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## Judge Sets Aside Verdict Of Jury In Lowery Case

The February term of superior court which convened on Monday last week adjourned sine die on Thursday afternoon, after a busy days session, with Judge Zeb Nettles, of Asheville, presiding. The case against Herman Lowery, colored, charged with man slayer, which grew out of a collision of two cars last September, ending the death of white men, and seriously injuring three negroes, was set aside by Judge Nettles as being against the weight of evidence. The verdict of the jury had been in-mandatory manslaughter. Other cases completed on Thursday included the granting of two writs: Sue Brown versus Charles Brown; and William Yarborough versus Margaret Lee Yarborough. Roy Berry was given a sentence of 30 days on the roads for driving and violating a suspended license. Tom Inman, charged with non-support, was sentenced to 18 months on the roads. R. Elders, charged with larceny, was given a two years suspended sentence. In the case of Walter Allen, charged with non support, the defendant will have to pay the wife children \$35 a month and the wife of the action. Taylor Grasty, for violation of a suspended sentence, was given 12 months at the court house or other county building. Elaine Robinson, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, on a suspended sentence, on condition that he pay the sum of \$500 to the prosecuting witness, Glenn Cole, at the rate of \$10 per month until all amount is paid. Bonnie Fowler, charged with non-support, was sentenced to make payments as the county superintendent shall designate, and must report each month to the superintendent.

## Commercial Crop Apples Worth \$73,400, Said

Waywood was among the seven North Carolina counties producing \$73,400 commercial apple crop in 1940, according to the Department of Agriculture's recent figures. The report shows that 962,000 bushels were produced, for an average of 70 cents per bushel. Besides Haywood, commercial apples are grown in Wilkes, Surry, Alexander, Buncombe, Henderson and Polk counties.

## Hammitt Will Be Booster Speaker

The Hazelwood Booster's Club meet in the Town Hall on Wednesday evening, February 13, for their monthly supper meeting. G. Hammitt, pastor of the Waynesville Baptist church will be speaker of the evening. The program committee is L. M. Mason, C. N. Allen and Dr. R. T. Robertson.

## Mrs. L. Rabhan Passes Away

Mrs. L. Rabhan, mother of M. H. Morton Rabhan, owners of Gold's Department Store here, passed away Monday night in Hannah, following a lingering illness. Funeral services were held Tuesday. She was 53. She is survived by her husband, two sons and three daughters. Mrs. Rabhan visited her sons here last summer.

## Scouts Dine With Rotary Club

Members of Waynesville troop No. 10 were guests of their sponsor, the Rotary Club last Friday, and for the meal, saw pictures of the camp in the High Point area. C. McBride, scoutmaster, introduced his scouts to the club. The troop committee was named for the coming year, with H. G. Hammitt, chairman, J. Dale Stentz and W. Curtis Russ.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Davis, and Wilburn, and Mrs. Milas Noland, left Tuesday for a three day stay in Florida. They will spend the greater part of the time in Orlando and Miami.

## Wins Banner For Outstanding 4-H Club In County



Members of the Crabtree 4-H Club, who received banner at the Annual Achievement Day for the best record in county. The members are, David Rogers, Billy Davis, Howard Chambers, Wilfred Noland, Leon Ferguson, Leon Sanford, Thomas Noland, Bobby Hogan, Martha Best, Sara Fullbright, Blanche Sanford, Bonnie Chambers, Kathryn Wells, Roberta Dotson, H. R. Noland, Kenneth Best. Jack Sanford, Max Best, Margaret Davis, Jonathan Caldwell, H. R. Caldwell, Helen Noland, Atha Bradshaw, Jessie Bryson, Josephine McCracken, Kathryn McCrary, Georgia McCracken, Clara Dotson, Frances Yarborough, Georgia Jolly, Ruby Smith, Margaret McCracken, Sara Jones, Josephine Crawford, Floyd Fullbright, Glenn Davis, Hilda Crawford, Hilda Dotson, Miss Mary Davis, local adult leader. Malcolm Messer, James Bradshaw, J. B. James, M. B. Reeves, Ben Wavis, Ray Sutton. Holding the banner, on left Raymond Caldwell and on right Christine Rogers.

## Outstanding Boy



RAYMOND CALDWELL, of Crabtree 4-H Club, who was recognized as the outstanding 4-H Club boy in the county for 1940, at the meeting held on Saturday, Feb. 1.

## First Currency Issued By First National Found

The first national currency issued by the government for the First National Bank was recently found among the papers of the late Dr. J. Howell Way. Dr. Way served as chairman of the board of directors of the bank from its establishment in 1902 until his death in 1927. The bill is a five dollar denomination, marked with number 1, dated December 5, 1902. It bears the signature of G. W. Maslin, president and W. T. Blaylock, cashier. The bill is of the large type, no longer in circulation. Banks have ceased to issue what is known as circulation notes or currency. It is said that the discontinuance of this large type of bill has saved the engraving division of the treasury department approximately \$1,000,000 a year. It was learned from the officials of the bank that the bill is to be framed and hung in the lobby of the building.

## Outstanding Girl



MISS DOROTHY COLE, member of the Cantop 4-H Club, who received the award of outstanding 4-H Club girl in the county at the annual Achievement Day.

## 1939 Retail Business In Haywood County Almost 5 1-2 Million

Retail sales in Haywood County for 1939 amounted to \$5,408,000, according to the official statement just issued by the census bureau. This county had 272 retail places of business that year, the report showed. Following is further details of the report:

No. Stores	Type	Total Sales
96	Food	\$797,000
18	General & food	1,310,000
8	General mdse.	225,000
12	Apparel	323,000
7	Furniture	325,000
13	Automotive	635,000
49	Filling stations	432,000
10	Lumber & building	520,000
24	Eating-drinking	196,000
9	Drug stores	248,000
87	Grocery combination	648,000
4	Hardware	107,000
17	Other eating places	141,000
4	Feed stores	247,000

## Work Started On Noland's Main Street Building

Actual construction was started Monday on the remodeling of the front of the E. C. Moody Grocery Store. The front will be of modern construction, of plate glass, glass brick, and the second story faced with cream brick. The building is owned by D. Reeves Noland. No definite plans have been made as to the second floor. The entire building is being extended 14 feet. Jerry Liner has the contract.

## Greek Relief Fund Now \$300

Local contributions to the Greek relief fund is only 44 cents short of \$300, according to C. A. George, chairman of the drive. Contributions this week of \$20.50 brought the local donations to the fund to \$299.66.

The report of the week is:

Previously reported	\$279.16
Waynesville Coal Co.	5.00
J. Lloyd Kirkpatrick	1.00
Edward Glavich	1.00
R. O. Harris	.50
Charlie Ketner	1.00
Leatherwood & James Esso	1.00
Clyde Greene	1.00
Davis Brothers	3.00
M. N. Ferguson	.50
J. Q. Allison	.50
J. R. Morgan	1.00
Jule Boyd	.50
Louis Allen	.50
Mrs. J. C. Welch	1.00
Mrs. Harnett Young	1.00
E. C. Moody	1.00
Frank Worthington	1.00

\$299.66  
Felix Stovall and Reginald Enloe, the latter of Sylva, left Monday for a ten days fishing trip in Florida.

## 300-Seat Theatre Is Being Built In Hazlewood

A new theater is scheduled to open in Hazelwood within the next few weeks, according to Jasper Garrett, experienced movie operator, who will manage the theater for Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Mitchell, of Bryson City. The brick building at the corner of Brown Avenue and Main street, is being remodeled, and will be made into a modern theater seating about 300. Mr. Garrett stated that first line movies had been contracted, and that modern equipment for the projection room and sound equipment had been purchased. Workmen are busy renovating the building, tearing out the old front and building in a ticket booth. No definite date has been set for the formal opening.

## Income Tax Man Coming On 20th

Time is growing short for Haywood citizens to file their Federal income tax returns. C. H. Robertson, of Greensboro, collector of internal revenue, this week informed The Mountaineer that on next Thursday, February 20, a deputy collector will be at the post office here to assist in making out returns. It is estimated that at least twice as many persons will file Federal income tax returns this year as did last year since Congress has lowered exemptions.

## Bible Classes To Start On 18th In High School

A course in Bible study will be inaugurated next Tuesday in the high school, here, with H. G. Hammett, pastor of the First Baptist church and J. G. Huggin, Jr., of the Methodist church, in charge. They will invite others in to help for the one-hour lesson period a week. There is a probability that this will be made part of the school course next year, if interest is sufficient to warrant, M. H. Bowles, superintendent said. Forty-five from the 8th grade said they wanted to take the course, 11 from the 9th, 22 from the 10th and 20 from the 11th. The classes convene at 2:30 each Tuesday and last one hour.

## Local Men Left On Tuesday For Florida Tour

W. H. Massie, member of the town board of aldermen, J. Dale Stentz, secretary of Chambers of Commerce, Dr. J. R. McCracken, and W. A. Bradley, left Tuesday for Asheville where they joined the group going by bus from Western North Carolina on a good will tour through Florida. The party will be away 12 days and will visit all the major points of interest in Florida. J. Dale Stentz will have charge of the radio programs which will be broadcast from several cities. Thousands of pieces of literature about this section will be distributed.

## Ray Re-elected As Merchants Director

Charles Ray was re-elected for the third term, a director of the North Carolina Merchants Association, at the mid-winter meeting.

## 127 Miles Of New REA Line Energized In Lower Haywood

### David Stentz To Be Commissioned In The Air Corps



David Stentz is one of 22 flying cadets from this state who will soon be wearing air corps wings.

The group completed their basic flight training at Randolph Field, Texas, last week. They are now taking ten weeks of advance flying at Kelly Field and then will be commissioned as second lieutenants, and awarded the coveted pair of wings, emblem of military pilots. Uncle Sam now has more than 10,000 trained airplane pilots, but an additional 12,000 officer-flyers are to be trained in the coming year, according to air corps plans. David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Dale Stentz, of Waynesville.

## Mercury Drops To 11 For Third Time During Winter

The mercury dropped down to 11 on Monday, the third time it has reached this mark during the winter. The first time was on November the 16th, and the second on January the 6th.

A trace of the big snow that has been anticipated by the younger generation was noticed on last Saturday, but failed to materialize.

The report for the week as recorded by Q. M. Kipp, U. S. weather observer, is as follows:

Feb.	Max.	Min.	7 p. m.	Prece
5	42	20	32	
6	46	22	43	
7	48	21	22	
8	28	16	25'	trace
9	32	12	24	
10	46	11	36	
11	50	16	38	
Mean maximum				42
Mean minimum				17
Mean for week				30
High for week				50
Low for week				11
Mean for 7 p. m.				31
Below February normal				7
Precipitation for week				0.00"
Precipitation for February				0.00"
Below February normal				1.59"
Precipitation since Jan. 1st				3.11"
Deficit for year				2.23"

## Palmer Here On 20th To Assist In Filing Tax Returns

W. R. Palmer, deputy commissioner of Revenue, will be at the court house on Feb. 20th, for the purpose of assisting the taxpayers in filing their returns for their income and intangible personal property taxes for the year 1940. Any person subject to filing either or both of the above returns must file such returns with the state department of revenue on or before March 15th, 1941, and pay the tax due thereon. Any single person having an income of \$1,000 or more during the year 1940 and any married person having an income of \$2,000 or more must file an income tax return. Any person owning on Dec. 31, 1940, any intangible personal property; such as money on hand, accounts receivable, notes, bonds, mortgages or other evidence of debt, or shares of stock must file an intangible tax return.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Colkitt returned on Friday from a trip to Charlotte and Mt. Holly, N. J.

## 411 Families Being Served With Electricity; Plans Made For 63 More Miles

The last lap of the 127 miles of extension of the Cruso Electric Membership Corporation was energized during the week, according to James C. Moore, superintendent. The extension is serving 411 members.

The new lines are serving the residents in Iron Duff, Ivy Hill, Jonathan Creek, Fines Creek, Crabtree, and Clyde townships.

The original lines of the corporation of 37 miles, with 175 members served only the people in the Pigeon, Bethel and Cecil sections of the county. It is said that the original area is one of the most thickly settled rural electrification territories in the United States operating under the REA.

The combined lines of the extension and the original mileage now totals 164 miles with 586 families being served in the county.

Tentative plans are now underway for another extension of approximately 63 miles, that will go into Beaverdam, Maggie, Cove Creek and Ratcliff Cove. Applications have already been made for the funds.

The Cruso lines were energized in the late summer of 1939. Work on the extension, recently completed was begun last summer, with a preliminary survey made while applications for funds were pending. On Oct. 1 all the necessary arrangements had been made with the REA and the work of completion continued through January.

## 67 Scouts Given Promotions At Court Of Honor

Sixty-seven awards were made at the Haywood district Court of Honor at the Champion Y. M. C. A. last Tuesday evening. Waynesville troop 3 was presented the February advancement ribbon for having more promotions than any other troop in the Haywood district. The presentation was made by J. Dwight Thomson.

Assistant Scout Executive Floyd New was in charge of the tenderfoot investiture. Max Erwin McCracken and Rogers Howell, of Canton troop 1, Therman W. McCracken, Ernest Howell and Billy Richeson, of Waynesville troop 2, Tommy Cable and Everett Davis of Canton troop 4, Wilson Holland and Hillard Medford of Clyde troop 9, and Herbert Bentley of Canton troop 10 were presented tenderfoot certificates.

Billy Kerley and Ribert Gifford of Waynesville troop 2, Zeb Alley of Waynesville troop 3, Nelson Clontz, Paul Harkins, and Paul Moore of Canton troop 4, and Wallace Knight of Canton troop 6 were promoted to the second class rank by J. R. Secrest, vice chairman of the Haywood district.

J. E. Henderson, troop 6, troop committee chairman, awarded first class certificates to Robert Gibson, of Waynesville troop 2, Ray Mann, Jr., and Jack McCracken of Canton troop 7, and Donald Swain-gin of Lake Junaluska troop 8.

The following scouts were awarded merit badges by H. F. Whitehead, member of the committee on advancement: Billy Allen of Canton troop 1, first aid to animals; Jimmy Deas of Canton troop 1, reptile study; Bobby Smathers of Canton troop 1, swimming; Carey Wells, Jr., of Canton troop 1, reptile study; Jimmie Albright of Waynesville troop 2, firemanship; Richard L. Bradley of Waynesville troop 3, handicraft, automobiling, safety, salesmanship, poultry keeping, hotel work and aviation; Phil Medford of Waynesville troop 3, camping; Frank Worthington of Waynesville troop 3, first aid and pioneering; Billy Edwards of Canton troop 4, bookbinding; Ted Whitted, Jr., of Canton troop 4, handicraft; Ray (Continued on page 12)

NOTICE  
The Boy Scout section scheduled to be published today has been held up until next week, in order that more Haywood Scouts could participate in preparing the special type copy which the edition will feature.  
The edition will be unusual in design and in content.

## Haywood Boys Outstanding F. F. A. Members



Two of the five outstanding young rural leaders of the state, are from Waynesville. These two, together with three others, were awarded the American Farmer degree, the highest honor given by the National Organization of the Future Farmers of America. On the left is Elmer Hendricks, and on the extreme right is James Francis. Next to Elmer is Clarence Martin of Rockingham, then Thelbert Boykin, of Nash County, and State president, and Grady Martin, of Stony Point. J. C. Brown is instructor of the local chapter, which is known as the Smoky Mountain National Park Chapter.