

THE WAYNESVILLE MOUNTAINEER

Published In The County Seat of Haywood County At The Eastern Entrance of The Great Smoky Mountains National Park

FIFTY-FOURTH YEAR NO. 42

WAYNESVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1938

\$1.50 IN ADVANCE IN COUNTY

Holidays Termed "As Quiet" By All Officers On Duty

Number Arrested For Being Drunk; One Drunk Man Tumbles In Richland Creek

According to the sheriff's department and the city police, Haywood county and the town of Waynesville had a very quiet law abiding Christmas. In fact one of the quietest ever remembered here.

There were no serious fights and no casualties though the records in each department showed that one more person was arrested in town for drunkenness this year than last and four more persons were put in the county jail this year than in 1937.

According to Chief J. L. Stringfield of the city police department, there were 14 arrests last year for drunkenness and disturbance of the peace and 15 this year.

Sheriff Welch stated that last year they put 12 persons in jail and this year 16 had been locked up between the 20th and the 26th. He could not account for less disorder this year with the larger number of arrests, except that the quality of the liquor must have been better this year.

There was only one fight reported, but it was not considered serious by the officers.

One drunk who might have spent Christmas in jail had the misfortune, or the good fortune, to fall in Richland Creek, but it was reported that the icy waters of the mountain stream sobbered him up to the extent that he was able to take care of himself, without the aid of the officers.

C. H. Ray, Jr., and Mrs. Saumenig Win In Xmas Contests

The Ray's Win In Tree Contest And Mrs. Saumenig In Decorations Group

The tall hemlock on the lawn of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde H. Ray, Jr., which was trimmed with dozens of blue lights was awarded the prize of \$25.00 in the outdoor Christmas tree contest, which is sponsored annually by the Woman's Club. Due to its height the tree could be seen in practically all directions.

Miss Mary Saumenig was the winner of the outdoor decoration contest, the prize amounting to \$25.00. Garlands of evergreens were intermingled with lights of various colors entwined on the iron railing on the terrace of her home on the Balsam road.

Others competing in the outdoor Christmas tree contest were: Mrs. Will Whitner, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Siler, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lee Linder, Dr. and Mrs. S. L. Stringfield, and Mrs. J. W. Seaver.

Among those competing in the outdoor decorations group were: Mrs. T. N. Massie, Green Tree Tea Room, Mrs. Hugh A. Love, and Mrs. R. N. Barber, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Lee, Mrs. Woodson Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Colkitt, Mrs. Rufus L. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Richeson, the Haywood County Hospital, St. John's Catholic church, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Withers, Pet Dairy Company, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Colkitt, and Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Terrell, Mr. and Mrs. William Chambers, and Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Summerrow.

The following served as judges: Mrs. Ben Colkitt, Miss Robena Miller, and Miss Caroline Alsteater. They expressed gratification over the increased interest in outdoor decorations of residential grounds.

Starting The New Year ...

The staff of The Mountaineer will attempt to give our many and increasing number of readers some new and interesting features, as well as a more thorough coverage of news during 1939.

For one thing next week, there will be a whole page devoted to a review of the news of the world for the past year. This should be of interest to every reader. Look for this page next week.

Waynesville Future Farmers Of America Chapter Win Honors



This is the group of boys, who under the direction of Instructor J. C. Brown, won state-wide recognition for their activities for the past year.

Operation of Bird Banding Station Proves Interesting Hobby Of Miss Boggs

Every person has a hobby. Some tell it to the world as soon as they take it up, while others are modest and sometimes years pass before it is generally known outside of a few personal friends.

Among the latter is Miss Marion A. Boggs, living near Waynesville, who conducts a volunteer bird banding station for the U. S. Department of Agriculture in her spare time. All her banding activities are carried on with the six acres, which comprise her home in the North Carolina mountains.

Located as her home is, 2800 feet above sea level, Miss Boggs has found her place an ideal spot for the furtherance of bird study by this banding method. Carefully placed around her garden, among the shrubbery and in the trees, there are usually one or two bird traps in operation. These are all visited many times a day by this bird bander, who keeps them supplied with plenty of food and water for the birds throughout most of the year.

Not a Haphazard Affair
One might think that this trapping and banding of birds is a haphazard affair and one to be treated lightly after a few days, or at most a few months' work.

It is not so. Miss Boggs' station was opened for operation in 1923, and for the past fifteen years she has carried on this work just as other volunteers have been doing since 1920, when the scientific work of bird banding came under the direct control of the Federal Government.

The greatest number of birds given a little metal band by Miss Boggs in one day was 9. This does not mean that only 9 birds were handled by the bander on that day, for some of the banded birds have the happy faculty of visiting the traps time after time, the same day or within a few days, almost to the point of being a nuisance. Such birds are known as "repeaters." Their leg band number is carefully checked by Miss Boggs and then they are released again. A bird that has been banded in a previous season and comes back to the Waynesville station after a migration is known as a "return." Some birds, of course, do not fall in either of these two classifications and may never be heard from again. But every once in a while a bander is thrilled to learn that a little bird, banded by him, has been found hundreds of miles away, very often in the North, or occasionally in Central or South America.

Safety Always Considered
The aim of all bird banders, and there are about 2,000 in America, specially licensed by the government besides Miss Boggs, is to release all birds they band in a healthy and natural condition, just as they were before they were banded. To do this, birds must be taken care of almost as soon as they are captured in the traps so that they will not injure themselves against the wire of the cages.

Upon making the round of the traps, every bird is examined. If the bird is already wearing a band, the number is taken and the bird released. The number is checked with Miss Boggs' records. If the bird has been banded at Waynesville, its visit is registered and reports are made to the central office at Washington, D. C., in the natural course of events. If it should happen to be a bird banded in some other locality, a report is sent to the main files at the Washington headquarters immediately, so that a quick check-up on the bird's

(Continued on back page)

Many Families Helped During Holidays Here

From the list of 36 neediest cases which this paper carried last week, 26 were taken by various groups and individuals. The kind of Christmas passed by the remaining ten is not known.

Among the generous organizations was the Rotary Club which brought Christmas cheer to a total of 14 families, only four, however, coming from The Mountaineer list, as the other families were made known through other agencies.

Another year it is hoped that this paper may serve as a clearing house for such work and that the record will be a hundred per cent.

Farm Credit Group To Meet Here 4th

The annual meeting of members of the Waynesville National Farm Loan Association will be held at 10:00 a. m. next Wednesday in the court house, according to an announcement by Thomas A. Cox president.

An interesting program is being arranged for the meeting this year. Mr. Cox said, and a very large attendance is expected. As usual complete and detailed reports will be made on the operations of the association and the members will be made acquainted with all of its affairs. In addition there will be a discussion of the association's part in the agricultural development of the section it serves.

A representative of the Federal Land Bank of Columbia will attend the meeting.

Directors of the association, which serves Haywood county, are Thomas A. Cox, J. B. Rest, Jarvis Allison, W. A. Moore, and A. Howell.

533 Cheered By The Salvation Army

Christmas trees were held in Big Bend, Shelton Laurel, Bonnie Hill and Maple Springs by the Salvation Army last week. Gifts, oranges and apples were provided for 533 men, women and children, according to Captain Cecil Brown, who was assisted by Lieut. Thelma Colton.

The Salvation Army workers expressed their appreciation for the donations to the Army's cheer fund.

Voice of The People

What is your prediction regarding business for 1939?

J. R. Boyd—President of the First National Bank—"I think it will be better than in 1938. I base this on general conditions and the fact that industries are now increasing their number of employees."

Paul Martin—Martin Electric Company—"Indications are that business in 1939 will show a decided increase over that of 1938. With the opening of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park scheduled for 1939, local business should be considerably better."

C. N. Allen—Manager C. N. Allen

Instructor



J. C. BROWN
Photo by Sherrill's Studio

Local F.F.A. Club Declared Outstanding In N. Carolina

Awarded Prize Of \$75 For Achievements For Work During Past Year

The Smoky Mountains National Park chapter Future Farmers of America was declared the outstanding chapter in the state for the school year 1937-38 and by virtue of that rank was awarded the Barrett Company's prize of \$75.00. The activities of the chapter have been numerous and varied, not only for the past year, but for many years.

The chapter had the outstanding student in the state in 1936 and the pupil and teacher were awarded a trip to the National convention of Future Farmers of America held in Kansas City. In 1936-37 the chapter won the district award of \$50.00 for having the best chapter in the mountain district, and last year was awarded the first place in the district public speaking contest. The chapter has five state farmers, the highest award given by the state chapter to an individual member, two state officers have been or are being filled by a member of the chapter. Harold Francis, now a freshman at State College, served as state secretary for the year 1937-38 and is now serving as president of the chapter. Ninety-five per cent of the graduates for the past three years are in the business of farming, in some capacity.

The boys are:
Cecil Arrington, Sam Arrington, Clarence Arrington, Luther Buff, Jim

(Continued on back page)

Babson Optimistic Over Business For New Year

Haywood Democrats Asked For \$125 To Help Balance Budget

C. E. Brown Named Chairman Of Haywood Committee For Jackson Day Dinner

The appointment of C. E. Brown as chairman of the annual Jackson Day Dinner committee in Haywood county was announced here by State Chairman John D. Larkins, Jr., of Jones county, State Chairman of the Jackson Day committee planning for the annual Jackson Day Dinner to be held in Raleigh on the night of the 7th at eight o'clock at the St. Walter Hotel.

"As the Democratic chairman in Haywood county, Mr. Brown has been very helpful in the past and we are counting on him and other good Democrats in the county to help us raise our part to help wipe out the deficit incurred by the National Democratic Executive committee in the recent campaign," said Chairman Larkins.

Haywood county has been asked to raise \$125.00 as its part in the state-wide campaign that will culminate with the annual Jackson Day Dinner in Raleigh, where a Democratic speaker of national reputation will deliver an address that will leave no doubt in the minds of those who hear him that there is a Democratic administration in Washington as well as one in Raleigh," Chairman Larkins said.

Persons contributing \$25.00 or more will be invited to attend the state-wide dinner in Raleigh and Chairman Larkins announced a three-way plan for those planning to attend the event. Plan one calls for the payment of \$25.00 at the time of reservation; Plan two calls for the payment of \$12.50 at the time of the reservation; and the balance on March 1st; and plan three calls for the payment of \$15.00 at the time of reservation, with \$5.00 on March 15th and \$5.00 on April 15th.

One-fourth of the money raised in North Carolina, Chairman Larkins pointed out, will be retained for use of the State Democratic Executive committee. Names of those securing reservations at the dinner will be sent to James A. Farley, National Democratic chairman, and each will receive a card of thank from the National chairman.

Two Osborne Cows Make New Records

Two new records were recently set up by two Guernsey cows, owned by Osborne Farm, near Canton, according to official records supervised by North Carolina State College and announced by the American Guernsey Cattle Club.

An eight-year-old cow, in class AA, produced 1305 1/2 pounds of milk and 592.0 pounds of butterfat.

A five-year-old cow in Class A produced 1220 1/2 pounds of milk and 592.3 pounds of butterfat.

Slight Damage Done To C. Of C. Offices

Night policemen Phillips and Downs discovered a blaze in the office of the Chamber of Commerce early Friday morning just as it broke from an old discarded flue. Quick work on the part of the fire department held the damage down to a few dollars. The wall paper was scorched in an area around the flue, and water did slight damage to the floor.

Oscar L. Briggs, fire chief, said that the soot accumulated in the bottom of the flue had caught from sparks from the stove on the second floor. He also added, that if the blaze had not been discovered when it was, that there is a likelihood that the fire would have gained considerable headway.

Bolling Hall, of New Orleans, is spending a couple of days in town on business.

John Kirkpatrick and young son, of Greenville, S. C., and William Lancaster and James Williams, of Spartanburg, were the guests during the week of the former's father, Dr. W. L. Kirkpatrick.

Mrs. J. S. Davis had as her guests over the Christmas week-end, her son, Lee Davis, of Richmond, and son, Harry Davis and his family, of Leaksville.

Noted Statistician Finds There Is Every Reason To Look For Prosperious 1939

WAYNESVILLE, MASS. — Total business by the end of 1939 will be as good as—perhaps better than—at any year-end since 1929. There may be periods when business will slack time, but the average volume for the year will be around 20 per cent above the 1938 level. Jobs, wages, retail sales, stocks, and even farm prices should all chalk up good-sized gains. It is even possible that the sharp peaks of early 1937 will be topped—but this is a pretty long shot. Considering all factors, I forecast that 1939 will be a year of moderate prosperity.

There are no "hedgies" tucked on to my forecast as there were in several years past. In 1937, I feared that the sit-downers would upset the apple-cart. A year ago, Washington's media worried me. But today, I can see no reason why the tides of recovery should not carry us vigorously toward—perhaps even to new heights since 1929! This will merely be a continuation of the upward trend which began in 1932. Frankly, I do not consider the 1937-1938 Recession anything more than a temporary, but sharp, interruption of the upward swing.

"LOST HORIZON"
I emphasize this bit of "back history" because I believe it has an important bearing on confidence at the moment. Millions of people—as we get further and further away from 1929—look upon that year as setting a record which can never again be touched. As a result of the sharp ups-and-downs of the past decade, they have come to believe that hard times are now normal times in America. I disagree. I think that these people have lost their horizon! I do not believe that 1929 necessarily represents the pinnacle of American business.

It is true that some factors are less favorable than in 1929. Among them are taxes, bureaucracy, and lack of faith. We have, however, the following favorable items today:
1. Our population has grown 1,000,000 since 1929.
2. Thousands of new products have been invented.
3. Production of efficiency has soared 50% in ten years.
4. A huge deferred demand for goods has piled up.
5. Credit reserves are the greatest in history.
6. Production costs are lower than last year.
7. Wholesale and retail inventories are relatively low.
8. Confidence is returning as "business baiting" lessens.
9. Billions will be spent on armaments and munition printing.
10. Building is on the threshold of a real boom.

GRADUAL GAINS IN EARLY MONTHS
For these and other reasons, I believe that the forces of recovery are still predominant. Right now business stands at 99 on my Babsonchart compared with 84 a year ago, 1939 will open, therefore, with activity 18 per cent above the early days of 1938. Indications are that, as we work along through the first half of the year, business will register a slow but healthy—

(Continued on back page)

The Weather Report

H. M. HALL, Official Observer

Dec.	Max	Min.	7:30 a. m.	Prev
22	36	13	15	
23	48	12	41	
24	46	39	42	0.32
25	47	24	26	
26	48	26	35	0.04
27	48	35	38	0.77
28	38	11	13	
Mean maximum				44.4
Mean minimum				22.9
Mean for week				33.6
Mean for 7:30 a. m.				30.0
High for week				48.0
Low for week				13.0
Below December normal				-5.3
Precipitation for week				1.13
Precipitation since Dec. 1st				1.71
Below December normal				2.46
Precipitation for year				40.92
Deficiency for year				4.97