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## Bramlett Named Mayor Pro Tem; Others Re-Elected

### Kerley Named Fire Chief By Town Officials In First Meet Since Election

J. H. Way, Jr., made his appointments of aldermen last night in the first regular meeting of the board since the recent election. T. L. Bramlett was named mayor pro tem.

Bramlett was also re-appointed chairman of the streets, cemetery and sanitary departments.

L. Jones was renamed chairman of the police and fire departments.

M. Killian, new member of the board, is chairman of the light and water departments.

The officials made the following appointments:

C. Ferguson, treasurer.

Bert Hugh Clark, superintendent of streets.

Sloan, superintendent of water.

Kerley, fire chief, with Hugh Clark, as assistant.

Hedwig Love, town clerk.

Stringfield, chief of police, with J. W. Patton, Lloyd Phillips and J. C. Cabé full time policemen, and W. Downs, part time policeman.

Gaddy was named building inspector, and Robert Hugh Clark, as chief of police.

The board is this week advertising on gasoline, oil and automobile accessories. It is planned to advertise rather than retail, it is pointed out. Storage tanks were filled on the town hall site several years ago, but the wholesale was discontinued, and will be discontinued again.

The appointment of volunteer firemen was deferred until a later meeting. The naming of town tax collector will not be done until sometime in the fall, after the completion of the present tax year.

## Death Claims Founder Of Royle Pilkington Co.

T. Royle, Died At His Home In Mt. Holly, N. J., Tuesday Morning

T. Royle, of Mt. Holly, N. J., founder of the Royle-Pilkington company, of Hazelwood, manufacturer of high grade tapestry, died at his home in Mt. Holly, at 8:30 on Tuesday morning. At the time of his death Mr. Royle was a director of the company.

Mr. Royle organized the company in New Jersey in 1907 and the main office was moved to Hazelwood in 1912. He has made several visits to Waynesville since that time.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Colkitt and children left for Mt. Holly, on Wednesday morning, where they will attend funeral services for Mr. Royle on Wednesday.

Mr. Colkitt is secretary of Royle-Pilkington Company, and came here in 1928 when the plant was moved in 1928.

## Paul Hyatt Again Heads Hotel Group

A meeting of 20 hotel and board operators here Monday afternoon, Paul Hyatt was re-elected president. This group is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

The group is in co-operation with the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Kipp was named vice president of the group.

The organization will meet again Tuesday night to complete details for the season's activities.

## HERE WILL BE CLOSED ON SATURDAY

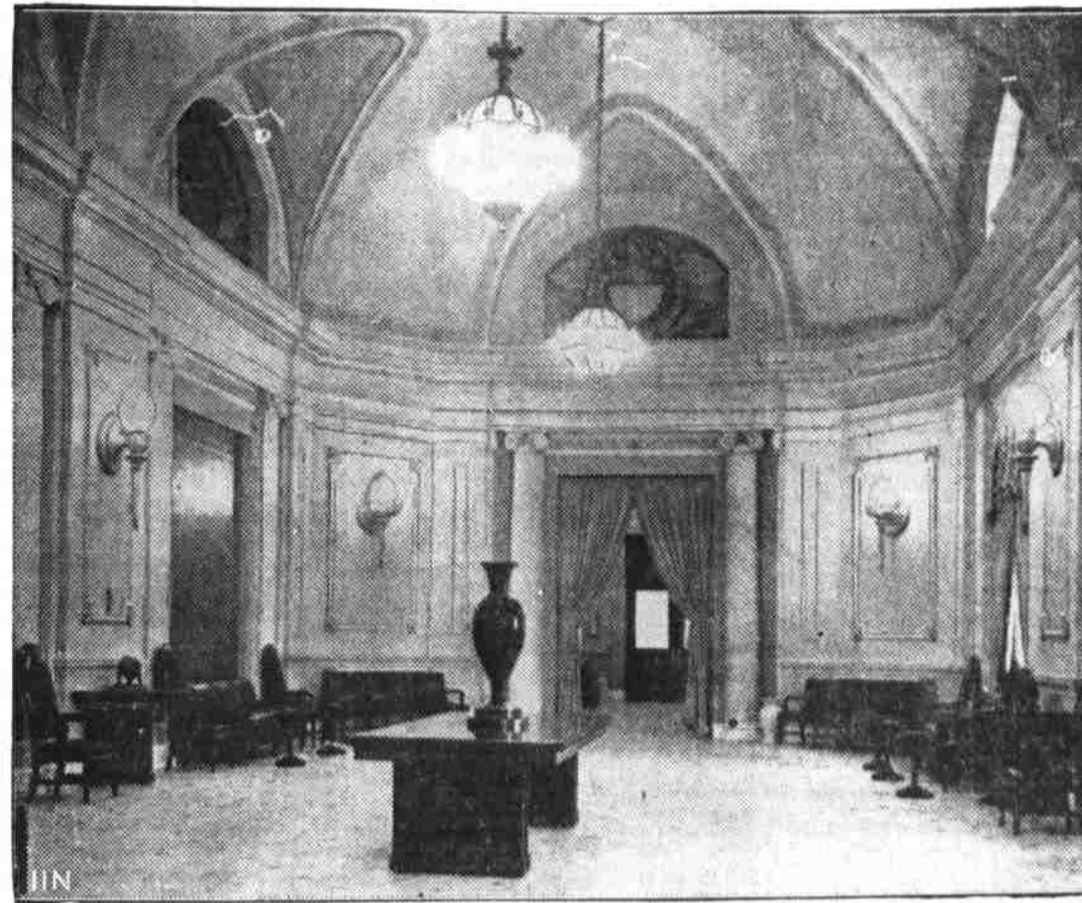
In observance of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the First National Bank, in cooperation with all North Carolina banks, including the federal reserve bank, will be closed Saturday.

## MEETING TO ATTEND ELECTRICAL MEETING

Mr. Martin, director of the North Carolina Association of Electrical Engineers, will attend the state convention in Charlotte on Friday of next week.

The convention of the entire electrical industry.

## Where King, Queen Will Be Met by Roosevelts



Here is the newly re-decorated president's waiting room in the union station in Washington, D. C., where King George VI and Queen Elizabeth of England will be received by President and Mrs. Roosevelt on their arrival for a visit. The royal pair will stay at the White House.

## Merchants Ready To Organize Into Working Group Tuesday

### Merchants, Filling Station, Garage And Cafe Operators Asked To Attend

Plans are completed for an organization meeting of the merchants division of the Chamber of Commerce. A supper meeting will be held at the American Cafe Tuesday night at 7:15 at which time all merchants, both retail and wholesale, in Hazelwood, Lake Junaluska and Waynesville are expected to attend.

A committee recently named by Dr. S. P. Gay, president of the Chamber of Commerce, to work out plans for the meeting, met this week and announced yesterday that this announcement is the formal invitation for all operators of drygoods stores, grocery stores, filling station, hardware stores, drug stores, furniture stores, and cafe operators, to attend the meeting.

The committee is composed of Emmett Balentine, R. C. McBride, C. N. Allen, L. E. Hudson, Hugh Massie, Charles E. Ray, Jr., and Noble W. Garrett, W. L. Hardin, White Mease and Irving Leatherwood.

A spokesman for the committee, announced yesterday that there were ten major objectives of the merchants organization. These were listed as follows:

1. Community wide trade events.
2. Uniform policy as to outside advertising solicitors.
3. Promotion of good roads.
4. Promotion of completion of Blue Ridge Parkway.
5. Formulation of policy as to legislation affecting merchants.
6. Regulation of store hours.
7. Regulation of holiday observance.
8. Joint action in promotion of community.
9. Promotion of industry.
10. Promotion of better stores.

The following resolutions were adopted by the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce recently.

1. That the board of directors feel that the merchant group of Waynesville should meet from time to time to consider the problems of the community from the merchants point of view.
2. That the merchant group should be organized as a division of the Chamber of Commerce.
3. That the chairman of the merchants division should be elected from the group.
4. That the chairman of the merchants division, by virtue of his office, be constituted a member of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce if he should not otherwise be a member.
5. That the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, by virtue of his office, shall serve also as secretary of merchants division of the Chamber of Commerce.

At Tuesday night's meeting, a chairman, treasurer, and three members of an executive committee will be named. The chairman and treasurer will be members of this committee; while J. Dale Stentz, will serve as secretary in his capacity as secretary of the parent organization.

## Miss Rotha Awarded Fellowship In The University Of N. Y.

### Local Girl Wins Four Year Teaching Fellowship In Chemistry

Miss Louise Rotha, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rotha, who is a member of the Boyden high school faculty, of Salisbury, has been awarded a teaching fellowship in the department of chemistry at New York University, beginning September, 1939.

The fellowship will extend over a period of four years, if that much time is required. Miss Rotha will do work leading to a Ph. D. in chemistry.

From her grammar school days through college Miss Rotha has made an outstanding record. She was graduated from the local high school with the highest honors of her class.

She is a graduate of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, with an A. B. degree. Later she studied at the University of Chicago, and there won her M. S. degree in chemistry.

Miss Rotha has been a member of the science department at the Boydon High School, of Salisbury, for the past several years. Her extracurricular activities there have included debating coach and council adviser.

If the President comes to Western North Carolina for the dedication of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, do you think Waynesville should have a "welcome feature" for the presidential party as they go through town, and if so what form should the "welcome" take?

Quincy Kipp—Manager of the Hotel Gordon—"In honor of the President of the United States on his official visit to the National Park, the town should be looking clean and at its best. Flags should be out and a welcome banner under the entrance to the Smoky Mountains Park sign. It would be the hospitable thing to erect a small booth, perhaps on the court house lawn, and serve the party with iced drinks, perhaps from the hands of the Girl and Boy Scouts. The booth could be made attractive by surrounding it with small evergreens, preferably balsam."

A. R. Rabban—Owner and manager Harold's Department Store—"My suggestion would be that since the President will hardly be stopping in Waynesville, that to show our respect, we have the town decorated with flags, have a banner across Main street, with "Welcome to Way-

## Rare Hand Made Guitar Is Being Displayed Here

### Made Of Thousands Of Pieces Of Inlaid Wood, Valued At \$1,200

A hand-made guitar, containing thousands of pieces of inlaid woods in fourteen varieties, and valued at \$1,200 by the maker and owner, Ripp M. Lovin, of Macon County, is on display in the window of Chandler and Company.

There has been no artificial stain used on any of the woods, but the beauty of the coloring of the natural woods in the case of the instrument and the colorful effect produced by the various combinations made it hard to realize that such artistry could be produced with wood alone.

Intricate designs of significance have been cleverly and artistically worked out in the inlays. Among these are twelve flights of "Golden stairs" bridging twelve rainbows. Wild flowers of the Smokies, some wrought in rare gopherwood, from Macon county, said to be the only tract of this hardwood in the United States, are a beautiful yellow. Butterflies of this section are also seen in delicate detail.

Fan designs or peacock tails are shown and on one side are inlaid etchings of the skyscrapers of New York City, along with the Statue of Liberty.

The guitar will be on display about one week longer, after which it will be taken to the World's Fair in New York and placed in the exhibits of "The Carolina Hill Billies" which is now on display in the North Carolina building.

## Jury Orders Town Pay \$4,625 For Fisher Death

### New Record

There is a "first time" for everything. What is said to be the initial incident of its kind to ever take place in Haywood County, occurred during the present May term of civil court. Two sisters obtained divorces from their husbands.

## W. N. C. Group Talk Of Dedication Of Park In Mid June

### Plans Underway To Knit Communities Of This Section More Closely Together

Representatives of this community, pledged co-operation in every detail to a group of Western North Carolinians meeting in Asheville Monday at which time plans were presented for the coming rhododendron festival and the dedication of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park during the week of June 19-24, at which President Roosevelt is slated to take part.

The group heard two members of the North Carolina Park Commission, and civic leaders, discuss in detail the advantages of the park, and the plan for the formal dedication.

The theme of the meeting was the need of closer unity and co-operation of the communities of Western North Carolina, and a motion was passed, which would make the mayors, the presidents of the chambers of commerce and chairmen of the boards of commissioners of this section, a committee to work out in detail for closer co-ordination.

Chas. E. Ray, Jr., chairman of the Western Carolina Advisory Committee, spoke briefly, as did Dr. S. P. Gay, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

L. N. Davis also attended from here.

Tentative plans are for President Roosevelt to come down, making an over-night trip from Washington, and leaving Asheville about mid-morning, drive to Newfound Gap, where the dedication will take place, and then on to Knoxville where he would board his special train for the fair in San Francisco. His plans depend largely on pressing matters in Washington.

## Chandler Remodeling Store, To Put In Gifts-Souvenirs

### Work is being pushed forward by W. K. Chandler, in an effort to open a gift and souvenir department of his jewelry store by the first of the month.

Workmen are remodeling the south side of his building, which was formerly occupied by a beauty shop, and the partition in the building will be removed to give double space.

Wall mirrors and mirrored shelving is being placed for the new department.

The present part of the store will remain as it is. The floor space will be so arranged as to make it convenient for customers to make selections from the large stock that will be carried.

The display window on the other side of the building has been remodelled to conform with the present jewelry window.

## Date Changed For Examinations For Drivers' License

### The examiner of automobile drivers' license for this territory, who formerly spent each Monday morning in town, at the City Hall, for the purpose of examining prospective drivers, has changed his day.

Hereafter he will keep his office hours which are from 11 to 1 o'clock on Tuesday of each week, instead of Monday.

E. L. WITHERS, JR., GOES TO TEXAS FOR NEW FIRM

Ernest L. Withers, Jr., who has been located in Athens, Ga., will be sent to Houston, Texas, as a representative of the Red Rock Bottling Company, of Atlanta.

## Jury Deliberates An Hour; Much Evidence Heard In Three-Day Trial

After an hour's deliberation a Haywood jury awarded the estate of Mrs. Alice Fisher \$4,625, in a \$15,000 damage suit against the Town of Waynesville. The suit was an outgrowth of Mrs. Fisher's death last August, when she was instantly killed after stepping on a live wire owned by the defendant.

The damage suit was brought against the Town of Waynesville by a son, Lloyd Fisher, of Asheville, administrator of his mother's estate.

There was a great deal of evidence, dealing along technical lines, introduced by both parties in the trial, which started on Monday morning. The evidence was finished by noon Tuesday, with the afternoon consumed with arguments of the five attorneys appearing in the case. The charge to the jury took the better part of Wednesday morning, with the jury getting the case around 11 o'clock.

Mrs. Fisher was electrocuted on August the 28th of last year. It was alleged in the trial that the Town of Waynesville had been negligent in allowing wires to remain on a pole which was in a "rotten and unsafe condition."

On the morning of August the 28th, around 7 o'clock Mrs. Fisher, whose home was in the Ninevah section, started to milk. The electric current had gone off the night before and it was brought out that she and her husband had discussed an electric pole being knocked down.

Mrs. Fisher was said to have taken her milk buckets and gone inside the cornfield, where the electric pole was leaning across the fence. Her husband saw her leave the house, going to milk, and noticed her go around the pole, but could not see what happened after she had made the turn by the pole.

Later he found her lying some 15 or 20 feet from the pole, holding the milk buckets in one hand, and the other was held in an upright position. Mr. Fisher was said to have caught her hand and received a severe electric shock. He then sent word to the town officials in charge of the electric lights.

Robert Hugh Clark, superintendent of lights, received the message and is said to have gone immediately to the Fisher place, and returned and cut off the lights.

In his testimony, Mr. Fisher stated that Mrs. Fisher was dead when he reached her, and that she was found lying across the electric wire, that had broken and fallen to the ground charged with an electric current.

The testimony brought out in the trial showed the poles carried 2,300 volt lines as well as lines of lower voltage. Mr. Fisher testified that the pole that had fallen was much decayed.

Other witnesses also testified as to finding the electric pole leaning across the fence, into the cornfield, with the broken line, and Mrs. Fisher lying on the electric wire.

Mr. Clark testified for the town, that he found one fuse blown on the pole near the negro school building in colored town. There was testimony, showing that the line had been built about 14 years ago, with some of the poles decayed and one in particular, that had fallen. Parts of this pole were brought into court and exhibited before the jury during the trial.

There was also testimony, that the insulation was worn off the lines, and allegations as to the effects. The evidence from expert witnesses for both sides showed that insulation on high voltage lines would not prevent injured persons from coming in contact with the wires carrying high voltage.

The testimony showed that these fuse blocks carried number 5 fuse wires, which according to testimony of witnesses for the town were the proper size, but Mr. Johnson, an electrician of Asheville, brought by the plaintiffs, testified that the fuse wire was too large, and should not have exceeded a number two.

Yesterday afternoon the case of Mrs. Maggie Bramlett, against the Greyhound Bus Company was started, with the jury being drawn around noon.

With Judge Felix E. Alley presiding, the docket has been cleared of a number of cases during the past week among them being the following:

In the case of Vick Chemical Company and others versus Leo Sansome, Trading as Haywood County Company, of Atlanta.

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## Voice of The People

nessville, Mr. Roosevelt." And have the Boy and Girl Scouts line both sides of Main street wearing their uniforms."

Dr. S. P. Gay—President of Chamber of Commerce—"Due to our proximity to the Park, we stand to profit more from its opening than any other community in North Carolina. Therefore, I think it fitting that Waynesville should show its enthusiasm and appreciation by preparing and decorating the streets for the occasion in a way that would appear suitable. To fail to do this might seem to indicate an indifference, that I am positive Waynesville does not feel.

"It will be a most auspicious occasion and should be treated as such."

Charles Ray, Jr.—of C. E. Ray's Sons—"No one could be a more welcome guest than the President of the United States. Franklin Delano Roosevelt being the President who is to visit us on this occasion, no individual could be more welcome.

"But how to extend that welcome when likely he will not stop, is a difficult proposition. Certainly we

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