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## 10 "Rally for Victory" Meetings Set

### Burns Are Fatal To Bride

East Fork Woman Dies Within Few Hours After Clothing Catches On Fire.

Mrs. Aletha Mae Baker, 16, wife of Coleman Baker, of the Big East fork section of Pigeon, died Tuesday night at 11 o'clock in the Haywood County Hospital from the effects of burns suffered.

Mrs. Baker, who is reported to have been in her home alone, is thought to have caught her clothing on fire from burning logs in an open fire place. Her husband was chopping wood on the place and in excitement she is said to have tried to help.

By the time she reached him her clothing had burned from her body. She was rushed to the Haywood County Hospital around four o'clock Wednesday afternoon and her death followed a few hours afterward.

Mrs. Baker was married on November 22nd, less than two months ago, to Coleman Baker. She was daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thurston J. Davis, who live near Cruso. Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Shadow Grove Baptist church, East Fork, of which Mrs. Baker was a member. Burial will be in Gwyn cemetery.

Surviving are her husband; her parents, two brothers, Guy Davis, stationed at Savannah Air Base, Savannah, Ga., and Cornelius Davis, of Buncombe county; and a sister, Mrs. Robert Buff, of Waynesville.

### Verrett McElroy Seriously Burned In Explosion

Former Resident Of Waynesville Recovering From A Gas Explosion.

Verrett McElroy, formerly of Waynesville, was seriously burned December 28th, while he was erecting his new home, which is being built by the Florida Pulp and Paper Company, near Escambia, Fla.

Mr. McElroy struck a match, unaware that a gas pipe had been open. The house was damaged beyond repair.

Mr. McElroy is employed by the Florida Pulp and Paper Company as assistant master mechanic. He is reported to be recovering at the Pensacola Hospital, at Pensacola.

### Dr. Stringfield Suffers Broken Hip Tuesday Morning

Dr. Tom Stringfield, prominent physician, was reported to be being more comfortably late last night at the Haywood County Hospital.

Dr. Stringfield fell and broke his hip early Tuesday morning as he was making preparations to be part in the performance of an operation. The accident occurred shortly after seven o'clock.

Dr. Stringfield is chairman of the board of the Haywood County Selective Service.

### Roena Medford, Haywood's First 1942 Baby, Born As Year Was 66 Minutes Old

The new year was just an hour and six minutes old when Roena Medford, 7-pound daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Samuel Medford, arrived at the Haywood County Hospital, to win the prizes awaiting the first baby born in Haywood in 1942, in a contest staged by this newspaper last week.

Little Miss Medford and mother are reported as doing nicely, and her father has already collected the number of gifts offered to the first baby.

Mr. and Mrs. Medford live near Shelton, on route one, Waynesville.

### Good Navy Men



CLAUDE G. DAVIS, petty officer on the U. S. S. Saratoga, has been in the Navy for fifteen years.



JACK DAVIS, airplane mechanic, is stationed on the U. S. S. Enterprise, and is due for a promotion next month.

### Two Hazelwood Brothers Making Good Records In Navy; Both In War Zone

#### John K. Reeves Assigned To Radio Duty In Air Corps

Pfc. John K. Reeves, son of Mrs. W. Garrett Reeves, of Lake Junaluska, has been graduated with the new class in radio communication at Acott Field, Ill., according to an announcement from Col. Wollcott P. Hayes, commandant.

Pfc. Reeves having been trained in all phases of radio work at the post, radio university of the army air corps, has been assigned to further duty at another station.

#### Funeral Services Held Saturday For Luther L. Allen

Funeral services were conducted at the home on Allen's Creek Friday afternoon for Luther Love Allen, 62, who died at his residence at 9:00 o'clock Wednesday evening. The Rev. Oder Burnett and the Rev. Bill Sorrelle officiated. Burial was in Green Hill cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers were: Grady Farmer, Fred Farmer, and L. L. Allen and John Henry Allen. (Continued on page 7)

### Mercury Dropped To 13 Tuesday

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The mercury was hovering around the freezing point last night.

Floyd Stamey completes his Cavalry Training.

Pvt. Floyd Stamey, who prior to his induction into the army several weeks ago, lived at Waynesville, has completed his basic training at the Cavalry Replacement Training center at Ft. Riley, Kansas.

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### Red Cross Drive For \$1,500 Relief Funds Underway

The drive to raise the \$1,500 quota assigned this area by the Red Cross National headquarters is now underway, according to the Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson and the Rev. R. E. MacBlain, co-chairmen of the campaign.

There will be no cards issued in this drive, as in the annual roll call as the money to be raised is purely for relief purposes, it was pointed out by the co-chairmen.

Those who intend to donate are asked to make contributions as early as possible so that the drive may be completed in the next two weeks.

A meeting of the workers was held on Monday night and all plans were worked out to push the drive with all possible speed.

The following have been announced as those in charge of various committees and the members of the groups: Industrial, J. E. Shields, chairman, Aaron Prevost, and Mrs. L. M. Killian.

Professional, Lauriston Hardin, chairman, Howard Hyatt, Henry Davis, and Tom Campbell.

Booths, Mrs. J. M. Long, chairman, Mrs. S. H. Bushnell, Mrs. J. F. Abel, Mrs. R. L. Prevost, Mrs. Thad Howell, and Mrs. R. N. Barber.

Business houses, Mrs. William (Continued on back page)

### Haywood Has 41 Beer Dealers

The State Department of Revenue has issued retail beer licenses to 41 outlets in Haywood county.

Figures compiled by the Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors committee, as of December 31, disclosed that 4,822 retail outlets have been licensed by the state for the 1941-42 fiscal year. It is probable that the number will reach 5,000 before the tax year for beer licenses ends April 30.

### Massie Department Store To Aid in Sale Of Defense Stamps

Defense Saving Stamps are now on sale at Massie Department Store, it was learned during the week.

Other merchants in the town are expected to co-operate in a similar manner in the National Defense program in the community.

### In U. S. Navy On Pacific Coast

Two Hazelwood brothers, who hold responsible places on two of Uncle Sam's largest warships in the Pacific, wrote their parents recently they were all right. Chief Petty Officer Claude G. Davis, and his brother Jack, are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Davis, of Hazelwood.

Claude is aboard the U. S. S. Saratoga has been in the navy for fifteen years. He spent a year around the Panama Canal, and a year in European waters. Later spent 33 months in Asiatic waters in and around China, the Philippines and Dutch Indies. Later he was for two years stationed at Pensacola, Fla., and for 30 months at the island of Guam in the Pacific, which has been to the forefront in the news recently.

Jack joined the navy about three and a half years ago, and has made his ratings as fast as time would allow. He went from here to the Douglas Airplane plant in Santa Monica, Cal., and finished a course in two weeks, which was said could not be accomplished. He (Continued on page 7)

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### Hazelwood Pastor



REV. FRANK H. LEATHERWOOD has accepted a call as pastor of the Hazelwood Baptist church. He is a native of Haywood, and for 3 years has served as Associational Missionary, and for seven years has been moderator of the Association.

### Leatherwood Is Baptist Pastor At Hazelwood

Rev. Frank H. Leatherwood Resigns As Associational Missionary After Noteworthy Service.

Rev. Frank Leatherwood assumed duties as full-time pastor of the Hazelwood Baptist church last Sunday, succeeding Rev. J. M. Woodard, who has served for several years.

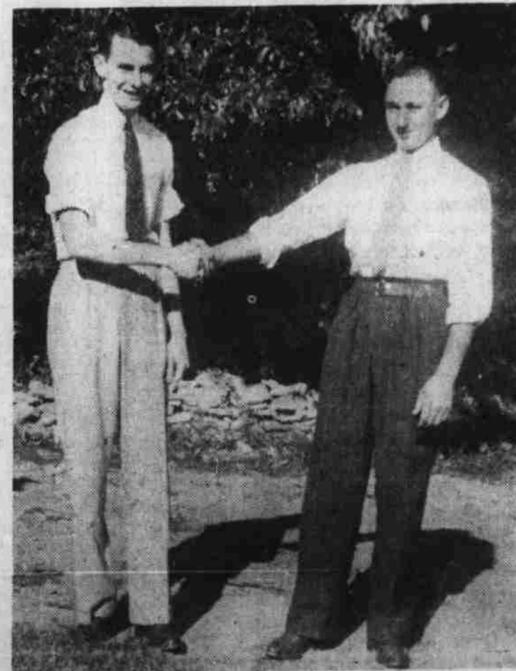
The church has a membership of 283 and has inaugurated plans for a general expansion of the church program and membership campaign.

Rev. Mr. Leatherwood tendered his resignation Monday to the executive-promotion committee of the Haywood Baptist Association, as associational missionary. He (Continued on back page)

### Parents Hear From Son In Navy On Pacific Coast

Parents of two Haywood county boys in the U. S. Navy on the Pacific Coast have recently heard from their sons. Mr. and Mrs. Grady Moody have had a communication from their son Dick Moody, who was on the West Virginia, and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Coin have heard from their son Bobby.

Both boys volunteered in the (Continued on page 7)



BOBBY COIN, JR., on left and DICKY MOODY, on right, picture taken before they left here in June, 1940, for Norfolk after volunteering in the U. S. Navy.

### Tire Rationing Board Operating; Inspectors Named

Clayton C. Walker has been selected as inspector of the tire rationing board for the Waynesville area and Bryan Payne for the inspector of the tire rationing board of Canton, according to Jonathan Woody, chairman of the county board of national defense.

The Waynesville tire rationing board is composed of Dan Watkins, chairman, Dill Howell, and R. N. Barber, Jr., and the Canton tire rationing board of Charles King, chairman, Howell Blaylock, and Guy Hipps.

The Waynesville board, according to Mr. Watkins, chairman, has supervision over the following townships: Waynesville, Ivy Hill, Iron Duff, Jonathan, White Oak, Cataloochee, Pines Creek, and Crabtree. The Canton board has supervision over North and South Beaverdam, Pigeon, Clyde, East Fork, and Cecil.

Mr. Watkins pointed out that on December 10th, the sale of (Continued on page 7)

### Citizens Urged To Buy City Motor Vehicle Plates

Citizens in the community who have not bought their city automobile plates, are asked to do so at once, as the town board of aldermen has set a deadline for January 17th. After that date any Waynesville motorists driving a motor vehicle without a Waynesville plate will be fined.

The plates which are sold at \$1.00 each are on sale at the City Hall and at the office of the AAA in the Masonic Temple. They are the same color as the N. C. state license plates for 1942.

### Four Waynesville Men Get Promotions In State Guard; Howell Now Commander

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### Get Promotions



MAJOR J. H. HOWELL was recently promoted to commander of the five State Guard companies in western North Carolina. Until then he was captain of the Waynesville unit.



CAPTAIN W. A. BRADLEY now has charge of the Waynesville State Guard company. He was formerly first lieutenant.

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### Commissioners Draw Jury For February Court

The county commissioners drew the following jury for the February criminal term of Superior court, which will convene here on February 2nd, with Judge Allen H. Gwyn, of Reidsville, presiding:

For the first week were drawn, Fain Gaddis, of Beaverdam; Matt R. Caldwell, of Clyde; Frank Albright, of Waynesville; Grover C. (Continued on back page)

### Health Department Enforcing New Rules, Regulations For Eating Places

For better protection of public health, the local health department has announced the new rules and regulations prepared by the State Board of Health, governing the sanitation of hotels, cafes, restaurants, camps, drink stands, and all other establishments where food is prepared, handled and served to the public at wholesale or retail.

The rules also apply to places where transient guests are served or provided lodging for pay. No such establishment shall operate which receives a sanitary rating of less than 70 per cent.

In the future, it was pointed

### Programs Ready For All Parts Of This County

Campaign To Gather Scrap Iron and Other Metals Will Be Inaugurated.

The first of ten Haywood "Rally for Victory" meetings will be held tonight at the Rock Hill school, beginning at seven o'clock, with prospects for a capacity crowd according to County Agent Wayne Corpening, under whose direction the meetings have been called.

The meetings will last for one hour and fifteen minutes, it was said, with everything from a concert by the Waynesville township band to talking movies.

"Every minute has been timed, and it takes exactly 75 minutes to put the program on, including the 15-minute talking picture of actual fighting in Poland, and the concert by the 60-piece Waynesville band. In the Canton territory the fine band from there will provide military music and concerts at each meeting," he said.

A member of the "V committee" will make a few remarks, and Mr. Corpening will explain the machinery program for farmers and food needs.

John E. Barr, head of the canner program, will speak briefly, followed by Jack Messer in behalf of the Red Cross.

Plans have been made to have a brief message by a pastor at each meeting.

Of utmost importance at each meeting will be the announcement of plans for gathering scrap iron (Continued on page 7)

### Number Of Civil Cases Cleared In 2 Days Of Court

Six divorcees were granted on the first day of the January term of Superior court here in session this week with Judge Allen H. Gwyn, of Reidsville, presiding.

They included the following cases: C. W. Wright from Amanda Wright; Bertha Riley from Ercell Riley; C. R. Allison from Lena Allison; A. H. Clark from Pearl Clark; Viola Brookshire from Robert Brookshire; Juanita Cagle Gaddy from Ben Bryson Gaddy.

On Tuesday the jury awarded a verdict of \$30,000 damages to Mrs. Annie May Summers, administratrix, of the estate of her husband, J. W. Summers, who was injured in an automobile accident in August of 1940.

The defendant, C. M. Ingram, of East Tennessee, who was said to have been the driver of the car which collided with one driven by Mr. Summers, made no defense.

The case of Bryant Smith versus (Continued on back page)

### Town Organizes Civilian Forces For Defense

Announcement has been made this week of the following chairmen of civilian protection for the town of Waynesville and its urban districts:

Mayor J. H. Way, Jr., general chairman, G. C. Ferguson, vice chairman.

Dr. R. E. Stretcher, chairman of medical emergency service.

Lawrence L. Kerley, chairman of fire protection.

Robert Hugh Clark, chairman (Continued on page 7)

Remember Pearl Harbor---Let's Scrap The Japs With Scrap---Start Gathering Yours Today for Uncle Sam