

# Happy NEW YEAR



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THIRTEENTH YEAR NO. 51 12 Pages WAYNESVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1944 (One Day Nearer Victory) \$1.75 In Advance In Haywood and Jackson Counties

### Christmas Business Best Ever Recorded, Many Events Given

Number of annual events that have become traditional in the community were sponsored as usual. The Lions Club operated their Christmas tree for the children of the community, which was distributed to the children of the community. The club had more than 100 baskets of gifts to distribute. The Rotary club gave baskets of gifts representing more than 100 members. The program of Christmas caroling by the choral group of the high school under the direction of Chas. Isley, was largely successful. Many programs were given by the various churches attracting members of the congregation.

### Waynesville Area Buys \$616,026 In War Bonds

The Waynesville area overbought war bonds in the sixth war loan drive by \$252,000, according to a check-up yesterday. Five of the eight townships in this area went over the top with their quota. The quota for this area was \$364,000.

The details of how each township stood will be found in the sales thermometer on page six.

### Oliver Davis, 98, Oldest Haywood Resident, Dies

Last rites were held on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Spring Hill Baptist church for Oliver Davis, of Canton, 98-year-old Haywood county citizen, believed to be the oldest resident of the county, who died Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Haywood County Hospital. Rev. Thomas Erwin, pastor, officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Davis suffered a broken hip when he fell on an icy walk in Canton about two weeks ago and had been in the hospital since that time.

Mr. Davis, despite his years, had led an active life. He appeared several times a few years ago on the Saturday night round-up in Asheville as fiddler and clog dancer.

Mr. Davis is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Fannie Wooten and Mrs. Novie Connard, of Haywood county, and Mrs. Hester Lindsey of Turnpike; one son, Robert Davis of Haywood county, 28 grandchildren and a number of great-grandchildren.

Wells Funeral Home of Canton was in charge of arrangements.

### Dr. Baxter Forced To Give Up Practice Due To Ill Health

Dr. J. F. Baxter, veterinarian, has been forced to close his offices here upon the advice of his physician. He will continue his duties as athletic coach for the boys of St. John's school for the present.

Dr. Baxter came to Waynesville last February from Snow Hill and has gained a considerable practice during the time he has resided here. He is a member of the Waynesville Rotary club and has been active in community affairs.

Dr. Baxter and his wife and two daughters reside on East Street. Prior to coming here Dr. Baxter maintained offices in Kinston, but lived in Snow Hill.

### Gifts Await First Baby Born In 1945

Many valuable gifts await the first white baby born in Haywood in 1945.

Seven Waynesville firms have joined together and are offering the first baby born in the county next year these useful gifts, which include:

A complete outfit from Belk-Hudson.

A low chair from Garrett Furniture Store.

A pair of shoes from Ray's Department Store.

15 quarts of pasteurized milk from Pet Dairy.

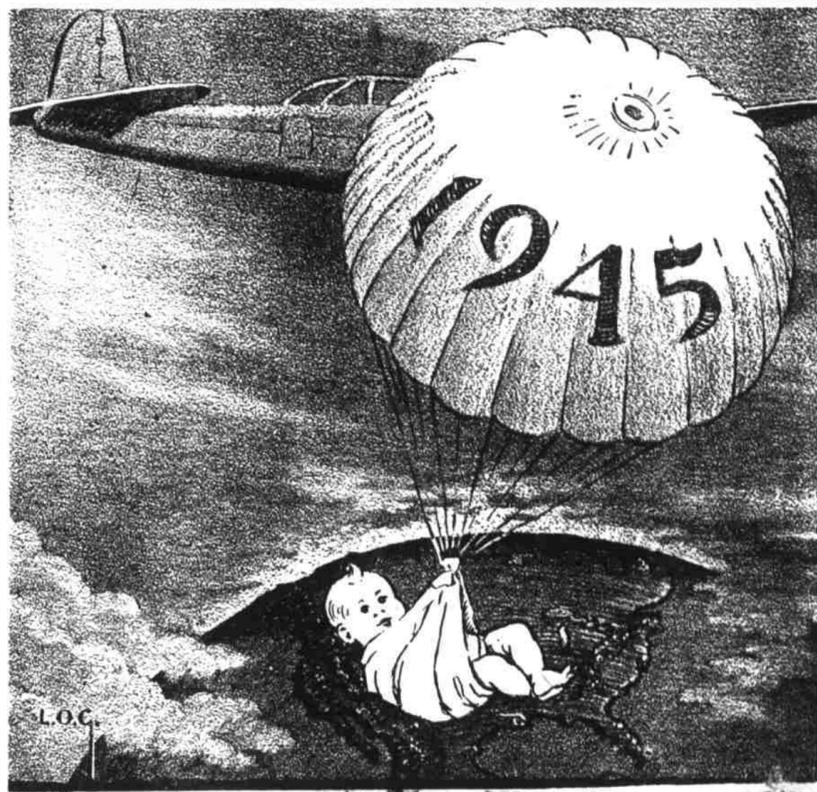
Two weeks' laundry service from Waynesville Laundry.

Six cans of Gerber's Baby Food from The Food Store.

A year's subscription and 25 birth announcements from The Mountaineer.

The rules of the contest are published in the full page in this edition, which also carries details of the gifts to be given by the various firms.

The winner will be announced in the next issue of The Mountaineer.



### All Records Broken By The Post Office

#### Pvt. R. D. Rogers Awarded The Purple Heart

Private Robert D. Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Rogers of Fines Creek, has been awarded the Purple Heart for gallantry in action, according to information received by his family.

Private Rogers was in France at the time he was wounded. He entered the service in January of this year and was inducted at Camp Croft. From Camp Croft he was sent to Camp Wheeler, Ga., and then to Fort George Meade, Md. From the latter he was sent overseas.

At the time he entered the service Pvt. Rogers was in the trucking business. His wife is making her home at Lake Junaluska while he is in the service.

#### Repairs Being Made At The Laundry Here

A new floor is being installed in the Waynesville Laundry by J. W. Killian, owner. The work is being carried on without a shut-down of the plant. The machines are moved to one side as the new floor is placed.

Mrs. Johnny Cuddeback, laboratory technician of the District Health Department, spent the Christmas week-end with her mother, Mrs. Kitchen, in Mills River.

#### Applications Are Being Taken For Lockers In Plant

Applications for a locker in the Farmers Federation frozen food locker system here will be received daily on and after Saturday at the local store of the Federation, by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Houston, who have been with the frozen food division of the organization for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston will demonstrate and give all details of the services and the locker system. The number of lockers that can be built are limited, and applications are expected to come in rapidly since so much interest has been shown in the project.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston will devote their entire time in accepting applications and giving information.

### Seriously Wounded



PVT. JACK WRIGHT, U. S. Army, husband of Mrs. Catherine T. Wright, has been seriously wounded, according to information received by his wife. The message stated that he was wounded in Germany on November 22, Pvt. Wright entered the service in June, 1943, and at the time he entered the service was employed by the A. C. Lawrence Leather Company. He had served with the First Army for the past year.

### Drastic Changes Made In Rationing Foods

OPA, in a drastic and swift move, put canned vegetables back on the rationing list Tuesday morning; made invalid all sugar stamps except No. 34 to date, and added 4 points to creamery butter as they announced many red and blue stamps invalid.

Canned fruits go on the rationing list at 12:01 a. m. next Sunday morning.

The new point values on canned vegetables, based on the No. 2 cans, or those weighing from 18 to 22 ounces, are as follows:

Asparagus	10 points
Green or wax beans	10 points
Corn, vacuum pack	30 points
Corn	20 points
Peas	20 points
Spinach	10 points

The only food stamps that are valid between this date and January 1, 1945, are: Red Stamps Q5, R5 and S5; Blue Stamps X5, Y5, Z5, A2, B2; Sugar, Stamp 34.

The food stamps which have been made invalid are as follows:

Red Stamps, A8 through Z8 and

### Babson Sees Many Changes In Business During Coming Year

#### Tax Listing In Haywood Starts On January First

The tax listers and appraisers who were named a few weeks ago by the county commissioners to appraise and list the taxes for the county for 1945 will meet this morning in the office of the county tax collector Earl Ferguson, and receive instructions and supplies to carry on the listing and revaluation of Haywood property.

The revaluation of property which the law designates shall take place every four years, is due to be carried forward this year, as the last revaluation of property in the county was made in 1941, according to George A. Brown, Jr., county manager.

The county tax books will be opened on January 1, and all property owners are required to get in touch with the listers in their communities.

#### Hilliard McGaha Reported Killed In Belgium

Private First Class Hilliard McGaha, 24, son of Mrs. Caldonia Hannah, of Dellwood, has been reported killed in action in Belgium on Sept. 5, 1944, according to a message from the War Department.

Pfc. McGaha volunteered in the U. S. Army on October 3, 1939 and has visited his family only one time since he has been in the service, which happened to fall on the day of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

He had served almost three years overseas, landing in England from North Africa, then to Tunisia, France and later to Belgium. He was a rifleman on a tank.

At the time he entered the service he was engaged in farming in New Jersey.

Surviving are his mother, three sisters, Mrs. Beatrice White of Mt. Sterling, Mrs. Glenn Keener of Arkansas, and Miss Lillian McGaha of Hazelwood; one brother, Wilce McGaha, U. S. Army, now in France; three half brothers, Estel, Paul and Doyle Hannah, of Dellwood; his grandmother, Mrs. Nancy Barnes of Dellwood, and a number of other relatives in the county.

Miss Helen Nicholas, student at Berea College, is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Nicholas.

#### General Outlook Gives 10 Percent Reduction In Business, Says Babson.

The Mountaineer again presents as an annual New Year feature, the outlook for the coming year by Roger W. Babson, noted statistician of the nation.

#### GENERAL BUSINESS

1. A year ago the United States Babsonchart Index of the Physical Volume of Business registered 138.6; today it registers 138, justifying my forecast of a year ago. The Canadian Babsonchart Index of the Physical Volume of Business registered 206.9 a year ago; today it registers 197. 1945 will show a reduction of more than 10% both in United States and Canadian business. Furthermore, most of the following comments apply to both countries.

2. War production is already being cut back and this reduction will rapidly continue through 1945. Even those railroads and industries which expect to benefit from a long war with Japan will be disappointed.

3. The re-conversion of industry from war to peace business will increase during every month of 1945. Furthermore, time required for re-conversion will not be as great as most people believe.

4. Inventories quoted at their price values, rather than volumes, will continue, as a whole, during 1945 about as during 1944. Raw material piles will be larger, but manufactured goods will be smaller.

5. Population increases in the United States during 1945 will be about 700,000, but the birth of new babies will fall off somewhat.

#### RETAIL COMMODITY PRICES

6. Rationing will continue through the most of 1945. During the early part of the year, I expect to see further restrictions especially in connection with meats, canned goods, etc.

7. The retail prices of most necessities and some luxuries will be higher during 1945 than at present. The prices of some of the luxuries, such as furs, have already collapsed.

8. Steep prices of goods needed for peacetime manufacture should be a little higher, but prices of the heavy war goods will decline. This applies to the heavy chemicals.

9. The wholesale prices of raw material in general may decline

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### Pvt. J. H. Jones Reported Missing In Germany

Private John H. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Jones, of Roan Mountain, Tenn., and husband of Mrs. Evelyn P. Jones, of Waynesville, R.F.D. No. 1, has been missing in action in Germany since November 14, according to a message from the War Department.

The message read as follows: "The Secretary of War desires me to express his deep regret that your husband, Private John H. Jones, has been reported missing in action since fourteen, November in Germany. If further details or other information are received you will be promptly notified."

#### 250 Attend Program At Rocky Branch

About 250 people attended the annual Christmas tree at the Rocky Branch church last week. Gift bags were given to all those attending the program.

Those in charge of arrangements and program included, Derry Norman, Mrs. Frank Warlick, Miss Elizabeth Mitchell, Miss Florence Wyatt and Mrs. Omie McClure.

Rev. M. C. Wyatt is pastor of the church.

### Ell C. Ensley Killed By Hit and Driver, Dec. 24

Ell C. Ensley, 31, son of Mr. W. C. Ensley of Waynesville, was employed in a shipyard in Brunswick, Ga., was insured when struck by a car and run over while on a street near his home on Christmas Eve. Services were conducted at the First Baptist church on Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 with the Rev. Mr. officiating. Burial was in the cemetery.

Survivors were: George Lewis, James, Russ Sumners, Jim, Grady Woodard and Canton.

Ensley is survived by his widow and three small children, Bobby and Kenny, all in Waynesville; a sister, Mrs. Sam Ensley of Sylva, Wadesville of the U. S. Army, and W. Ensley, U. S. Navy. Garrett Funeral Home of Waynesville was in charge of arrangements.

### Four Men To Be Army Aides Gov. Cherry

M. H. Bowles and Captain Prevost will be two of the military aides to Governor Cherry when he is inaugurated on January 4th. Both men are in the State Guard. Bowles is in charge of the 1st Battalion and Capt. Prevost is in charge of the 2nd Battalion.

Bowles will be unable to attend although he had been invited to participate in the event.

Bowles and Captain Prevost will leave here on the third.

Burr Way, student at University, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Way.

Lee Cunningham's son, Phil, is spending this week with her.