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Palmer Is Considering 7 Local Bills

Hazelwood To Vote On \$50,000 Bond Issue

Favors Law For Local Beer, Wine Controls

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FLIES IN SEARCH OF SIGHT



BLINDED BY A BLOW on his head two years ago, Guillermo Gonzalez de Victoria, 14, is led from a plane by his mother on his arrival in New York from Colombia, South America. After the mayor of the boy's hometown became interested in his case, two airlines cooperated to fly him north so he could consult famous Manhattan specialists. (International)

Proposals Made To Push Speedy Development Of Western North Carolina

Palmer Wants Minimum Of 25% For Teachers

"As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, I am holding out for a minimum of 25 per cent and a maximum of 30 per cent increase in teacher's salaries for the next two years, beginning as of July first," Representative Glenn C. Palmer told The Mountaineer yesterday.

"I was for the extra bonus and increase as applied to the present session. Now I am definitely for the 25 to 30 per cent increase to cover the next two years," he said.

"Some people got the impression that I was against an increase for teachers. This, however, was not the case, as I have been for the teachers getting an increase all the while," he continued.

"I feel 25 per cent is as little as the state should consider making the increase, and it looks like 30 per cent is about as high as we can safely go. I am going to hold out for an increase between those two figures."

Cong. Monroe Redden Wants Choice Of Park Entrance, Booklet About W.N.C.

At a conference with 14 civic leaders of Western North Carolina, in Asheville Monday night, Monroe M. Redden, representative in Congress from this district, outlined plans for two proposals to speed the development of Western North Carolina.

The first proposal was that a town in Western North Carolina be designated as the eastern entrance to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, so that news releases may be channeled through this date line and the public made conscious that there is a way to enter the park from the eastern side.

After much discussion of various angles of the proposals, the group decided to recommend to the executive committee of the Western North Carolina Associated Communities, and to the group at large when they meet in Brevard on April 9th. The W.N.C.A. would take such action as deemed best for the entire section.

Practically all of those present discussed the proposal, pointing out some of the problems because the geographical location of the towns on this side of the park made in effect four entrances. The desirability of unity, however, was stressed. (Continued on Page Two)

Guthrie To Talk Today At Rotary Club Meet

Rural Industry One Of State's Vital Needs, Speaker Tells Lions

W. C. Guthrie, chief of the rural industry branch, State Department of Conservation and Development, spoke at the Lions Club meeting last night and will address the Rotarians at their meeting this afternoon.

Mr. Guthrie's talk deals with the reasons why North Carolina needs to increase the number of small industries, especially in the mountainous and foothill regions, and of the work being done by his organization to promote this expansion.

During 1946 there were 631 small industries started in this state, but practically half of this number were concentrated in the Piedmont section which already is industrialized. Planning on a local, as well as sectional, level is needed to bring employment to those areas which have a growing surplus of workers and low average income.

The points which he makes, since they are of much significance to Haywood county, will be explained in more detail in the next Mountaineer.

VFW Head



ROBERT R. CAMPBELL was elected commander of the Waynesville Veterans of Foreign Wars post at their meeting Monday night.

Campbell Is Re-Elected Commander Of V. F. W.

Robert Roy Campbell was re-elected post commander of the Waynesville chapter, Veterans of Foreign Wars, at their meeting Monday night at the courthouse.

The post now has 142 members, making it the largest chapter of any west of Asheville in this state.

Other officers for the organization are: Senior Commander, Thomas Berry Junior; Quartermaster, Rufus T. Carwell; Treasurer, Fred Y. Campbell; Trustees, Robert Platt (18 months) and Walter Franklin (12 months); Chaplain, Rev. Paul Townsend; and Surgeon, Dr. Boyd Owen.

An official from the state department will install the newly-elected officers at one of the meetings in April. Next meeting of the chapter is at 7:30 p. m. on March 17. All veterans with foreign service are urged to be present.

Senate Approves Two Local Bills

Two local bills introduced in the State legislature February 25 by Sen. William Medford were passed by the Senate Wednesday and sent to the House for consideration. Passage in the lower house would make them law.

The bills ask that the Town of Waynesville be given authority to swap a tract of land in the watershed area, and the other would give the Town control over the property now being used as a colored cemetery here.

McDarris To Stay With FHA Here

J. C. McDarris, who recently announced that he planned to resign as Farm Home Administration supervisor in Haywood county in order to take graduate work at college, will continue his present duties here for several months longer.

It was more difficult to find an opening at college than he anticipated, he explained, making necessary a change in plans.

S. S. Williams, who was to have taken the position, has been appointed to a similar job at the Brevard office in Transylvania county.

Mrs. Ferguson Speaks To Schoolmasters Club

Mrs. Steve Ferguson, teacher at the Pines Creek school, described some of her daily classroom problems and how she handled them at the Haywood County Schoolmasters Club meeting Monday night in the Rock Hill school.

N. W. Rogers, principal at Rock Hill, was host to the club. M. W. Bowles had charge of the program and introduced the speaker.

Howell Gets Offer Of Homes For Veterans

Veterans seeking low-cost, prefabricated homes are invited to see James H. Howell, Jr., veterans service officer, who has information that a small number are available for Haywood county through the Asheville American Legion housing project.

Atom Bomb Movie Will Be Seen By Reserve Officers

The technicolor movie, "Operations Crossroads," which gives the story of the Pacific atom bomb tests, will be a feature of the Haywood chapter, Reserve Officers Association meeting, which starts at 7:30 o'clock tonight in the courthouse.

Col. Pauls of the Marietta (Ga.) Army Air Base will address the group, describing reserve policies and plans for air corps. Naval Lieut. Ben Wild of Asheville will make a similar talk from the Navy viewpoint, announces Wayne Corporation, president of the chapter.

All former officers are urged to attend.

Calf Is Born Without A Tail On Cruso Farm

A calf without a tail and only one eye was born on the farm of Dennis Trull, on the East Fork of Pigeon near Cruso, Saturday afternoon. The animal is healthy and as frisky as other calves his age, reports Mr. Trull.

Casey Is Back In Jail With New Charges Of Entering Drug Store

Edward Leon (Buster) Casey, local Negro, who was given a five-year sentence for larceny last July and escaped recently when given trustee duties of cleaning up around the courthouse, now is back in jail and facing additional charges.

Casey is not in jail through his own wishes, but rather through the efforts of Policeman Bill Sawyer, who first knew of Casey's return to Waynesville Wednesday night when he saw the darkey burst through the plate glass door at Curtis Drug Store and start a foot race that was punctuated with revolver shots and ended near Moody's Laundry.

He is to face formal charges in Mayor's Court this afternoon, with the possibility of being bound over to the next criminal term of Superior Court. His charges now include breaking and entering the drug store, theft of some articles while there, and of an automobile, which he is alleged to have stolen in Asheville.

Policemen Sawyer and Hub Ruff Were Making Their Nightly Rounds In The Business District Of Town Wednesday Night

They noticed a strange automobile parked in the alley which runs parallel to Main Street, and began a closer investigation of the area. A window was found open in the rear of Curtis Drug Store, and a robbery was suspected.

The officers, not knowing how many persons they were against, telephoned Patrolman O. R. Roberts, who soon joined them. Sawyer went around to cover the front of the store, the other two waited shortly, then rushed in at the rear.

Casey was inside, loading money, pocketbooks, a cigarette lighter and other objects when the law broke in. He jumped, knocked out the glass in one of the front doors, and took off running. Sawyer hadn't had time to get ready for him, but took up the chase, using his revolver to frighten the culprit, who was captured in the vicinity of Moody's laundry.

First Reports Indicate Progress In ARC Drive

Prospects for a successful Red Cross drive were brightened by the first reports of workers who now are covering Waynesville and the surrounding area. More than \$1,000 has been collected, and there seems little doubt that the goal of \$3,122 will be reached with continued co-operation from the people.

Six of the workers in the residential area here reported that they had taken in \$354. At noon yesterday, the business section of town, of which J. E. Massie is chairman, reported \$729 on hand, and all areas not heard from.

According to Miss Ethel H. Fisher, executive secretary of the chapter, all reports from the business, professional, and residential workers here are expected to be turned in this week-end. Red Cross workers will stage the drive in the industrial plants Friday and Saturday. Schools and rural groups will submit their reports next week to General Chairman James Kilpatrick.

There is a good chance that the whole drive will be completed by Wednesday, it is believed.

Workers Collect Over Third Of Goal For Red Cross By Thursday

Through a little detective work on his own, Mr. Edwards found out who had worked up the idea, and passed on the bill to them. Town Manager G. C. Ferguson reports that it is paid in full.

False Fire Alarm Is Expensive Fun For Pranksters

A false fire alarm was found to be expensive fun for some local pranksters. In the early hours of Monday morning the Waynesville Fire Department received a call that a fire had broken out at the Pet Dairy plant, Chief Clem Fitzgerald boarded the truck, and went down to the plant while the volunteer fighters assembled. On hand was Johnnie Edwards, manager of the dairy, who had been "warned" first.

Those who had played the "joke" had their fun. Then the next day they got the bill for it—\$36 for calling out the Fire Department for no cause.

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Senator William Medford returned home from the State capital this past week-end. He left for Raleigh Tuesday.

Many Enlist With NG Unit During Past Week

Waynesville was assured of meeting the requirements to gain federal recognition of its National Guard company, when enough enlistments came in last week to fill the minimum standards.

"However, we aren't satisfied with just having enough men to start the company," stated Capt. James Davis, who will command the Anti-Tank unit. We plan to keep on recruiting until our full strength of 76 has joined."

Several former Armored Force men joined the company last week following the announcement that its equipment includes several tank destroyers, jeeps and other vehicles, and that drivers are urgently needed.

"There are a lot of good technicians ratings open, and we want to get the best men we can to fill them," stated Mr. Davis. The company officers will be at the courthouse Saturday afternoon, and at the armory on Wednesday and Thursday nights to talk with any young men interested in the company. Applicants now are in the process of completing the papers and physical examinations. All preliminary papers must be forwarded by March 15 to get the company federal recognition, which will be completed by March 20. (Continued on Page Two)

Representative Plans Measure To Raise Salary Of Haywood County Sheriff

Representative Glenn C. Palmer has under consideration, seven bills to present to the General Assembly, he told The Mountaineer yesterday. Two of the bills are county-wide, and five apply only to Canton.

The two county bills under consideration are: increase salary of sheriff, and make a change in the wine and beer sales in Haywood.

The bills which Representative Palmer has under consideration for Canton includes:

- 1. Extension of the city limits.
- 2. Change terms of school trustees.
- 3. Provide for clerk of police court.
- 4. A law covering settlement for property damage from general funds.
- 5. Modification of law relative to election board in Canton.

Representative Palmer would not make a definite statement as to the amount he proposed to set in the bill for the new salary for the sheriff. The present salary is \$2,400. Representative Palmer said, "I am considering introducing a bill which would make the salary of the Haywood sheriff comparable to the same office in other neighboring counties. Jackson, Grainger and some others pay \$3,600."

Representative Palmer said he had not decided on a definite figure, but felt "Haywood should be in line with other counties in this area."

As to the proposed wine and beer bill, Representative Palmer said he felt he would introduce a bill putting the control of issuance of license in the hands of the county commissioners, and the boards of aldermen of the four incorporated towns in the county. "That seems to be the best way to handle this matter, by letting the commissioners and town boards either issue or (Continued on Page Two)

Legion Post Will Meet With Canton Unit Monday Night

The Waynesville and Canton American Legion posts will hold a joint meeting Monday night at the YMCA in Canton, starting at 7:30 o'clock, it is announced by Peter J. Williams, commander of Varnier-Hinchard Post No. 61.

In addition the ladies auxiliary here has been invited to meet with the Canton auxiliary the same night.

Central Cleaners Roof Is Damaged By Fire

Slight damage was done to the roof at Central Cleaners when fire broke out around the flue about 12:30 p. m. Thursday. The fire truck was summoned, and water from its tank soon had the blaze under control.

ATTEND SALES MEETING

Ed Sims and W. H. Pless attended a sales meeting and demonstration of 'Jeeps' in Asheville yesterday. Mr. Sims and Pless have the agency for 'Jeeps' in Haywood County.

Highway Record For 1947 In Haywood

(To Date)
Killed - - 0
Injured - 10
Vehicles Checked - 911

(This Information Compiled From Records of State Highway Patrol)
USED CARS—Lyda Motor Co.

LOVE TO PREACH

Love of Lake Junaluska at the Sunday service at the First Methodist church. It was announced yesterday that Rev. Walter West, district superintendent.

Other Report

The Mountaineer by Feather Bureau: March 6—Cloudy and occasional rain or drizzle with fog today. Rain mixed with sleet or snow in afternoon. Snow flurries tonight with lowest temperature about 20 degrees.

Unsettled with cold and with highest temperature about 36 in the afternoon. Change indicated Friday or Saturday except for.

Waynesville temperature recorded by the staff of Test Farm:

Max.	Min.
32	15
45	16
58	27

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