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ON THE POLITICAL FRONT LOCALLY



Edwin B. Whitaker, above, local attorney, announced Monday that he will seek renomination in the May 30th Democratic primary, for State Senate of this, the 33rd district. Mr. Whitaker ran two years ago without opposition in the primary, was elected by a big majority in the general election. His record in office has been outstanding, and he is making the race after having been almost forced into it by his many friends all over the district. He does have some opposition this year, however. A. L. Penland, of Clay county, a member of the house last session, and R. A. Patton, of Franklin, a former Senator have already announced, and it is possible that Jack Morpheu, of Robbinsville, will run although he has not announced as yet.

The Democratic candidates that have announced for the various county offices are now busy calling on the voters enlisting their support. Those who have not as yet thrown their hats into the political ring are hesitating on the edge and will probably have come out boldly stating their intentions by another week.

ANNOUNCING THIS WEEK

New candidates announcing this week are: Robert L. Hyatt for Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners; Edwin B. Whitaker, for State Senate; and Thomas L. Kirkland for township constable.

Mr. Hyatt has served on the board of commissioners for the past six years, but is now seeking the chairmanship, which W. E. Elmore now holds and which H. H. Welch has also announced for, Mr. Welch being the first candidate to announce for any office.

The sheriff's race between the incumbent, Gomer H. Martin and Frank Hyatt, the present clerk of court, bids fair to be a lively race. Both men have served the county well and have considerable staunch backing. The sheriff's race will lead the campaign in interest.

There are still four men in the race for register of deeds. They are: Locke Woodard, incumbent; E. J. (Mutt) Seay, (Mutt leaves Friday for Fort Bragg, and if Uncle Sam finds him to be the kind of a fighting man they hope he is, that will eliminate him) Frank L. Kirkland and Porter Styles, are the other two in the race.

Harold H. Sandlin and Henry J. Truett are the only ones announced for clerk of court.

Mr. D. P. Shook announced last week that he seeks renomination as a board member.

G. J. Woodard announced two weeks ago for township constable.

Play Golf, Says Reed

Bob Reed, pro and manager of the local golf course, said this week that he now has the course in fine condition for those wishing to drive the little white balls. Bryson City's nice little nine-hole course is one of the best in this section, and is ideally located with a commanding view of the Deep Creek valley and the Smokies in the background.

After you have worked out that Victory Garden and helped clean-up the town, then come and play a game of golf and forget about your worries and the war for an hour or so.

AAUW To Meet Thursday
The Bryson City Unit of the American Association of University Women's will meet this evening (Thursday) with Mrs. H. L. Bacon at 8:30.

NEWBY MAKES BOND AND IS RELEASED IN AUTO DEATHS

Two Killed, Two Injured In Sunday Park Accident

Robert Newby, TVA worker of the Murphy area, was released from the Swain county jail Wednesday morning after posting \$2,000.00 bond for his appearance at the next term of Swain county Superior court on two charges of murder which grew out of the fatal automobile accident on Highway No. 107 near the Ranger's park office at Ravensford last Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Two young Tennessee men were killed and two injured when their car, headed north and the one driven by Newby, headed toward Cherokee crashed in a head-on collision.

J. M. Gass, 26, of Kingsport, Tenn., died two hours after he entered the Sylva hospital Sunday evening; William Wilkerson, 17, also of Kingsport, died in the Government hospital at Cherokee Monday morning. Teddy Davis, 26, another Kingsport man is in the Sylva hospital with two fractures of his left leg and Delmar Claybo, of Gatlinburg, a soldier stationed at Camp Forrest, Tenn., is in the Cherokee hospital in a critical condition.

Sheriff G. H. Martin and State Highway Patrolman T. A. Sandlin investigated the accident. Newby was placed under arrest in Murphy Sunday night and brought to Bryson City Monday by Patrolman Pritchard Smith.

IF YOU SEE A BEAR, DON'T FEED HIM, SAYS PARK OFFICIALS

The Great Smoky Mountains National Park has started its 1942 "Don't Feed the Bears" publicity campaign with the warning being stamped on all mail sent out from the Park office at Gatlinburg.

"Bears are dangerous when fed, molested or when approached too closely. Play safe. Do not feed the bears."

Ed Green, park wild-life technician, said the park would wage an intensive campaign this year to stop bear feeding along the park highways. Last year several persons were injured by bears they were attempting to feed or photograph.

Investigation invariably proved that the injured persons were at fault, Mr. Green said.

CHINA NEEDS OUR HELP TO WHIP THE JAPS

Give To Swain County China Relief Fund, County Quota Of \$250.00

We need China and China needs us. The Far East is closer than you think. The Far East is tired you can no longer buy, it is tin now rigidly rationed; it is quinine for soldiers in the tropics; it is tungsten so vital to munitions. This all means something to us Americans. But it is not the measure of victory or defeat.

China, our Ally, with her six million fighting men, her indomitable spirit, her vast resources, her strategic position and her great desire to help herself and her friends, is a fighting bulwark against the tyranny that seeks to enslave us all.

The United States has set a goal to raise \$7,000,000 for aid to China and her people. The need is urgent. Swain county's quota has been set at \$250.00 we must do our part in raising it. A committee headed by J. A. Gray as chairman has been appointed to direct the campaign, which will get underway soon. Plans for the drive will be announced in next week's issue of this paper.

W. T. Martin Is Operated On For Appendicitis

Mr. W. T. Martin, local postmaster, entered the C. J. Harris Community hospital at Sylva last night and underwent an appendectomy this morning. His condition is reported to be satisfactory.

Mayor's Clean-up Proclamation!

WHEREAS, it is the desire of our people to maintain a neat and orderly town; and

WHEREAS, in anticipation of the coming tourist season, we desire that our town shall present an attractive appearance to the visitors who may come our way; and

WHEREAS, it is customary for us to have a "Clean-Up" week every spring;

NOW, THEREFORE, the week of April 13 to April 18 is hereby proclaimed as "Clean-Up" week in Bryson City, and every citizen is urged to make every effort to cooperate in this program to the end that we may have an attractive, neat and clean town.

E. H. MOODY, Mayor

Notice Of 4th Registration

The President has issued a proclamation designating Monday, April 27, 1942, between the hours of 7:00 A. M., and 9:00 as the 4th Registration Day. Those required to register on said date are men who were born on or after April 28, 1877, and on or before February 16, 1897, and therefore had attained their 45th birthday on or before February 16, 1942, and have not attained their 65th birthday on April 27, 1942.

The various places of Registration in Swain County will be published in next week's issue of this paper.

This April 9th, 1942.

MCKINLEY EDWARDS,
Chairman Local Draft Board

Harry Seay Building New Home On Deep Creek

Harry Seay, manager of Harry's Cafe, has started work on a one-story, six-room brick veneer dwelling on Deep Creek.

REV. A. L. RAYLE PASSES

Word has been received by friends of the family in Bryson City of the death on Wednesday night of Rev. A. L. Rayle, former pastor of the Methodist church here. The wire just stated that he had passed and funeral would be held at Stanley Friday at 2:30 P. M.

Mr. Rayle had been in ill health for about a year.

Red Cross First Aid Course To Be Given

A Red Cross First Aid Standard Course was organized Tuesday night, April 7 with 14 persons present. With the hope of having more register and take the course it was voted to have the first class meet at 8 o'clock, Tuesday night, April 14. Classes are to be held each Tuesday and Thursday nights for two hours each.

Mrs. Hallie Alexander and Miss Inez Martin are the instructors. The classes will be held in the hut of the Presbyterian church.

Save Your Old Tooth- Paste Tubes

The War Production Board has ruled that persons buying tooth-paste or shaving cream in tubes must turn over to the retailer some kind of tin or tin-coated tube for each new one purchased. So it will be necessary to save those old tubes which we have been accustomed to consider as so much trash to be thrown away. This is made necessary because of our tin supply being cut from the South Pacific.

Navy Going After Jap Ships

The Navy reported as of April 4, total Japanese losses inflicted by U. S. Naval forces included 21 warships sunk, 13 possibly sunk and 22 damaged; 48 non-combatant ships sunk, 14 possibly sunk and 14 damaged. The Army and Navy said Axis submarines sunk or presumed sunk by the Navy totaled 24, and those by the Army number four. Assistant Secretary of War for Air Lovett said U. S. pilots in the Far East are shooting down five Japanese planes for every plane lost.

Eastern Star To Meet Monday Night

The regular monthly meeting of Tuckasee Chapter will be held Monday at 7:30 P. M. E. W. T. All members and visiting Stars are urged to attend.

P. T. A. TO INSTALL NEW OFFICERS APRIL 14

Will Be Last Meeting Of This Year, Reports Of State Convention To Be Heard

The P. T. A. will hold the last meeting of the school year on April 14, at 4 P. M. E. W. T. We hope to have reports from the committees for the entire year, also there will be reports of the delegates to the convention, which is convening in Greensboro this week. At this meeting officers for the coming year will be installed. Mrs. R. U. Sutton, district president, has been invited to visit our association at this time.

The Study Group will meet in Mrs. Abbott's room at 2:30. Every member of P. T. A. and any one else who is interested in youth is urged to attend.

Edwards & Leatherwood Move Law Offices

The offices of the law firm of Edwards and Leatherwood, which have been located on the second floor of the Edwards' building on Everett street for 15 years, is being moved today to a suite of offices on the second floor of the new brick building on Main street.

This building was built by Messrs. Edwards and Leatherwood and will house the postoffice on the first floor with the second floor offices being occupied by them, by Dr. H. L. Bacon, and by the Land Management division of TVA.

RANGERS GUARD PARK AREA FOR FIRES

Forest rangers in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park are very thankful that the fire season comes before the peak tourist season and are therefore relieved of the great danger of having destructive fires which might be started through carelessness.

Fires in the Smokies usually occur in the spring and fall, just before and after the heavy tourist season, Harold O. Edwards, assistant chief park ranger, pointed out.

It is different with the Western parks. The fire season there occurs during the tourist season, which complicates fire fighting and control and heightens the danger of fires.

"The difference is due principally to the different type of trees in the western parks and in the Smokies," Mr. Edwards explained. Out there the trees are largely pine and fir—trees with a lot of turpentine which burns easily.

Here in the Smokies the danger usually comes in the spring and fall, when leaves are dry. Our forests have more hardwood trees that shed their leaves. During months while sap is in the trees, there is little danger of fires. The danger comes when dead leaves become dry.

Few fires have occurred in the park so far this spring.

Second Man Killed At Fontana Dam

Paul B. Sisson, 31, of Shawville, Va., was instantly killed last Wednesday afternoon while driving a tractor on the Fontana dam job. A large rock is said to have dropped on the tractor causing it to turn over pinning Mr. Sisson underneath.

The body was taken to Knoxville and prepared for burial and then taken to Shawville for the final rites. Mr. and Mrs. Sisson and small son had only been at Fontana for a few days before the accident. They lived in a trailer near the job.

MAYOR PROCLAIMS WEEK OF APRIL 13 - 18 AS CLEAN-UP, PAINT-UP WEEK FOR BRYSON CITY

Red Cross Meeting To Elect Officers

Members of the Swain County Chapter, American Red Cross, are urged to attend the meeting to be held, Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, April 10, in the auditorium of the courthouse.

An expanded personnel of officers must be elected to serve the different branches which have become active since our entrance into the war. Please attend. You, who joined, are Swain County Chapter, American Red Cross.

WAR PRODUCTION IS STEADILY GROWING

War Production Director Donald Nelson told a New York audience this week that "America's industrial plant is really beginning to roll." He said air-plane production for the first three months had been met or exceeded, and that merchant ship building was rising rapidly. A Garand rifle is now available for every soldier and anti-aircraft and anti-tank guns are being produced according to schedule. "This is no time for easy optimism," he said, "because the production of war goods is so huge a job we can break every record and still fall short of the need."

FOREST DAMAGED BY FIRE IN MOUNT STERLING AREA

Fires originating about a mile north of Mt. Sterling Gap Monday night burned over about 300 acres of forest land in and near the Great Smoky Mountains National Park before it was brought under control Tuesday night.

The fire was the first major one in the park this season and the first in the Sterling area in several years. Rangers termed it one of the "hottest" they have experienced recently.

Rangers said origin of the fire has not been determined. It started about 10:30 Monday night outside the park limits, but soon burned over into the reservation.

Graham County Fires Brought Under Control

Fire wardens in Graham county have reported that numerous fires started in that county several days ago are now under control. Some of the fires are said to be of accidental nature but a large number are reported to have been of incendiary origin.

Ranger W. L. Nothstein said that someone traveling in a car along State Highway No. 129 from Robbinsville toward Knoxville set a total of 34 fires in a distance of approximately 10 miles above Tapoco.

Every effort is being made by local authorities to apprehend the guilty party.

Thomas J. Scott, Jr., Is Promoted To Corporal

Elgin Field, Florida, April 4, Special—Thomas J. Scott, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Scott, of Cherokee, North Carolina, has recently been promoted from private first class to the rank of corporal according to an announcement by the authorities at the Air Corps Proving Ground, Eglin Field, Florida.

Corporal Scott has been in the Army since July 25, 1941.

The tremendous increase in Army personnel has created a great opportunity for men who can prove themselves capable of holding the ranks of non-commissioned officers.

County N.C.E.A. Officers Elected By Teachers

At a recent meeting of the teachers of Swain county the following named teachers were elected to head the county North Carolina Education Association for the coming year:

Mrs. Lillian Thomason, re-elected President; Mrs. Hazel Sandlin, Vice-President; and Miss Iris Abbott, Treasurer.

Trucks And Men Will Be Provided to Haul Trash Away

Mayor Moody has proclaimed next week, April 13 through 18 as annual clean-up, paint-up and beautification week for Bryson City. In this proclamation all citizens are urged to gather up all the unusable rubbish and trash of any kind about their premises and place it at a convenient place on the street so that the city trucks can get to it to haul it away.

With the coming of the tourist season and with many new people coming to Bryson City in connection with the building of Fontana dam everyone of us should want to help in the beautification campaign. The streets, lawns and vacant lots must be cleaned up and beautified if we are to have an attractive city, which will draw favorable comment from our visitors. Let's do the job well.

LOCAL BOARD TO SEND 35 MEN TO FORT BRAGG

Thirty-five Swain county men will leave here Friday morning at 9:30 by bus for induction into the army at Fort Bragg. A special committee from the Bryson City Woman's Club will be on hand to serve the men hot coffee and doughnuts. The Swain high school band will furnish music as the men, their relatives and friends gather for their departure.

Those leaving are: Paul Robert Williams, Elia Wolfe, Clingman Leslie Painter, James Boyd Dugan, Leslie Woodrow Shuler, Clyde S. Hyatt, Burgin Sutton, Hosa Clarence Medford, Eulis Tipton, Paul Lowell Wiggins, Robert Jackson Cordell, Charles D. Johnson, Willard John Burns, Vynoi Tipton, Troy Cordell Williams, Ira Joseph Wiggins, Sam Virgil Calhoun, Joe A. Shuler, Howard Wayne Rinehardt, Vernon Jenkins, Ben Harrison Grant, William Woodrow Wiggins, James Harley Lequire, Prince Woodrow Clamplitt, Vester Welch, Emmett James Seay, Frank Hardin Burges, Wilson Welch, Earl Edward Ashe, Ralph Lucas DeHart, Jackson Mason, Cornelius Benjamin Kirkland, Smathers Calhoun, Paul J. Catt, and William Henry Breedlove.

WORK STARTED ON BRICK BUILDING ON MAIN STREET

Thurman Leatherwood, local attorney and chairman of the board of aldermen, has started the erection of a new one story brick building on Main street adjoining the new two story brick building he and McKinley Edwards have about completed.

Mr. Leatherwood stated that his new building will be 40 by 115 feet, one story and of brick construction, and to be heated by steam.

Conley Wiggins is the building foreman.

To Hold Pre-School Clinic

Preschool clinic will be held at the Bryson City elementary school Wednesday, April 15. Dr. C. N. Sisk will be in charge. This clinic is for all children who plan to enter school next fall for the first year. Health examinations and typhoid and diphtheria vaccination, if wanted, are free. All parents are urged to see that their children attend this clinic.

Mrs. Carlson To Talk On Cancer Control At Cherokee Woman's Club

Mrs. Elmer Carlson, Swain county captain of the control of cancer will present cancer control work at the Cherokee Woman's Club meeting at Cherokee today.

Bacon And Woody To Talk On Cancer Work

Dr. H. L. Bacon will make a short talk to the members of the Bryson City Rotary club at its regular dinner meeting this evening. Dr. J. L. Woody will also make a talk to the regular meeting. Both talks are to be on cancer control.