nation's \$12,300,000,000 tax burden. Hidden taxes, increasing the cost of even the necessities of life, furnish 63 per cent of all local, state and national revenues."

Mrs. Allen, who said commission units are being organized throughout North Carolina in the nationwide fight, pointed out the Haywood county tax figure concerns retail sales only and does not include the many other taxes, hidden and direct, which families here have to pay.

4,500 Democratic Majority Forecast In Tuesday Vote; Rally Set For 7:30 Tonight

Hon. Willis Smith To Address Democrats At Second Rally Of Week Tonight

Polls To Remain Open From Sunrise To Sunset Tuesday. Light Vote Predicted

The second Democratic rally of the week will be staged tonight at 7:30 at the court house, at which time Hon. Willis Smith, Raleigh attorney, will address an expected filled auditorium.

At the meeting tonight Clifford E. Brown will preside, and Judge Felix E. Alley will introduce the speaker of the evening. It was pointed out by Mr. Brown that the rally tonight would be "short and snappy" and that there would be but little more on the program than Mr. Smith's address.

Monday night J. M. Broughton, also of Raleigh, told a crowd of some 500 at the Canton high school of North Carolina's general achievements and progress under Democratic administrations, and lauded Governor Hoey, and predicted for him the distinction of being one of the state's most popular governors.

Appearing on the program at Canton, were Clifford E. Brown, chairman of the Haywood Democratic executive committee, who introduced Chester A. Cogburn, candidate for state senate. Mr. Cogburn in turn presented Congressman Zebulon Weaver, a candidate for re-election.

Congressman Weaver presented Reuben B. Robertson, Sr., who introduced the speaker of the evening.

Mr. Broughton explained that during the past five years the state has paid more than \$29,000,000 of the principal of its bonded indebtedness. "This within itself, is a great record," Mr. Broughton declared. He lauded the public school system of North Carolina which is greatly aiding the youth of the state in many ways. To prove that the youth of the state and nation needed special attention, Mr. Broughton explained that the prison enrollment of North Carolina at present outnumbers the combined enrollments of the leading colleges and universities of the state.

In concluding his remarks, Mr. Broughton urged the voters to vote the straight Democratic ticket in the coming election in the county, state and national realms. "We have reached the point where we find the Democratic party triumphant within the state and nation," he said. "Thirty-eight states of the forty-eight states now have Democratic governors."

Mr. Broughton spent several hours in Waynesville before going to Canton to make the address of the evening, and while here he said that he would be a candidate for governor in 1940. He is a past president of the state bar association and was keynote speaker at the 1936 state convention.

Mr. Brown said that Democratic headquarters here would receive complete county returns, and give them to the public. Arrangements have been made with election officials for early reports which should start coming in by 9 o'clock, and complete returns should be in by eleven. The would be in hand by eleven. The Democratic headquarters are on the second floor over the state re-employment office.

Less Than Quarter Inch Of Rain In Oct.

Since September 30th, less than a quarter of an inch of rain has fallen in Waynesville, it was learned yesterday from H. M. Hall, official weather observer here.

"Two sprinkles fell during October. One with .14 of an inch, and the other .08 of an inch. This makes October one of the driest months on record," the Waynesville weatherman said.

Local Firm Gets State Contracts

Martin Electric Company has been awarded contracts for the electrical work on two state prison camps. The contract price was not made public.

The camps are of the "100-men type" and will be built at Taylorsville and Mooresville.

Construction work will get underway within two or three weeks it was said.

Three camps are being built. The other is in the eastern part of the state.

The stage is all set for the general election next Tuesday, and with Haywood slated to go Democratic by a majority of 4,500 to 5,000.

There is apparently little interest in the election, this being an off-year.

The registrars announced this week that only a few additions had been made to the books since the June primary. The South Ward in Waynesville, with 2,200 registered, only added 16 during the past three registration dates. Other precincts were in proportion, it was stated here yesterday.

Voters will be given three ballots. One contains names of candidates for senate and state officers. The county ballot, and one on state constitutional amendments. The amendments are: Making the term of office of sheriff and coroner four years, and for a department of justice.

All three ballots are printed complete, in this issue of this newspaper.

The polls will open at sunrise and close at sunset. These hours are different from the primary hours, and in some instances may be confusing. However, election officials are calling attention to the fact that the polls will open at sunrise and close at sunset.

According to weather observer, H. M. Hall, the sun will rise at 6:59 on next Tuesday, and will set at 5:52. These times were worked out for Haywood county by Mr. Hall.

C. G. Bryson, chairman of the board of elections, commenting on absentee voting, cited the following ruling here yesterday:

"The law provides that there are three ways in which an elector may legally obtain an absentee ballot. FIRST: By personal application to the chairman of the county board of elections up until the time that the ballots have been delivered to the registrar, and thereafter to the registrar of the precinct in which the elector is registered; SECOND: By making the request by mail; and THIRD: By sending a written order to the chairman of the county board of elections, or to the registrar, as the case may be, requesting that the ballot be delivered to the bearer of the order. This means that the applicant himself must sign the request for the ballots, regardless of whether the ballots are delivered directly to the applicant, or to his agent. The absentee ballots should not be delivered when one person simply comes, or writes for them, for the use of another. It is unlawful to deliver an absentee ballot to the agent of an elector without the elector first authorizing same in writing. Any election official who delivers an absentee ballot, except upon application as above stated, has violated the provisions of the law."

Saturday will be challenge day, but from all indications, there will be but few if any challenges made.

Stewardship Revival At First Baptist Church

A stewardship revival began on Tuesday night at the Baptist church and will last through Friday. It is conducted by the pastor, the Rev. J. S. Hopkins.

The theme is being treated from a general viewpoint and would apply to the Christian life in any church, and the members of the other congregations are cordially invited to attend.

The Weather Report

H. M. HALL, Official Observer

| | Oct | Max | Min | 7:30 a m Pres |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-------|---------------|
| 27 | 69 | 25 | 48 | |
| 28 | 53 | 34 | 41 | |
| 29 | 51 | 33 | 37 | |
| 30 | 60 | 32 | 38 | |
| 31 | 67 | 31 | 52 | |
| November | | | | |
| 1 | 68 | 28 | 29 | |
| 2 | 70 | 28 | 33 | |
| Mean maximum | | | 62.6 | |
| Mean minimum | | | 30.0 | |
| Mean for week | | | 46.3 | |
| High for week | | | 70.9 | |
| Low for week | | | 25.0 | |
| Below October normal | | | 9.6 | |
| Above November normal | | | 0.6 | |
| Precipitation for week | | | None | |
| Precipitation for October | | | 0.22 | |
| Below October normal | | | 2.82 | |
| Below November normal | | | 0.15 | |
| Precipitation for year | | | 32.36 | |
| Deficiency for year | | | 6.32 | |

Voice of The People

How would you remedy the rabies menace in Haywood County?

Dr. Thomas Stringfield—"First I would get the stray dogs off the streets, and then enforce the laws that are already on the statute books."

Mason Swearingen—Manager local office of the North Carolina State Employment Service—"The first step I feel is to enforce the laws we have, and every dog owner should feel the responsibility of seeing that their dogs were vaccinated"

Mrs. Eli McGee—"As the mother of a child now taking the rabies treatment I feel very keenly the present situation in Haywood county. I think

that urgent steps should be taken at once to enforce the law in every township in the county."

Hugh J. Sloan—Insurance—"I'd kill every dog in the county that has not been vaccinated."

Dudley W. Moore—Teacher in Waynesville Township High School—"Have the law requiring all dogs to be vaccinated rigidly enforced. I believe that everyone would feel safer, owners as well as others."

Jerry Liner—Contractor—"By enforcing the law; making every dog owner vaccinate every dog or kill the animal."