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Our Dead Honored in Armistice Program

Merchants Assert Some Prices To Decline; OPA Functions Ended Sunday

Details Of Program For Homer L. Ferguson Day Are Almost Completed



FRANK PARKER, Asheville veteran, civic leader, and recently elected state senator, spoke to those attending the Armistice Day banquet Monday night in the Hazelwood school.

Parking Lot Will Relieve Traffic In Hazelwood

A free parking lot to relieve traffic congestion in the shopping district will be set up by the Town of Hazelwood on the vacant lot adjoining the store of C. N. Allen, who has donated the use of this property.

Town Given Use Of Space By Allen; Planning to Number Houses

The lot will be covered with cinders or gravel and arranged for use by automobiles, states Mayor Clyde Fisher. It should be ready for use within a short time, he adds, and will aid shoppers considerably during the rush hours of week-ends.

This was decided on at a special meeting of the mayor and board of aldermen Friday night. Another meeting is to be held by the group tonight, at which time a final selection of a police officer to serve the town is to be made.

Is Recommended Command NG Company

by the regular army be extended Federal recognition as a unit of the National Guard of the United States and of North Carolina. Capt. James Davis, present commander of the local State Guard company, has been recommended by Mayor Way to be unit commander of the anti-tank company. Frank Byrd also was recommended to be one of the first lieutenants in the organization.

Speaks Here

The committees in charge of all details for staging Homer L. Ferguson Day in Haywood county on Wednesday, Nov. 20th, met last night and completed final details for the gala affair which will honor the internationally known ship-builder on his return to his native county.

Ed L. Sims, president of the Chamber of Commerce, the sponsoring organization, was well pleased with the reports, and the details that have been completed for staging the big one-day affair. Dr. Tom Stringfield is general chairman, and Reuben R. Robertson, of Canton, is co-chairman of the event.

Tentative plans include a motorcade from the county at large, meeting Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson and party at Canton, about 10:00 o'clock on the morning of the 20th. The motorcade will come on to Waynesville and join in a parade headed by the 55-piece band. After the formal program at the courthouse will be held, with Dr. Stringfield master of ceremonies and Mr. Robertson presenting Mr. Ferguson, together with distinguished guests and members of the Ferguson party.

Plans are to have the program broadcast from 11 to 11:30 over WWNC.

Lachlan Hyatt, former employee of the shipyard, is in charge of arrangements for having all former employees of Mr. Ferguson's from Haywood, to attend the program in a group. Each will be provided with a special ribbon for identification.

After the program at the court house, a barbecue will be given at the Army in honor of Mr. Ferguson. Due to limitations of food and space, admission to the barbecue will be by ticket only. A limited number of tickets will go on sale at the four banks in the county, and at the Chamber of Commerce here and also the Chamber of Commerce in Canton.

Much interest is being shown in the event, and newspapers in Newport News, Raleigh, Charlotte and other points have carried articles of the celebration.

The Mountaineer has under way, a special section of the paper for the 19th, carrying the complete story and life of Mr. Ferguson. Dozens of pictures will be used, and many articles about Mr. Ferguson will be included in the special section.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Chambers of Salem, N. J., a daughter, Barbara Lee, on November 4th. Mrs. Chambers is the former Miss Hazel Lee Ward, of Waynesville.

Associated Press News Added By Mountaineer

Beginning with this issue, The Mountaineer will have Associated Press services. This is the only newspaper between Morganton and Murphy, other than Asheville, to have the services of the Associated Press.

The news and features of Associated Press will be used only to supplement the large volume of Haywood county news now being carried. Plans are under way to even expand facilities for getting more Haywood news.

In addition to a staff photographer, The Mountaineer will continue to get national and international pictures from King Features, as well as pictures from the Associated Press. With these three sources of spot news pictures, The Mountaineer will carry even a larger number of pictures than

ever. At present, this newspaper carries more local pictures in a week, than most newspapers in towns the size of Waynesville carry in months.

In getting Associated Press services and news, The Mountaineer will have news available from the four corners of the globe. Thousands of reporters and editors are on duty 24 hours a day gathering news, pictures and features for the Associated Press.

The publishers of The Mountaineer have always felt that Haywood county news should come first, and then sectional, state and national. With the services of the Associated Press, the publishers feel that a "complete newspaper" can be given the many thousands of readers every Tuesday and Friday.

Half Of New Uniforms For Band Are Pledged

Electricity Off Sunday Afternoon

Electricity will be off in Waynesville, Hazelwood, Lake Junaluska, Balsam, and on the R. E. A. lines of this area on Sunday, Nov. 17, from 1:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

This announcement was made by H. M. Burleson, local representative of the Carolina Power and Light company, who explains that the interruption of service is being made to do maintenance work on lines. This work could not be done safely without cutting off the power.

Christmas Lights For Main Street To Go Up Again

Main street will be decorated in Christmas lights this year, for the first time since the use of power was curtailed during the war years.

G. C. Ferguson, town manager, reports that part of the supplies for the holiday lights, ordered in September, have already arrived, and that the supplier has promised delivery of the remaining items before long.

New equipment will be used altogether, with pre-colored bulbs rather than the ones dipped in paint that were used in previous years. Lights will be placed across the street from the Baptist church down to the Hotel Gordon, between the first and 10th of December.

Bradley Starts Drive For New Equipment At Football Game Saturday

Starting at the football game Saturday night, W. A. Bradley, chairman of the W.T.H.S. Band committee, opened a drive to equip the band with new uniforms. Pledges for the purchase of 37 uniforms were received from various firms and individuals before noon Monday, and members of the committee expressed the intention of completing their drive before the end of this week.

Mr. Bradley, speaking over the public address system to the football audience at half-time intermission, pointed out that their present uniforms had been used since 1939 and didn't fit their present wearers as well as could be expected.

Highway Record For 1946 In Haywood

(To Date)
**Killed - - 14
Injured 159**
(This Information Compiled From Records of State Highway Patrol)

Two Injured When Auto Overtakes Monday A.M.

Car Slides Off Wet Road and Overtakes To Injure Navy Man And Wife

A navy man and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cope, were injured Monday morning, about 10 o'clock, while riding in a car driven by Samuel Knight of Hazelwood when it skidded off the rain-slicked highway east of Waynesville and overturned.

Cope suffered a broken collar bone and fractured nose, and his wife received bruises. Both were taken for emergency treatment to the Haywood County hospital, which released Cope to a service hospital and his wife was released without further need of hospitalization.

The car, a 1940 DeSoto sedan, got out of control on a straight stretch between the Ratcliff and Francis Cove curves, and went off the road. Patrolman O. R. Roberts, who investigated the accident, attributed it to the slick road surface.

Lions And Rotarians Sell Calves At Auction

The principal item of business at both the Lions and Rotary club meeting last week was the auctioning off, in packages, of the Haywood-grown baby beeves purchased by the two organizations during the W. N. C. Livestock sale in Biltmore.

Medford Leatherwood served as auctioneer at both meetings, and the clubs realized a profit over the purchase price and additional costs that will be added to their funds for community betterment programs.

At the Lions club meeting Thursday night the calf brought a total of \$526, averaging \$1.08 per pound. The Rotarians paid up to \$1.61 a pound for their calf, getting a total of \$503.

The beeves had been processed at the Farmers Federation freezer locker. Rev. Malcolm Williamson had been in charge of getting the meat cut and delivered to the Rotary club.

Two new members, Dr. Boyd Owen and Frank Kirkpatrick, are announced by the Lions club.

Haywood Merchants Look For Supply To Exceed Demand In Many Types of Goods

A survey of a number of Haywood merchants on Monday showed they do not expect many increases on merchandise, now that OPA controls does not exist except on rent, sugar and rice.

A few items will show a slight increase, the survey showed, while a number of retailers felt some items would come down, and the supply is now exceeding the demand.

Men's shoes seemed headed for a slight increase, while women's shoes advanced only recently, and present prices will probably be tops.

There was no flurry of buying here Monday, although the stores were closed from ten until noon for the Armistice Day program. One merchant said he felt that few manufacturers would increase prices, due to the increases being made in the general supply. Competition is again a big factor in controlling prices, as was shown on several recent spring showings in the south which were attended by many Haywood merchants. Those houses who refused to give a definite price on merchandise, were getting very few orders, as buyers were not interested in taking a chance on "prevailing prices at time of delivery."

Constable Winners Are Named In Townships

Republican Wins In Canton, Dispute Gives East Fork Office to Democrat

Seth T. Grogan was the lone Republican winner in Haywood county during the general election of Nov. 5, winning in the race for constable of Heavardam township by a vote of 1,203 to 876 for his Democratic opponent, Horace McHaffey. He will succeed Wheeler Scott (D), who has held the position for 15 years and was not a candidate in this year's election.

In East Fork township the constable race was complicated by one of the election officials writing in the name of an extra candidate for Republican voters, and when the ballots were submitted to the county Board of Elections the Republican votes were not counted.

This action placed J. B. Heatherly (D), who had received 76 votes, as East Fork constable. The count (Continued on Page Six)

Market Reports

(Note: Local prices as of Monday, others as of last week-end due to holiday).

Eggs and Poultry
The Farmers Exchange: Eggs 55c a dozen. Fryers and broilers 25c a pound, hens 23c. Asheville market: Eggs, receipts light, market steady. A large 58c. A medium and (Continued on Page Six)

Truman Announces Sweeping Decontrol Order Returning Goods to Free Market

Price ceilings on everything except dwellings, sugar and rice were wiped away completely by President Truman in a sweeping order Sunday night that meant the end of OPA.

This action was taken four days after the election in which the Republicans seized control of the house and senate in a campaign around the slogan "had enough?" of controls and shortages. The president answered the public decision with his sweeping decontrol order, and declared that:

"The law of supply and demand operating in the market place will, from now on, serve the people better than would continued regulation of prices by the government."

Ceilings were lifted from building materials and lumber, all textiles and apparel, consumer durable goods such as electric refrigerators, washing machines, etc.; household furniture, heavy machinery and equipment not previously decontrolled and farm machinery and equipment.

Automobiles, basic metals, newsprint and other paper products, tires and other rubber items, all chemicals and drugs, coal and coke, transportation and laundry and dry cleaning and repair services.

OPA announces that a special liquidation agency will be set up to end its work. One official also predicted price increases of 10 to 100 per cent on the items removed from control—with scarce building materials to jump more than 100 per cent.

Other predictions: autos up 12 to 15 per cent, soap up "no limit", coal to increase 50c to \$1 a ton.

Water Line Completion Is Expected In 30 Days

Many New Water Customers Added

Waynesville's new water line was nearly one-third laid by last week-end, with completion expected within 30 days.

About 2,500 of the 9,000 feet line has been joined together. The contractor in charge was planning to test it under 250 pounds pressure by tying it in to an old line near Buchanan's store up the Allen's Creek road, then covering up the completed section.

The new line will add around 300,000 gallons daily to the local water supply, at an expected cost of near \$40,000.

This added water capacity will take care of the needs of Waynesville for many years to come, with enough supply to encourage growth of the town and surrounding area it serves. Although there is a larger demand for water during the summer than in other seasons of the year, many new water users have been added during the past six months who will be steady customers.

According to G. C. Ferguson, town manager, there has been an average of 20 new water customers added per month since spring. Between 30 and 40 of this number were new homes built around the Camp Branch road in the Allen's Creek section, and the others were within the limits of Waynesville.

Wellco Now Furnishing Music To All Employees

The Wellco Shoe Corporation recently installed a system for broadcasting musical programs on a 24-hour basis throughout both their manufacturing plants here.

The management has subscribed to World-Wide Laboratories for up-to-date records, which provide special musical programs for every hour of the day. The programs are arranged to best fit the needs of the employees. At rest periods different music is played than is played with the plant in operation. The system is at plant No. 1 and

is carried to plant No. 2 by special wire. A special machine was also installed for making recordings of speeches, music or any program which the plant might want to utilize later. Announcements can be made over the system at any time, and afford quick communication to every employee on duty at one time.

The Wellco Shoe Corporation is one of the few plants in the South providing special music for their employees.

Lions Club Entertain Apple Growers And Specialists



The Waynesville Lions club recently entertained a number of Haywood apple growers in observance of National Apple Week. The club brought in three specialists from State College to discuss various phases of orchard work. The above picture for The Mountaineer was made just after the meeting at Wayside Lodge. Seated left to right, front row, Wayne Corpening, county agent, in charge of the program; J. F. Corner, extension entomologist of State College, Howard Clapp, in charge of the State Test Farm; second row, left to right, Charles Edwards, Lake Junaluska, Jack McCracken, route one, K. L. Burnette, Cruso, Watson Howell, Cruso, Ira R. Cogburn, Cruso, T. H. Rogers, Clyde, John W. Boyd, member Lions Betterment committee, Robert Boone, route one, C. C. Davenport, also member of the Lions committee, and Hiram McCracken, route one. This is a Mountaineer photograph by Ingram, Skyland Studio.