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Community Ready For Busy Christmas, Stores Decorating

Christmas Trees Will Be Lifted December 15; Homes May Be Decorated

The community took on an air of Christmas as stores began decorating for the season and the first of the season's merchandise was displayed. Toy departments in town are opening this week. Belk-Hudson Co., plans to complete for the arrival of Santa Claus.

Ferguson, town manager, and cheer for the occasion, revealed that notice had been given that the blackout ban will be lifted by December 15, probably before. This will allow store windows, outdoor and advertising signs will be on at night.

A household has been displaying electric lights on the trees in homes will be on now that the order has been lifted, and the little lights among the decorated trees send forth their gleamfulness as always.

Stores were optimistic over prospects of good business for the season, and have unusually large stocks of merchandise. Many departments bought their stock in January.

The tobacco crop bringing in a quarter of a million dollars into the county, indications pointed to a high level.

More than 23 shopping days and stores reported a number of items were already moving.

Justice Struck Down, Dies From Injuries Thursday

Driver Of Car, Tried At February Of Court.

Justice, 41, of Clyde, who was struck down by a car, while on the main street in his town and seriously injured on the 14th, died at 6:20 a. m. following a long and painful stay at the Haywood Hospital as the result of the injuries suffered.

Albert Rhoades, U. S. marshal, has been the driver of the car which struck Justice, following the accident made bond for \$1,000.

The death of Justice Rhoades was indicted for the accident, but was allowed to go to Mitchell Field, where he was stationed. He will return to trial at the February court.

Funeral services were held on Monday at the Clyde Methodist church at 2:30 for Mr. Justice, with Rev. C. C. Washam, pastor.

Burial was in Bon-Accretory. Serving as pallbearers were: Cagle, Homer West, Ed June Medford, Earl Price and Stamey.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Justice, and three children.

Francis Is District Head of F. F. A. Group

Francis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis, was named district head of F. F. A. members here.

When delegates from counties met at the local house for an annual election.

Officers were formulated for the year, and the group will meet monthly to work out of an annual field-day set for spring, also an oratorical and stock judging meet.

The meeting was opened by Carlingsworth, president of the chapter.

Both Encouraging And Discouraging, Says Mr. Francis

Business has been picking up of late in the sales of marriage licenses, according to Charlie Francis, register of deeds. Things have been pretty dull in this line since the North Carolina laws went into effect in April, 1940, that slowed up the sales with applications for health certificates.

Most couples have apparently found it much easier to drive into another state and get "quick service."

From Nov. 17 through the 22nd, nine marriage licenses were sold, and four couples made inquiries that sound like they might "be back" according to Mr. Francis.

The recent record is quite a contrast to that of the past quarter, when only 32 licenses were issued in the entire three months period.

Early Monday morning Mr. Francis was much elated over his large sales, but after Monday when 11 divorces were granted, he complained that the courts were "unmarrying them faster than he could get 'em married."

Tuberculosis Christmas Seals Go On Sale 29th

State Chairman Has Set Goal of Community At \$160 This Year.

Tuberculosis Christmas Seals will go on sale this Saturday, according to Mrs. Frank Ferguson, chairman of the committee from the Woman's Club sponsoring organization of the annual sale.

The seals will be sold through the schools as has been the custom for the past several years, with a few slight changes in the method of handling the sale.

The local quota has been set for \$160 by the state chairman of the North Carolina Tuberculosis Seal Sale.

Anyone wishing to buy seals at once and do not wish to be contacted through the schools may secure them at the office of Jack Messer, county superintendent of education, in the courthouse.

Three fourths of the money derived from the sale is kept for local work among undernourished children and needy tubercular suspects.

Mrs. Ferguson, local chairman, pointed out that last year there were 60,000 deaths in this country from tuberculosis, which shows how the ravages of this dreaded disease.

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Dr. Tom Stringfield Finds Newport News Looks Like A Second Haywood

"Why I saw more Haywood county boys than 'Carter had oats. There were so many of them that they suggested I come and stay, for I could make a living out of them," said Dr. Tom Stringfield this week after his return from the launching of the Battleship Indiana.

"I had the best time I ever had in my life. En route to Newport News I attended the Carolina-Virginia game in Chapel Hill on Thursday, on Friday the launching of the Indiana, and on my return Saturday, I took in the Duke-State game in Raleigh," continued Dr. Tom.

Dr. Stringfield and his daughter, Miss Alice Stringfield, were special guests of Edwin J. Robeson, Jr., personnel officer of the Newport

News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, and son of Prof. and Mrs. E. J. Robeson, of Waynesville.

At the ceremonies which launched the heaviest ship ever to slide down the ways in an American ship yard, Dr. Tom was on the grandstand with Secretary Knox, Governor Schrieker, of Indiana, Governor Price, of Virginia, officials or the company, government dignitaries, and naval officers.

Not only the Haywood boys in the plant made Dr. Tom feel at home, but also the president of the company, Homer L. Ferguson, who is a native of Haywood. Following the ceremonies Dr. Stringfield and his daughter were guests at a luncheon at the Country Club, and were shown numerous courtesies.

Dr. Tom stated that the launching of the battleship was the most impressive sight he ever witnessed. The christening of the ship had been set for 10:53 a. m., high tide, but was delayed seven minutes and 24 seconds while persons on the sponsor's stand were being rearranged so that the newsreel camera could record the bottle crashing against the hull.

Mrs. Lewis C. Robbins, of Wichita Falls, Texas, daughter of Indiana's governor, hurled the be-ribboned bottle of champagne against the towering bow at ex-

Park Director Sees Park From A Haywood County Point



Plans for new access highways into North Carolina's side of the Park are progressing, following the first visit of the National Parks Director Newton B. Drury to this side of the development. At Cove Creek Gap, in this county, an undeveloped entrance on the eastern end of the Park, are shown, left to right, Supt. J. Ross Eakin, of the Park; Thomas Allen, Richmond, district Park director; Charles Ray, Waynesville, head of Western North Carolina Carolina organization for Park development, and Mr. Drury. Photo by State Department of Conservation and Development.

Reports Incomplete Red Cross Short Of \$150 Reaching Goal

Chairman Urges All Those Who Have Failed To Join To Do So At Once.

With reports from all workers in the annual Red Cross roll call membership drive not complete the total amount now stands at \$1,064.44 according to Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson, chairman of the campaign.

The quota set for the local chapter was \$1,200, the highest amount ever asked by the National headquarters, but Mr. Williamson feels confident that by completion of the drive the amount of the goal will be reached.

It is said that the total to date represents the largest amount ever raised locally for the Red Cross in the same period of solicitation.

If any one has been overlooked in the drive, often people were out when the workers called on them. Mr. Williamson urges that they join at the office of William Medford, who is treasurer of the chapter.

They will be given membership cards and pins just as those contacted earlier in the drive.

Salvation Army Workers To Teach Citizens Bible Class on Sunday Morning

Capt. Cecil Brown and Lt. Thelma Colton, of the Mountain Division of the Salvation Army, will teach the Citizens Bible class on Sunday morning.

Murder Cases Slated To Be Tried Today

Court Disposes Of Many Cases First Two Days Of This Week Under Judge Bobbitt.

Two murder trials are scheduled today, according to John M. Queen, solicitor, after the grand jury returned true bills in both instances, in the November term of Superior court which reconvened here on Monday after a recess for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Two bills were returned against Mandell Woodward, Charlie Woodward and Rosecoe Messer, one for giving poison liquor to Melvin Messer and Love Clarke, and another for the murder of Clarke.

Clay Grant, 17, was given from fifteen to twenty years in state prison and Ray Shelton, 18, from ten to fifteen years, both pleading guilty of manslaughter in the case of the death of W. A. Finney, who was stabbed to death on the night of November 4th.

Pleas of nolo contendere to charges of murder in the second degree were submitted on Tuesday afternoon by Clay Grant. A venire of 75 names were drawn, but later the defendants entered a plea of guilty of manslaughter.

The case involving the murder of Oscar Lenoir, with which two of his daughters are charged, is scheduled for trial today.

Other judgments handed down since Monday morning are as follows: Divorces were granted to Connie

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Mascot

Jacqueline Berry, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Deane Berry, who has recently been made the official mascot of the Waynesville Township High School Band.

She created quite a sensation at her first appearance with the band in the field at the Canton-Waynesville Thanksgiving football game.

Photo by Sherrills Studio.

Truck Turns Over 8 Times Down 200 Foot Embankment, 7 People Escape

A scene for which movie companies would have paid thousands of dollars was enacted last Sunday morning free of any charge and without benefit of an audience on the road to White Oak, 15 miles from Waynesville.

A pick-up truck, containing seven passengers, with an attached trailer, turned over eight times as it rolled approximately 200 feet down a steep mountain side.

The truck was completely demolished, the trailer came out almost as good as new, and while three persons were injured, no one was killed.

The setting was perfect for a movie. The scenic grandeur of the White Oak road at all times offers a picture worth the taking. The winding high road, one side a bank, and on the other looking down one could vision the steep hillside, partially wooded, jotted with boulders, sharp stones, and greenery. Then just below the Pigeon River winding its way through the picturesque valley, a peaceful looking scene, yet a potential hazard to the driver of a car who lets his eyes leave the highway one instant.

But the scene suddenly changed and became in a moment as dramatic as ever flashed before a camera.

Sustained action marked the eight turns made by the truck. On the first turning four boys in the back of the truck were spilled out.

Haywood Tobacco Estimated To Bring Growers \$250,000

Marketing Cards For Tobacco Growers Ready

All Farmers Urged To Meet At Designated Points and Get Cards.

The 1941-42 burley marketing cards are now ready to be delivered to the farmers of the county, it was learned yesterday from the county agent's office.

The marketing cards will be taken to the following places and dates for distribution in order to save the farmers the cost and trouble of coming to the county agent's office.

The county agents are asking those who have not signed their applications for payment to do so at these township meetings. All tobacco growers are urged to attend.

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Green Tree Tea Room Building A New Home

Work has already started on the new home for Green Tree Tea Room, and plans of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rung, owners, are to have the new place in East Waynesville ready for occupancy by spring.

The Rung's bought the East Waynesville Grocery site from Alf Arrington, and are building a modern tea room of rustic design. The place is being built to seat 150 people.

An extensive landscaping program is included in the plans of the new home.

Gaither Ferguson, Haywood Farmer, Claimed By Death

Gaither Ferguson, 61, well known Haywood county farmer, died at his home in Lower Fines Creek township, on Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Lower Fines Creek Methodist church with the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Garrison, officiating.

Serving as active pallbearers were: James Noland, Shirley Conantser, Jule Noland, Sam Ferguson, Hugh Noland, and Hessie Terrell.

Mr. Ferguson is a native of this county, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Ferguson, of Buncombe county.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Dollie Ferguson; an adopted daughter, Mrs. Vance Holbrook, of Franklin; one sister, Mrs. Lela Noland, of Lake Junaluska, and two brothers, Gaston, of Fines Creek, and Bascombe Ferguson, of Murphy.

Best Crop In Years, According To Expert Here This Past Week.

Haywood burley tobacco crop has been officially estimated at 900,000 pounds by County Agent Wayne Corpening and L. T. Weeks, tobacco specialist, who spent some time in the county last week.

According to Mr. Weeks, the crop in the county is above average, and this is the best crop for cigarettes in five years.

"While the poundage is less, the quality is better, and will make up for it in dollars and cents," the specialist said, as he discussed his work before the Rotary Club.

Meetings were held in the county during the week, in which grading of burley was stressed. All burley warehouses this season will operate under government grading standards. This is a service rendered the farmer and is no cost to farmer, warehouseman or buyer.

The advantage of the grading enables every grower to compare his prices on the same grades with the market average of the day before, it was pointed out.

Burley will be graded into four groups—the lower leaves going as flyings, next lugs, then leaf and the top leaves known as tips. Five qualities and five colors will be given to the burley crop, and a symbol or letter will indicate each.

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Haywood Baptist Women To Meet At Clyde Sunday

The quarterly meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union auxiliary of the Haywood Baptist association will be held at the Clyde Baptist church next Sunday, Nov. 30th, beginning at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. H. A. Quick, assistant superintendent of group 2, will be in charge of the program. All members are urged to attend, especially all officers, young people, leaders, and all members of committees, members of churches having no missionary organizations are invited and any others interested in missionary work.

License Plates On Sale Monday At Masonic Temple

The 1942 motor vehicle license plates will go on sale here at the Masonic Temple in room number nine on the first floor Monday morning, December the 1st.

Miss Geneva Wines, who was formerly connected with the Carolina Motor Club in Canton, will have charge of the sale of the plates here. Her office hours will be from 9:00 to 4:00 o'clock.

Attention is called to the new law regarding trucks owned and operated by farmers for transporting farm products and farm supplies, which has put the price of such plates at one half the regular registration fee.

Thanksgiving, 1941 Quietest Observed In Many Years

Thanksgiving Day, 1941, now past history, was recorded as one of the quietest ever observed locally, as far as the city police department and the county sheriff were concerned.

Wade McDaniels stated that he fed only thirty-five persons on Thanksgiving Day, and the greater number were in jail waiting trial at the present term of court.

The police department reported only five arrests over the holiday. No particular reason was given for the law abiding celebration.

Employers Of County Have Paid Almost Half Million Into Unemployment Fund

Nearly twenty million dollars—\$19,316,430—in wages have been paid workers in Haywood by employers subject to the Unemployment Compensation Law in the four and a half years from January 1, 1937 through June 30 of this year, Commissioner A. L. Fletcher has just announced.

Unemployment workers in this county received \$107,851.37 in jobless benefits included in 12,723 checks distributed.

Employers contributed \$477,727.42 to the unemployed fund during the 4 1/2 years.

This report covered 48 employers and 3,743 employees. Application for work in the 4 1/2 years totals 13,598, while placements on jobs went to 4,029, the report shows.

Mercury Dips To 17 On Tuesday For One Of The Lowest Readings Of The Winter

The Mountaineer office. The report for the week is as follows:

Date	Max.	Min.	Rainfall
19	69	33	.0
20	63	37	.13
21	63	39	.0
22	67	28	.33
23	68	37	.0
24	58	32	.0
25	57	17	.0

mercury dropped to a low for the week on Tuesday for one of the coldest reads of the season, according to report of Lawrence Kerly, weather observer. An added service to the publications have been made by Mr. Kerly and The Mountaineer to post the official daily report in the window of