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COVERING HAYWOOD'S POLITICAL FRONTS

Political rumors flew thick and fast this week, but only two candidates were thrown into the ring with formal announcements. Several would-be candidates were on the fence, and were "keeping things over" as the paper likes to press.

Candidates announcing this week:

WILLIAM MEDFORD
For State Senate.
C. C. FRANCIS
For Register of Deeds

The announcement of William Medford yesterday as a candidate for State Senate, brings out a known Waynesville attorney, a man who has been active in the county and state for many years.

Mr. Medford is a prominent Roman Catholic; is chairman of the Waynesville public library board, and served in an official capacity in the district Boy Scout program since its organization. He has served in numerous capacities in the Red Cross.

This is Mr. Medford's first election race. He has served as secretary of the Young Democrats of the state, district organizer, chairman of the campaign committee and county president.

C. C. Francis, who is perhaps better known as Charlie, is up for re-election and re-election as register of deeds, and made a formal announcement as he announced his candidacy, when he said:

"I am a candidate for the office of register of deeds for Haywood county to succeed myself, and desire to state that during the short period of time I have held the office, I have been diligent in the performance of the duties connected with it. It has been a pleasure to accommodate and assist the citizens having business in the office during my incumbency, and if nominated and elected to the office for an additional term, I will continue to make the office 'people's office', and render efficient service to all our people having business with us."

Two elective offices in Haywood county were formally announced candidates for each place—State Senator and register of deeds. Two candidates are announcing this week, and two announced last week.

Bryan Medford, a candidate for register of deeds, has resigned as assistant tax collector, effective April first. "I don't want to campaign on the county's time, so I have tendered my resignation so I can get out and go places," he said.

NO ABSENTEES

Conservative estimates show that somewhere between 1,000 and 1,200 absentee ballots were cast. (Continued on page 12)

Charlie's Cafe Will Open Today

Charlie's Cafe will open today, on Main street, opposite the First National Bank.

The building was renovated and the interior rebuilt for the new business. Modern equipment is installed throughout, and a seating capacity for 52 has been provided. A feature of the cafe, is the "view" kitchen, which enables all patrons to see their orders prepared, if they so desire, yet public cannot go into the kitchen. This is among the latest practices in modern cafes, it was said.

Special business plates, regular breakfast, and special day dinners will be featured by the owners, who are Charlie Godard, and Jimmy Williams. They have had much experience preparing and serving food.

REECE IN ATLANTA
J. Reece went to Atlanta this week to be with his brother, W. C. Reece, an employee of Champion Paper Company, who is in a hospital and probably will undergo an operation.

MAKE EVERY PAY DAY BOND DAY

Community To Have Blackout Signals On Friday Night At 8:45

Practice To Determine Effectiveness, and To Acquaint Citizens With Alarm.

Citizens in the Waynesville township are warned not to become alarmed Friday night, the 20th, from 8:45 to 8:47 when the fire siren will break the stillness of night in the immediate community plant whistles of the Unagusta and England-Walton companies will sound at this unusual hour in Hazelwood; and the whistle of the Junaluska Supply Company will ring over the waters of Lake Junaluska.

There will be no fire in Waynesville (at least it is to be hoped so) neither will the employees of the companies named be summoned to work.

The simultaneous sounding of the siren and the whistles will be only the preliminary practice of signals for the trial blackout which is planned for next Friday, 27th, in the area, it was learned yesterday from Robert Hugh Clark, fire warden chief of Waynesville township.

The object of the two-minute period is to see how the signals can be timed together. All men who have been appointed or accepted for service as air raid wardens are requested to be at their places of residence when the alarms are sounded.

They are to call 153, town hall, and report on the clearness or lack of it with which they heard the signals. At a later date the wardens will be assigned to definite areas.

The signal for the raid to begin will be a single two-minute blast from each plant whistle and the fire siren, and will last from 8:45 to 8:47.

The all clear signal or the signal for the raid to end will be two-minute blasts, with an interval of 30 seconds between each blast. (Continued on page 12)

Rationing Board Announces Grants Made During Week

Sixteen applications were filed during the week with the Haywood county rationing board, and 13 received grants in full. In one case the quota was exhausted and in two instances applicants were deemed unqualified.

Receiving applications were: Frank Carver, hauler of ice, fuel and raw products, 2 truck recaps; Dock Spicer, hauler of mica from mine, 1 passenger car tire and 1 passenger car tube; Edd Woody, hauler of raw forest products to mill, 1 truck tire.

R. L. Davis, hauler of raw forest products to mill, 1 truck tire; David Underwood, Jr., transportation of fuel, raw materials and equipment for maintenance of public buildings. (Continued on page 7)

Haywood P.T.A. Council To Meet Friday At 12:30

The annual meeting of the Haywood County Council of Parent Teacher Associations will be held Friday, March 20th, at the Hazelwood school. Registration will begin at 12:30. Lunch at 1:00 in the school lunch room.

Following the luncheon, M. H. Bowles, superintendent of Waynesville schools, will address the group on various phases of P. T. A. work.

Installation of Mrs. Linwood Grahl as vice president and Mrs. L. L. Shaver as recording secretary, will be held. The officers are: Mrs. Dewey Hyatt, president; Mrs. Smiley Carver, treasurer, and Mrs. J. E. Shields, corresponding secretary, were elected for a two year term in 1941.

Army Inspector Fails To Arrive

The inspection officer from Fort Bragg failed to get here Tuesday night for the formal inspection of the Waynesville company of state guards.

Captain W. A. Bradley said he had received no word from the officer, and no information was on hand as to when the inspection would be held. The guard will meet as usual next Tuesday night at 7:30.

Eleventh Hitch



Master Sergeant John Dolan, of Long Island, N. Y., has returned to the army for his eleventh hitch. After serving thirty years in the armed forces he decided it was time for him to once again don a uniform. He is sixty-four years old and a grandfather. He passed a special physical examination at Washington to win army approval. (Central Press)

Carlton Peyton Resigns Chairman Haywood Scouts

M. H. Bowles, Vice Chairman, To Fill Out Unexpired Term Of Office.

Carlton Peyton, of Canton, chairman of the Haywood county district committee of the Boy Scouts, who will be inducted into the service in April, has tendered his resignation to the committee.

M. H. Bowles, vice chairman of the Haywood district, will become chairman to serve out the unexpired term of Mr. Peyton.

Mr. Peyton, who has held a position with the Champion Paper and Fibre Company for the past several years, and has resided in Canton, has been active in Boy Scout since coming to the county, having served the county committee in various ways.

Mr. Bowles will become a member of the executive board of the Daniel Boone Council and will attend the meeting of the board to be held next Monday in Asheville.

Mr. Peyton's resignation which was tendered the Haywood district committee last week was accepted with many expressions of appreciation for his services, and regret that circumstances made it impossible for him to finish out his term of office as chairman.

Mrs. John L. Davis Is Reported Improving After Serious Operation

Mrs. John L. Davis who recently underwent an operation at Northburn hospital in Asheville, was reported last night as improving.

Gasoline Rationing In Effect

Haywood's service stations were working out new daily schedules yesterday and completing plans for carrying out the War Production Board's orders of cutting down twenty per cent on gasoline; and confine operations to 12 hours a day and 72 hours a week.

It was the general opinion of Haywood operators here yesterday that they would open at 8:30 and close at 6:30 every day, including Sunday, except Saturdays, when opening hours would be an hour earlier and close an hour later. That would give six 10-hour days and one 12-hour day.

The basis on which the 20 per cent reduction will be made was not known here yesterday. This information will probably be in hand today.

"If the WPB restricts us to 20 per cent of low months, it will mean only those people who can — (Continued on page 12) —"

Harold's Stocks Sold To Tenn. Firm

The stock and fixture of Harold's Department Store here and in Canton were being trucked away yesterday, after being sold by a trustee to Dobson and Company, of Nashville, Tenn.

Virge McClure, trustee, had no statement to make following the sale of both stocks. M. H. Rabhan, owner of the stores, made an assignment recently to Virge McClure, as trustee.

Dallas Rhea Clark Is First Casualty From Haywood In War II

Dies For Country



DALLAS RHEA CLARK was reported Sunday by the naval department as "missing in the performance of active duty."

Graduate Of Waynesville High, Missing In Performance Of Active Duty.

Citizens of the community as well as those throughout the county were shocked Sunday morning over news of the first casualty of this section in World War II, when Mrs. Nellie Rhea Clark received a message from the Navy Department stating that her son, Dallas Rhea Clark, was missing in the performance of active duty.

The message came as a great shock to the family as the mother had heard from him three weeks ago stating that he was well and safe.

Mr. Clark was a machinists' mate, first class, U. S. Navy. He enlisted in the navy in January, 1930. He received training at the Norfolk Naval Base, after which he went aboard the U. S. S. Texas for six years.

After this he attended the Naval Optical school in Washington, D. C. Upon completion of his course there he went aboard the Yorktown and in October, 1940, was transferred to the U. S. S. Houston, on which his family believed he was aboard.

Young Clark was born in the White Oak township of this county, the son of Mrs. Clark and the late Dee Clark. He was graduated from the Fines Creek high school in the class of 1928. He was a member of the First Methodist church here.

His last visit home was made in 1938 at the time of the death of his father.

Besides his mother he is survived by two sisters, Mabel and Marguerite Clark, of Waynesville, and three brothers, Robert Hugh and Jack, of Waynesville, and Ned Clark, of Newport News, Va.

Hundreds Of Haywood Men Part Of Manpower Pool For Active Service After Tuesday's Lottery

N.Y.A. Council Appointed To Serve Waynesville Area

Waynesville Girls Go To Semi-Finals In Annual Blue Ridge Tournament.

Members of the new advisory council which will serve the National Youth Administration in Waynesville have been announced as follows:

Jack Messer, county superintendent of education; Geo. Brown, chairman of county board of commissioners; Jonathan Woody, chairman of national defense for Haywood and president of the First National Bank; Rev. H. G. Hammett, pastor of the First Baptist church; Mrs. Sam Queen, superintendent of public welfare in county; J. R. Boyd, chairman of the county welfare board; Hugh Leatherwood, clerk of the Superior court; Dr. C. N. Sisk, county health officer; and Mrs. Edith Alley, head of the local office of the U. S. employment service.

A business meeting of the council will be held in the near future at which time officers will be elected.

Medical Group To Hear Dr. Smith

Dr. D. W. Smith will give an illustrated talk tonight at the Haywood Medical Society meeting at the nurses' home, using as his subject: "Observation of the Treatment of Traumatic Wounds as Seen in England."

Dr. Smith has just returned from a year's stay in England.

Has Cupid Been Drafted Too?

On February 12, Chas. C. Francis, Register of Deeds, sold a marriage license, little dreaming that exactly one month would pass before he would sell another.

Not until Thursday, March 12th, did he have another matrimonial customer—and then the bridegroom and his bride were from an adjoining county.

Forty-Three Men Classified During Week By Board

Forty-three men have been reclassified in this area during the past week under the selective draft service, it was learned yesterday from the local draft office.

The following men have been placed in I-A classification from their former classifications: Rickman Lee Pressley, from IV-F; Beal Floyd Nesbit, from II-A; Thomas L. Howell, from III-A; Edward Jenkins, from IV-F; Francis Carroll Garren, from III-A; Wilburn Franklin Kirkpatrick, from III-A; Sebe Taylor Bryson, from III-A.

Franklin Eugene Messer, from I-H; John Henry Foster, from III-A; Sam Lester Inman, from IV-F; Cecil Craig Trantham, from I-H; Charles Wilbur Grasty, first time classified; Waldo Lee Sutton from I-H; Verner Frank London, from IV-F.

Roy Ellis Edwards from I-A to I-B; Clarence Thompson from III-A to I-B; Robert Ben Mooney from I-A to II-A; James Wilson Fisher from I-A to II-B; Glenn Zackrine Clark, from I-A to II-B; (Continued on page 12)

Out of the 9,000,000 men registered in the last registration under the selective draft service, 800 were from the Waynesville area. To be exact, there were 900 registered here, but it was found that ten should be transferred to the Canton area.

Tuesday night up in Washington, the order in which these men will be called into service was decided when 7,000 capsules were drawn from a large gold fish bowl to determine "order numbers."

The registration was no respect or of persons, and fate alone determines what number a man may draw. It makes no difference what a man's occupation, whether executive or laborer, black or white, rich or poor, he takes the same chance as the order in which he is called up for service.

The Mountaineer is giving call numbers up to 234, the remainder to be announced next week, in the same manner presented last registration. The list is not official, but it is hoped it contains few if any mistakes. It is a painstaking task to check the serial numbers given the men in the February registration with the new numbers, and in the limited time since the lottery, the work was rushed to give this partial list.

Order No. 1, serial No. 441, Lacy B. Simmonds, Waynesville.

Order No. 2, serial No. 176, William Robert Toy, Hazelwood.

Order No. 3, serial No. 606, Carmel Lee McClure, Waynesville.

Order No. 4, serial No. 359, Alvin Trotman Ward, Waynesville.

Order No. 5, serial No. 129, Ben Howell Kirkpatrick, Waynesville.

Order No. 6, serial No. 537, Theodore Roosevelt Sutton, Maggie.

Order No. 7, serial No. 244, Sam Early Cunningham, Hazelwood.

Order No. 8, serial No. 636, Frank Moody Parton, Waynesville.

Order No. 9, serial No. 657, Alvin Trotman Ward, Waynesville. (Continued on page 7)

Georgia Molasses Substitutes In Sugar Shortage

The sugar shortage is doubtless working a hardship on Haywood moonshiners, but Georgia sorghum molasses is evidently coming into use as a popular substitute, according to Haywood officers.

Last Saturday Deputies John Kerley and Wade McDaniel found and cut up two illicit stills in the Quilantown section, oil barrels having been fitted with copper caps for the purpose of distillation. The caps had been disconnected and hidden under the leaves nearby. A small quantity of beer was found here.

Again on Tuesday of this week Officers Kerley and Carl Bryson found a still of the same capacity (60 gallons) on the Quilantown side of Lickstone. Here they cut down a larger quantity of molasses beer that was nearly ready to run.

In all about five pounds of beer were cut down. It is not known who the operators were, the officers stated, as nobody was found at either place of operation.

Crippled Children Easter Seal Sale Is Now Underway

The annual Easter Seal Sale to aid crippled children now in progress in Haywood county is sponsored by the Waynesville Rotary Club and the Lions Club of Canton, with M. H. Bowles, of the former organization, serving as county chairman.

The sale which is sponsored by the National Society for Crippled Children is nation-wide and is held each year around Easter. It is said that there are around 100 children in this county needing treatment and who will be handicapped for life unless given some aid at this time in their lives.

Charlie King is serving as treasurer in the Canton area, and Guy Massie is treasurer of the Waynesville territory.

Fifty per cent of the money is kept locally and fifty per cent sent to the national society. School children are purchasing the seals through their teachers at their (Continued on page 12)

New High Record Hit In Church Attendance

Navy Recruiting Station To Be Set Up At Post Office

The civil service room on the second floor of the post office will be turned temporarily into a navy recruiting station on Saturday, according to the officer who will enlist men in this county in the navy on Saturday. The original plans were to have recruiting done at the court house.

All classes of the regular navy, the naval reserve and the special branch for negroes are now open for enlistment. For the regular navy the age limits are from 17 to 31, and for the naval reserve, the age limits are from 17 to 50. Attention is called to the fact that registration for selective service is not a bar to enlistment in the navy. A man may enlist in the navy at any time until he has actually been inducted into the army.

Men who enlist are given an opportunity to learn a useful trade, depending on the particular ability of the individual himself. The courses of instruction are short but comprehensive.

PPlans Being Made To Add Extra Seats; One Church Buys 100 Extra Chairs For Crowds.

Church attendance at the 13 reporting churches Sunday showed a gain of more than 1,000 over the previous Sabbath, as the Go-To-Church campaign passed the three-week mark.

More interest is being shown each Sunday, and several churches are making plans to increase the seating capacity for the next few weeks. One church has just bought 100 new chairs to meet the needs of the people.

The pastors in session here Tuesday decided to start the attendance records anew on Easter, in order that some church-goers might have a perfect attendance record for March and also one for April. All red cards on the bulletin board will be placed back on top after March 29th.

The sermon subject for the participating churches Sunday morning will be: "What Is Right With the Church."

The pastors will use as their evening subjects: "I AM the Good Shepherd." The complete attendance record of all reporting churches will be found on page 9 of this newspaper.