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Howell Is Postmaster; Herman Francis Assistant

Howell Assembly Will Feature Choir Week June 22 to 29

St. Petersburg Pastor Announced As Choir Week Speaker

Three weeks of recreational and inspirational features will be featured at the Junaluska assembly during the fourth week of the choir week, June 22-29. The choir week is a series of platform hours and church-directing events on the Junaluska calendar. Dr. J. Wallace Hamilton, pastor of the Pasadena church, St. Petersburg, will be the featured speaker for choir week. He will be assisted by choir directors and soloists under the direction of the Junaluska choir.



Noted Pastor

THE REV. DR. J. WALLACE HAMILTON of the Pasadena Community church, St. Petersburg, Fla., who will preach from the Junaluska assembly pulpit on Sunday morning and evening, has been acclaimed one of the most remarkable clerical personages in America. Dr. Hamilton himself is unassuming and his preaching conforms to the standards of the deeply spiritual Christian message. But his pastorate, now in its 18th year, is phenomenal. Seven miles from St. Petersburg, it was built in the boom days of Florida and had been practically abandoned until Dr. Hamilton, a member of the Florida Methodist conference, took over. Today, with the addition of an annex and two wings, the church building is inadequate to accommodate the large numbers who attend. The overflow remain in their automobiles in parking areas and hear the sermon through the public address system installed throughout the grounds. It has been called America's only drive-in church.

Group Of College Students Paused Here Wednesday

A party of 37, composing a group from Illinois State Normal University, stopped here Wednesday morning gathering information on their 6,700-mile tour of Eastern America, studying history and geography.

Prof. A. W. Watterson was in charge of the group, which travels in a large bus, and another bus and truck carry all baggage and camping equipment, including mess hall and tents.

The party spent Tuesday night at Smokemont, and spent Wednesday night in Morganton.

This is the 17th season the tours have been made by the school, and they will touch Canada and return to the school on July 26th.

While here they visited the Chamber of Commerce seeking maps and folders about this area.

Summer Drama Ticket Sale To Begin June 30

The sale of season tickets to the "Theater in the Sky" will begin June 30, it was decided Wednesday evening at a meeting of the local advisory board, presided over by James Kilpatrick, chairman.

This will be the second season here of the "Theater in the Sky," under the direction of Maurice Geoffrey, with the first stage presentation to be the sparkling comedy "Stepping Sisters," opening on the night of July 15. Five plays will be given by an experienced, professional cast during the season, adapted to the tastes of local patrons whose suggestions Mr. Geoffrey solicited at the end of his first summer here.

The director, whose reputation increased during a successful winter season in Tampa, Fla., has advertised his summer theater here in nationally distributed publications and will also conduct a School of the Theater; bringing dramatic students here for specialized work leading to a stage career.

Jean Ann Bradley, recent graduate at Waynesville Township high school, has been announced as the winner of a scholarship to the School of the Theater.

Highlights of the season will be "Huckleberry Finn" and the dramatization of James Hilton's Pulitzer prize winning novel, "Lost Horizon." Mr. Kilpatrick states that due to the director's enthusiasm, this year's "Theater in the Sky" should become a successful addition of the summer's entertainment.

President Elected County Council



Mrs. W. D. Ketner, the newly elected president of the Haywood County Council of Home Demonstration clubs, who will succeed Mrs. Paul Robinson as president of the group. She will assume office in January, to serve for the terms of 1948-1949. Mrs. Ketner is president of the Dellwood Home club.

Mrs. W. D. Ketner Elected Head Of County Council

Mrs. W. D. Ketner, president of the Dellwood Home Demonstration club was elected president of the County Council of the Haywood County Home Demonstration clubs at their quarterly meeting held in the office of the county home agent on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Ketner, who will succeed Mrs. Paul Robinson as president of the council, will not take office until January, 1948. She will have serving with her as vice president, Mrs. Hiram McCracken, a former president and now secretary of the Allens Creek Home club; and Mrs. J. T. Snyder, secretary and treasurer. The latter is president of the Clyde Home club.

Mrs. Will Medford was elected a delegate from Haywood county to enter the group of representatives from the 19 counties in the Western district from which will be selected the delegate who will attend the Associated Country Women of the World which will meet in Holland in September.

Mrs. Paul Robinson, president of the county council and who will continue through the fall months in office, president during the meeting, at which time various problems of interest to the home clubs were discussed.

Miss Lois Harrold Is Now With Chamber Of Commerce Office Here

Miss Lois Harrold has assumed duties as assistant secretary of the Chamber of Commerce for the summer months. Miss Harrold has held this post for several years, assisting Miss S. A. Jones during the season.

Inquiries coming into the office are increasing daily, it was reported.

Rev. Williamson Returns From Rotary Convention

Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson returned Wednesday afternoon from San Francisco where he attended the International Rotary convention.

He will fill his pulpit at the Waynesville Presbyterian church next Sunday.

Meeting Will Be Held Soon To Discuss Chance For County Police Radio

First National Has Profitable 6-Month Period

"The most profitable six months in the history of the bank," an official said yesterday as the semi-annual meeting of the board of directors was held. The usual dividends were declared and bonuses given to the employees.

Paratroops To Be Here For July 4 Celebration

Army Troops May Conduct Mass-Jumping Demonstration In Area

A parachute infantry company will participate in the July 4th celebration here, according to a telegram received last week by W. A. Corpening from Maj. Gen. Edward H. Brooks, commanding general Third Army, Atlanta.

The company presumably will be from Fort Bragg, where the famed 82nd Airborne Division is stationed.

According to a press announcement from Washington, Rep. Monroe M. Redden reported that he had received information that the paratroopers would conduct a mass-jumping demonstration as well as take part in the parade to help promote National Guard and organized reserve activities in this area.

Rep. Redden, Sen. Clyde R. Hoey, the Hazelwood Boosters—sponsors of the celebration, and other local civic organizations extended an invitation to the Third Army for a company of troops and flight of planes to join the Independence Day celebration.

Col. Van H. Bond of the Army headquarters staff previously had accepted an invitation to speak here at the time.

In addition to the paratroopers, the National Guard companies here and at Canton, and the two high school bands have been requested to take part in the parade. The local Guard company is expected to deliver this month of two heavy tanks and other equipment, with tentative plans to use the vehicles during the parade.

Postmaster Will Be Named Soon For Hazelwood

A postmaster for Hazelwood will be named within 30 days, according to Rep. Monroe M. Redden, of the 12th district.

Examinations for the office were held several months ago, and from the three making the highest score, one will be named postmaster, Rep. Redden said.

"The department is behind in compiling the ratings, and I have been informed by the department that within 30 days the list will be completed," Rep. Redden said.

Credit Association To Be Planned By Merchants Tonight

Plans for a new credit association will be discussed tonight at a meeting of the Merchants Association, to be held at 7 p. m. in Patrick's Cafeteria.

David Felmet, president, also states that committees will be named to work on plans for closing hours, holidays and business practices, and urges all members of the association to attend.

The dinner meeting will be a Dutch treat.

3 Police Attend Safety Meeting

Three from Waynesville attended the safety conference at Blue Ridge this week, and heard instructions for the statewide safety campaign which is being inaugurated in the state.

Those attending were Chief Orville Noland, Jerry Rogers, traffic officer, and Dave Cabe, member of the board and chairman of the police department.

Outstanding speakers took part on the program and numerous new safety devices were demonstrated by the conference.

Hereford Breeders Will Have Meeting Tonight

An important meeting of all Hereford breeders will be held tonight at 8 o'clock in the county agent's office, it is announced by Roy S. Haynes, president of the Haywood County Hereford association, when plans will be made for the annual sale to be held October 1.

Construction Of New Theatre On Main Street Is Going Ahead At Rapid Pace

Work is progressing satisfactorily on the Main Street theater building that will house a new theater and two stores, although the foreman in charge reports that some delay may be caused due to certain materials still being in short supply.

Clyde Cole, foreman of the D. H. Bordner Construction company workers, states that the store buildings probably will be ready for occupancy by the latter part of August, and the theater completed a month or so afterwards.

The smaller of the two stores, with 30-foot frontage, is to be finished inside for use as a clothing store, which Mr. Cole understands has been leased to Harry Winner of Canton and Asheville. There have been no instructions for arranging the larger store for any particular type of business.

Around the front of the building the siding will be black glass, with green tile on the lower part.

The theater part is taking shape now. A concrete base for the stage has been poured in the end adjoining the bakery, and the balcony floor has received its base planks.

Dr. Charles Owen of Canton is owner of the building, which covers an area of 90 feet frontage and 137½ feet depth.

Named Assistant



HERMAN FRANCIS, an employee of the Waynesville post office since 1936, and veteran of World War II, was named assistant postmaster of the office here yesterday.

300 Industrial Men Expected At Safety Meeting

WNC Safety Council To Hold Quarterly Meeting Tonight At Champion Y

More than 300 representatives from Western North Carolina industries are expected to attend a meeting tonight of the District Safety Council, to begin at 7:30 o'clock, in the Champion YMCA at Canton.

Tommy Furness, chairman and representative of the Champion Paper and Fibre company, will preside.

Fred Carpenter and his string band will furnish music for the occasion and refreshments will be served following the business session.

Six 5-minute talks will be given on various angles of safety by the members of the Canton Champion organization. Speakers will be: Rudy Barnes, senior technician; R. C. Loper, of the electrical department; P. G. Kinken, senior technician; A. L. Wiley, of the water control department; Dan Tate, of the chemical laboratory staff, and Harold Hansen, a plant superintendent of steam and power department.

H. S. Hancock, representing the North Carolina industrial commission, also will speak briefly during the program on the progress of "Safety in Industry" since the council was reorganized three months ago in a special meeting at the Eusta Paper corporation when new officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Waynesville Art Gallery To Open Here Next Week

The Waynesville Art Gallery will open for the season with an exhibition for two evenings next Wednesday and Thursday and with sales beginning Friday evening, according to James Mann, owner.

This will inaugurate the fifteenth season for the firm here and they will open in their new and modern building which has just been completed on Main Street, almost directly across from their former place.

Nothing will be sold until Friday.

County '47 Taxes Being Collected

Quite a few people have paid their 1947 taxes, taking advantage of the 2 per cent discount allowed for advance payment, during June, reports Selie Bryson, Haywood county tax collector.

He is collecting on the tentative tax rate of \$1.50 per \$100 valuation, a raise of 20 cents over last year's rate as decided by the board of commissioners.

Most of the 1946 taxes have been paid already, Mr. Bryson states.

Parking Meters Are Here, To Be In Use Next Week

Parking meters, ordered the latter part of May, arrived in Waynesville Wednesday and a contractor is expected to have them installed and ready for use next week.

The meters are to be placed, with installation expected to begin this week-end, along Main Street from the Pigeon street intersection to the LeFaine Hotel; on Depot, Church and Miller streets.

One hundred and twenty-five of the meters were ordered from the M. H. Rhodes company, Inc., trade name the "Mark-Time" meter which will take a one-cent deposit for 12 minutes parking time or five cents for an hour. The same type meter is in use in Raleigh, High Point and several other cities in North Carolina.

Each meter costs \$58.50 and it is estimated that installation costs will run about \$4 each. Holes will be drilled in the sidewalk and a pipe placed in a concrete foundation to hold the meters in place.

The town of Waynesville will receive half of all proceeds from the meters until they are paid for, after which all monies will go to the town. Under the contract signed by the town and manufacturer, if at the end of a year the local authorities are not satisfied with the meters they will be removed.

J. H. Howell Keeps Post; Francis Is Assistant

Changes Made By Department In Washington Yesterday Afternoon

Herman Francis, a World War II veteran and employee of the Waynesville Post Office since 1936 has been named assistant postmaster, and J. H. Howell will remain as postmaster of the office here.

The reversal of events came yesterday afternoon after the department in Washington refused to grant the reclassification of J. H. Howell to the status of permanent assistant postmaster.

The department ruled against the procedure, according to the information given Rep. Monroe M. Redden, of the 12th district, who gave the facts to The Mountaineer by phone.

"The post office department advised me this morning (Thursday) that they had given further consideration to the application and desires of the Waynesville Postmaster J. H. Howell for becoming permanent assistant postmaster, and have reached the conclusion that Mr. Howell should be retained as postmaster if an assistant can be found in the office to fill the vacancy which now exists.

"The department is notifying Mr. Howell to this effect."

"I feel sure Mr. Howell will be able to find an employee in the office who is thoroughly qualified to fill the position as assistant postmaster."

"It will suggest that the unit be selected from the rank and file of the employees and that a veteran be given preference," Rep. Redden concluded.

Within a few hours after receiving the actions of the department here, Postmaster Howell officially named Herman Francis as assistant postmaster. The formal papers will be filed this week.

On Monday afternoon Rep. Redden sent to the Post Office Department the name of G. C. Ferguson, town manager, for approval as acting postmaster here, with J. H. Howell becoming permanent assistant postmaster as per his wish.

Mr. Ferguson said at the time, that he would not tender his resignation to the mayor and board of aldermen as town manager until the nomination was confirmed in Washington.

When told of the news yesterday, Mr. Ferguson said, "I appreciate the interest Mr. Redden showed in presenting my name, and I readily understand the position of the post office department in reaching their decision."

Postmaster Howell said he recalled the day Mr. Francis started to work at the Waynesville office.

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Highway Record For 1947 In Haywood

(To Date)
Killed - - 2
Injured - 22

(This Information Compiled From Records of State Highway Patrol)

Weather Report

Max. Min. Rain
75 48 —
76 47 —
80 46 —