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ETH YEAR NO. 50 16 Pages WAYNESVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1944 (One Day Nearer Victory) $1.75 In Advance In Haywood and Jackson Counties

lvation Army Aims o Cheer 700 People

Salvation Army is staging nsive Christmas Cheer pro- n this area, preparing be- 600 and 700 baskets and The needy in the rural sec- ll receive gifts of clothing, ost of those in town will kets of food.

Christmas kettle is now on et daily, and through that the Army plans to get carry on the work this No gift boxes for the army found at the stores this year past, it was explained, and ey to the Christmas cheer ll be raised through dona- nd the money given the

Sunday the Army gave a as program at Shelton and Bonnie Hill. On Fri- ning they will give a pro- Millers Gap school, and fternoon at the Grace Lum- p in the Gulf. On Sunday at Little Creek, and later Maple Springs Citadel.

eed for more money this eeds last year, since prices er, it was pointed out by als.

First National To Have Two-Day Christmas Holiday

The First National Bank will be closed on Christmas Day and Tuesday, 26th, following, in accordance with a proclamation issued by Governor J. Melville Broughton, on December 6, it was learned this week from Jonathan Woody, president.

Under the proclamation no banking business may be lawfully transacted on those two days. During the period of the holiday, all the ordinary and usual operations and business of all banking corporations, State and National, in this state shall be suspended as authorized by the proclamation.

Woman's Club Sponsor Annual Community Tree

The community Christmas tree which is sponsored each year as a part of the Yuletide observance of the Woman's Club will be staged on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the court house, according to an announcement made by Mrs. J. C. Brown, chairman of welfare of the club.

A tree will be decorated from which gifts, fruits, candies and nuts will be distributed to the children from this area who are present for the program.

Rev. L. G. Elliott, pastor of the First Baptist church, will give the invocation. This will be followed by the singing of Christmas carols.

Mrs. Brown will be assisted by the following committee: Mrs. James W. Killian, Mrs. A. E. Williamson, Mrs. John M. Queen, Mrs. James R. Boyd, Mrs. John R. Hipps, and Miss Jane Wyche.

All members of the club are expected to attend and assist with the distribution of the gifts.

School Chorus ive Concert At odist Church

Waynesville high school hub will give a concert of s music at 4:30 o'clock afternoon at the First t church, to which the cordially invited to attend. ogram will be as follows: carols by organ and brass processional, "O Come Faithful"; Invocation by R. Williamson, pastor of Waynesville Presbyterian choral response, "The rayer." Mallotte, by Girls

So Loved the World," by the Girls Chorus; reading, Isaiah 9:2-8, by e Messer; "O Come, O manuel," by choir; Scripding, Luke 2:1-7; "Here Beasts," "O Little Town hem," "Silent Night," by Scripture reading, Luke

Shepherds Watched their y choir; Scripture reading, 0-14; "It Came upon the Clear," "Gloria In Ex- s," by choir; Scripture, 2:1-12; "O Holy Night," he World," by choir with Gibson as soloist.

ristmas Story, as told by Herman; the offering; ry Laud and Honor," by choir; benediction by Elliott; "As With Gad- of Old," Choral Response; clude.

Fewer Drunks In Police Court

Since the closing of the majority of the wine and beer places in Waynesville, the police record shows the number arrested for being drunk has dropped more than fifty per cent.

Over the past week-end four were hauled into police court charged with being drunk. An average of the past has been ten to fifteen.

Elementary Schools To Present Christmas Programs This Week

The Waynesville Township elementary schools will present their annual Christmas programs this week. The programs will be in Scripture and Song. The gl e clubs and rhythm bands of each school will give the programs under direction of Mrs. John Carver.

East Waynesville program will be given Thursday, 11 o'clock. Hazelwood program will be given Thursday, 2 o'clock. Central program will be given Friday, 11 o'clock. All patrons of each school are invited to attend the programs.

Heads Boosters

DEWEY HYATT was elected president of the Hazelwood Boosters Club at the December meeting at the Hazelwood Presbyterian church. The meeting was the annual Christmas party for wives of the members, with W. H. Prevost in charge of the program, assisted by Lawrence Leatherwood.

Mr. Hyatt succeeds George Bischoff as president. Mr. Hyatt served as secretary last year. Other officers are John W. Taylor, secretary, and Frank Compton was reelected treasurer of the 20-year-old organization.

A group of students from the Hazelwood school gave a Christmas program of songs and recitations, and Mr. Leatherwood showed pictures illustrating the work in "visual education" which is being started in the school.

Benefit Motion Picture With Admission By Toy

There will be a benefit showing of "Storm Over Lisbon," with Vera Ralston and Eric Von Stroheim, at the Park Theatre on Friday afternoon, as a courtesy of James E. Massie, owner of the theatre.

Admission to the theatre will be by the presentation of a good old toy or a new one. Children of the grammar grades will be admitted in this manner. Older groups will pay the regular admission fee.

These toys will be donated to the Woman's Club by Mr. Massie to be used on the community Christmas tree to be staged on Saturday afternoon at the court house.

All the children in the community are urged to attend the performance, and if not able to be present to send a gift to be used on the tree.

Presbyterian Church To Have Christmas Pageant

The Young People of the Presbyterian church will present a Christmas pageant on Sunday evening at the church at 7:30 o'clock. The title of the pageant, "Living Pictures", will be under the direction of Miss Dorothy Richeson and the characters will be portrayed by groups of young people.

During the pageant the voices of children will be heard singing some of the most beautiful and best loved Christmas carols. The public is invited to the service.

The service Sunday morning will be featured by special music by the church choir under the direction of Charles Isley.

W. Curtis Russ Elected President Community Council

Plans formulated for coming year's work at annual meeting on Monday

W. Curtis Russ was elected president of the Community Council at the annual meeting of election of officers held on Monday night. Mr. Russ succeeds Mrs. Rufus Siler.

Others elected to serve with Mr. Russ were: vice president, Clyde Fisher; secretary, Mrs. F. G. Rippetoe; and treasurer, Joe Davis.

Different phases of the work were discussed at length at the meeting Monday and new policies for the coming year's activities were formulated.

The group in reviewing the work of the past year were elated over what had been accomplished and enthusiastic support was pledged to the new executive board members.

A meeting will be held of the council about the middle of January. In the meantime the executive board will meet and make plans to be presented to the general council meeting.

The Community Council was organized last year and an extensive recreational program for the community has been inaugurated since that date, with an all-time director in charge of activities.

Pvt. Jack Wright Reported Seriously Wounded, Germany

Private Jack E. Wright, U. S. Army, has been reported seriously wounded in action in Germany on November 22, according to information received by his wife, Mrs. Catherine T. Wright, of Hazelwood.

Pvt. Wright entered the service in June, 1943, and was inducted at Camp Croft and from there was transferred to Fort George Meade, Md., and then overseas, where he has been serving with the First Army for the past year.

Prior to entering the service he was employed by the A. C. Lawrence Leather Company, Hazelwood.

Miss Meta Dicus, who is a student at Lee's McRae college, has arrived to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Dicus.

Killed In Action

STAFF SERGEANT WILLIAM EARL LEATHERWOOD, 23, son of Mrs. Mattie Byers Leatherwood, of Clyde, and the late J. T. Leatherwood, who has been reported killed in action in England on November 21. He was serving on a B-24 Liberator Bomber at the time he was reported missing. He volunteered in the service on Sept. 15, 1943, and had been overseas for the past five months. He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Harriett Chambers, of Waynesville and Clyde, his mother, one brother, Tom Leatherwood and two sisters, Miss Emelyn Leatherwood of Clyde, and Mrs. Hugh Ratcliff, of Waynesville.

Killed On Street

DORETTA JOYCE BALENTINE, 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Balentine, who was instantly killed on the 10th by a taxi as she started across the street in front of her home.

Town's Fire Loss Only $236

Waynesville-Hazelwood had the lowest fire loss in 1944 of any period on record, it was learned this week from Clem Fitzgerald, chief of the local department. The records of the department show a loss of $236 for the two towns during the past 12 months.

Numerous calls have been answered, but all had small, or no loss reported.

Felix Stovall is assistant fire chief, and there are sixteen volunteer firemen in the two towns.

Sgt. R. E. Turpin Wins Third Oak Leaf Cluster

Technical Sergeant Richard E. Turpin, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Turpin, of Waynesville, radio operator and gunner on the B-17 Flying Fortress, "Hit Parade," has won a third Oak Leaf Cluster to his Air Medal for meritorious achievement . . . coolness, courage and skill" during Eighth Air Force bombing attacks on military and industrial targets in German and Nazi occupied Europe.

The information was received from the headquarters of the Eighth Air Force bomber station in England.

Sgt. Turpin, a show horse trainer and exhibitor was employed by the W. F. Buckley Shows, before entering the Army Air Forces. He is a graduate of the Waynesville high school.

He is a member of the 34th Bob. Group, a unit of the Third Bombardment Division, the division cited by the President for its now historic England-Africa shuttle bombing of Messerschmitt plants at Regensburg, Germany. He has participated in aerial assaults on a variety of objectives, including enemy airfields and aircraft plants and oil refineries and front line positions.

Police To Deal With Traffic Violators

Double Parking, Over-Time Parking and Speeding To Be Watched By Police.

Drastic measures regulating traffict here were put into effect this morning, with a full-time policeman on duty to issue tickets to all violators. The town officials ordered the "clamp-down" in order to curb double parking on Main Street, parking over the one hour limit, and speeding.

Norman Caldwell was put in charge of the traffic and instructed to give every violator a traffic ticket to appear at the city hall, where the penalties as provided by law will be imposed.

Traffic has increased during the past few months, and many motorists have made a habit of double parking without giving the matter any apparent thought, it was pointed out.

Motorists who park longer than an hour on Main Street, between the hours of 8 [illegible] in the area between the [illegible] Hotel and Pigeon Street will be tagged and given a ticket.

The action was taken as a safety measure, both to motorists and pedestrians, and to relieve the conjestion on Main Street.

Over the week-end traffic jams were created by double parking that held up the flow of traffic for ten minutes at a time, a town official pointed out.

Six High School Rooms Go Over 95% In Bond Drive

The Waynesville Township schools and the county schools will close tomorrow for only a two days Christmas holiday, due to the delay in starting the schools last fall. The classes will resume work on Wednesday, the 27th.

In the Waynesville high school six home rooms had a half holiday, making over 95 per cent purchases in the sixth war loan drive.

Two of the home rooms, that of Miss Margaret Terrell and Mrs. Mary Ann Loflin made a hundred per cent sale record, while four other home rooms rated as follows: Mrs. J. C. Brown, 98 per cent; Mrs. Hugh Sloan, 97 per cent; Miss Amelia Leatherwood, 96 per cent; and Miss Margaret Perry, 95 per cent.

All students who had bought bonds were given a holiday the entire day on Friday.

On Tuesday the annual Christmas sermon was delivered by Rev. L. G. Elliott. On Wednesday evening the band gave their annual concert. Today at the assembly period the choral clubs will give a program under direction of Chas. Isley.

The regular Christmas luncheon will be served the students in the lunch rooms today. The usual Christmas programs will be given today and tomorrow in the grammer grades.

Gifts For Veterans To Be Sent To Hospitals Saturday

The collection of gifts for the veterans in the government hospitals in Asheville will continue through Saturday afternoon, it was learned from Mrs. J. C. Brown, president of the American Legion Auxiliary.

The collection of gifts for the men who have served in the American armed forces has been sponsored by the American Legion and Auxiliary.

Anyone wishing to add to the Christmas cheer for these men is asked to have their package marked with its contents so that the hospital workers can know how to distribute the gifts among the men.

The gifts will be taken to the hospital in Asheville late Saturday afternoon.

County Offices Will Have 2 Days For Christmas

All offices in the courthouse will be closed both on Christmas Day and the following Tuesday, it was learned from George A. Brown, Jr., county manager, and chairman of the county board of commissioners.

The closing of the offices does not apply to the sheriff's department, which will remain open as usual, both "day and night," throughout the holidays.

There will be few if any calls at the offices the day after Christmas, seemed to be the general opinion of the heads of the various offices.

Sgt. Cecil Yount Posthumously Given Purple Heart

Sgt. Cecil B. Yount, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver A. Yount, of Waynesville, who was killed in action in the Saipan Islands on July 11, of this year, has been posthumously awarded the Purple Heart for bravery and heroism in action. His parents have recently received the award.

Sgt. Yount entered the service on September 10, 1941, having received his training at Camp Wolters, Tex., Fort Ord, Calif., and the Hawaiian Islands. The following letter has been received by his parents from the chaplain of his company:

"May I extend to you my deepest sympathy for the great sorrow that has come to you in the loss of your son, Sgt. Cecil Yount.

"Sgt. Yount was a good soldier. He had won the affection and respect of his officers and his fellow soldiers. The bravery shown in his daily actions against the enemy proved his courage and loyalty to his task. By his refusal to seek his own safety, choosing rather to fight it out with the enemy, reflects credit and honor, not only to his country, but to all who loved him. I shall never forget the heroism and valor, displayed by our men on Saipan. He died in the faithful performance of his duties. No man could do more for his country.

"He was given burial respecting the tenets of his church with military honors.

"May the God of all mercy and comfort, bless you for having given so much to your country in its hour of need. Having committed him to His care long ago, I know He will not fail you now.

"If I can help you in any way, please do not hesitate to write."

Haywood Tobacco Growers Get $56.60 Per 100

Two Haywood tobacco growers "brought home the bacon" from the market this week. Roger Medford and J. Manson Morrow sold 1,434 pounds of Burley which averaged them $55.60 per hundred pounds. The total amount received was $789.14.

The tobacco was sold in Morristown, Tenn.

of Comdr. Lee rted Killed ermany

Culpepper William Henry S. Army, son of Comdr. e, U. S. Navy retired, of lle, and Mrs. Gertrude Z. Milwaukee, was killed in Germany on December 2, to information received mily from the War De-

e enter d the service in g of 1943, following his n from the Lawrenceville Boys in New Jersey. He overseas for nearly a year attached to the Ninth

e is the grandson of the T. Lee, for many years of the North Carolina poration Commission, and of Waynesville. He had ed his father and grand- ere.

are his parents and one ommy Lee, U. S. Navy, at the Great Lakes Naval Center.

$250 Needed By Lions For Their Cheer Fund

The dime board operated by the Lions Club for their annual Christmas cheer fund had about $350 on it yesterday afternoon, with contributions continuously coming in.

The officials of the club are anxious to get at least $600 since prices on many items are higher than last year, and there is a greater demand for their services in their sight conservation program.

The money will be used either for Christmas baskets, or giving medical attention to people with impaired eyesight.

Haywood Far Behind With E Bond Sales

War Bond officials were concerned yesterday over the failure of five townships in this area failing to meet their war bond quotas in the sixth drive. The county was lagging about $105,000 in E bonds yesterday, and special efforts will be made to increase the sale of this type bond between now and January first, in order to get credit on the county quota. The Waynesville area yesterday was credited with having purchased $587,055.25.

Haywood is credited with buying

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