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SEVENTH YEAR NO. 13 WAYNESVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 1941 \$1.50 In Advance in Haywood and Jackson Counties

Work to Start This Week on Rubber Plant

Day Electrical Show Will Open Here Friday

\$746,925 Parkway Project Started Monday At Soco Gap

Town Officials Are Seeking Re-Election

Pet Dairy Buys Brevard Dairy; Will Serve Area

Four of Waynesville's elective officer holders are announcing today that they are seeking re-election in the city election, which will be held on Tuesday, May 6.

J. H. Way is seeking another term as mayor, while T. L. Bramlett, L. M. Killian and Hugh Massie are candidates for aldermen.

No other formal announcements have been made to date.

F. D. Ferguson has been named registrar, and Henry Gaddy and Jarvis Campbell are election judges.

Colorado Firm Start Clearing Right-Of-Ways

Lowdermilk Brothers Have 600 Days To Complete Road From Soco To Big Witch Gap

Workmen started Monday clearing the 7.4-mile right-of-way on the Blue Ridge Parkway from Soco Gap to Big Witch Gap, all of which is in the Cherokee Indian Reservation.

This section of the Parkway, known as 2-Y, constitutes one of the heaviest grading jobs that has been let so far on the entire Parkway. The contractors are Lowdermilk Brothers, of Denver, Colo. They have an office at Soco Gap. The firm has done considerable construction work in the western parks.

Haywood Cattle Win First Places In Anderson Show

Haywood county livestock won on all first places at the second annual show and sale held at Anderson, S. C., on Tuesday of this week, which was attended by a number of stockmen from this section.

In the light weight division a steer from the R. V. Welch farm won first place and was sold to a 4-H club boy of Anderson county.

In the junior division including over 40 steers, Haywood steers won all first places, and two second places. In the adult division, Haywood steers won all three first places.

The grand champion steer of the show came from the herd of John M. Queen. The reserve grand champion was bought last fall from R. V. Welch.

Several steers sold last fall to 4-H boys were placed high in the show. All pen and car lot divisions were won by Western North Carolina steers, many of them from Haywood county.

The grand champion breed owned by John Queen sold for 30 cents per pound and the reserve champion from the R. V. Welch farm sold for 17 cents.

Local Nurse Made First Lieutenant In Nursing Corps

Miss Grace Platt Campbell, graduate nurse, who volunteered her services in the Army Nursing Corps.

She has been ordered to report to duty at a government base hospital at Puerto Rico. She sailed from Charleston on Monday to take up her new work.

Lt. Campbell is the daughter of Mrs. D. C. Campbell and the late Mr. Campbell, of this county. She is a graduate of a Chattanooga Hospital School of Nursing, and was connected with the Haywood County Hospital for five years. At the time of volunteering she was associated with the Woodland Clinic of Woodland, Calif.

Band And Girls' Glee Club Win Rating Of "I" In District Contest

The Waynesville township high school band and the girls' glee club came out with a 1 rating in the annual district contest and festival held at the Lee Edwards high school in Asheville on Saturday. Approximately 700 students from 11 western counties took part in the program.

Ensembles and individuals receiving top ratings are qualified to enter the state music contest and festival to be held in Greensboro next month. In the case of the girls' glee club, they are eligible to enter the regional contest to be held in Richmond, Va., in May.

The local band, entered in Class C, played three numbers. The judge gave the Waynesville band an honor rating of 1, and in as much as it was the only band of this class entered in the district, it was declared the champion band in the district.

The contest is designed as an elimination contest in which musical groups may compete for the state festival. The honor rating of the judges is as follows: III, equaling average; II, as excellent or good; and I, as superior.

The honor rating of I entitles the local band to compete in the state contest against similar winners in the other ten districts of the state.

It is uncertain at the present whether or not the local band will be able to make the trip, as plans have not been made for the transportation.

The state girls' glee club will be eligible to compete in the state glee club festival, but owing to the large group of glee clubs entering the state music festival this feature has been discontinued in the latter group. In the regional contest to which they are eligible, they will compete with similar groups from Southern states from Maryland to Florida.

Both groups were directed by L. T. New, Jr., band director of the township schools.

School Band To Give Anniversary Concert Friday

The Waynesville high school band will present a program on Friday night, 28th, at the high school to celebrate the anniversary of their first concert. The concert was scheduled for the 14th, but had to be postponed on account of the big snow on that day.

All tickets bought for the first date will be good for the evening of the 28th.

The program giving a variety of numbers will be given under direction of the band leader, L. T. New, Jr.

The proceeds will be used to help defray the expenses of the band to the annual music festival in Greensboro, where they are eligible to enter the state wide band contest.

Baptist From 7 Counties To Hold Meet In Canton

The annual regional Baptist Training Union convention, comprised of delegates from churches in seven Western North Carolina counties will meet at the First Baptist church in Canton on Friday and Saturday of this week.

The convention opens at 3:30 o'clock on Friday afternoon and closes on Saturday afternoon. At least 200 delegates from outside of the county are expected to attend.

The theme is "Following the Living Christ." Various topics relating to this theme will be discussed at the Friday afternoon and night sessions by the young people from the churches represented.

The tournaments of the various departments will be held Friday night and Saturday afternoon.

The Rev. H. G. Hammett, pastor of the First Baptist church of Waynesville, will bring an inspirational message on Saturday morning. The Rev. Wyman E. Wood, of Swannanoa, will preside.

Rough Grading On Parkway Done Near Beech Gap

The rough grading of the Blue Ridge Parkway from Beech Gap to Balsam Springs has been completed, including the 620-foot tunnel. The work has been closed during the winter, by Nelle Teer, contractor.

Work is expected to be resumed soon, and the crushed stone surface put on the section.

Program Of Electrical Show

Friday and Saturday, March 28 - 29.

At The Waynesville Armory.

Opens Friday at 2 p. m., and closes at 10 p. m.

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No admission charges.

Valuable prizes given every hour on the hour.

Band parade and concert, by High School Band, starting at 11 o'clock Saturday morning.

Free Barbeque Saturday afternoon at 5, at the Armory.

Grand prize of a \$75 General Electric Washing Machine given away Saturday night at 9, by Massie Furniture Co.

Exhibits of electrical appliances in actual operation during the time of the show.

Entertainment and informal program under direction of R. E. Sentelle and J. Dale Stentz.

Palm Beach Man Will Modernize Entire Building

Dining Room Will Be Enlarged To Seat 250; All Sixty Rooms To Be Heated

L. S. Gauden, hotel man of West Palm Beach, Fla., has bought the Gordon Hotel from Mrs. L. E. Phillips, of Black Mountain and others, it was learned yesterday from Quinby Kipp, who has been manager for the past four years. Final details of the transfer of the property will be worked out during the next few days.

The new owner plans extensive improvements on the property, including the addition of a private bath for every one of the 60 rooms, and a complete redecoration of all the interior and painting the exterior.

At present 30 of the 60 rooms are heated. Mr. Gauden plans to install an oil burner of sufficient size to the boiler to heat both the main building and the annex.

The renovation also calls for enlarging the dining room to a seating capacity of 250 with a modernization of the kitchen unit.

No definite date was given by Mr. Kipp as to when the new owner would take over active management of the property, but it is understood that he will come to Waynesville as soon as the season closes in West Palm Beach. Mr. Gauden spent several days here during the past week completing the purchase of the hotel.

It was learned that Mr. and Mrs. J. G. McGraw, who have had charge of the dining room for two years, will remain for the present with the new management.

Mr. Gauden has been a frequent visitor to this section in the past few years and owns property at Balsam. He is owner of the 90-room Alhambra hotel of West Palm Beach, said to be one of the most popular resort hotels in that immediate vicinity. At the time Mr. Maulein took it over it had lost favor with the public, but under his modernization and management business has been brought back to a high peak.

Mrs. Phillips, of Black Mountain, bought the property about five years ago and her son managed the place until four years ago in July, when Mr. and Mrs. Quinby Kipp, of New York, the latter her daughter, took over the place and have since operated it.

Mr. Kipp did not make any statement as to his plans for the future. He and Mrs. Kipp have made many friends during their stay here and have co-operated in all civic understandings.

The Gordon, one of the oldest resort hotels in town, was built many years ago by Captain Alden Howell, and has changed hands several times. Not since the annex was built and the place enlarged had it been operated in the winter until Mr. and Mrs. Kipp took over the management.

\$90,000 Building To Be Completed Here By July 15

Merchant Construction Company Of Asheville Awarded Contract Monday Afternoon

"We expect to begin moving dirt this week," was the answer given The Mountaineer yesterday by the Merchant Construction Company, of Asheville, when queried about the starting date of construction of the plant for Dayton Rubber Manufacturing Company on a 20-acre site near Hazelwood.

"We have a man in your town today (Wednesday) checking on materials and prices. Probably we will begin work Thursday, we don't know yet, but certainly expect to be underway this week," a representative of the firm said.

The contract was approximately \$90,000, according to A. L. Freedlander, president of the Dayton Rubber Manufacturing Company, and the contract calls for the building to be substantially completed by July 15.

The contractors expect that an average of 50 to 75 men will be given employment during the construction of the modern plant.

Buff tile, together with steel sash will form the walls of the steel framed building. The roof is of the factory type design for the one story building, which will have about 40,000 square feet of floor space.

The main building is in the form of an "L," fronting some 200 feet on the highway, and running about 180 feet deep. A spur off from the main building, of 200 feet will house the shoe plant which will be operated in connection with the rubber plant. A basement will be built under the shoe plant, which connects directly with the main plant.

A spur track of the Southern Railway system will be built to the property, running to the boiler house, which will be separated from main buildings.

No information has been received as to the contracts for plumbing, heating and electrical work.

The contract for the construction of the plant here was awarded the Merchant Construction Company Monday afternoon.

Parkway Section Will Be Opened On April 15th

The 5-mile section of the Blue Ridge Parkway from Wagon Road Gap to Bridges Creek Gap, will be opened to the public on April 15, it was announced this week.

The road has a crushed stone surface, and affords one of the most scenic drives in this entire section. The road was closed for the winter months to allow settling of the roadbed.

\$8,000 Expansion Of Balsam Fish Hatchery Slated To Begin Today

An \$8,000 expansion program at Morrison Hatchery at Balsam, is slated to get underway today by WPA, according to news received this week from Raleigh.

The work will consist of grading about the large pools which were constructed last year, and improving the road leading from the highway into the hatchery grounds.

Further plans are to develop the earthen pools on the property, the information to Charles E. Ray, member of the board of conservation and development pointed out.

The hatchery is one of the largest in the south. The large pools are 60 feet in diameter and are 5 to 9 feet deep. They have a capacity of 100,000 one-inch fingerling trout, or about 25,000 five-inch fish.

Lawrence Leatherwood Heads Schoolmasters Club For Coming Year

Lawrence Leatherwood, principal of Hazelwood school, was elected president of the Schoolmasters' Club at the regular meeting of the group held on Wednesday night in the FFA chapter house.

Other officers elected to serve: vice president, Hugh Rogers, of Cruso, secretary and treasurer, Eugene Francis, of Crabtree.

Mr. and Mrs. Massie Go To New York On Buying Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Massie left Sunday for New York, where they are spending this week buying Easter merchandise for the Toggery.

Large Crowds Expected Here The 2 Days

Valuable Prizes Will Be Awarded By Exhibitors At The Local Armory

Program that will surpass any of its kind ever attempted in Waynesville, is expected to draw breaking attendance at the Day Electrical Exposition opens here at two o'clock afternoon at the Armory. Show will continue until 10 Friday night, and open at 10 Saturday morning.

Scores of valuable prizes, including a \$75 washing machine, with a complete and complete program for the two days, from every section of the show are expected to be present.

Prizes will be given away every hour for the two days, and every person 16 years old or over will be eligible to participate. The parade down Main street will start at 10 o'clock Saturday afternoon and will be given a parade at the Armory.

Local dealers, and others, including and building displays, which will feature everything electrical—from stoves to refrigerators.

Continuous and varied program will be in charge of R. E. Sentelle and J. Dale Stentz.

Barbeque will be prepared by Siler, while all the "trimmings" will be prepared and served by Mrs. Dewey L. Pless, Mrs. R. McCrary, Miss Mary Mox, E. B. Rickman, Mrs. Sheffield, Mrs. J. C. Moore, Mrs. Foster, and Mrs. Hugh All of these are in one way or another directly connected with the corporation.

Grand prize, a \$75 washing machine, given by Massie Furniture Co., will be given away at 9 o'clock Saturday night. Other prizes will be given away both Friday and Saturday.

Details of the two-day show found throughout this issue.

Creek Defense Start On Second Of Classes

Two courses in national defense which started at the Fines Creek school on January the 20th, continue for another eight training period. The second training on March the 17th, will continue until May 9th.

The course in auto mechanics is taught by Waldo Green. The operation, care and maintenance of autos, trucks and tractors in elementary electrical is taught by Charlie Rathbone. The operation, care and maintenance of all electrical equipment. Prizes are given for out-of-town boys from the ages of 16 and are held in the vocational shop at the Fines Creek under the direction of B. G. Green, vocational teacher. There are 125 boys enrolled.

He Will Address FFA Chapter At Annual Father and Son Banquet

R. E. Sentelle, local attorney, will be the principal speaker at the annual Father and Son Banquet to be held by the Bethel Chapter of the Future Farmers of America at the Fines Creek school on Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock in the gymnasium. Plates will be for 125 guests.