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Along Political Fronts



F. R. V. WELCH'S term does not expire until the December, 1942.

Along political fronts, the candidates for sheriff in the counties through which he will have to lay his hopes and put them at least two years, for it is no difference now. The candidates down during the Supreme Court that the Supreme Court that the coroners elected in the four year term short the ambitions of an budding sheriff and coroner. This decision awaited in Haywood, as counties, with considerable and some suspense. It is understood that Sheriff Welch would have had in the race. Present in can sit back and watch the official struggle while the political struggle to gain their political foothold.

Chicago is the Democratic party's woman's appropriation of the "last word." Democrats have selected Chicago the great convention, but reserved the right to set until after the Republican announced their plans. Generally known that Roosevelt Chicago, and there is a city that he would like to see there again.

must be a "first" for the State Democratic Committee on last year's precedent by a Democratic State Convention May 16th in Raleigh delegates to a Democratic Convention which has not called to meet, that is the Forty of the 130 members committee were present, proxies. The resolution time and place of the convention, calling for pre-conventions for May the 4th and 5th at Raleigh (Since that time, however, to a conflicting date of the 17th.) Chairman Sherry just ran the thing (Continued on page 11)

st four pages of this of the second section devoted to the observance of

Boy Scout Anniversary

articles of the section prepared by adult leaders of the Haywood district.

section is of interest importance. Readers will every article.

Judge Orders Grand Jury To Investigate Gambling And Drinking In County

Judge Alley Requests Grand Jury To Make Thorough Investigation Of Situation

"If it takes the entire two weeks, I want you to make a thorough investigation of the local liquor and gambling situation," said Judge Alley, with his usual forceful delivery, as he charged the members of the grand jury on the opening day of the February term of criminal court here on Monday. The charge consumed the better part of an hour.

"While no one has given me legal proof of the deplorable conditions that are said to exist, delegation after delegation have come to me with statements concerning both gambling and liquor in this community," he explained. He brought out the fact that he had been informed that there were two or three places located on Main street that openly sold liquor and that there was one establishment on Main street where gambling tables were allowed to operate both day and night.

He referred to one instance that is said to have happened during the past few weeks, which had been reported to him, where men drew guns and knives in one of the gambling centers, in which a riot might well have followed, with murder as the result. He said the situation was no secret, but that practically everyone was "morally certain" that such conditions existed. He charged the grand jury with their solemn duty to produce legal evidence in their forth coming investigation, concerning the reports that he had given them to follow up.

The following were named to serve on the grand jury for the February, July and November term of criminal court: J. R. Higgs, foreman; Perry Smathers, A. G. Baldwin, Jarvis Palmer, Bob Hoglen, Jarvis Allen, Amos Moody, N. C. Moody, Goble McCracken, Silas Smart, Zeb Rogers, W. R. Harbeck, C. O. Medford, Steve Duckett, John Underwood, and Lon Chambers.

Western N. C. Tourist Needs Are Pointed Out

John Baskerville, Of State Advertising Division Talks On Future Tourist Business

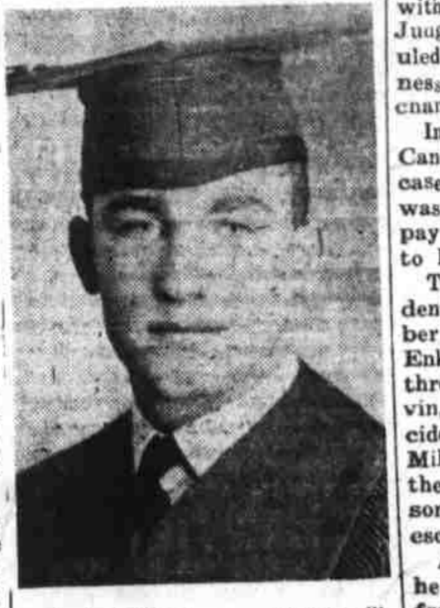
"The vacation bent tourists are seeking to get further out into the country and counties should help with this matter as it has become a county problem," said John Baskerville, of the state advertising division of the state department of Conservation and Development Friday night at a dinner held at the Gordon Hotel attended by a group of local men associated with the activities of the Chambers of Commerce. Mr. Baskerville discussed at length, during the evening, the needs and future of Western North Carolina as a tourist center. He pointed out the necessity for more and better equipped tourist camps in this section; of the importance of general improvements of lodgings; and the fact that tourists are not satisfied with the food at many places.

Those present for the dinner included Charles E. Ray, Jr., L. M. Killian, R. L. Prevost, Hugh Massie, Dr. S. P. Gay, J. Dale Stentz, Jonathan Woody, Quinby Kipp, George A. Brown, Jr., and Noble Garrett.

Average of 379 Out-of-State Cars Passed Through Daily

An average of 379 out-of-state cars traveled the highway daily between Waynesville and Lake Junaluska, according to the State Highway department in making public the official count for 1939. This is 23,790 per month or 299,455 out-of-state cars on this stretch of highway per year, and the department found that an average of three people were in each car, for a total of 898,335 persons who traveled through here last year.

Gets Appointment



Paul McElroy, a Waynesville boy, but now living in Norfolk, Va., has just received a presidential appointment as candidate at large for midshipman. Paul is now attending Severn School, in Maryland, in preparation for the April examination on the appointment.

Harley G. Reno Prominent Farmer Buried Monday

Funeral services were conducted at his home on Beaverdam road, at 2 o'clock on Monday afternoon for Harley G. Reno, 68, prominent farmer and cattle raiser, who died suddenly at his home at eleven o'clock on Saturday morning. The Rev. W. R. Kelly, Methodist minister, of Canton, officiated. Burial was in the Beaverdam Methodist church cemetery.

Active pallbearers were: J. D. Mackey, Roy Patton, Lloyd Reno, John Robert Williams, Charles Rhodamer, and Luther Snyder.

The nieces of Mr. Reno were in charge of the flowers. Mr. Reno had been in ill health for several weeks, but was believed by his family to be gradually improving. He was stricken while he was en route from his house to feed his chickens. His body was found shortly after by Gordon Reno, one of his twin sons.

Mr. Reno was a native of Haywood County, and had spent the greater part of his life in this section. He resided in Texas for around 18 years, returning to Haywood County in 1911. Since that time he has been extensively engaged in farming and has been one of the leading stock men of this section. He was one of the demonstration farmers under the sponsorship Mutual Soil Conservation and Land Use association.

He is survived by his widow, who before her marriage was Miss Lena Kinsland; twin sons, Gordon and John Reno, both of Canton; three brothers, Bige and Harry Reno, of Austin, Texas, and Jim Reno, of Beaverdam; two sister, Mrs. Harley Williams, of Canton, and Mrs. W. L. Clark, of the Thickety section near Canton.

RETURNS FROM MARKET

Mrs. C. J. Reece has just returned from the New York market where she bought extensively for the ready-to-wear department of Massie's Department Store.

Jay Delvin Pays \$500 For Death Of Mrs. Annie Wilson

Only Manslaughter Case On February Docket Is Compromised In Court

The February term of criminal court convened here on Monday with Judge F. E. Alley, presiding. Judge F. A. Rousseau was subpoenaed to preside, but owing to illness in his family made the exchange with Judge Alley.

In the case of Jay Delvin, 22, of Candler, the only man slaughter case on the docket, a compromise was reached, with the defendant to pay the costs and the sum of \$500 to Hearst Wilson, plaintiff.

The case grew out of an accident which occurred last December when Mrs. Annie Wilson, of Enka, wife of Hearst Wilson, was thrown from a car driven by Delvin, and instantly killed. The accident took place on the Howell Mill road early Sunday morning the 26th, with the two other persons in the car and the driver, escaping serious injury.

At the time Delvin stated that he had stopped to wipe the snow from the windshield when the car went over the embankment, while the others in the car claimed that he looked back to see if his car was being followed.

Delvin was taken in custody at the time and lodged in jail, from which he was later taken to the hospital for treatment of injuries. Delvin is to pay the \$500 in monthly payments and in case he fails to meet them he is to be imprisoned in the county jail and assigned to hard labor.

Other cases disposed of during the three days are as follows: Robert Ruff, a sentence of three months in jail for drunken driving; Roy Beck, six months for driving drunk and forgery.

The following were fined \$50 and costs of the action for drunken driving: Roy Cogdill, Jess Sutton, Benton Green, Adolph Mooney, Grover Clark, Albert Price, and W. J. Penland.

In the case of Jack Beardsley, by his next friend, Charlotte Beardsley Everhart, versus M. C. Sprinkle, for trading and doing business as Canton Ice and Coal Company, and the Canton Laundry, the plaintiff received a verdict of \$100, with the defendant also to pay the costs.

Jack Henderson tried for non-support, was given a sentence of twelve months, suspended on condition that he pay his wife \$10 per month and that he pay the costs of the action.

Harrison Freeman was sentenced to twelve months for larceny. Otelia Howell, (colored), was given a sentence of three months to do such labor around the jail as she shall be directed by the sheriff. Thad Tipton was given a sentence of 18 months for carrying a concealed weapon. The sentence not to go into effect, except on motion of the solicitor at any subsequent term of court within five years from the present term of court.

In the case of Charles Davidson, tried for driving drunk and Mildard Piemmons, for reckless driving, a verdict of not guilty was given.

Mrs. Swearingen Trained Nurse Was Buried Here

Mrs. Mason E. Swearingen, 34, died late Friday night at the Black Mountain Sanatorium, after a long illness. Last rites were conducted on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the First Methodist church. The Rev. James G. Huggin, Jr., pastor, officiated. Burial was in Green Hill cemetery.

Serving as active pallbearers were: Dr. N. F. Lancaster, Jim C. Green, W. L. Hardin, Jr., Jack Felmet, Dave Cabe, Noble Ferguson, Robt. V. Welch, W. G. Byers, Spaldon Underwood, and William Medford.

The trained nurses of the community were to have charge of the flowers. Those who were able to be off duty were: Mrs. Walter Crawford, Mrs. Gilbert Reeves, Mrs. S. H. Keller, Mrs. Nancy Underwood, Mrs. Merritt Brown, Miss Edna Stewart, Mrs. Faye Harbeck, Mrs. Ted Cole, Mrs. Grace Platt Campbell, Miss Artie Williams, Miss Anne Williams, Miss Sarah Frances Thompson, and Miss Nelle Johnson.

Mrs. Swearingen, formerly Miss Lillian Sandel, daughter of Lee (Continued on page 11)

Buy Store Here



MORTON RABHAN, of Savannah, has purchased Harold's Department Store, and will make extensive remodeling on the store, he says.

Morton Rabhan Buys Harold's Department Store

New Owner Will Assume Charge On April*First; Will Remodel Store

Morton Rabhan, of Savannah, has purchased the stock of Harold's Department Store, it was announced this week.

The new owner will take over the store on April first, but is expected here in several week to see about extensive remodeling plans. The new owner is a brother of A. R. Rabhan, who established the store here about five years ago.

Morton Rabhan is now connected with a large mercantile chain organization, and has had many years experience in the mercantile field.

A. R. Rabhan plans to enter the wholesale dry good business in Piedmont North Carolina as soon as his brother arrives here to assume charge of the store.

Sale Of License Tags Ended Here

The Chamber of Commerce has discontinued the sale of license tags, it was announced yesterday. During the past two months the office has handled the sale of tags for the convenience of the motorists in this section, and have sold several thousand tags.

The secretary, J. Dale Stentz, will now devote his entire time to handling the affairs of the organization, and in preparing for the coming season. Already inquiries are coming in, and it takes considerable time to handle the vast details of the office.

Mr. Stentz also pointed out that data and photographs are being assembled for a new folder for this year, and that much of his time will be consumed in compiling this material.

LeRoy Davis, of Sumter, S. C., spent several days in town on business. He was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Davis.

\$7,000 Expansion Program Approved For Fish Hatchery

Miss Smith Is Made President Of State Group

Miss Mary Margaret Smith, county home demonstration agent, was elected president of the state organization of county home agents at the annual meeting held last month in Raleigh.

The organization consists of 86 home agents, and 15 assistant home agents. From their field of experience are made many recommendations, that become incorporated in the extension farm service.

This is a distinct honor for Miss Smith, and reflects recognition of her outstanding work, as she has been engaged in the home demonstration field for only five years.

100 Men Will Be Employed By New Lumber Company

Operations To Begin Next Week In Max Patch Section By Haywood Owners

The Gulf Lumber Company, a Haywood organization plans to begin operation of a large sawmill in the Max Patch area this coming week, employing about 100 men.

The firm is headed by E. B. Rickman, who has as his associates W. C. Sheffield and Floyd Woody.

Operations are being built on the site, which is just across the Tennessee line, and 12 miles from Del Rio, Tenn. A store will also be operated in connection with the sawmill. The mill will be ready to start sawing by next week.

The firm will also handle bark and wood contracts, Mr. Rickman said here yesterday.

The tract on which the logging operations will take place consists of about 6,000 acres, and it has been estimated that there is between fifty and sixty million feet of timber on the tract.

Mr. Rickman said plans were to saw a minimum of five million feet a year.

The majority of the 100 men will be from Haywood County, he said. The firm was recently granted corporation papers, and the organization meeting was held last night.

Mr. And Mrs. Terrell Have Moved Into Their Newly Completed Home

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Terrell moved during the past week into their newly constructed home on Overbrook road, just off the Asheville highway, near the East Waynesville school.

The house contains seven rooms and is constructed of veneer brick. Mr. and Mrs. Terrell formerly resided on Woolsey Heights.

Thieves Take \$15 In Merchandise From Federation

Cigarettes and groceries valued at \$15 were stolen from the Farmers Federation last Wednesday night.

Entrance to the building was made through a rear window. Officers are working on the case, but yesterday no arrests had been made.

The entire loss seemed to be in cigarettes and groceries, but, according to Fred Swann, manager, other items could have been taken, and not missed by the clerks.

The Weather Report

H. M. HALL, Official Observer

Morrison Hatchery Is Largest And Most Attractive In South

More than \$7,000 in WPA money, will be spent soon on the Morrison Hatchery at Balsam, in building six large pools, and completing the new hatchery building, together with extensive landscaping and building of walks.

The Morrison Hatchery is now the largest and most attractive hatchery in the south, and with an annual capacity for two million brook and rainbow trout, the new pools will enable the hatchery to keep the fish until they are 3 to 6 inches long before being planted in streams in one of the 14 counties of Western North Carolina.

Present plans are to build six concrete pools, of the large variety—60 feet in diameter, and ten feet deep.

Work is scheduled to begin as soon as weather will permit, it was said from there this week.

The second floor of the hatchery building which was built last year will be completed in this year's program.

The grounds will be landscaped, and many new walks will be built throughout the property.

F. J. Reiger, Jr., manager, said that the 1939 crop of fish was the finest in the history of the hatchery.

Two Blazes In Succession Call Out Local Firemen

If there is any truth in the old superstition that "fires come in threes" this community should take increased safety precautions. The city fire department had two calls during the week, both on Saturday, one at 10 a. m., and the other shortly after 12:50.

At 10 the call came from the large brick residence in East Waynesville, formerly occupied by Chas. B. Russell, but now by Miss Sallie Case. It caught from a defect in the fireplace in an upstairs living room. The damage was confined to a partially burnt floor.

The second call came from the W. P. Farmer home on Richland Creek, Delwood road, which was a roof blaze and was put out at once with little damage.

Groundhog At Zoo Woke Up Friday, Ate Apple, And Went To Sleep Again

What does the groundhog know about the weather that we don't? We don't know. At any rate, the old fellow is fast asleep again, and taking life easy, after coming out of hibernation last Friday—February 2—and eating an apple and turning in again.

That is the doing of one Mr. Groundhog whose address is at the zoo of the Balsam Fish Hatchery.

F. J. Reiger, Jr., manager of the hatchery and the zoo, knows animals and their habits, but frankly admitted that he had never put much stock in the theory that Mr. Groundhog was much of a weather prophet. Neither did he believe the little fellow would know when February second rolled around.

So little did he think of all this that he forgot all about Groundhog day until attendants informed him that the groundhog was up and about in his cage after several month's peaceful sleep.

And there was Mr. Groundhog, rearing and scraping at his cage, trying to get out.

Could that have meant that even colder weather than we have had is in store for us and the little fellow was anxious to get even farther south? Heaven forbid.

Mr. Groundhog was given an apple, and after eating that, he blinked his sleepy eyes in the sunshine a while, and then curled up again, and started snoozing.

It will be six weeks before it is known whether Mr. Groundhog was just sleepy and wanted to get some more shut-eye, or whether he had a hunch that more chilly weather was in store for us.

But taking it all round, Mr. Groundhog isn't so dumb after all for sleeping through all the cold we've had—even if he doesn't know what's ahead.

Feb.	Max	Min	7:30 a. m.	Prec
1	40	14	15	
2	47	15	30	
3	31	9	10	
4	43	10	27	
5	42	27	40	0.01
6	53	40	52	0.05
7	53	32	33	0.03
Mean maximum				
Mean minimum				
Mean for week				
High for week				
Low for week				
Mean 7:30 a. m.				
Below February normal				
Precipitation for week				
Below normal for week				
Precipitation since Jan. 1st				
Deficiency for year				