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WAYNESVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1944 (One Day Nearer Victory)

\$1.75 In Advance In Haywood and Jackson Counties

## Prospects Bright For Getting Large Plant

## City Bus Service Starts Friday

## Engineers Working On 55-Acre Tract, To Employ 1200 to 3000

### Lee Starts Service For Community

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Lee has spent considerable time studying bus transportation in communities the size of Waynesville. He has put into practice those methods recommended. Extra seats will be used during peak periods on Saturdays and when the bus is over, Mr. Lee said.

### Haywood Fat Calves To Enter Annual Show-Sale

Haywood calves will be entered in the annual Fat Calf and Sale on Asheville next Friday and Thursday.

Calves will be entered in the Haywood 4-H and six calves by members of F.F.A. Clubs.

The show will be held on Wednesday and the sale on Thursday, a number of local business men are expected to bid on the calves.

### Free Auction On Monday

Auction sales will be staged Monday, October 9th, by the Haywood 4-H Club. This is their first sale in this community this year and indications are that it will be one of the best ever.

At 10 o'clock they will sell the farm on Jonathan's Creek, as the Ashby Howell farm. The farm has been divided into three tracts, from 3 to 50 acres each. The land, all farm machinery, mules and horses will be sold. The farm is owned by Jonathan Howell and Glenn James. The church of the Shady Grove Methodist church will serve dinner at the 12 o'clock.

## Democratic Leaders Coming

### Thief Who Entered Shelton Home Escaped Prisoner

Prisoner Had Been At Large Since Thursday and Was Arrested After Theft On Sunday Night.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Shelton was entered on Sunday night around 9 o'clock and several garments stolen. The alleged thief, Herman Williams, negro, escaped from the prison camp at Hazelwood on Thursday night before, was arrested at 1 o'clock Sunday morning and returned to camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelton were entering their home, after returning from church Sunday night as a man ran out by way of the back door. Mr. Shelton found that entrance had been made by cutting a screen at a window on the side of the house. He called the city police department, who got blood hounds at once from the prison camp and the thief was traced by way of the depot and the Howell Mill Road into the entrance into the Lake Junaluska Road.

In the meantime a search had been going on for the escaped prisoner from the camp at Hazelwood by the camp authorities and Patrolman O. V. Roberts. The prisoner, Cal Rabb, had been placed by Capt. W. F. Swift, head of the camp, on the Howell Mill Road and the blood hounds traced the man to the spot where the guard, who made the arrest, was stationed. It was then found that the man who entered the Shelton house was the escaped prisoner.

### Pvt. Wilce McGaha Seriously Injured, Reported Improved

Private Wilce McGaha, son of Mrs. Caldonia Hannah of Dellwood, who was seriously injured, is reported to be improving. He is still confined to a hospital in England, where he was sent after his accident, the details of which have not been revealed.

### Pvt. Herman Free Reported Slightly Wounded In France

Private Herman A. Free has been slightly wounded in action in France on August 7, according to a message received by his wife, the former Miss Evelyn Griffin of Waynesville.

Pvt. Free was inducted in the service on Nov. 23, 1943 at Camp Croft and from there was sent to Fort George Meade, Md., and then overseas, where he has been serving for the past four months.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Whitner Prevost announce the birth of a son at Biltmore Hospital on Tuesday, Oct. 2.

### AT SPRING SHOW

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Massie attended the ready-to-wear show in Charlotte the first of this week.

### Opening Of 1944 Campaign Starts Here Monday At 2

Cherry, Hoey and Others On Program For 12th Congressional District.

State Democratic leaders and candidates, including Gregg Cherry and Clyde R. Hoey, will open the 1944 campaign for North Carolina in Waynesville Monday, October 9, at two o'clock at the court house.

William B. Umstead, chairman of the state executive committee, will be in charge of the meeting, while Clifford Brown, county chairman and associate will act as host for the meeting.

At least 100 representatives from the 11 counties in the 12th congressional district are expected to attend, in addition to the large group from Haywood. Mr. Brown is today urging all precinct chairmen to be present, bringing with them their executive committees.

### Pfc. M. F. Parton Reported Missing In Action Sept. 12

Pfc. McKinley F. Parton, son of Glenn Parton, of Lake Junaluska, and the late Mrs. Parton, is missing in action, according to information received by his father.

The message from the War Department was as follows: "The Secretary of War desires me to express his deepest regret that your son, Pfc. McKinley F. Parton, is missing in action since 12 September in France. If further details or other information are received you will be promptly notified."

Pfc. Parton entered the service on September 10, 1942, and was inducted at Camp Croft. He received his basic training at Camp Walters, Tex., and from there was sent to Sain-Louis, Calif. When his training was completed at the latter he was transferred to Camp Rucker, Ala., and later to Butner, From Butner he was sent to Camp Forrest, Tenn.

From Camp Forrest he was sent back to Butner and then to a camp in Virginia and again returned to Camp Butner after which he was sent overseas. The last letter received from him was dated August 23rd.

At the time he entered the service Pfc. Parton was employed by the county board of education.

Pfc. Parton has four sisters, Misses Jane, Flora and Ruby Parton, all of Lake Junaluska, and Mrs. William N. Conley, of Candler; and one brother, Glenn Parton, Jr., of Lake Junaluska.

### GLENN PALMER IN RALEIGH

Glenn C. Palmer is in Raleigh attending a special farm-industrial committee of the state. Mr. Palmer was one of 75 farmers of the state to be invited to attend the 2-day session to discuss post war plans for agriculture and industry.

### IN CHARLOTTE

Charles Ray, director of the Carolina Motor Club, attended a board meeting in Charlotte this week. He was accompanied by Mrs. Ray and Mrs. C. J. Reece, who is attending a ready-to-wear showing there.

## Committee Named To Secure An Airport For Haywood County

### Survey of Country Club Property Started Monday

The survey of the 118-acre tract contained in the Waynesville Golf Course and Country Club property which was recently purchased by Walter T. Eller, prominent business man of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., from Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Long, was started on Monday. It was expected that the survey and all technicalities relative to the sale of the property would be cleared up during the coming week.

Mr. Eller plans to remain here until all the details of the sale have been completed and he assumes ownership of the property, it was learned.

The records show that the sale is the largest private transaction ever made in Haywood county. The purchase price of the property has not been made public.

The new owner plans to continue to operate the property along the same policies of the former owners, and keep the club house open for guests the year round. When conditions will permit Mr. Eller stated that he plans to make extensive improvements including enlarging the accommodations of the club house.

### Pfc. H. McGaha Reported Missing In Belgium

Private First Class Hillard McGaha, son of Mrs. Caldonia Hannah of Dellwood, has been reported missing in action in Belgium since Sept. 5, according to a message received by his mother from the war department.

Pfc. McGaha entered the service in 1940 as a volunteer and was inducted at Fort Dix, N. J. He received his training at the following camps prior to being sent overseas: Fort Benning, Ga., Camp Blanding, Fla., and Indian Gap, Pa.

Pfc. McGaha has had many months of combat duty overseas. He was first in North Africa, then Sicily, and later with the invasion forces in France. He received a number of medals and recognition of his service since he has been overseas.

### Town Of Clyde Sells \$51,000 Refunding Bonds

A total of \$51,000 in refunding bonds for the Town of Clyde were sold during the past week, at the rate of a little less than three and one-half per cent.

A banking institution in Durham bought the bonds it was learned from the town attorney. The new sale will save the town around \$700 per year.

### Clyde Sales Last Thursday Totaled 425

The sales last Thursday at the Haywood Mutual Stockyards in Clyde totaled 425 head of cattle. Average prices paid were: cows, \$4.50 to \$7.00; heifers, \$5.20 to \$9.30; steers, \$8.10 to \$12.30; calves, \$7.50 to \$15.25; and bulls, \$5.50 to \$8.

### Chamber of Commerce Group To Work With Other Towns In County On Project

The board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce in session Monday night named a committee to begin work immediately in cooperation with Lake Junaluska and Canton in the promotion of an airport for Haywood county.

The committee for this community is headed by C. N. Allen, chairman, Dr. Stuart Roberson, R. B. Davenport, Frank Rogers, Leo Weill, Hallett Ward, Jonathan Woody, Charlie Ray and Ralph Prevost. The committee will meet at an early date and make plans for carrying on the project.

The directors decided to keep the office of the organization open half time from November first to May first, with offices in the Masonic Temple. Miss Nannette Jones, secretary, said hours would be from 9 to 1 during the winter months.

Dr. Roberson was named as chairman of a committee to study and present a financial set-up for the coming year. He is to name his committee to work out this matter.

### Baptists To Vote On Calling Pastor Sunday Morning

A special church conference will be held at the First Baptist Church here Sunday morning immediately after the morning service, at which time the members of the church will formally cast their vote on the matter of calling Rev. L. G. Elliott as pastor. Mr. Elliott is now pastor of the Simpsonville, S. C., Baptist church.

Rev. Mr. Elliott's name was presented to the church last Sunday, upon unanimous recommendation of the pulpit committee and board of deacons. Under the Baptist rules, the motion is tabled one week before a vote is taken.

J. C. Patrick, chairman of the board of deacons, will preside at the conference. The supply committee announced that Rev. M. H. Kendall, teacher of Bible at Mars Hill, will fill the pulpit both morning and evening. The evening services will be at 7:30 instead of eight o'clock.

### Pfc. B. F. Rabb Reported Slightly Wounded Aug. 30

Pfc. Bonner F. Rabb, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Rabb, of Waynesville, R.F.D. No. 1, has been slightly wounded in France on August 30, according to information received by his family.

Pfc. Rabb has been overseas since December, 1943. He entered the service in January of 1943 and at the time was employed by the Dayton Rubber Company here. He is attached to the medical corps.

His wife, Mrs. Nina M. Norman Rabb, and small son are making their home with her parents in Hazelwood.

### Jonathan Woody Says Chances Better Than Three To One Of Getting Plant For Site Mile South Of Waynesville.

The prospects for a \$1,250,000 manufacturing plant being erected on a site a mile south of Waynesville loomed bright yesterday, according to Jonathan Woody, president of The First National Bank, after a conversation with the head of the large concern in New York yesterday.

"We have better than a three to one chance of getting the plant, which will employ around 1,200 with ultimate employment of 3,000 in the manufacture of plush and similar materials," Mr. Woody said.

The firm now has five large mills in Pennsylvania and Rhode Island, and want to consolidate them and move South. The company is one of the oldest of its kind in America, and is strong financially.

### Reported Missing



SGT. J. T. STARNES, who has been reported missing in Holland since September 19, 1943. He is a member of a parachute regiment which received the Presidential Citation.

### Sgt. T. J. Starnes Reported Missing In Action, Holland

Sgt. T. J. Starnes, who was serving with a parachute regiment in the European war theater is reported missing in action in Holland since Sept. 19, according to a message received by his wife here.

Sgt. Starnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Starnes, of Greenville, Tenn., was residing in Waynesville at the time he entered the service on June 6, 1942. He was inducted at Greenville, and from there was sent to Fort Benning, later to Camp Edwards, Mass. From the latter he was sent to Camp Forrest, Tenn., and then Camp Atterbury, Ind. From Atterbury he was sent to Fort Bragg and then to England.

His outfit preceded the invasion forces in France by four hours. The group received the Presidential citation for capturing and overpowering a town in France.

At the time he entered the service, Sgt. Starnes was employed in Asheville, but resided in Waynesville.

### Miss Mary Quinlan, Red Cross Worker, Arrives In England

Miss Mary Quinlan, daughter of Mrs. Chas. E. Quinlan, who is serving with the division of the American Red Cross Foreign War Relief, has arrived in England, according to information received by her family.

Miss Quinlan has been with the Red Cross in a number of responsible positions for the past six years. Prior to being sent overseas she was executive secretary of the Rapides Chapter of the Red Cross in Alexandria, La. In addition to serving Rapides Parish (County area in this state), the chapter also served an extended camp area.

It is not known as yet where Miss Quinlan will be located.

Officials of the company have been in this section on a number of occasions, and several months ago acquired an option on a 55-acre tract on the Howell Mill Road, between here and Lake Junaluska. The property is owned by Millard Howell, Miss Lavonia Howell and Mrs. R. L. Underwood.

During the past ten days, plant engineers, construction engineers and architects have been over the site and checked on all details for building the plant. The reports of these experts were forwarded to the New York office.

In addition to the company's privately employed engineers, the Southern Railway had an engineer here inspecting the site for running in necessary sidetracks. All findings by these men, it was learned, were favorable and the site was highly recommended to the officials.

The water from Richland Creek, which runs by the property, has been tested and found satisfactory for the factory needs.

The actual building would not be started until restrictions are lifted, but it was hinted that excavation, and foundations could be started soon after final plans have been completed.

Negotiations have been underway on the matter for the past four months, with Mr. Woody acting as the company's representative here. He has been in almost daily contact with the officials, and together they have worked out many problems such as freight rates and other matters.

County and highway officials have been consulted on a paved road to the site, and according to Mr. Woody, everyone has been most cooperative in working with the officials. The State Department of Conservation and Development have furnished much data of a technical nature to the interested officials.

Only this week an architect from this area was called to New York to consult with the firm regarding the plant.

While no indications were given at the date a final decision would be made on the proposed plant, there was an indication that it would be within the next 30 days.

Numerous rumors have been circulated from time to time here regarding the plant but for the most part, all of them were without foundation. A representative of this paper endeavored to get Mr. Woody to state positively that the plant was coming but he qualified his statements that the chances of the plant being established here were better than three to one in our favor.

### Pvt. Wm. Chambers Reported Missing Since September 1

Private William Chambers, 3rd, who is attached to the medical corps, has been reported missing in action in France since September 1, according to a message received by his father from the War Department.