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Live within 20 miles of
Waynesville—their ideal
shopping center.

Haywood County Gets 4 Highway Projects Town Ready To Build A New, Larger Water Line To Reservoir

Candidates For Congress



ZEBULON WEAVER, a member of Congress for 28 years, is seeking re-election.



MONROE REDDEN, active in civic and political affairs, is seeking the post.

SEE POLITICAL FRONTS

County Tax Record Is Broken, 92 Percent Of 1945 Taxes Are Paid

Heinz Rollman Will Talk To Lions Tonight

The Lions committee on Community Betterment, under the chairmanship of Lion Paul Davis, will present Heinz Rollman, of the Wellco Shoe Corporation, in a travel talk on Europe. Mr. Rollman will discuss the economic and social trends of Europe as compared with those of this country. Having spent most of his life in the European countries, Mr. Rollman is well qualified to speak with interest and authority on the subject.

At the last minute it was necessary to change the program as previously announced. The Civic Improvement and Community Betterment committees are swapping dates due to the inability of the former to secure the speaker. All members are urged to attend and boost the attendance percentage of their teams. The hour is 7 o'clock, tonight, at the Maples.

Second Regiment Officers Attend State Meeting

Col. J. Harden Howell, commander of the Second North Carolina Regiment and Lt. Col. M. H. Bowles executive officer, attended the meeting of the advisory board of the State Guard which was held in Raleigh during the week.

Plans were completed at the meeting for the summer camp of the State Guard which is scheduled to be held in Wrightsville Beach from July 4 to July 14.

General Van Metts, commander of the State Guard, stressed the fact at the meeting that the State Guard was as vital now as during the war and urged that all units be present at the summer camp.

Equalization Board To Meet Next Week

The Haywood County Board of Equalization and Review, which is composed of the county board of commissioners will meet on Monday, March 18, and continue through Friday, March 22, at the courthouse for the purpose of examining and reviewing the tax list of each township for the current year.

By virtue of his office, Earl Ferguson, county tax collector, will serve as clerk of the board. This is the only time the commissioners, according to the law have the authority to change the valuation of real estate, in compliance with the Machinery act of 1937.

Property owners may present their claims from the various townships on the following dates: Monday, March 18—Ivy Hill, Jonathan Creek, White Oak and Catalooche townships. Tuesday, March 19—Fines Creek, Crabtree, and Iron Duff townships. Wednesday, March 20—Pigeon, East Fork, and Cecil. Thursday, March 21—Waynesville township. Friday, March 22—Beaverdam and Clyde.

8,700 Feet Of 10-Inch Line To Be Installed

Engineers Have Completed Survey On Project; Additional Water Needed

A contract is scheduled to be let soon by the Town of Waynesville for installing 8,700 feet of 10-inch cast iron pipe from a point on Allen's Creek to the city reservoir as the first step towards increasing the water supply here.

Engineers were here last week making the final survey for the project which will cost about \$30,000, it has been estimated, according to G. C. Ferguson, town manager.

The 10-inch line would run parallel to the present 8-inch line. Later the 10-inch line will be extended further up the creek.

The new line will take care of the increase in water consumption here, which now exceeds 600,000 gallons daily for nine months a year, and in the summer the demand is far above that figure.

One of the town reservoirs holds a million gallons and the other holds 275,000 gallons. The two lines will feed into both reservoirs, it was explained.

Tentative plans are to build another filtering plant near the intake to supplement the work of the plant now in operation at the reservoir.

Mr. Ferguson said the work would be done this spring and early summer, provided no difficulty is encountered in getting the cast iron pipe.

Home Schedule For Last Two Weeks In March

The March schedule for the Home Demonstration clubs of the county for the last two weeks in the month is as follows, according to an announcement made by the home agents, Miss Mary Margaret Smith and Miss Helen Smith. Ratcliff Cove club at 2:00 o'clock with Mrs. R. C. Francis on Monday, the 18th; Home Demonstration County Council at 2:30 o'clock in the County Home Agents' office in the court house on Tuesday, the 19th; Bethel club with Mrs. Bert Cagle on Wednesday afternoon, the 20th at 2:00 o'clock.

Beaverdam club with Mrs. Roy Robinson at 2:00 o'clock on Wednesday, the 20th; Maggie club with Mrs. Jack Campbell at 2:00 o'clock on Thursday, the 21st; Junaluska club with Miss Elizabeth Glosser at 2:00 o'clock on Friday afternoon, the 22nd.

Clothing leaders school will be held in the Home Agents' office on Monday, the 25th; Clyde club will be with Mrs. Fred Noland on Tuesday morning at 10:30, on the 26th; Jones Cove club with Mrs. Linden Smathers at 2:00 o'clock on Tuesday, the 26th; Cecil club with Mrs. Thomas Erwin on Wednesday, the 27th at 2:00 o'clock; West Canton club at the Patton school at 2:00 o'clock on Thursday, the 28th.

Killians Attend State Conventions

J. W. Killian attended the meeting of the North Carolina Laundrymen's and Dry Cleaners Association in Raleigh last week. The attendance was the largest in the history of the organization, with many of the nation's leading authorities in the field on the program.

Leon Killian attended the convention of the North Carolina Ice Manufacturer's Association at the same time.

Dr. Ellen Winston Welfare Commissioner To Speak At Rotary

Dr. Ellen Winston, state welfare commissioner, will be the speaker at the Waynesville Rotary Club at the luncheon meeting on Friday, 15th, at the Maples, at 1:00 o'clock. Dr. Winston is making a trip in this area, visiting the various county offices.

Heads Boosters



REV. S. R. CROCKETT, pastor of the Hazelwood Presbyterian church for the past four years, is president of the Hazelwood Boosters club, only civic club of the town. He was pastor of the Waynesville Presbyterian church from 1920 to 1929, and has always taken an active part in civic affairs. The Boosters club will meet tonight at 7:00 o'clock in the dining room of the Hazelwood church.

Patrolmen Stop Many Because Of Improper Lights

Highway patrolmen operating in Haywood, reported yesterday that they were averaging stopping at least ten motorists each night because of improper lights.

"The majority of the vehicles stopped do not have proper tail lights," Patrolman O. R. Roberts said. "It is a good idea to check all lights before driving at night," he continued.

The patrol plans to have a night checking station in the near future and check lights of every vehicle passing the station. The date and the location of the station was not given.

Weather Fails To Stay "Spring-Like"

Spring weather slid a little behind that of last week, as the mercury slid down past the freezing point on three of the seven days, according to the official weather report compiled by the State Test Farm.

During the week, more than two and a quarter inches of rain fell.

DATE	Max.	Min.	Rainfall
March 6	67	44	
March 7	64	55	.21
March 8	60	52	1.96
March 9	56	33	.12
March 10	49	22	
March 11	52	29	
March 12	61	23	

Red Cross Behind The Quota More Than \$700

Of the quota of \$2,700 assigned to the Haywood Chapter of the American Red Cross, only \$2,000 has been raised in the annual drive, according to Major H. L. Baughman, chairman of the campaign, who is urging that all contributions be brought in during the week.

The advanced donations made by the business men in the community with Joe Rose and Grady Ferguson in charge have been completed, but other committees have not finished their solicitations.

Chairmen who are still working on their part in the campaign include, Miss Mary Margaret Smith who has been in charge of the rural contributions; Mrs. Whitener Prevost who has been making a house to house drive; J. Aaron Prevost, who is in charge of the industrial donations; and M. H. Bowles who has been making the drive in the schools.

Rev. M. R. Williamson, president

T. Rowley Pless, 88, Passes Away At Cruso Home

Life-Long Resident Of Haywood, Was Known Far and Wide As Expert Bear Hunter

Last rites will be conducted at 11 o'clock this morning at the home in the East Fork section of the county for Thos. Rowley Pless, 88, well known Haywood county citizen who died at his home Wednesday morning at 6:30 following a long illness. Officiating at the service will be Rev. W. H. Pless, Rev. Oder Burnette and Rev. Thomas Erwin. Burial will be in the Gwyn cemetery.

Taking part in the service will be the Bethel Masonic lodge of which he was a member. He was also a member of the Cruso Methodist church in which he was active for many years.

Grandsons will be active pallbearers and granddaughters will be in charge of the flowers. The body will be taken from the Wells Funeral Home in Canton late Wednesday afternoon.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ella P. Pless, and four sons, Nelson, Luther, Rex and Dewey, and three daughters, Mrs. Nettie Kuykendall, Mrs. Clyde Clark, of Haywood county, and Mrs. Nealie Osborne, of Asheville.

There are also three stepchildren, Moline Pressley, Mrs. Dorha Bures, and Mrs. Clyde Crawford. Also 33 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Wells Funeral Home of Canton will be in charge of the arrangements.

Friday Last Day For Filing Income Tax

Have you filed your income tax with the government? If not, this is a reminder that tomorrow is the deadline—the last day.

Headaches will soon be over for those who have labored over their income tax blanks. After figuring and trying to trim down and yet get by, most people will heave a sigh of relief at the passing of March 15, that day which has loomed on the calendar with the same agony it did the year before.

Jackson Home Damaged By Fire

The residence of Mrs. Alice Jackson on Daisy avenue was considerably damaged by fire Tuesday night, according to the local fire department.

The fire was said to have originated in a bedroom on the second floor of the residence, and all the furnishings on the room were completely destroyed before the fire was extinguished.

The city fire department was called out around 9:00 o'clock p. m.

Contract Let For Lake-Dellwood Road; Projects To Surface 3 Areas Ready

Within a few weeks, much highway construction will be under way in Haywood county, with new highways being built, and extensive repairs and improvements are being made to others. The Mountaineer learned yesterday from J. C. Walker, division engineer of the State Highway Department.

Within 20 days, work is scheduled to start on the 4.56 mile section of the new highway from Lake Junaluska to Dellwood. The new road starts near the Connatser home on highway 19-23, and crosses the Southern Railway tracks on a 150-foot reinforced concrete span and then around the southern end of Lake Junaluska, on to a point near the school, and connecting with the present Dellwood road (highway 284) near the present back entrance to the Lake.

Highway Projects

These are the highway projects scheduled to get under way at an early date in Haywood county.

New highway from Lake Junaluska to Dellwood, to cost about \$25,000 for the 4.56 miles, including bridges.

Surfacing the highway from Soco Gap to Cherokee, to start at once, and be completed in 2 or 3 months.

Resurfacing Main Street with sheet asphalt, scheduled to start late spring or early summer.

Widen and resurface Highway 19-23 from Hazelwood to Balsam. Increase width two feet, surface with asphalt. Scheduled to start late spring or early summer.

James A. Gwyn Retires For Second Time

James A. Gwyn, who with Mrs. Gwyn arrived in town last week from Wilmington, Del., has retired as manager of the research division of the Public Relations department, E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company.

His retirement became effective on February 28, which is the second in a career of 30 years with the company. He joined the Arlington Company, now the Du Pont Plastics department, as a sales executive in 1914, and was subsequently assistant treasurer of the Arlington Company.

Mr. Gwyn was a special executive assistant to the general manager of the plastics department when he first retired in June, 1941. Recalled to active service in November, 1942, he entered the Public Relations department, ultimately heading the research division.

Mr. Gwyn attended Ravenscroft school, Asheville, and was graduated from the University of North Carolina. Two years later he received his law degree from the same university and was admitted to the North Carolina Bar.

Before joining the Arlington Company, he was successively principal of Asheville city schools, a teacher at Bingham Military school, Asheville and editor of law publications for publishers in Northport, L. I., and New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Gwyn are occupying their home, the former Hardin residence on the golf course. They were extended a number of courtesies from the company prior to their return to Waynesville. Mrs. Gwyn is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Lee, of Waynesville.

The highway follows to some extent the present route of the highway to Dellwood. The pavement will be 20 feet wide, with a 30-foot graded section from ditch to ditch. Bids on the project were received Tuesday by the commission in Raleigh, and the low bidder on the roadway work was Suber and Company, of Whitmire, S. C., with a bid of \$147,620.30. The low bidder for structures was the firm of A. S. Wilkstrom of Boundbrook, N. J., for \$99,388.30.

Soco Gap-Cherokee Section
Machinery is now being moved to the job for surfacing the 14 miles from Soco Gap to Cherokee. This contract was awarded some months ago, but bad weather has not permitted more than filling in holes, and getting ready for actual surfacing. This project will take about two or three months, Mr. Walker estimated.

Main Street Project Ready
Engineers were here Tuesday measuring Main street from the Hotel Gordon to the cemetery entrance for a project which calls for a new surface of sheet asphalt, which will replace the mixed rock and tar surface put down several years ago.

This work is scheduled to get under way during late spring or early summer, Mr. Walker said. The new surface will be far superior to the present surface, and should stand up for many years. Also scheduled for an early summer project, is the widening and resurfacing of the five miles of highway between Hazelwood and Balsam. The width will be increased from 18 to 20 feet, Mr. Walker said, and surfaced with sheet asphalt.

Mr. Walker would make no estimate as to the time that would be required for this job, due to the acute shortage of machinery and labor.

"We have only received four trucks in this district, and have worn out many more than that number," he said. We have numerous applications for truck drivers," he continued. "I have on file, enough applications from veterans to drive 2,000 trucks, but no one to load them."

The 20-foot highway between Hazelwood and Balsam would make it a standard width highway.

Haywood Electric Service Now Open

An announcement is being made today of the establishment of the Haywood Electric Service at Hazelwood, doing a general line of new building installations, repairs and alterations.

The firm is owned and operated by Houston Swanger, Kimberly "Red" Farham and Bill Prevost.

Political News

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- OF THE NATION

The Mountaineer is making a special effort to cover the political news this year, giving in detail the events of everything that happens. "Along Political Fronts" covers Haywood, and the district, as no other newspaper is doing.

From Raleigh we have a special writer, Thompson Greenwood, giving the happenings along the state fronts, and on the editorial page each week, we have a special Washington column, covering that field. Keep up with the political news through THE MOUNTAINEER.

No Available Men For March Draft Quota

Tuesday of this week was the day for Draftees from the Waynesville area of Haywood county to be sent to an induction center for the March quota, but the call was unanswered, due to the fact that there were no men available in class 1-A with the necessary qualifications.

It is the first time since the selective service system was inaugurated in 1940 that this area has failed to answer the call for the armed forces. During the first nine months the calls were made up of volunteers and since then each month a group has been sent.