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WAYNESVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY, MAY 25, 1944 (One Day Nearer Victory)

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Expect 300 Tonight At C. Of C. Banquet

Banquet Starts At 7:30 At Hazelwood School Cafeteria; Outstanding Program Planned.

Between 250 and 300 are expected to attend the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet at the Hazelwood school cafeteria tonight at 7:30. One of the best programs has been prepared by the committee in charge, with two outstanding speakers to deliver 20 addresses.

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County Expected To Cast 5,000 Votes Sat.

Interest In Primary Is Growing Daily; Polls Open At 6:30 A. M., Close At 6:30 P. M.

Local interest in the outcome of the Democratic primary on Saturday is daily increasing despite the fact that in Haywood county there is only one county-wide contest and one township contest.

Political leaders are predicting that around 5,000 votes will be cast on Saturday in Haywood. This figure is far below that of other years due to the fact that so many men are out of the country in the armed forces.

Friends of the three contestants seeking the post of Representative in the General Assembly from Haywood county seemed confident that their candidate would win, as were the gubernatorial supporters over the prospects of their candidate coming out ahead in the race.

The three Democratic candidates filed for the nomination of Representative are: R. E. Sentelle, S. L. Sanderson and Glenn C. Palmer, who is seeking re-election, having represented Haywood county for the past three terms.

H. W. Hentherly and L. M. Crawford are candidates in the Republican township race in East Fork.

Absentee ballots have been mailed to all men and women in the service who have requested them. The registrars and judges for the primary are as follows:

The first two named are Democratic members and the third is the Republican member. Beaverdam No. 1, W. W. Pless, Ray Byers and Clyde Smith. Beaverdam No. 2, Will F. Clark, Jake Smathers and Gladstone Haney.

Beaverdam No. 3, C. E. Williams, J. T. Chappell and Roy Matheson. Beaverdam No. 4, Bill Franklin, George Henry Smathers and John Teague.

Beaverdam No. 5, Mrs. Fred Winfield, Grover Russell and George A. Wilson. Beaverdam No. 6, S. C. Wood, Girtwood Smathers and L. J. Ward. Clyde, Fred Medford, O. D. Russell, and Levi Morgan.

Pigeon, Walker Brown, John Day Cathey and Walter Singleton. East Fork, Rex Pless, K. L. Burnett and Wilburn Clark.

Cecil, Perry Allen, Ben West and Ben Inman. North Waynesville, David Turner, Henry Gaddy and Shuford Howell.

South Waynesville, J. P. Dicus, Robert P. McCracken and Grady Farmer. Hazelwood, W. A. Whitner, Gene Wyatt and John Blalock.

Lake Junaluska, Guy Fulbright, Jarvis T. Coman and A. E. Ward. Ivy Hill, Alney Mehaffey, Sam Queen and Dave Jaynes.

Cataloochee, Lush Caldwell, Mrs. Mark Hannah and Americus Hall. Big Creek, J. M. Caldwell, Crow Hopkins and Mrs. Chas. Roberts. Fines Creek, Mrs. Norman James, Marion Kirkpatrick and Hubert Ferguson.

Crabtree, Will Bradshaw, Manson McElroy and L. O. Ferguson. Iron Duff, Roy Medford, Weaver Chambers and Humphrey White. Jonathan Creek, L. M. Leatherwood, Grady Howell and Vinson Morrow.

White Oak, Claude Davis, Gaylor Baldwin and Plato Bramlett.

American Legion Auxiliary Sponsors Poppy Sale On 27th

The annual National Memorial Day service will be conducted by the American Legion Post and the Veterans of the Spanish American War on Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock, May 30, at Green Hill cemetery, it was learned from W. A. Shoobred, adjutant of the local post.

Rev. R. G. Tatum, rector of Grace Episcopal church, will make the main address. Robert H. Gibson, veteran of World War I and II, will sound taps. W. A. Shoobred, adjutant and Col. J. Harden Howell, commander of the post are in charge of the services.

The public is invited to attend and a representative from the family of each veteran buried in Green Hill is urged to attend and receive the flag to be placed on the grave when the honor roll is called of the deceased veterans.

The usual decoration of the graves by the families prior to the program at 11 o'clock will be made.

Graduates Receive Diplomas On Monday

Dr. B. G. Childs, of Duke University, Tells Students Of Their Responsibilities.

The responsibilities of the present generation to the future and the debt they owe to the past was the theme of the splendid literary address delivered to the graduates of the Waynesville Township high school at the closing exercises on Monday evening by Dr. B. G. Childs of Duke University.

Dr. Childs reminded the students of the great obligation they had to those who had gone ahead and blazed the way for them, and of what the people of their community had made possible for them to enjoy. He spoke of the sacrifices that are made by parents for their children in order that they may have advantages and he challenged the graduates to take up the torch and carry on.

The invocation was given by Rev. M. R. Williamson, pastor of the Waynesville Presbyterian Church. This was followed by a number by the Girls Chorus, "The Holy Hour," by Nevin.

Rosemary Herman, salutatorian and also state winner of the DAR Pilgrimage award, gave the salutatory address. Dorothy Leatherwood, valedictorian, gave the valedictory.

C. E. Weatherby, principal, presented the class of 1944 and the awarding of the diplomas was made by M. H. Bowles, superintendent of the Waynesville District schools and acting county superintendent of education. Attention was called to the boys now in service who would have received diplomas and tribute paid to their patriotism.

Mrs. S. H. Bushnell, regent of the Dorcas Bell Love Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, presented the two citizenship medals which are annually given to the outstanding boy and girl in the senior class. These were awarded to Robert H. Gibson, Jr., and Grace Allen.

Robert H. Gibson, veteran of World War I and II presented the American Legion awards given annually to the boy and girl of the Junior high who had been chosen as outstanding in their classes. These awards were won by Alwayne McClure and Robert Meade Harry.

The American Legion Auxiliary art awards were presented by Mrs. J. C. Brown, president of the Auxiliary, to Betty Bradley and Francis Leatherwood, Jr. These awards are given annually for the outstanding art work done by a boy and girl of the senior class.

Gary Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Evans, of Waynesville, was mascot of the class of 1944. Miss Nancy Killian served as accompanist of the evening, playing the professional, recessional and for the assembly singing. Rev. J. Clay Madison, pastor of the First Methodist church, pronounced the benediction.

Rev. Robert G. Tatum, rector of Grace Episcopal church, delivered the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday night, when all the congregations of the community gave over their evening service for the annual event. Several hundred persons heard Rev. Tatum's sermon.

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Was Awarded Silver Star In February For Bravery In Action.

Staff Sergeant Ralph W. Moody, is reported killed in action, according to information received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Moody, of Moody Farm, on last Saturday afternoon.

The message from the office of the Adjutant General read as follows: "The Secretary of War desires me to express his deep regret that your son, Staff Sgt. Ralph W. Moody, was killed in action on twenty-four, April, in Italy. Letter follows."

Sgt. Moody entered the service in February, 1942, and was sent to Camp Wolters, Tex., for his basic training. From Wolters he was transferred to Fort Benning, Ga., and then to Camp Pickett, Va., before being sent overseas in October, 1942.

Sgt. Moody arrived in North Africa in November and served there for a period, after which he was transferred to Sicily and later to Anzio beachhead.

Sgt. Moody received a silver star award for his bravery in action in February, which he had sent to his wife, the former Miss Adaline Rogers, to whom he was married in 1942. Mrs. Moody holds a position in Arlington, Va. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Rogers, of Clyde, R.F.D. No. 1.

Prior to entering the service, Sgt. Moody was engaged in farming and assisted his father in the operation of the Moody Farm.

Surviving are his parents, his wife, one brother, Ned Moody, and three sisters, Mrs. Edwin Constantine, all of Moody Farm, Mrs. A. M. Sale, of Atlanta, Ga., and Mrs. C. E. Alexander, of Neptune, N. J.

Mrs. Silas Nichols was the guest last week in Atlanta of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Lampley. She was also the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Mack McDaniel there and en route home was the guest of friends in Ducktown, Tenn.

Pfc. Ed. McFalls Reported Wounded In Action In Italy

Private First Class Edward McFalls, son of Mrs. H. P. Ledbetter, of Waynesville, has been wounded in action in Italy, according to information sent his mother by the War Department.

Pfc. McFalls entered the service on March 3, 1943, and was inducted at Fort Jackson. From Jackson he was transferred to Ford Meade, Md., and from there to an embarkation port, then overseas.

He was first stationed in North Africa, and arrived there in October, 1943. After a period in Africa he was transferred to Italy where he was stationed when wounded in action.

Pfc. McFalls, the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Reece, of Canton, R.F.D. No. 3, was a farmer prior to entering the service.

Forty-Four Men Reclassified By Board During Week

Forty-four men were reclassified during the past week by the local draft board with six men placed in class 1-A as follows: Willard E. Russell, Ullus G. Burnette, Harrison G. Griffen, Henry S. Price, Monroe L. Smith and Tommie C. Caldwell.

Placed in class 1-A(H) was Vaughn R. Rhinehart. Placed in class 3-A were: Edgar W. Mease, Luther Lee, Jr., and Leon W. Henry.

Continued in class 2-A were: Jarvis A. Messer and Edgar E. Ray. Placed in class 2-A(H) was Mark E. Hannah.

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Placed in class 2-B were: Noble J. Gibson, Noble G. McDonald, Glenn V. Rogers, Floyd W. Davis, Roy E. Edwards, James R. Francis, Frank D. Ferguson, Jr., Paul W. Davis, Zemery F. Messer, John N. Browning, Virge Williams, Lewis N. Green, Dewey E. Rhinehart, William C. Green and Guy V. Grogan.

Placed in class 1-C were: Oscar L. Canupp, and Samuel D. McKay. Placed in class 2-C were: Willard P. Best, Larry D. Caldwell, Dillard Rogers, Kenneth D. Milner, Willie C. Allison and Robert R. Caldwell.

Placed in class 4-F were: Eamus A. Conner and Hugh Leopold. Continued in class 2-C were: James N. Rose, John M. Caldwell, Robert W. Howell and Clark K. Messer.

First National To Close On 30th

The First National Bank will be closed Tuesday, May 30, for Memorial Day, it was announced yesterday by Jonathan Woody, president. This is a national holiday and all banks of the state will be closed for the day.

Churches To Be Open On D-Day

As interest rises on the coming European invasion, church leaders here reminded the public that all churches of every denomination in the community, would be open all day and a continuous prayer service would be held.

Indications are that large numbers of people will participate in these services on the day the invasion is announced as having begun.

Last Rites Held Yesterday For Mrs. J. E. Barr

Last rites were held at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the First Methodist church for Mrs. John E. Barr, who died at her home here at 10:00 Tuesday morning. The Rev. J. Clay Madison, pastor of the First Methodist church, officiated. Burial was in Green Hill cemetery.

Active pallbearers were: Charles E. Ray, Jr., Carleton E. Weatherby, Dr. S. P. Gay, Ben Sloan, Hugh Massie and Jonathan Woody.

Honorary pallbearers were: R. H. Blackwell, James B. Neal, W. A. Hyatt, L. N. Davis, Hugh Jolly, Dr. N. M. Medford, E. J. Hyatt and Henry Gaddy.

Mrs. Barr was born near Little Falls, Minn., in 1879 and was before her marriage, Miss Emma C. Dingman. She was married to Mr. Barr in Nov., 1902. She came to Waynesville with her husband to reside ten years ago from Washington, D. C. Mr. Barr is general manager of the Land O' The Sky Cooperatives.

Until her illness kept her at home, Mrs. Barr was active in the religious and social life of the community. She was a member of the First Methodist church and of the Woman's Club. She made many friends during her residence here.

Surviving are her husband; one daughter, Mrs. O. M. Merry, of Fairmont, Minn., two sons, Donald E. Barr, of New York City, and Byron Barr (Gig Young, well known motion picture actor), now serving in the U. S. Coast Guard on the Pacific coast; one brother, Charles Dingman, of Saum, Minn.

The Massie Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

American Legion Will Sponsor Decoration Day

The biggest poppy sale in the history of the American Legion is predicted this year by Mrs. J. Colvin Brown, president of the local unit, who is pointing out the greater need for response.

The poppies are made by veterans of government hospitals, with the materials furnished them free of any charge by the members of the American Legion Auxiliary. Volunteer workers teach the disabled men to make poppies. The entire poppy program, from the supplying of the poppy materials to the distribution of the finished flowers to the American public, is under the management of the Auxiliary.

The veterans and their dependents are the ones who benefit from the poppy sale. The work offers not only means of raising money for the veterans but also gives them something to do. These men in the government hospitals are delighted to keep their fingers busy and their minds occupied with the fashioning of the poppies. Needy wives and children reap benefits from the sale of the flowers.

Poppies have been sold on Memorial Day for the past twenty-four years and will continue to be sold on or near that date for many years, according to Mrs. Brown, president of the local Auxiliary. Members of the organization assisted by the Girl Scouts will sell these flaming flowers on the streets. They will go on sale at 9 o'clock and be sold throughout the day.

Mrs. J. C. Brown will make Henderson's Corner her headquarters. "Don't fail to buy a poppy on Saturday to show that you have not forgotten the debt we owe the men in the Frat World War, and what we owe the men now on the fighting lines and in the service," is the appeal made by Mrs. Brown.

Plott Improving Heart Attack

Condition of G. C. Plott, of county game and fish commission, who was stricken with a heart attack last Thursday, was improving. Mr. Plott is confined to his bed at his home on 1st Street.