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Tobacco Averages 55¢ On Opening Day

Top Grades Brought As Much As 55c; Growers and Warehousemen Pleased.

Wholesale tobacco sales on the Asheville market yesterday brought an average of 35 cents a pound, with top price bringing 55 cents.

A large crowd was reported on the opening sales, with bidding starting near the limit on each hand at the opening hour at 10 o'clock, and continued throughout the day.

Last season's average was only more than 30 cents for some grades better than were sold on the market yesterday, the growers and warehousemen are reported to be encouraged over the prospect.

The average yield of burley tobacco in North Carolina this year has been estimated at 1,200 pounds per acre, the highest of any state. A crop in Haywood County is reported to be the best ever grown in this area.

Although an average maximum of \$38 per hundred pounds has been set by the federal government as a price ceiling on the Asheville market this CPA ruling is expected to stop the market from breaking records.

Haywood growers are reported to be ready to start the Haywood crop on the market early this year, and the next week hundreds of pounds of local grown tobacco will be offered in the warehouses.

Commissioners Appoint County Tax Listers

The following tax listers were appointed on Monday at the regular meeting of the Haywood county board of commissioners. Those appointed will begin their duties on the first of January and will continue throughout the month.

Appointed to serve in the various townships were: J. S. Black in Waynesville township; Loyd Teague in White Oak; Mack Caldwell in Cataloochee; Miss Lucy Green in Fines Creek; Frank Medford in Crabtree.

Roy Medford in Iron Duff; Mrs. C. E. Brown in Clyde; E. A. Burnett in Pigeon; Ken Burnett in East Fork; Ed Moody in Cecil; Mrs. Dave Platt in Ivy Hill; Mrs. Troy Leatherwood in Jonathan Creek; and Mrs. James Henderson in Beavertown, where she will maintain offices in the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

Registration Of Boys Coming 18 Starts This Month

The eighteen year olds will register in the sixth registration held under the selective service system on the following dates as outlined in a proclamation recently issued by President Roosevelt.

Those in the Waynesville area who come under the groups named will register in the office of the local draft board on the dates designated, it was learned from Miss DeBrayda Fisher, clerk of the board.

"The registration of male citizens of the United States and other males, persons, who shall have attained the eighteenth anniversary of the day of their birth during the periods indicated below shall take place in the United States between the hours of 9 a. m. and 5 p. m. on the days designated for their registration as follows:

(a) Those who were born on or after July 1, 1924, but not after August 31, 1924, and ending Thursday, December 17, 1942;

(b) Those who were born on or after September 1, 1924, but not after October 31, 1924, shall be registered on any day during the week commencing Friday, December 18, 1942, and ending Thursday, December 24, 1942.

(c) Those who were born on or after November 1, 1924, but not after December 31, 1924, shall be registered on any day during the period commencing Saturday, December 26, 1942, and ending Thursday, December 31, 1942;

(d) During the continuance of the present war, those who were born on or after January 1, 1925, shall be registered on the day they attain the eighteenth anniversary of the day of their birth; provided that if such anniversary falls on a Sunday or a legal holiday, their registration shall take place on the day following that is not a Sunday or legal holiday."

W. T. Lee Is Confined To His Bed, Condition Reported Unchanged

The condition of W. T. Lee, who has been confined to his bed for the past few weeks, was reported to be about the same late last night. Mr. Lee has not been well for sometime.

Eight Named To Serve As Directors Of Chamber Of Commerce For Next Year

After a count of the ballots cast in the annual election of the directors of the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce was made, it was found that Charlie Woodard, representing the automobile service, sales and repair group led the ticket with 96 votes.

The board has a membership of twelve with a definite number from each group in the community. Eight new members are elected annually, with four held over from the board of the year before.

Others elected in the annual election last week were: W. A. Bradley, representing agriculture and livestock; J. M. Long, representing the business and professional groups; Mrs. J. M. Long, representing the hotels and boarding houses; Bill Prevost, representing industry; and

County Officials Took Oath Of Office Monday

The newly elected county board of commissioners and the county officials were inducted into office here on Monday. The oath of office was administered by Hugh Leatherwood, clerk of the superior court.

The following members of the county board of commissioners took over their duties: George A. Brown, Jr., chairman and county manager, who was re-elected, and D. J. Noland and John R. Hipps, members.

Other officials sworn in included: Bryan Medford, who succeeds Chas. C. Francis as register of deeds; Robt. V. Welch, re-elected for the third term as sheriff of Haywood county; J. Earle Ferguson, re-elected as county tax collector.

Three constables were sworn in also on Monday as follows: Clinton Burnette, of East Fork; A. D. Arrington, of Waynesville, re-elected; and Wheeler Scott, re-elected, of Beavertown.

Following the taking of the oath of office the county commissioners went into regular session, and a number of appointments were made.

J. J. Ferguson was reappointed assistant tax collector. Max Fish, of Clyde, was appointed county deputy collector. J. S. Black was renamed as clerk to the office of the tax collector.

Walter Crawford, county attorney, was reappointed for the coming two years. Jack McCracken was reappointed superintendent of the Haywood County Home.

George Queen and Pink Sisk were continued as janitors of the court house.

Tire Service Adds Machinery To Their Plant

The Waynesville Gulf and Tire Service Company this week completed the installation of recapping equipment which will enable them to recap any size from a bicycle tire to 10.00 by 20, according to Ed Simms, owner.

Included in the new equipment was a precision buffer, and a hydraulic outfit that presses the new rubber to the tire.

With the addition of all this equipment, Mr. Simms said the plant was the most modern in the state.

Work is already underway for enlarging the plant, with a separate room for each operation.

Mr. Simms also made the announcement yesterday for the fact that Hugh Moody, well known as an experienced service station operator, was in charge of the station, while Mr. Simms and his brother will supervise the tire repair department. The firm employs seven people.

Red Cross Sewing Rooms To Close For Holidays

The Red Cross sewing and knitting rooms located in the Central Elementary school building will be closed on Dec. 16th it was learned this week from Mrs. L. M. Killian, chairman of production of the Haywood chapter.

The rooms will remain closed during the Christmas holidays and will not be reopened until January 3rd, according to Miss Killian.

Mrs. Killian is urging all those who have taken garments out to sew and who have taken wool for knitting, to complete their work at the earliest possible moment and return to her so that they will be ready for the shipment that is soon to be sent to national headquarters.

Order For Negroes In January Quota Is Cancelled

The order calls for fifteen negroes in the January quota this week from the clerk of the local draft board serving the Waynesville territory.

In the cancellation of the order, there was no definite reason given other than the call was unavoidably changed at this time.

The quota now remains at one hundred, all of whom are white as first ordered. A number of the January quota will be taken from the newly eighteen year olds, according to the local board.

J. F. Cabe Reported Not So Well This Week

J. F. Cabe, who has been confined to his home for the past two months, has not been so well this week, it was reported last night.

Sale Of Auto Tabs Moving Slowly Here

The sale of automobile tabs were reported as selling slow here by Western Auto Store, where the 1943 tabs are on sale.

Coming along with the announcement of slow sales, came word from Raleigh that no extension of time would be given motorists this year. All motor vehicles on the highways after December 31 will be required to have a 1943 tab, or be subject to arrest.

J. C. Galusha, manager of the Western Auto Company, said that all motorists should be sure to bring in their 1942 pocket cards, as no tabs are issued without the pocket card given car owners last year.

The small yellow and black tab fits over the A and figure 42 on the rear license plate. There is no provision made for covering the 42 on the front plate.

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Schools To Have Short Vacations Due To War Effort

The Waynesville township and the county schools will close on Friday, the 18th, for the Christmas holidays, it was learned yesterday from the office of the county superintendent of education.

The schools will resume work on Wednesday, the 30th, with the shortest vacation given in many years.

Mr. Messer stated that there were a number of reasons for shortening the holidays, which included a saving of fuel, and it would enable the schools to close earlier in the spring, so that those who would help on the farms could be free at the planting season.

He also stated that many of the boys in the high schools would be called into the service before the coming year was out and that it would give some of them an opportunity to graduate before entering the armed forces.

Local Chairman Urges Citizens To Buy Seals

The annual sale of Tuberculosis Christmas Seals is getting under way in the county, according to Mrs. Frank Ferguson, chairman of the sales in the Waynesville area of the county, which includes this end of the county.

Mrs. Ferguson is asking that all school principals who have as yet not received their seals to contact the office of the county superintendent and get their supplies.

Mrs. Ferguson has appointed Mrs. Henry Foy to serve as chairman in the Hazelwood area.

During the week members of the Woman's Club will place seals in the stores in the area, according to Mrs. Ferguson.

An appeal is being made to increase the sales this year, as it was pointed out before the coming year is out the war conditions will make the need more acute for this service rendered from the sale of the seals in the community as well as in the state work.

Mrs. Willis Smith, of Raleigh, who spent the week-end here with her father, W. T. Lee, who is confined to his bed, was called home by the illness of her husband's mother,

No Permits Are Necessary To Kill Your Hogs

Some Haywood farmers have been misled in regards to the share-the-meat program, according to Howard Clapp, county agent, yesterday.

One Haywood farmer had been told that he would have to get a permit and pay several dollars for each permit before he could kill his hogs. This was branded as false information, Mr. Clapp said. No permit is necessary, which, of course, means that the farmer pays nothing for killing his hogs other than the usual expense which he would have at any time.

Another report making the rounds was that each hog had to be weighed before slaughter. This was also branded as misinformation.

"The share-the-meat program is purely voluntary at the present time, and while farmers will be asked to limit their consumption to an allowance set up for the country as a whole, I doubt if it will affect but very few on the basis of average yearly consumption," Mr. Clapp said.

It is suggested that before farmers take any stock in rumors, that they consult with the county agent for authentic information.

Salvation Army Plans Christmas Cheer To Many

The Salvation Army is again in the midst of its Christmas effort for the mountain people of this section, with some five or six hundred on its Christmas rolls.

In addition to the regular effort, the Salvation Army is also sending a gift package to each boy that has gone into the armed forces from the mountain families of this area.

Some personal appeals have been made for contributions and at a later date, the familiar Christmas kettles of the Salvation Army will be seen on the streets.

Those who will not be otherwise contacted, but who wish to share in the Christmas effort of the Salvation Army may send either check or cash to the Salvation Army, Waynesville, it was learned from Adjutant Cecil Brown.

Travel In Park Shows Decrease

During the month of November, an estimated total of 44,897 persons, traveling in 14,693 vehicles, visited the park. This figure represents a decrease in travel of 8 per cent under travel during the month of November, 1941. The estimate is based on comparison of actual count during the corresponding period of the preceding year.

Approximately 16 per cent of the visitors were from other than the states of Tennessee and North Carolina.

Condition Of Dr. Smathers Who Is Critically Ill Reported Unchanged

The condition of Dr. B. F. Smathers, who has been in a critical condition for the past several days, was reported unchanged late last night. Dr. Smathers was moved to the Haywood County Hospital about two weeks ago.

Garrison Joins The Merchant Marines

Charles Garrison, owner of the Pure Oil service station on Main street here, has enlisted with the Merchant Marines, and expects to be called to duty in the near future.

Franklin Given 5 To 8 Years For Death Of Winchester; Many Other Cases Tried

Napoleon Bonaparte Franklin, indicted for murder in the first degree, and convicted of manslaughter in the death of Henry Winchester, was sentenced to from five to eight years in state prison on the last day of the November term of superior court which adjourned here on Saturday, with Judge F. Donald Phillips, of Rockingham, presiding.

Franklin is alleged to have shot and killed Winchester whom he found at his home around 1:30 in the morning.

Catherine Lenoir, colored, who was charged with the murder of her father, Oscar Lenoir, plead guilty of manslaughter and was sentenced to four months in the county jail.

Approximately two thousand dollars was collected in fines from the owners and operators of the slot machines which were confiscated in a recent raid in Haywood and in money taken from the machines after the capture.

The twenty out of the twenty-eight operators and owners of the machines who appeared in court and plead guilty were fined either \$25 or \$50 according to the type of machine operated in their places of business.

The money collected in fines and otherwise was equally divided between the officers who made the raid last month and the poor fund of the county.

Other cases disposed of during (Continued on page 8)

Banner For Salvage To Be Raised Sat.

Merchants Make Store Hours For Holiday Season

Merchants of the community met this week and set up store hours and holidays for the Christmas season.

All but four merchants had been contacted yesterday, and the decision was unanimously in favor of observing the following hours and holidays:

Stores to remain open until eight o'clock on December 21 and 22. For the 23 and 24, the stores will stay open until nine o'clock.

All stores will observe Sunday hours on December 26th. This will give the sales forces a three-day vacation for Christmas.

The committee in charge of the holiday hours and holiday, is composed of C. J. Reece, chairman, John W. Boyd, and Emmett Baintent.

Bakery Moves Into Larger Quarters Here

The Waynesville Bakery moved the first of the week to Main street, next to Western Union, into a building fitted with modern fixtures.

"We will be able to render better service and carry a more complete line," Robt. Laughara, owner-manager stated. "The new place, as the firm opened in the new place."

Special fixtures have been installed which give more display space for goods.

The bakery is designed along the latest type approved by the board of health, with an open-view kitchen which enables every customer to see the bakers at work.

Mr. Laughara has been in the business for many years, and does all the baking himself. A feature being offered by the firm is special orders.

Rationing Board Starting Monday, Changes Hours

The office hours of the rationing board serving the Waynesville area will be changed it was learned this week from the clerk of the board, beginning on Monday, December 14th.

The office, which is located on the third floor of the court house, has been open to the public from 10 to 4 o'clock each day with the exception of Saturday.

The hours have been changed to 9 to 1 o'clock Monday through Friday. On Saturday the hours will be from 9 to 1 o'clock.

The change has been due to the increased work of the office, so that the clerks may have some interrupted hours during the day in order to carry on the necessary business connected with the office.

Helm Leaves For Work With Airplane Firm In Eastern N. C.

J. C. Helms, who has been manager of the Union Clothing Company for the past eleven months, leaves Sunday for Elizabeth City to assume duties there with the Consolidated Aircraft Corporation.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Ramsey announce the birth of a son, Joseph G. Ramsey, III, at the Haywood County Hospital on December 8th.

High School Band Will Give Annual Christmas Concert

The Waynesville township high school band will present their annual Christmas program on Monday night the 14th at 7:30 o'clock at the high school auditorium under the direction of Charles Isley, band director and music instructor.

The program will include both Christmas and patriotic numbers. The public is cordially invited to attend. A small admission fee will be charged, the funds derived will be applied on the purchase of music for the band.

The program will include the following: "Under the Double Eagle," by Key-Filmore; "Over There Fantasie," by Wagner; "There's Something About a Soldier," by Cay-Yoder; "America Patrol," by Meacham; songs of the service, "U. S. Field Artillery," by Walker; "Marines Hymn," Bohkerck; "Air Corps Songs," by Crawford; "Anchors Aweigh," by Zimmerman.

Other numbers will be "Joy to the World," by Handel; "O Little Town of Bethlehem," by Redmer; "Silent Night," by Gruber; "Stars and Stripes Forever," by Sousa and "The Star Spangled Banner."

Seventy-Four To Leave Tuesday, 14, In December Quota

The men making up the December quota under the selective service system are scheduled to leave here on Tuesday morning, the 14th, at 8 o'clock for the regular examination at Camp Croft, pending their induction into active service in the armed forces.

Due to the new rulings regarding the age limit of men since the call was made, a number of those first scheduled to leave with the group have been dropped from the list, which included several men over 38 years of age.

The buses taking the men will leave promptly at 8 o'clock, but the men are asked to report to the draft board office on the third floor of the court house at 7:30 for their final instructions.

Those leaving Tuesday will be as follows: Claude Ervin Smathers, James Ledford, Walter Houston Plimmans, Lawrence Edward McElroy, Claude Pressley, Troy James Etvenson, Carl David Mooney, Lewis Earl Patton, Verner Frank London, Charles D. Lance, Glenn Waites Cuthbertson, Ison Sutton, Wilburn Franklin Kirkpatrick.

Luke Alvin Swanger, Gilmer James Setzer, Elford Sutton, Glenn Zackrice Clarke, James Paul Phillips, Walter Lee Chambers, Hardy Callison Sanford, William Glenn Hoxit, Robert Edward Potts, Jake Messer, John D. Sutton, Wilburn Alexander Campbell, Floyd Jenkins, Garfield Grooms, Horace Eugene Messer, Berlin Arvine Conner, William Harry Rabb, Lewis White Brewer.

Lawrence B. Leatherwood, William Clyde Owens, J. Hugh Caldwell, James Robert Boyd, Jr., David Dee Green, Charles D. Ketter, Harry Fain McCracken, Willie Ray Tate, Glenn Robert Painter, (Continued on page 8)

WEATHER

The following is the official weather report for Waynesville, as furnished by The Mountaineer:

Max	Min	Precip
52	13	.00
31	25	.00
40	22	2.15
48	29	.00
47	33	.00
45	35	.00
44	31	.00