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20 Families Face Dreary Christmas Unless Helped

Sixteen Cases Disposed Of During Past Week By Those Wanting To Help Needy

Of the list of 36 needy cases to which the public was asked to lend a helping hand to Santa Claus in the last issue of The Mountaineer, 16 have been taken by various individuals and organizations. There are still remain 20 families who will have little Christmas cheer unless some unknown friend champions their cause. The following is a list of the 20 cases yet to be cared for:

- 4—Father in bed—Tenant farmer, no cash income. Has high blood pressure, and mother has arrested tuberculosis, 6 children, 2 girls, 16, 3 (whooping cough), 4 boys, 17, 13, (bad tonsils) 11, 8, (whooping cough). Live about 20 miles out on mountain place, walk 1 1/2 miles off main road.
- 9—Father drinks—Poor provider, lives in two room shack near Waynesville, 10 children, 8 at home, 2 girls 15 (heart trouble, in bed most of the time), 20 (unmarried and has illegitimate child, 2 years—expectant mother at present)—5 boys, 13, 11, 9, 5, 2.
- 13—Factory worker. Out of work. Wife and 10 children—girls, 18, 16, 15, 11, 7, months, boys, 14, 9, 8, 5 and 2.
- 14—Father World War veteran, no regular income. Now in veterans hospital; wife and 7 children, 2 girls, 16, 12—4 boys, 8, 7, 3 and baby 11 months.
- 15—Father out of work. Wife and 7 children; girls, 13, 9, boys (16, 15, 11, 7, 1).
- 17—Father killed on railroad. Mother married again and deserted children, now wards of juvenile court. 3 children, boys 11, 4, girls 6. Live 6 miles from Waynesville.
- 18—Father World War veteran. Tuberculosis, service connection not established, mother in poor health, receives \$15 per month for dependent children. 3—2 girls, 13 (just over pneumonia), 3, boy, 10.
- 19—Father's wages inadequate. Wife and 8 children, 2 boys, 17, 4—6 girls, 16, 13, 11, 8, 6, 4 months.
- 20—Father drinks. Abuses family, mother drinks, 5 children, 3 girls 15, 14, 13, 2, boys 10, 9.
- 21—Father WPA worker. Wife, 5 children, mother-in-law, 66—3 girls, 15, 14, 12, 8—8 boys 17, 11, 9, 6, 4, 3 and 8 months.
- 22—Father WPA worker. Wife, 10 children, mother-in-law 66 years old. Girls, 15, 14, 12, boys 17, 11, 9, 6, 4, 3 and 8 months.
- 23—Father disabled to work. Wife 3 children, 2 girls 12, 8 months, and 1 boy 10.
- 24—Father bedfast. Wife, 7 children, 6 girls, 20, (ulcerated stomach), 16, 13, 9, 6, 3, 1, boy 18, works on WPA.
- 27—Father operated on for appendicitis and stomach ulcer, unemployable, wife epileptic, 4 children, girl, 1, 3 boys 7, 5, 3.
- 28—Husband unemployable—Double herina, wife expectant mother, son 26, deaf and dumb, son 18 deaf and dumb, daughter, 16, 14, deaf and dumb, daughters 5, 8, 6, 2.
- 29—Father in hospital, operation. No income, former WPA worker; wife 5 children, boys 14, 12, 9, 5, 3.
- 31—Father WPA worker. Wife, 4 children, boys 11, 5, 3, 6 months, live in shack with no windows, 15 miles from Waynesville, walk 2 miles from main highway.
- 34—Father WPA worker. Wife 2 children, boys 5, 4 months, mother-in-law, crippled, unable to work away from home as a wage earner, with two children, 1 girl, 16, 1 boy 7.
- 35—Father in bed with tuberculosis. Mother employed, 3 children, 2 boys, 19, 2, and 1 girl, 6.

Twilight Service On Christmas Eve

Will Be Held At Welch Memorial Hall At 5 O'clock by Federal Music Project. Public Invited

The Waynesville Junior Community Choral Club, a community activity, under the Federal Music project, will present a twilight service at 5:00 o'clock on the afternoon of Christmas Eve in the Welch Memorial Sunday school building of the Baptist church.

The National Federal Music project supervisor in Washington, has asked that this twilight service be observed in every state in the Union, and it is interesting to note that all over the country at this hour the choral groups like the local one, will be singing the carols known and loved so many years, with "peace on earth good will to men," as the theme.

The Naval observatory advises that the sun will set at 4:51 on Christmas Eve, and at twilight that day there will not be a minute when somewhere in this country voices will not be heard singing carols.

The public is invited to attend, and a special invitation is extended other Federal projects. The service will not be long and it gives promise of unusual interest to those who can step aside for a brief moment at the twilight hour to join in the worship of the "King of Peace."

There will be ancient English, French, Russian, and Italian carols, as well as other Christmas music, by the choral club and the band, featuring talented young soloists. Miss Grace Crocker, head of the music project, will be in charge.

Over Thousand Letters To Santa Received By Paper

More than one thousand letters to Santa Claus have been poured into The Mountaineer office, and printers, proof-readers and all have been literally covered up with them, but every effort will be made to publish every one.

A number are being published this week, and all the remainder will be carried in the paper that will be issued Friday morning. So if your letter isn't in today's paper, don't worry, it will be in the issue Friday.

Dog Owners Keeping Dogs Up This Week

Dog owners are heeding the warning of the rabies quarantine which was placed on the county last week by the State Department of Agriculture, and it was quite noticeable this week, in all sections of the county that there were but few stray dogs on the streets and along the roads.

One official said yesterday that the dog owners of the county show a spirit of co-operation and of willingness to help stamp out the spread of rabies which has been on a rampage in Haywood for several months.

It is estimated that something like \$2,500 in stock has been disposed of because of being bitten by dogs with rabies, and something like \$2,000 has been spent for vaccine to give the 100 people taking the rabies treatment.

LICENSE REVOKED

Arthur Lee Barnett, of Canton, lost his drivers license this past week, after being convicted of driving drunk.

Friday Morning...

The Special Christmas edition of The Mountaineer will be mailed to all subscribers. All subscribers in Haywood County should have their copy by noon on Friday. Special pictures, special poems, timely articles, full of human interest, will be featured in the edition. The paper will go to press at noon Thursday.

57% Haywood Burley Growers Vote For Tobacco Quota Plan

Haywood Led All outties Favoring Retention Of Present Marketing Plan

A larger percentage of Haywood Burley Tobacco growers favored the continuance of the national marketing quota for burley tobacco for the marketing year, beginning October 1, 1939, than in any large tobacco growing county in North Carolina.

Of the 1,097 votes cast, 630 favored the quota plan, while 463 voted against the plan, and four votes were unopposed and challenged.

The percentage of voters favoring the plan amounted to 57.6 per cent. A majority of 66.6 per cent was necessary to carry the election.

Three communities in the county carried by over 66.6 per cent—they were Iron Duff, White Oak and Jonathan Creek.

Iron Duff led with a 92.3 per cent; White Oak with 89.8 per cent, and Jonathan Creek had 67.7 per cent. This percentage includes only the votes cast in the respective communities.

Several voters from these three townships voted in other townships and these three did not get credit for their votes.

Early sales in Asheville yesterday were slightly lower than they had been this year, averaging \$17.01.

Killian And Rickman Appointed Trustees On Hospital Board

Will Fill Vacancies Caused By Resignation Of Rufus Siler And Dr. Smathers

L. M. Killian and E. B. Rickman were appointed trustees of the Haywood County Hospital Board at the regular meeting of the County Board of Commissioners held on Monday. They were appointed to fill the vacancies on the board caused by the resignation of Rufus Siler, and Dr. John H. Smathers.

Both Mr. Siler and Mr. Smathers were members of the original Hospital Board, which was appointed twelve years ago, and bought the site and built the present buildings occupied by the Hospital.

Bonds were presented and accepted by the commissioners Monday from the following officials, W. G. Byers, clerk of the Superior Court, \$10,000; R. V. Welch, Sheriff, \$5,000; Chas. C. Francis, register of deeds, \$5,000; George Buchanan, constable of Waynesville Township, \$1,000; Ken Browning, constable of Cecil Township, \$1,000.

A plan was presented to the board from the tax supervisor and the county auditor whereby the two departments could work out their accounts on a new system. The plan had been formulated at the request of the board at their last meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Green Will Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Forgets Paper-Wires For Copies

It was not until R. V. Erk started basking in the sun at Melbourne, Fla., that he realized that he gone away on his annual vacation without having The Mountaineer forwarded to his temporary address, but in order to keep up with the community, he wired The Mountaineer yesterday to forward his copy to the Florida resort.

So this morning, his copy is on the way to the sunny clime, while we begin anew, behind artificial snowflakes, on our annual Christmas edition, which will go to press Thursday shortly after noon.

J. A. Turpin Now Owns Taxi Stand Lunch Room Here

J. A. Turpin, for many years in business here, and recently of Sylva, has bought the Taxi Stand Lunch Room, and is again in the cafe business, in the town where he started in the business in 1904.

Mr. Turpin was the first white man to own a lunch room in Waynesville. For the past eight years he has been in Sylva, and owned a cafe there besides being chief of police.

He recalled here yesterday that when he first started in the cafe business that the customary order of the day was a half dozen eggs and a cup of coffee, for which he received twenty-five cents.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Green will observe their golden wedding anniversary on Friday, December 23rd, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Ferguson, on the Crabtree road. There have been no formal invitations issued, but the friends of the couple are asked to call informally between the hours of two and eight o'clock. Cordial interest is centered in the announcement, as both Mr. and Mrs. Green have many friends and are natives of this section and have spent most of their lives in this county.

Mr. and Mrs. Green were married on December 23rd, 1888 at Clyde with the Rev. J. M. Haynes officiating. The greater part of their married life has been spent in Waynesville.

Mrs. Green was before her marriage Miss Doretta Jane Rogers, daughter of Jackson J. and Amanda Stillwell Rogers, both natives of this section. Mrs. Rogers on her paternal side is a descendant of Hugh Rogers, Revolutionary hero, of Haywood county.

Mr. Green is the son of T. M. and Louisa Shook Green and is a direct descendant of Jacob Shook, one of the leading pioneer citizens of Haywood county, who came here in 1788. While Jacob Shook lived here in one place he resided in three counties, first this county was part of Burke, then Buncombe, and later Haywood. Mr. Green received his early education in the Clyde schools, graduating from the Clyde Academy. He later studied law at the University of North Carolina and was admitted to the bar September, 1895. Before he completed his law course he taught a few terms in the county schools.

Mr. Green has been prominently (Continued on page 12)

91% Of County Taxes For 1937 Have Been Collected

Stores Will Stay Open On Evenings

The stores of the community will remain open Wednesday night until seven o'clock, and then on Thursday and Friday nights they will stay open until nine, and on Saturday until ten o'clock, it was announced by the merchant's division of the Chamber of Commerce here yesterday. Many extra clerks have been added in various stores, and every preparation has been made to care for the shoppers during the next four days.

32-Page Booklet On Hospital Work Comes From Press

Half Of Booklet Devoted To Pictures, Four Thousand Copies Being Distributed

A thirty-two page illustrated booklet has just come from the press, in which the complete history of the Haywood County Hospital for the past ten years is told in an interesting and entertaining style.

Half of the booklet is devoted to scenes made at the institution, and the last few pages contain a concise and self-explanatory review of the finances of the institution for the past ten years.

The hospital opened to the public ten years ago last January, but some time has been required to collect all data, and compile the auditor's reports to the present time.

The book was edited by Hilda Way Gwyn, and the printing was done by The Mountaineer.

The front cover of the book, is a close-up view of the front of the hospital, and the two center pages are devoted to a side view of the building, and said to be the best picture ever published of the institution. The cover is printed on an India tinted heavy enamel paper, and the inside pages on a heavy white enamel.

Distribution is going forward rapidly, and the four thousand copies will be given out as fast as time will permit, it was said yesterday by A. P. Ledbetter, business manager of the hospital.

Immediately after Christmas, a condensed story from the booklet will be published in this newspaper.

Pensions Paid To Widows & Veterans War Between States

A Total Of \$1,930.00 In Checks Received In Semi-Annual Payments

Thursday morning marked another roll call of the veterans of the War Between the States, when the semi-annual pensions were paid from the office of W. G. Byers, clerk of the court. Four veterans received checks of \$182.50, while twenty-eight widows were the recipients of their semi-annual checks of \$150.00.

W. L. Massie was the only hero in gray to walk into Mr. Byers' office and receive his check in person. Alden Howell, now in his 97th year, is living with his daughter, Mrs. Jack Johnson, at her home in Los Angeles. Daniel Levi Mathis, resident of this county, was too feeble to come to the court house. J. M. Wood, who now lives in Jackson county, was brought here in a car, but was not strong enough to get out and go in the court house. Mr. Byers went out to his car and transacted the necessary business (Continued on page 6)

Women Will Do Less Talking Today...

Along with the jokes as old as those told on mothers-in-law and others, goes the one about women being constant talkers—which always brings to mind, that today, women will do less talking than on any day in the year—this happens to be the year's shortest day, and also the 55th day, and probably something else, but we don't know what, other than it is Wednesday, December 21st.

Almost \$318,000 Collected During Past Year. Officials Pleased With Report

An auditor's report filed with the board of commissioners here Monday revealed that ninety-one per cent of the 1937 tax levy of Haywood county has been collected.

The report, presented by county auditor, T. J. Cathey, was prepared by T. Troy Wyebe, shows that as of November 30th, that the net levy for 1937, after deducting releases and errors amounted to \$329,933.87. Of this amount, \$299,264.67 has been collected by W. H. McCracken, tax collector and tax supervisor, and his staff.

"This record bespeaks great credit to the efficiency of Mr. McCracken and his co-workers," Mr. Cathey pointed out.

In addition to the foregoing \$17,867.23 was collected on delinquent taxes during the period since the previous settlement in October, 1937. The reports also show that in addition to the 9 per cent unpaid on 1937 taxes there are outstanding unpaid tax sale certificates for the years 1927 to 1936 inclusive in the amount of \$97,575.34; however this figure is subject to reduction on account of errors and releases due to double listings, etc. This is a creditable showing as compared with the report of June 30, 1936 which showed outstanding at that time \$218,011.70 in unpaid taxes.

England-Walton Co. Will Have Annual Xmas Tree Friday

The officials of the England-Walton Leather Company, of Hazelwood, will have their annual Christmas tree, that is provided each year for the employees, at 6:30 o'clock on Friday night. The tree will be placed near the office of the factory.

A towering forty foot hemlock is being put in readiness for the event. It will be lighted by 150 bulbs of 40 kilowatts and in different colors, and will be decorated in dozens of yards of tinsel.

A band stand is being erected near the tree, which will be occupied by the high school band, which will play the Christmas carols.

Eight hundred Christmas bags of candy, containing 400 pounds of candy, four hundred pounds of nuts, and 1,000 oranges are being prepared for distribution among the employees, who receive a bag for themselves and one for each child in their family.

L. M. Richeson, superintendent of the plant, assisted by the other officials, will be in charge of the program. The Rev. O. C. Landrum, pastor of the Hazelwood Presbyterian church, will conduct the brief devotional period.

W. Crawford Heads Haywood Bar Group

Walter Crawford was named president of the Haywood County Bar Association at the annual meeting here last Thursday. Mr. Crawford succeeds Alvin T. Ward.

Edwin Haynes, of Canton, was elected secretary of the association. At present there are fourteen members of the Haywood Bar.

License Tags Are Moving Fast Here

Motorists are buying tags faster than they did last year, according to a check with the Chamber of Commerce office here yesterday, at which time J. Dale Stentz, secretary, announced that sales were far ahead of last year, with 59 to 75 tags being sold daily.

The office will remain open Saturday, but will be closed all day Monday, it was said. Office hours are from nine until five.

Voice of The People

Do we put enough stress on the spiritual significance of Christmas?

Martha Mock—"No. We are so busy with the material side of Christmas that we sometimes lose sight of its true meaning."

Mrs. F. H. Marley—"The spiritual significance is inherent in each of us, but in this era of having 'something different,' there is so much that does not pertain to spiritual significance of Christmas, to fill our time and thoughts at this season."

Mrs. George A. Kunze—"No, too many of us leave Christ out of Christmas."

Mrs. W. L. Hardin, Jr.—"No. We are prone to stress the material rather than the spiritual side of Christmas. In the story of the first Christmas we find the Wise Men not only presenting gifts, but worshipping as well. We do likewise with gifts, but we often fail to remember the spiritual significance of the anniversary and neglect the individual worship due the Heavenly Father for His most priceless gift to us—the Christ Child."

J. R. Morgan—"God is a Spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and truth." Early Christians chose December 25th as a day on which to celebrate the birth of Christ, the Son of God. To the Christian then Christmas should not lose its spiritual significance. But alas! We as a Christian people treat the day as the heathen holiday formerly celebrated about that date. We forget that it is a day to remember and worship in spirit the Christ Child, and have commercialized the day (as we have in some instances God's House). In our zeal to commercialize this Holy day and to make it a day for much that debauches and degrades and for selfish pleasure and for the service of the devil, we even leave "Christ" out of the name and write and speak of the day as X-mas instead of "Christmas." Shame on us as Christians!

