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COUNTY UNDER RABIES QUARANTINE

Burley Growers To Vote On Control Saturday

Committeemen Are Urging Continuance Of AAA Crop Plan

Farmers Hear State Agents Present Appeal For Continuing Under Present Plan

"Production of burley tobacco must be in keeping with the consumption, if the farmer is to get a fair price for his crop," said Flake Shaw, of Guilford county, member of the state committee, who with others addressed the burley growers here at the court house on Tuesday morning when a conference was held with some of the state officials of the AAA for a discussion of the merits of a marketing quota on burley tobacco which will be voted upon Saturday.

Other out of town speakers were E. Y. Floyd, state executive officer, Tom Scott, state chairman of the committee, J. H. Enloe, Jr., field officer, and Fred S. Sloan, district agent. Each speaker pointed out the importance of controlling production in order that the grower get a profitable marketing price.

It was pointed out that while there were flaws in the farm program worked out by Secretary Wallace and his associates, that the initial attempt at a new venture was always accompanied by mistakes. It was shown that the efforts of the AAA were only the beginning of a broad and comprehensive agricultural program, that would increase with the co-operation of the farmers, who would in the end reap great profit from their concerted work. The democratic manner in which the farmers were being allowed to make the decision of crop control was also pointed out.

Each speaker referred to the splendid record made by Haywood in the work of soil conservation and that this county had helped to establish a lime record for the state.

Regardless of how they voted each grower was urged to go to the polls on Saturday and cast his vote. In the meantime they were asked to give the matter serious consideration.

To Vote Saturday

Burley tobacco growers in all the burley tobacco belt will go to the polls on Saturday, December 17, to decide for themselves whether or not there will be a marketing quota on burley tobacco in 1939. The total of burley tobacco exceeds the reserve supply level by 39 million pounds. With this fact facing the growers much thought should be given the issue and snap judgment should be avoided.

For marketing quotas to be in effect for 1939 two-thirds of those growers voting must vote yes. The quota for 1939, if the referendum

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Two Issues

Next Wednesday every subscriber should receive their copy of The Mountaineer, as the paper will go to press Tuesday noon. This is being done in order to give the readers an extra day in which to shop the many last-minute items which will be advertised.

Another issue of the paper will be published on Friday of next week, and will contain greetings and special seasonal articles, poems and pictures. The staff have been working on this issue for several weeks, and it gives promise of being one of our best Christmas editions.

Remember, next week—two issues of The Mountaineer—One Wednesday and one Friday afternoon.

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Two Members Of Hospital Board Have Resigned

Chairman Rufus Siler And Dr. John H. Smathers Tender Resignation On Board

The board of county commissioners will name two trustees of the Haywood County Hospital on Monday, to fill the vacancies made by the resignations of Rufus Siler and Dr. John Smathers.

Mr. Siler has served as chairman of the board since the hospital was opened almost eleven years ago. Dr. Smathers has also served since the opening.

After the two new members are named, the trustees will name a chairman.

Both men resigned to the commissioners this week.

The trustees of the institution do not get any salary or expenses for their duties.

Other members of the board are: J. M. Long, Edwin Fincher, George F. Plott, Fred T. Peden and Letch Worley.

Santa Pleased At Receptions Given Him By Schools

Takes Time Off From Urgent Matters To Write Own Story Of Trips Into Schools

Though quite busy with my various chores, I have taken time to keep The Mountaineer partially informed of my comings and goings the past week, and of the receptions at the various schools.

Without a single exception, those receptions have been of a sort to be long remembered, the kind that will always stand out as the brighter spots in my career.

At Spring Hill, the smallest school visited, the little tots greeted me with a cheery song. Mr. and Mrs. Chambers had done some thorough coaching.

And I arrived at Crabtree school right in the middle of a song service. And such singing! If any of you are driving past that school at some future date, and see the auditorium roof soaring away, out of place, you will know the reason.

At Fines Creek school, I was privileged to listen to a part of a program of dialogues. And was right proud of the way those youngsters performed.

At Bethel, one pretty little black-eyed daisel told me she had listened in on the radio the evening previous. And instantly came a chorus of "I did too," from all over the room.

And—get this, you parents and you who are interested in the schools of Haywood county—everywhere there was perfect order. These teachers—Cruso, Rock Hill, Maggie and all the rest—have matters well in hand.

Visiting the smaller grades of some of the schools, the youngsters proudly exhibited samples of their penmanship, their drawing and their coloring. And I was just as proud of the work as were the boys and girls.

And everywhere there were so many letters for me that I began to wonder if Mr. Russ would be able to find space for all of them in The Mountaineer after I had read them.

And, speaking of singing, there was some lusty vocalizing for my benefit at other schools besides those mentioned above. At Rock Hill, the full assembly chorused one rollicking Christmas song, while at Maggie, the various grades sang as I passed from room to room.

Another matter that made old Santa's visit more enjoyable was the sight of mothers bringing children of preschool age to the school for the festivities. Somehow, it seems to make the school stand out as a more important social instrumentality when parents and the smaller tots can feel free to take part in extra-curricular activities.

And so, old Santa is extremely grateful to County Superintendent Jack Messer for permitting him to

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Christmas Is Coming O-Ho! O-Ho!

"And you see, Santa Claus, that low mark in deportment was not entirely my fault, and anyway, it won't happen again, and if I get that bike I know it would never happen again."

And Santa Claus listens sympathetically while the lad with his back to the camera recites his woes and pleads his cause. Looking on and awaiting their turn appear to be a friend and the ever-present little sister

—Photo Courtesy Charlotte News.



Bleak, Cheerless Christmas Face Scores of Children In Community

Heads Civic Group



DR. S. P. GAY—recently named president of the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce

Voice of The People

What is your answer to the time worn question of childhood, "Is there a Santa Claus?"

Mrs. Ben Colkitt—"Decidedly, yes. The name changes with our age. When we are young, it is 'Santa Claus.' As the years go by it becomes the 'Spirit' of Christmas giving."

J. C. Brown—"Santa Claus is the Dutch corruption of the name St. Nicholas. For one to have a strong belief in Santa Claus, then one must have the spirit of St. Nicholas in one's own heart. There is a Santa Claus for every person, provided that person makes room in his life for the principles which guided the Wise Men of the East."

Mrs. Felix Stovall—"By all means, yes, there is a Santa Claus. The happiest moments of childhood are of Christmas and Santa Claus. Even now the Christmas spirit takes possession of me weeks before Christmas and I thrill to the sound of 'Holy Night'—and thoughts of Santa Claus. If one does not believe in Santa Claus and all that he signifies, one misses a great deal of happiness in life."

Mrs. S. P. Gay—"As long as I can

Many Will Find Stockings Empty Christmas Morning Unless Public Responds

During the past few years the people, not only of this section, but throughout the land have had the idea that the WPA, and its predecessor, the ERA, county welfare agencies and other philanthropic groups have relieved all the calls of the needy, but a check up on practically any community will reveal facts contrary to the supposed conditions. Often people, who may have felt the pinch of the depression, who have never really wanted for the necessities have not realized the dire need in many instances that followed in the wake of hard times.

There are cases existing right now in Haywood county that are heart breaking. There will be ragged stockings, hung up expecting Santa Claus, that will be as empty as some of the pantry shelves, on Christmas morning, unless the people of this community open their hearts and see to

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County Attorney



GROVER C. DAVIS—former solicitor of this district, was named county attorney by the new board of commissioners here December 5th.

Christmas Pageant To Be Given Sunday Afternoon At Methodist Church

The members of the young people's division of the Methodist church assisted by the regular church choir, will present a Christmas pageant in the church auditorium on Sunday afternoon at 5:15.

Miss Hester Anne Withers is directing the pageant and Miss Kathryn Queen is the adult advisor of the young people.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

ROYAL COUPLE TAKES VOWS

A "Royal" marriage license was issued on last Saturday from the office of the Register of Deeds. A King married a Queen. It so happened that the initials of the parents of both the bride and groom were C. C. and the license was signed by the register of deed, C. C. Francis.

Mr. Brown Ill

Charles Brown of the Clyde section, is seriously ill at his home.

Law Gives Officers Right To Kill All Unvaccinated Dogs

Officials Determined That Law Will Be Enforced, Situation Termed Critical

Haywood county was put in quarantine for rabies by Dr. William Moore, state veterinarian, the quarantine taking effect on Tuesday of this week, according to a statement from George A. Brown, Jr., chairman of the county board of commissioners.

This action was the result of a conference held here in the court house Monday night of the county commissioners, Dr. C. N. Sisk, county health officer, sheriff R. V. Welch, and Grover C. Davis, county attorney, in answer to complaints received from citizens over the county.

The county commissioners and the health department communicated with the state health department and explained the local situation and asked that this action be taken at once.

Section 13, of an act to prevent rabies in the state of North Carolina, in which regulations and a definition of the meaning of quarantine in this particular case, are set forth as follows: "That when quarantine has been established and the dogs continue to run at large uncontrolled by owners or persons responsible for their control, any officer, or deputy sheriff shall have the right, after reasonable effort has been made on the part of the officers to apprehend the dogs running at large, to kill said dogs and properly dispose of their bodies."

"If your dog is allowed to loaf away from home and does not have on a vaccination tag, showing he has had the proper vaccination for rabies, please bear in mind, that the officers have the right to carry out the law, and what is more will be expected to do so," said one of the members of the board of county commissioners yesterday in discussing the situation with The Mountaineer.

Mr. Brown states that he and the other members intend to do all in their power to relieve the situation in Haywood county, which has become critical in the past six months.

Since last June around 100 persons have had to take rabies treatment, at a total expenditure of more than \$2,000. In the neighborhood of \$2,500 worth of stock has been killed, as a result of mad dogs. These figures are convincing enough of the critical situation, to say nothing of the terrific nervous strain that those who have been bitten, have undergone, waiting to know whether or not they were going to develop the dreaded disease. Sometimes it takes months before symptoms of rabies show up in the human body.

New county legislation to solve the problem of the present situation, and to meet future possible complications is under consideration and some measure dealing with local conditions in Haywood, will be presented at the coming session of the state legislature by Representative Glenn C. Palmer.

Xmas Holidays Begin In Waynesville Tomorrow

The Haywood schools will close for the Christmas holidays on Friday of this week, with the exception of Fines Creek and Crabtree schools. These two will not close until Wednesday 21st, and will make up three days which have been lost in the fall.

The children will be given the usual fortnight's vacation. Schools will reopen on January the 2nd.

TATE BARN BURNED
A barn belonging to Joe Tate, of Hazelwood, was completely destroyed by fire early Monday afternoon. The barn was on the Sulphur Springs road, in Hazelwood. A large quantity of feed was lost. Mr. Tate is employed at England-Walton Company.

