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Waynesville Telephone Workers Return To Jobs Operation Of Radio Station Promised By August

27 Day Old Walkout Is Ended Here Thursday

Local Service Returns To Normal With All Operators Back on Job

Local telephone service returned to normal Thursday at 7:30 a. m. with all the regular switchboard operators and repairmen of the Waynesville exchange, Southern Bell Telephone company reporting back to work after three weeks and three days participation in the nationwide strike.

"We are delighted to have them back," commented J. Lovell Smith, Asheville district manager, in a statement to The Mountaineer.

"With the decision of the people there to return to work, Waynesville now will receive normal service in the community and practically normal long distance service," Mr. Smith said. Long distance calls to exchanges still affected by the strike, he added, may not get through except in emergency cases.

No agreement has been reached between the company and union regarding wage increases. The Waynesville Southern Bell employees are members of the Asheville local, Southern Federation of Telephone Workers, and apparently acted independently of their local in voting to return to work.

Other exchanges in this area that have resumed normal operations since the original strike, at 6 a. m., April 7, are Murphy and Hendersonville. A large portion of the workers at Lenoir and Morganton are now back on the job reports Mr. Smith, and several have returned in Asheville.

New York City's 37,000 striking workers reached an independent agreement for \$4 a week wage increase and went back to the exchanges Wednesday. The same day, 6,000 maintenance workers in Pennsylvania settled for \$3 and \$4 increases.

An offer to the Michigan Bell employees of \$2 to \$4 more per week was rejected as "unacceptable" by the union. In Washington, where officers of the national union were attempting to secure a country-wide raise of \$6 weekly, there was no indication of progress in negotiations.

Management personnel who operated Waynesville's exchange on an emergency basis during the past three weeks were full of praise for the fine cooperation given by customers in making only necessary calls. Records of the number of calls placed during the past three weeks were not kept, making it impossible to estimate accurately the decline in usage occasioned by the strike.

Ice Plant Here Increases Daily Production Load

Workmen are completing a new 15-ton ice storage room at the Waynesville Ice company, which is owned by L. M. Killian. In addition to the storage room, an ice crushing machine is being installed to provide crushed ice to all customers using ice for drinks. The capacity of the plant was increased from 12 to 22 tons daily by the addition of some new machinery recently. Several departments of the plant have been renovated and the refrigeration has been increased to 10 tons a day.

The plant generates much of the electricity used in operating the generators. A mill race from Richland Creek flows by the plant and turns a large water wheel.

Highway Record For 1947 In Haywood

(To Date)
Killed - - 2
Injured - 12

(This Information Compiled From Records of State Highway Patrol)



PAUL GROGAN, teacher in the Cecil school, was elected president of the Haywood county chapter, N. C. Educational Association, at last week's meeting. He will succeed Lawrence Leatherwood at the end of the present school year.

Grogan Is Elected Haywood N.C.E.A. Chapter President

Classroom Teachers Group To Be Organized This Year in County

Paul Grogan, teacher in the Cruso school, was elected president of the Haywood county chapter, N. C. Educational Association, at the regular meeting of the group last week.

Other new officers to serve during the next school year are Mrs. Frank Kirkpatrick, secretary; Mary Elmore, vice-president; and Frank Rogers, treasurer.

The meeting was called to organize a county-wide Classroom Teachers organization, Mrs. Lucille Allen, state president of the Classroom Teachers, was present to aid in the organization.

The following officers were nominated to be voted on in each school before the end of the present term: Mrs. Jimmy Neal, president; Mrs. Claud Rogers, vice-president; Margaret Boyd, secretary; and Dudley Moore, treasurer.

Lobby Of Post Office Remains Open Until Ten

The lobby of the post office was kept open last night until 10 p. m. instead of being closed at 8.

The new hours marked the beginning for the new four-month period, Postmaster J. H. Howell said. With cooperation from the public, there is a possibility that the lobby will be kept open until 10 even after September 1, it was explained. Special locks have been placed on the front doors and will be locked by the city police. The lobby of the building will also be checked several times each hour by the police.

Bethel Auction Sale Successful

The 13 acres and houses on the farm of Mrs. Ben Terrell, at Bethel, brought \$26,225, according to reports made by Gossett and West Auction company, who handled the auction sale on Wednesday.

E. B. Rickman bought the brick home and J. N. Powell bought the other house. Those buying lots and acreage included: Mrs. Joe Rigdon John M. Rigdon, J. M. Justice, M. A. Metcalf, D. A. Perry and C. W. Devlin.

It was estimated that 400 people attended the sale.

N. C. State Alumni Group Met Monday

The Haywood county chapter, N. C. State College Alumni association met Monday night at the Champion YMCA, Canton, with "Pop" Taylor, alumni secretary, and "Red" Beam speaking to the 20 members present. Pictures of the State-St. John's basketball game were shown. J. R. Secrest, president,

Haywood's Leaf Sales Totaled \$813,728.63; Quality High, Acres Low

Apple Blossom Time In Haywood Don't Miss It

This week marks the height of beauty in the Haywood county apple orchards, which offer a scene of exquisite loveliness in their showers of blossoms of pink and white blended into a delicacy hard to describe.

If one had to pay admission fee, there would no doubt be a stream of cars coming and going this week in certain areas of the county.

While some of the orchards report a "scattered bloom," others are said to have never presented such a perfect glory of blossoms.

Everyone is urged to drive out the Pigeon road and view the picture of sheer beauty that one sees from the top of the gap overlooking the orchards in the valley and on the hillsides surrounding.

Don't miss this opportunity. For the beauty right here in Haywood county is equal to that one may travel hundreds of miles to view.

Plant Bed Failures Last Year Caused Value of Crop to Fall Under \$1 Million

Haywood county's 1946 tobacco crop totaled 1,860,464 pounds and brought 813,728.63 to the 1,328 growers.

These figures, as shown on market receipts returned to the county Agricultural Adjustment Administration office, reflect a loss of 933,848 pounds of burley grown from the previous year, with a drop of \$383,820.12 in total income. Last year Haywood fell under a million-dollar crop after achieving it for two straight years previously.

Quality remained high — Haywood's tobacco getting 52 cents more per hundredweight than the Asheville market average, and the average price being 98 cents per hundredweight over the 1945 average. However, the decline in acreage planted, due to the shortage of plants, spelled the difference in the county's primary cash crop.

Where in 1945 there had been 1,560.3 acres hilled for tobacco, last year there were only enough plants to fill 1,111 acres—although (Continued on Page Eight)

Judge Bobbitt Will Open Civil Court Term Monday

Judge Whitman H. Bobbitt, of Charlotte, will preside during the civil term of Haywood County Superior court, which opens here on Monday.

Thirty-five cases originally were listed on the court calendar and six cases on the motions docket.

Jurors for the first week will be drawn from Marshall Messer, Jonathan Creek; Marion B. Jones, of Beaufort; Joe Trague, White Oak; Dave P. Turner, J. R. Good, Jr., Waynesville; R. L. Wells, Pigeon; Lee Birchfield, East Fork; Earnest F. Caldwell, Clyde; Foster Frady, Waynesville; Cecil Spencer, Clyde; Albert Trull, East Fork; Ernest Rhoadamer, Jonathan Creek; James D. Gossett, Pigeon; T. L. Gwyn, Waynesville; Jack Kirkpatrick, Fines Creek; Dewey Hyatt, Waynesville; Luther J. Smathers, Beaverdam; Horace King, Clyde; J. J. Reece, Cecil; Claude T. Francis, Waynesville; Newton Davis, Waynesville; Weaver Chambers, Iron Duff; and Hugh Best, Crabtree.

DR. CHAPMAN WILL ATTEND STATE DENTAL CONVENTION

Dr. W. K. Chapman will leave Waynesville Sunday, May 4, for Pinehurst, where he will attend the convention of the North Carolina dental society. Dr. Chapman will serve in the house of delegates, governing body of the society.

LICENSE EXAMINER AT RALEIGH

The drivers license examiner will not be in Waynesville today for his weekly visit here, having been called to a meeting of examiners in Raleigh.

2 Patients Pay Up Doctor's Bill Made 18 Years Ago

Sure thing, there are plenty of honest people left in this world. There are a lot of people that pay their debts in full, even if it takes a number of years to get the task done.

It has been almost 18 years since Dr. R. L. Allen, well known Waynesville physician passed away. This past week, his widow, Mrs. Rufus L. Allen received \$18 from a former patient for services rendered by Dr. Allen.

Two days later another person came in and paid the \$2 balance on his account.

Both remarked that they had often thought of the debt to Dr. Allen, and paid it just as soon as they could get to it. "This just goes to show that there are still some honest people in the world," Mrs. Allen said.

ROA Dinner Meet Will Be Held Here At 7:30 Tonight

All reserve officers in Haywood and adjacent counties are invited to attend the Ladies Night meeting at 7:30 o'clock tonight in Patrick's Cafeteria, of the Waynesville chapter, Reserve Officers Association. All who attend are urged to bring their wives or guests.

Several combat films will be shown and a speaker will bring pertinent information relating to the reserve program. Those who plan to attend are requested to inform Wayne Corpening, county agent for Haywood, so that proper arrangements can be made.

Haywood Stockmen Buy Herefords

Four registered hereford bulls were bought by Haywood county stockmen at the second annual sale held April 25 in Asheville by the state Hereford Breeders association. In all, 18 animals were sold for an average price of \$281.

George Stamey of Pigeon purchased two bulls, H. B. Milner of Hazelwood and Glenn Fisher of Fines Creek bought one fisher.

Recent Fire Destroys Home Near Waynesville



Shown above are the burning remains of the two-story frame house belonging to Willie Watson, colored employee of the town, which was completely destroyed Friday night. He and his wife were asleep when the fire started and she received burns before getting out safely.

—A Mountaineer photo by Ingram's Studio.

Large Refrigerated Storage Plant Being Built At Barber's Orchard

Two-Story Refrigerated House Will Store 50,000 Bushels of Apples

Construction is underway on a two-story refrigerated apple storage house at Barber's Orchard, and when completed will be the largest such plant under one roof in the state. The new storage house will have a capacity of 50,000 bushels. It was learned from R. N. Barber, Jr., general manager of the orchard, and a partner in the business with his father, R. N. Barber, Sr., who started the orchard some 40 years ago.

The building is 71 feet by 125 feet, and is of brick and steel construction, and is slated to be completed by September 15th.

The new storage plant joins a present refrigerated storage plant which has a capacity of 25,000 bushels. A common storage house nearby has a capacity of 20,000 bushels, giving the orchard refrigerated storage for 75,000 bushels and the common storage.

Mr. Barber said a 25-horse power motor would operate fans to blow the 31-degree air over the entire building through a series of ducts and coils. Special insulated doors will be installed, in addition to a heavy duty elevator.

A 4-inch layer of cork will be (Continued on Page Eight)

51 Graduate From Bethel High Tonight At 8 O'clock

Richard Stamey and William Whitesides Are Senior Class Honor Students

An all-student program will be given tonight at Bethel high school to conclude the 1946-47 school year, with diplomas being awarded to 45 students in the regular senior class and six former GI's who have completed a special accelerated course.

Richard Stamey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Stamey, is valedictorian for the graduates and William Whitesides, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Whitesides, is salutatorian.

The commencement program will begin at 8 p. m. Donald Grooms class gifterian, will speak first, followed in order by Hilda Hargrove, with the prophecy; Hugh Poston, class history; and Anne Wells, reciting the class poem. Mr. Whitesides, the principal, will award the diplomas.

Special awards to outstanding (Continued On Page Eight)

Dellwood Road Is Being Surfaced; Traffic Detoured

Hard surfacing the Junaluska-Dellwood road began Thursday, with traffic to be blocked for a week or 10 days, according to an announcement by the district engineer's office, state highway department, Asheville.

Vehicles traveling between Waynesville and Dellwood are being required to detour by way of a marked route past Lake Junaluska, up highway 209 toward Crabtree, to the left over a gravel road to highway 289 in Jonathan Creek, south to Dellwood. The highway department promises to keep this detour route in good condition.

The junction between the Asheville highway and the new road, near Lake Junaluska, will remain open.

Rotarians To Hear Senator Medford

William Medford will address the Rotary club here today in the Pine room of Patrick's Cafeteria on the subject, "The 1947 Legislature." Mr. Medford was senator from this district and sponsored a number of state-wide measures.

Waynesville Unit of National Guard Given Formal Federal Inspection Here Wednesday

Waynesville's company in the National Guard passed inspection with flying colors Wednesday night, with records and personnel being looked over by Col. Severn S. MacLaughlin, from Headquarters, N. C. Military District, Raleigh.

His recommendations, which he assured were very favorable, will be forwarded to Washington. Official notice that the company will be Federally recognized, as of May 1, is expected to return shortly.

"I congratulate you for the stand you have taken for your country," Col. MacLaughlin told the 33 guardsmen assembled in the Armory. "You have made a fine start.

Will be located in town of Waynesville

radio equipment and is scheduled to be in June. Robert general manager of radio station told the press Wednesday.

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ercises will be held today evening with Melvin, Canton pastor, the emcee.

Reservists -Week Cruise

evenson and James Waynesville, Jimmy as E. Wilson, and ace of Canton, and ers of the Asheville battalion leave Sun- and a two-week duty aboard the

will sail in the Caribbean

GE LICENSES now to Billie Carole of Waynesville.

er Report

the Mountaineer by er Bureau: 1-Cloudy, warm, y and tonight with under storms especially afternoon and early

Partly cloudy and with pleasant mild ing over the week- Waynesville tempera- by the staff of Farm: Max. Min. Rainfall 70 38 0 42 0 58 22