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## Hazelwood To Push Paving Program

### Officials Plan To Call Election For \$75,000 Soon

#### Major Streets Would Be Paved, With Sewer and Water Lines Installed

Officials of the Town of Hazelwood will soon call for a \$75,000 bond issue to be voted, to acquire funds for completing a paving, sewer and water line systems program which was stopped during the war.

No date has been set for the bond election, but it is expected to be called within the next 60 days.

Officials of the town pointed out that the \$75,000 would pave all important streets in the town, repair others, and also provide sufficient funds for installation of sewer and water lines along some of the newer streets.

"The financial condition of the town is the best in its history," according to R. L. Prevost, member of the board of aldermen, and chairman of the finance committee.

"The balance sheet for the town, of \$15,428.02, with bonds outstanding of \$15,428.02, with bonds outstanding only \$10,500. This does not include the \$31,500 in sewer bonds, which are self-liquidating under the present system of collection on water bills monthly," he continued.

The balance sheet showed that \$3,500 had been paid on the bonded indebtedness of the town during the past nine months.

The town officials are: Clyde Fisher, mayor, and the board of aldermen are, R. L. Prevost, Grady Smith and Carl Swanger.

## Haywood Schools To Close Friday

### High School To Have Brief Commencement Program On Friday Morning

All the schools in the county will close on Friday, with the exception of the Fines Creek school which is scheduled to end the year's work on Wednesday, according to Jack Messer, county superintendent of education.

The final program will be held at the Waynesville high school on Friday morning at 10:30 with five students who have been transferred this year from other schools receiving diplomas, having done the equivalent of the work of the 12th grade, which was added this year, and accounts for no formal graduation.

Included in the group will be Lena Frady, Aletha Cagle, Frances Dyer, Pauline Dyer and Billy Carol McElroy. The group will be presented by C. E. Weatherly, principal, and the diplomas will be given out by M. H. Bowles, superintendent of the Waynesville school district.

Rev. M. R. Williamson will give a short talk to the seniors and also give the invocation and the benediction.

The usual awards by the American Legion and Auxiliary to students of the Junior high school for citizenship and art will be made.

Attendance and scholarship awards and certificates of completion of work by the junior high students will also be made during the morning.

Musical numbers will be included on the program from the various school groups.

Final examinations will start today and continue through Thursday in the Township high school and elementary schools of the district.

"The year has been highly successful both in the high school and the elementary grades. In the high school we have had the largest enrollment ever on record," said M. H. Bowles, superintendent, in speaking of the term just closed.

Final programs will also be given at all the elementary schools in the district and in the county with the exception of the Fines Creek grades, on Friday morning. At this time the usual awards and promotion cards will be handed out to the students.

## Unagusta Furniture Now Going Into 48 States, 2 Foreign Countries, Plant Has Monthly Outlay Of About \$75,000

### Compile Local Newspaper History



W. C. ALLEN, well known historian, has written a history covering the field of newspapers in Haywood since 1884. The story is being published today. Mr. Allen once edited a newspaper here.



J. T. BRIDGES, veteran printer, holds the distinction of working on most of the newspapers ever published in Waynesville. He assisted Mr. Allen by supplying some data missing in the files.

## Allen And Bridges Tell Of Newspapering In This Community Since 1884

By W. C. ALLEN  
A Historian of Note

Sixty-two years, the period from the appearance of the first newspaper in Waynesville, is only a brief interval when spoken of in historical terms, but when measured by the life of a man it is a long time.

There is one man, J. T. Bridges, known generally as Tom Bridges, who saw the first issue of the first newspaper, The Waynesville News, although not connected with it from a business standpoint, yet he saw it and can give some details about it. But beginning with the second one to appear in 1892, The Waynesville Courier, he has been on the spot ever since.

Mr. Bridges has seen the present, The Waynesville Mountaineer, from the time it was named The Waynesville Courier, later The Courier-Mountaineer, through all the other names to The Waynesville Mountaineer as it is today. From the region of Nowhere to the light of Somewhere, he saw it all and lives to tell the tale.

The Waynesville News, a four-page paper, first saw the light of day on January 16, 1884, with W. S. Hemby as editor and proprietor. That issue, the first, has been carefully preserved, taken care of at the time by the late Dr. J. Howell Way and since filed between two sheets of glass and may now be seen at the home of T. Lenoir Gwyn on South Main street in Waynesville.

Inasmuch as that issue, the first, and probably the only one now in existence, a few quotations from it may be of interest. Mr. Hemby seems not to have left many foot-prints on the sands. The only comment now heard is that his paper had only a brief stay, edited for a time by himself and later by Pink Herren, who held and edited it for a few years after Mr. Hemby passed off the scene.

One editorial paragraph of that first issue is here given: "A Washington correspondent names General Matt W. Ransom as one of the three handsome Senators in Congress."

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## Haywood Spinach Now On Southern Markets

Haywood spinach is moving to the markets in ever increasing quantities, according to C. D. Ketter, of Farmers Exchange, who handles the majority of the Haywood crop for wholesalers throughout the south.

There are more than 20 acres of spinach now being harvested in the county, and the quality is better than of other years.

Several growers started to plow

## Patrolmen Nab 25 Cars Because Of Bad Lights

Twenty-five cars were stopped on West Park street in Canton Friday night by members of the Highway Patrol for failure to have proper lights.

Most of the violations were for improper tail lights, according to Patrolman O. R. Roberts. The majority of the vehicles were majority cars.

The check-up was made from 7:30 to 10 o'clock.

## Sims To Be Host To C. of C. Board At Maples Tonight

L. E. Sims will be host at a dinner meeting of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce tonight at the Maples. The group will include the new ex-officio directors recently named, as well as the 15 elected earlier this year.

Mr. Sims, president of the organization, will outline some plans for the coming year's program. About 25 are expected to attend.

## Pre-School Clinics To Close May 27th

The program of pre-school clinics which will close in the county on May 27, will continue at the following schools:

At the Bethel school for two periods on Tuesday, 21st, at 9:30 and at 1:30.

On Thursday, 23rd, at Mt. Sterling at 9:30, and on Monday, 27th, at Beaverdam at 9:30 and Morning Star at 1:30.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Beane, of Davenport, Fla., have arrived for the summer here and are guests of Mrs. W. T. Crawford.

## R. L. Prevost, President, Tells Rotarians of Steady Growth of Firm For Past 42 Years

"Unagusta furniture is now being shipped into all of the 48 states and two foreign countries," R. L. Prevost, president, said in an address on furniture manufacturing before the Rotary club here last Friday. This was one of a series of programs on Haywood industries.

Mr. Prevost pointed out that the firm is spending approximately \$75,000 a month for payroll and local materials. The greater part being for labor, since so many operations are required in the manufacture of furniture. The firm is turning out between 75 and 100 suits of bed room furniture daily.

The veteran furniture manufacturer, now rounding out almost 50 years of continuous work in the business, traced the history and growth of the company from the time it was organized in April, 1904, to the present time.

"Back in 1904, Hazelwood had a population of 200 people. There was one telephone in town, no electricity, and water lines, sewer and paved streets were unknown. The company originally started in preparing lumber for the eastern market, with a floor space of 14,000 feet. In 1906 a change of policy was made and the company began to manufacture furniture."

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## Adult Leaders Plan 4-H Club Camp at Test Farm

A group of State 4-H club-adult leaders together with a number of county farm agents, Howard R. Clapp, director of the Mountain Experiment station spent Thursday at the 4-H club property adjoining the State Test farm working on the locations of the buildings, roads, dam and pool for the camp.

Present plans are to build an administrative building approximately 100 by 60 feet; a mess hall 60 by 30 feet; two handicraft buildings, 20 coopers or huts for 4-H club members to stay in and a camp director's house.

Money to erect part of the buildings has already been obtained and work will start as soon as materials are available, it was learned from Wayne Corpening, county farm agent, who is temporary chairman of the committee.

In addition to Mr. Corpening those going over the property with Mr. Clapp were: L. R. Harrill, State 4-H club leader, Howard Ellis, from agricultural engineering; department of State College, John Harris, landscape specialist, also from State College, W. Riley Palmer, county farm agent of Buncombe county; Julian Glazener, county agent from Transylvania.

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## Social Security Pays \$4,354 In Haywood To 280 Persons Each Month

A report received this week showed that 280 persons in Haywood are receiving a total of \$4,354.47 per month from the Social Security board with headquarters in Asheville.

The largest number of persons, totaling 151, are for children under 18 (18 in school and unmarried) receive \$1,688.38 per month.

The next largest group consists of 67 persons, listed as retired workers of 65 or over, who draw \$1,470.52.

Wives of retired workers, 65 years old and older, total 23 in Haywood, and are paid a total of \$273.65 per month.

Widows 65 years old or over now number 7, and receive \$125.47.

There are 52 widows having children under 18 in their care who receive \$796.45 monthly.

## The Next Issue Will Be Friday

The Mountaineer will be published again on Friday, going on sale at the newsstands late Thursday afternoon, and in the mails also on Thursday afternoon. The paper will go to press at noon Thursday, which means all copy for that edition should be in the office by Wednesday afternoon.



## Hundreds Visit Bank For Opening

### Flowers, Messages And Visitors From Large Area Congratulate Officials

The First National Bank lived up to its name of "Friendly Bank" on Thursday morning, as hundreds of Haywood citizens and visitors streamed through its doors and crowded the lobby on the occasion of its open house in celebration of the completion of its remodeling program. Long before the regular opening hours of the bank a crowd had gathered, patiently waiting for the doors to let them in, and continued long after closing hours, asking to come in and view the improvements.

Arranged about the lobby and scattered throughout the offices were large baskets and vases of flowers sent by banks and business firms from Atlanta to Baltimore, as well as a number from local friends and customers of the institution.

Every person coming through the foyer seemed unprepared for the startling changes in the building and its equipment, which is all modern and would do credit to a town much larger than Waynesville.

Upon entering the solid doors from the street into the foyer, one finds terrazzo floors, a ground marble mixed with concrete, which continues on into the lobby. To the left in the foyer is a large mirror over the concealed heat and on the right a clear glass window looking into the offices of the officials. The double secondary doors into the lobby are of clear glass.

The terrazzo floor in the lobby is of circular design from which (Continued on Page Seven)

## This Is First Issue Of The Twice-A-Week Paper

## Juvenile Ramp Eaters Given "Air" At School

Last Sunday a group of youngsters got together and decided it was time to stage a junior ramp convention.

The details of their plans were carried out, even to the eating of an over-abundance of ramps. Their selection of the ramps, however, leaned towards the larger and stronger ones.

Among the plans were to keep their outing to themselves, but Mother Nature never intended that eaters of ramps go unnoticed.

The members went to school Monday morning—a rather sultry morning, when the air was not stirring much. The school room was full of students, and soon they began with sniff, sniff, and looking about.

To make a long story short, the president of the Junior Ramp Convention occupied a chair in the hall next to an open window all alone for the remainder of the day.

Whether the Juniors plan another convention next year is not known. The teacher and students hope it will be on Friday afternoon, if it is held.

## Hazelwood Post Office Gets New Front, Painted

The Hazelwood Post Office has been renovated and several changes made in the building.

A new front was added, the interior replastered and painted. The arrangements of the windows and other changes were among the plans carried out in the renovation program.

Mrs. Wilma Hoyle Lucas is postmistress.

## Specialists From Extension Service Spend Friday Here

John A. Goodman, assistant director of extension service, State college, and R. W. Shoffner, district agent, spent Friday here in consultation with the county farm agents, aiding them with various projects.

## Cash Of Bank Marked Old Records To Move

Several hundred thousand dollars in cash was carried down Main Street here last week, and not a soul batted an eye. No heavily guarded armored car was used. Instead, just a plain, ordinary truck that hauls wood and cattle when not hauling boxes containing large sums of money.

When the First National Bank moved last Wednesday, the cash was hauled in a box similar to those in which cancelled checks had been packed. Even the men handling the valuable load thought it was just more old records.

The police knew which load had

This is the first edition of the twice-a-week schedule of The Mountaineer.

The publishers deeply appreciate the many congratulations extended, and the welcome already given the twice-a-week paper before the first one went to press. We can best tell the story with the cartoon shown above as drawn for the occasion by Walter Allison.

Every effort will be made to give full coverage of Haywood news at all times, in both story and pictures. The publishers are handicapped at present in doing all they would like in this respect, due to a shortage of photo supplies and, of course, the most important item, newsprint. However, the goals have been made, and with the return of these scarce items, The Mountaineer will increase in size.

A close scrutiny of this issue will show that it is in keeping with the regular weekly editions of the past. One or two features are absent today because of failure to arrive on time, yet there are some new ones in. The others will appear in the Friday edition.

The usual church page which was a feature will be carried each Friday. This will enable some pastors to get in fuller details of church activities than heretofore.

Again, the publishers appreciate the many congratulations received, and the encouragement extended. People in all walks of life have shown a keen interest in the twice-a-week issue.

Scores of people have put in orders for extra copies of this edition as they want them for a souvenir.

## Central PTA To Elect Officers At 7:30 Tonight

The Central Elementary Parent Teachers Association will hold a brief business session tonight at 7:30. Election of officers and reports of committees will constitute the main business matters.

The meeting will adjourn in time for patrons and teachers to attend the operetta to be given at eight at the Hazelwood school.

## GEORGIANS VISIT HERE

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Ruskin, of Decatur, Ga., spent the past 10 days at the Country Club. They were former summer residents at Balsam, but sold their property recently.