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Interest High As Tobacco Festival Time Nears

Memorial Service Today For Returned War Dead

Parton Memorial Service To Be At Court House

Haywood's War Dead Return



TEC-5 PARTON



LT. CHAFIN



LT. DUNOVANT

Returned from overseas cemeteries to a final resting place at home are the three soldiers pictured here. A Memorial service, in honor of all returning war dead, will be held today for Tec-5 Low Parton, the first to return to Haywood county. He, Lieutenants Chafin and Dunovent, and Pvt. William W. Evans (whose picture is not available) were killed in Europe during World War II.

Grand Jury Gives Report On Haywood Institutions

Conditions Reported Favorable With Several Minor Repairs Recommended

A general favorable report of county-operated institutions was returned in the Grand Jury report submitted Thursday afternoon to Judge Felix E. Alley, signed by J. E. Ferguson, foreman of the jury. The report is summarized as follows:
Courthouse—in good condition, and equipment well kept.
County Jail—in excellent condition.
Canton jail—in good condition.
County Home—in generally good condition. It is recommended that repairs be made about the kitchen sink, and that a dish storage cabinet be provided. "We congratulate the way and manner in which the superintendent (Jack McCracken) attends to the needs of the aged persons confined in the home. He is doing an excellent job."

All schools in the county were examined and were found in good condition with the following exceptions:

Maggie school needs repairs to the furnace boiler. It also was recommended that a shed be built between the school building and lunch room as cover for pupils during lunch hour.

Jonathan Creek school needs minor repairs in the toilet rooms. Cruso school needs a fence between the playground and highway to protect students during recess periods.

Waynesville high school and Hazelwood school both need the dining rooms painted.

General repairs are needed at the Pigeon street colored school.

East Waynesville school has a leaky boiler in need of immediate repair.

Prison Camp—in good condition; the prisoners well fed and treated.

County Hospital — building in good condition. "It seems to be operated properly and efficiently. We recommend that the shower bath in the doctors' room be examined and repaired."

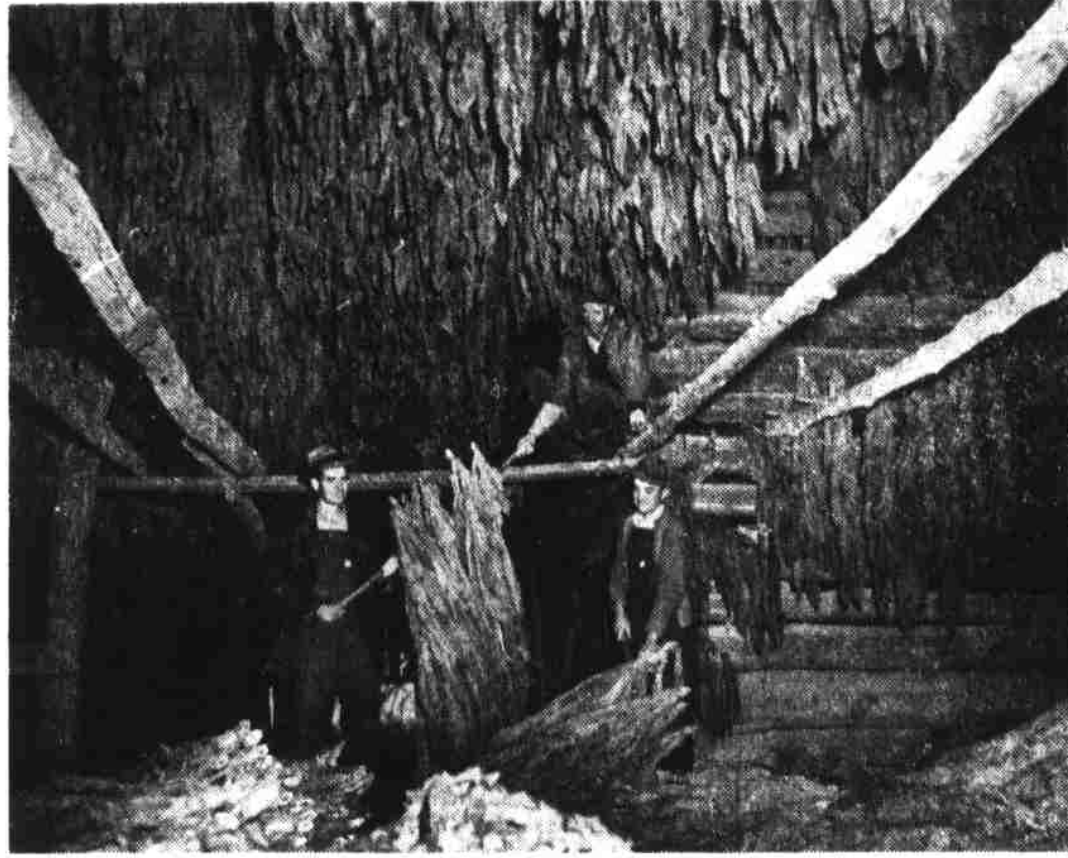
In addition to the examination of buildings, the Grand Jury disposed of a number of bills of indictment sent by the solicitor, returning all to the court except those continued for lack of witnesses.

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Preparing For Tobacco Harvest Festival



ON THE D. J. BOYD farm in Jonathan Creek township where approximately 6,000 pounds of tobacco has been grown this year, some of the choice leaves will be brought to the Haywood County Tobacco Harvest Festival to compete for prizes with other growers in the county. The picture shows Mr. Boyd, handing some of the cured tobacco to his son Ralph, while David, Jr., (right) removes some from a stick. In barns over Haywood county farmers now are in the process of preparing and taking their crop to market, but plan to take time out for the Harvest Festival — A Mountaineer photo by Ingram's Studio.

School Improvements In Haywood Require \$1,000,000; Says Messer

Dr. Whims Will Head Health Group

Bi-annual Meeting Of Public Health Association Is Held At Hazelwood

Dr. H. C. Whims, Buncombe county health officer, was re-elected president of the Western North Carolina association at the bi-annual general meeting held Friday in the Hazelwood school auditorium.

William H. Broadway, western district state sanitarian, was re-elected vice-president and Mrs. Helen Hearn, secretary of the district office, of the state public health service, was re-named secretary-treasurer.

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Finances Are Cited As Major Problem Of Schools In Talk To Lions Club

The one big problem with Haywood county schools is finance, stated Jack Messer, county superintendent of education, in a talk to the Waynesville Lions club Thursday night.

"One million dollars is needed now for additions and improvements," he related.

North Carolina spends 75 cents out of every state tax dollar for education, but due to low per capita income (44th among the states) the amount spent annually for each child is \$65, compared to \$150 in New York. "Haywood schools get 50 per cent of county taxes," continued Supt. Messer, "but still it is wholly inadequate to take care of growing needs."

A survey has been made on existing facilities in school rooms, and all are in need of improvement. One hundred rooms need fluorescent lights at \$100 per room.

Plans and specifications are drawn for an addition to Waynesville high school, he added, and plans to consolidate smaller schools have been approved, but funds are not available to continue with the program.

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Recreation Meet Called For Tonight

Civic Groups And Town Officials May Unify Efforts For Community Center

Representatives of churches, civic clubs, industrial, town officials and other groups will meet at 7 o'clock tonight at the Towne House to discuss plans for the recreational development of Hazelwood and Waynesville.

The meeting will be presided over by Paul Davis, who was elected temporary chairman at a preliminary session last week. In charge of preparing the program are David Felmet, James H. Howell, Jr., Earl Messer and Mrs. Stanley Bradling.

An open discussion will follow. The showing of a movie which pictures the development of a community recreation program, and it is felt by the sponsors that the meeting will result in unifying all efforts in favor of a recreation center for Waynesville and Hazelwood.

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Three Haywood War Dead Arrived In U. S. Last Week

Chafin, Dunovent, And Evans Are Returned From European Cemetery

The bodies of three Haywood county war dead arrived in New York harbor last week aboard the U. S. Army transport Robert Burns.

Returned from Henri Chappelle Military cemetery at Eupen, Belgium, are the remains of Lt. Thad O. Chafin, Jr., Waynesville; Lt. Henry Clay Dunovent, Dellwood; and Pvt. William W. Evans, Canton.

The body of Pvt. Evans will be returned home through the Atlanta General depot, and the others via the Charlotte, Q. M. depot.

Lt. Chafin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thad O. Chafin, of Waynesville, was killed in action in Germany on Nov. 22, 1944. An infantry officer with the U. S. First army, he was 24 years old. He volunteered for service with the National Guard unit at Waynesville, and was stationed at a number of posts in this country before receiving his commission at Fort Benning.

He was stationed in North Ireland and England before landing in France with the invasion forces. He is a graduate of Waynesville Township high school and Georgia Military Academy.

Lt. Dunovent, a paratrooper, entered active service with the local National Guard unit in 1940 and was trained at Fort Jackson. He was commissioned later at Fort Benning. His death occurred Jan. 30, 1945 in Belgium.

Son of Mrs. Cruse Moody of Dellwood, he was 31 years old and had been in foreign service 17 months at the time of his death, having served in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, Holland and Belgium. In 1943 he had been transferred to the airborne infantry.

A former employee of A. C. Lawrence Leather Company, Lt. Dunovent is survived by the widow, the former Miss Katherine Snelson of Canton, a daughter, Linda Katherine, a brother and a sister.

Pvt. Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Evans of Canton served in England, France and Belgium more than four months before being killed in Germany, Feb. 27, 1945. He was formerly employed

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Union Services To Be Held Thurs. Morning

Special Thanksgiving services will be held in churches in Waynesville and Hazelwood Thursday morning.

At 9 o'clock a union service of Waynesville churches will be held at the Methodist church with Rev. L. G. Elliott, pastor of the First Baptist church, delivering the message. Special music will be under the direction of Mrs. Fred Martin.

At 10 o'clock a union service will be held in Hazelwood at the Church of God, when Mrs. Lee, pastor of the Hazelwood Methodist Church, will deliver the Thanksgiving message. All Hazelwood churches will participate in the program.

The public is most cordially invited to join in these services of thanksgiving.

Prizes Announced For Best Cars In Parade

Three prizes will be awarded the best decorated cars bearing beauty contestants in the parade which opens the Tobacco Harvest Festival on Friday afternoon, announces Wayne Corpening, general chairman of the celebration.

Judges for the parade will be Patrolman O. R. Roberts, Chief of Police Orville Noland of Waynesville, and Chief of Police Bill Stroup of Canton.

Burley Auction Hours Are Set In Asheville

Sales hours for Asheville's Burley tobacco market, where auctions begin Monday, Dec. 1, will be from 9:30 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 2:30 p.m. It has been announced by the warehouse association.

Auctions will be limited to four hours a day on a five-day week. During the closing season auctions were held to three hours daily, and were further restricted to 360 baskets an hour or 1,440 baskets a day at each warehouse.

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Weather Report

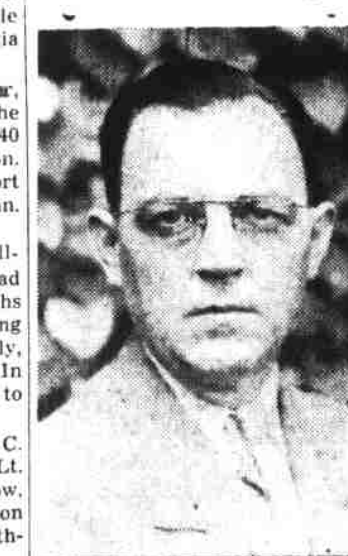
(The United Press)
Nov. 24—Cloudy and occasional light rain to tonight.
Nov. 25—Partly cloudy
Waynesville temperatures recorded by the staff of Test Farm:

Max.	Min.	Rainfall
57	41	—
50	36	—
53	33	—
58	47	.11

Issue To Be Out Early

Issue to Thanksgiving on press day, the edition of the Mountaineer will be published Wednesday afternoon. All must be in the office by 1 o'clock Wednesday

Tobacco Judge Opens Festival



DR. LUTHER SHAW, in charge of experimental work at Mountain Experiment station, above, and R. R. Bennett, specialist from State college, will judge tobacco entered in the Harvest Festival.

High Winds Mon. Give Warning Of Coming Cold Wave



W. KERR SCOTT, state commissioner of agriculture, will lead the parade and make the opening address Friday afternoon when the Haywood County Tobacco Harvest gets under way.

Many Events Will Attract Large Crowd For 2 Days

Fair Weather Is Promised For Parade Of Beauty Contestants And Bands

With plans completed, interest in the Haywood County Tobacco Harvest festival is reaching a high pitch as time draws near for the varied activities to get under way.

Tobacco growers throughout the county are expected to attend the festival in large numbers, vie for prizes in the tobacco show, hear band and string music and several outstanding speakers in the burley field, including Hugh W. Taylor, export association secretary.

Under the chairmanship of Wayne Corpening, details for the festival are taking shape well and everything points to a successful event. Even the weatherman has promised his blessing for a clear day when the inaugural parade opens Friday afternoon, and a number of local merchants sponsoring the 19 beauty contestants will furnish floats for the occasion.

In addition to the Tobacco Queen contestants, the high school bands of Waynesville, Canton and Hendersonville will march in the parade. It will start at 1 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist church, and conclude at the Courthouse where a band concert will be presented.

Jonathan Woody, will speak at 2 o'clock in the courtroom. A lighting demonstration will be held at 3 o'clock in the armory, and at the same time the movie "Meet North Carolina" is to be shown in the courtroom.

Friday evening will come the first part of the beauty contest, at the Armory, after which 18 talented quartets and other groups will stage a singing convention. Practically all well-known quartets in Haywood and neighboring counties will enter the singing convention, making it one of the entertainment highlights of the celebration.

Saturday morning activities will begin with a band concert at the courthouse, followed by the address by Hugh Taylor, who will speak frankly on the market outlook for burley and dark leaf tobacco. Other important federal and state agricultural leaders will be introduced.

Warehousemen of Asheville will be guests at a luncheon at 1 o'clock. During the afternoon a district Farm Bureau meeting will be held at the armory; and at 3:30 o'clock demonstrations of tobacco grading are scheduled.

The final selection of a Tobacco Harvest Festival queen will be made Saturday evening, and from 8:15 to 11 p.m. square dance teams and string bands will compete for honors in the final entertainment feature.

On Thanksgiving night a Tobacco Festival ball will be held at the armory, sponsored by Beta Sigma Phi sorority.

MAYOR WAY AT HOME

Mayor J. H. Way, Jr., who suffered a broken leg when he fell on the steps of his home two weeks ago, returned on Saturday from Aston Park Hospital, Asheville. Mr. Way will be confined to his home for sometime longer but he is progressing satisfactorily.

Highway Record For 1947 (To Date)
In Haywood Injured --- 50 Killed ---- 8

(This information Compiled From Records of State Highway Patrol)