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## State Establishes Wayah Game Refuge

### Appointment Of Hayes, Middle District Judge, Is Approved By Senate

#### Action—Under Suspension of Rules Nomination Is Acted Upon Without Usual Delay—To Be Given Back Pay.

Washington, Jan. 9.—The appointment of Judge Johnson J. Hayes was confirmed by the senate this afternoon. The speed limit was exceeded somewhat by this achievement. It is customary to permit such committee reports to remain in cold storage at least overnight, but there was a feeling that the new judge of the middle district had it coming to him, so the full judiciary committee authorized Senator Overman, chairman of the subcommittee, to report the nomination favorably to the senate, the North Carolina senator got an agreement from Senator Curtis, the majority leader, to hold an executive session for the benefit of the North Carolina jurist, and the nomination was approved by unanimous consent, suspension of the rules.

The time favorable action was taken by the senate Judge Hayes was at the office of Commissioner of Internal Revenue Blair, after a visit to the department of justice. The good news was telephoned to the judge, and he thereafter spent most of his time receiving the congratulations of friends before his departure tonight for Greensboro. He can take the oath of office before any notary in the state, but he plans to visit this city again in a few days, when he will call at White House to thank President Coolidge for the appointment. Judge Hayes spent some time in the Supreme court room today, as he desired to hear John W. Davis speak in a railroad case of magnitude where the court.

#### Will Get Back Pay

After the affidavits, the crickets and cabbages, all the good things came at once today for Judge Hayes. The laborer is supposed to be worthy of his hire, but under his recess appointment Judge Hayes has received no compensation for his services. It was explained to him today that Senator Overman had provided for his back salary in the pending deficiency bill. In a short time he will receive pay for nine months of service.

There has been quite a bit of talk about the eleventh hour attack directed against Judge Hayes by Vanderford, of Salisbury. It was the nature of this attack that hastened the favorable report of the subcommittee Saturday, and it was one of the things, in the accumulation of such incidents, that led the senate to take prompt and unusual action today in favor of Judge Hayes. The report was heard at the capitol that the Vanderford affidavit and protest against the appointment of Judge Hayes, followed a conference between Vanderford and Frank A. Linney. Some members of the house have given credence to the report. Friends of Judge Hayes likewise think the report well founded.

Confirmation of the appointments of L. L. Gavin, as district attorney of the middle district, of J. J. Jenkins, as marshal in this district, and of Thomas Harkins, as district attorney of the western district, is expected today or so. The judiciary committee approved of these appointments today, but, unlike the Hayes appointment, they followed the regular order, and will be given consideration, perhaps tomorrow, by the senate.

Judge Hayes said before leaving for home tonight that he desired to extend his profound thanks to the many people in the state who were good enough to withhold judgment following the filing of the so-called charges against him, until the facts were brought to light, and until the motives of those who waged the fight against him were better understood.

#### Hayes Will Be Back In His Office Here Today

"Was confirmed at 4:30" was the terse but altogether satisfying message received here late yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Johnson Hayes

from Judge Johnson Hayes, whose senatorial confirmation had been under fire at Washington since Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. The telegram brought confirmation of a popular opinion prevalent since the charges of D. T. Vance and others, of Avey and Yadkin counties, were first made public.

From the outset, Judge Hayes and his friends were confident of hasty and complete vindication. The taking of evidence by the special senate committee ended Friday afternoon, whereupon the committee voted to make a favorable report on confirmation. The senate lost little time in acting, approving the recess action of President Coolidge in less than a day after the charges against the judge had been aired.

Mrs. Hayes was not asked as to her reactions on the receipt of the telegram from the judge. Naturally, she, like numerous others, was highly pleased but not surprised at what had happened in Washington. The high character the judge was able to prove and sustain during the hearing, despite the prominence of some of his attackers, was the cause of almost constant comment here yesterday. Democrats, supposed to be foes, and Republicans alike were unanimous in stating that the judge's showing of high and sustained character was record breaking in the annals of the state.

Judge Hayes, duly confirmed, is expected to be back in his office here today. With everything set, the judge is expected to take action soon with regard to naming his court clerk and other workers. Recently the judge declared he had an open mind on any and all appointments he was qualified to make. To date, he had named but one appointee, his private secretary. Herman Winsberg drew that appointment.—Greensboro Daily News.

#### North Skenah News

Mr. James Cabe, of Coweta, was in this section Monday on business.

Mr. John Sanders, Jr., and Fred Brown, of Dellico Filling station, were in this section the past week hunting for hogs.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Mann, of this section were visiting Mrs. Doffis Watts on South Skenah, who has pneumonia.

Rev. Judson Smith, of Tellico, spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sanders.

Mr. Zeb Shope is spending a few days at home as it is most to bad for fires to start.

Mr. Oscar Lewis, of Midway, was in this section on business Monday.

Mr. Vester Stockton, of this section, has moved his store from Prentiss to Tryphosa.

If you want to you can blame Jesse Sanders with this rain. After it was over with he had a ten by four smile. Yes, it was another boy to take to Sunday school.

#### Celebrate Anniversaries

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Crawford and Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Crawford celebrated their wedding anniversaries Sunday, January 1st with a dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Crawford.

Covers were laid for twelve. Those seated at the table were: Honor guests, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Hunnicutt, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Emory Hunnicutt, Sr., Miss Katherine Hunnicutt, Miss Ora Sue Hunnicutt, Miss Calleen Crawford, Miss Tim Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Crawford, and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Crawford.

The oblong table was lovely, spread with a white linen cloth. The centerpiece was a silver stand filled with fruit.

The old servant, Joe Stuart, who has been with Mr. and Mrs. Crawford for more than a quarter of a century, served the delightful dinner.

### J. W. STREET IN BUSINESS

Mr. J. W. Street has taken over the job department of The Press and will conduct it as a separate unit from The Franklin Press. Mr. Street has had many years experience as a printer and his reputation for doing excellent work is known far and wide. His many friends are predicting a successful future for Mr. Street in the printing business.

### Union School News

Our school is nearing the close. We hope to have a longer term next year.

Mrs. Hunter has accepted a position in a rural school near Selma, N. C. She left Friday for the new field of work. Mrs. Bertha Smart will finish her work in this school. Mrs. Norton, Mrs. Cunningham and Miss Cunningham will help Mrs. Smart to finish the work for the year.

We are sorry that we didn't all pass the examination on the 28th at Franklin. But we are not discouraged in the least. We were a bit "scared," that was all. And we will go "over the top," yet. To our classmates that did pass, we extend our best wishes.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Long entertained the boys and girls last Saturday night. The program consisted of music and candy drawing.

Mr. R. L. Smart left for Kenmore, Ohio, a few days ago where he will join his wife and children.

Mr. Harding and Bill Gribble have gone to Virginia where they will be employed in the erection of a round house. The building is supposed to cover a considerable area, and it will take about three years to complete it.

Mr. Vester Stockton is moving his stock of goods to Tryphosa.

Mrs. Mattie Sprinkles will help to transport 6th and 7th grade pupils to Franklin school. Any one that does not have conveyance see her.

A number of friends gathered at the home of Mr. C. W. Teague to watch the old year out and the new year come in. The neighborhood, for some distance echoed with the laughter of merry lads and lassies until the ringing of the big farm bell and the firing of big guns proclaimed the hour, that 1927 had gone.

The next morning there were quite a number of large stumps up-rooted in his fields. Mr. Teague has an eye for business as well as pleasure, and we think there is good a good lesson in the thing he did. If the money that was spent during Christmas for powder, shot, shells, fire crackers, etc., had been put to some good use in Macon county: well! at least, we would still have more pretty birds flying about. There would be 'more music in the air.'

And now, "Mr. Franklin Press," we wish you many years, happy years, and successful years.

### SEVENTH GRADE CLASS

### News From Everywhere

Judge W. F. Harding, well known in Franklin, opened the first term of court to be held in the new court house of Mecklenburg county Monday.

Hickman now repudiates parts of his confession made to officers when captured.

Lyman F. Barber, an American mining engineer captured by bandits in Mexico, escapes by braining four of his captors with a rock.

Ruth Snyder and Judd York are to be electrocuted in New York today for the murder of the woman's husband.

Bootlegger "Remus, who recently killed his wife and was acquitted on account of insanity, is now endeavoring to prove himself sane.

Democratic women in the national capitol are ridiculing Al Smith's nomination.

Twenty-one coal miners were killed by a blast January 9 in Illinois.

### Forest Service Will Cooperate Guard to Be On Duty All Time

#### Tract Includes 10,000 Acres On East Slope of Nantahalas—Easily Accessible by Highway No. 28.

The U. S. Forest Service, agreeing to co-operate, and backed by the Nantahala Sportsmen's association of 500 Macon county citizens, the state on January 5th accepted the Wayah Game Preserve located 10 miles west of Franklin on highway No. 28 at the foot of and on the eastern slopes of Wayah Bald as one unit in the program of preserving the game and fish of the state. This refuge consists of 10,000 acres about 90 per cent of which is on government land of the Nantahala National forest. The site is ideal for the purpose for which intended. The entire area is densely covered with woods and has a plentiful supply of water. The owners of private lands included in the refuge have agreed to co-operate in every way in the protection of game. After the refuge is stocked a permanent guard will patrol the area to prevent poaching, it is stated. Deer will be imported from the Pisgah National forest, eggs of the Mongolian pheasant will be brought from the west and hatched in incubators, wild turkeys will also be imported and placed in the refuge. Wayah creek and small tributaries have already been stocked with a plentiful supply of trout and a closed season for several years declared. The old timers in the county who were here when game of all kinds was plentiful are highly elated at the prospect of again seeing wild life plentiful in the mountains of the county. The younger generation is likewise anxious for the day when they can see game and fish plentiful.

One enthusiastic citizen of the county in writing to The Press has the following to say:

The best piece of news that has been received for many moons came to the local forest service office on January 6 in the form of a telegram from James G. K. McClure, of Asheville, a member of the State Board of Conservation. The telegram read as follows: "The Wayah game refuge accepted by State Board of Conservation yesterday."

Now, if you have not given the matter much thought, you do not have much idea what that means to this section of the country.

It means that in a very few years, with the proper co-operation of the community, this section will be the most attractive hunting ground in the south and will bring not only the satisfaction of being able to boast of this fact, but it will bring cold cash to the section. Game is just as naturally a part of a forest as the trees that grow on the hillsides. Here in our Nantahalas we have ideal conditions for all kinds of game and it was once here.

When the early settlers came to this country they found the Indians in charge of the finest game country in all the land and those Indians were not game hogs either. They killed what they needed for their meat and very jealously guarded the rest. It took the white man to carry out the work of destruction, and it seems that he did his work very well. Only a remnant of the vast droves of deer are left in the country, and the credit for having a single one is due to one or two farsighted people who went to enormous expense to protect game. What is now the Pisgah Game preserve was stocked and protected by the late Mr. George Vanderbilt, and it is not likely that Western North Carolina could boast a single deer if it had not been for this one man.

There are still a few scattered gangs of wild turkeys in the Nantahalas, but the fact that they are there is not due to any protection given them by our local hunters, they just happened to be smarter than their enemies. There are men who roam the woods summer and winter with single barreled shot guns and shoot any kind of game that happens to get up before them—regardless of season, scarcity of the animals or age of the game. During the summer of 1926 a man who is supposed to be a respectable citizen in our community, killed a turkey hen away from her flock of young and the whole flock died because it was too young to look out for food.

With the new game laws and the same laws well enforced, the turkeys

will come back in our mountains. But not so the deer. It will be necessary to bring them from some place where they have been protected. The Pisgah National Game preserve will probably be the source of supply.

The Wayah Game refuge will be stocked with deer, turkeys, pheasants and probably other game, just as soon as it is feasible to do so. No hunting will be allowed on the area at any time and a game-keeper will see to it that the rule is carried out.

The U. S. Forest service will co-operate with the game commission in restocking the area, and protecting it.

The State Board of Conservation has given us a wonderful chance to do something for ourselves. Let's every one get to the pulling end of the line and do all possible for our new game sanctuary.

### Furniture Company Gets Funeral Supplies

The Sluder-Garret Furniture company has entered the undertaking field at Franklin by purchasing a funeral car, caskets, lowering device, artificial green grass and other modern funeral supplies and equipment. This announcement was made here Tuesday by F. Y. McCracken, local manager of the company mentioned.

### Stiles Locals

Rev. A. J. Smith filled his regular appointment at the Tellico Baptist church Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. J. D. Smith, who has been working in the Fontana copper mines, spent the Christmas holidays with home folks.

Dr. Williams was called to the bed side of Ancie Slagle Thursday.

The Morgan school closed Friday with a very successful year with Tillery Love as teacher.

Mr. Alex Owenby, of Flats, was in this section Tuesday.

Mr. Allen Welch and Mrs. Laura McCoy were married at Clayton, Ga., Thursday.

Mr. Homer Cochran has been under the weather for a few days with a frost bite toe.

Mr. T. J. Barnes was on the streets Saturday.

Mr. H. J. Dean has not been to the post office for the past few days. We presume the weather has been too cold for the sheriff to be out.

Messrs. Weimar Cochran, Geo. Deweese and Edd Cross, of Briartown, passed through this section Sunday on their way to Franklin.

Mr. Mike Anderson has moved to the R. O. Martin farm on Tellico. Mr. Anderson formerly lived on the Chas. Randolph lands.

Mr. W. A. Burnette was on the streets Monday.

The lumber haulers are not bluffed at zero weather. Still hauling.

Mr. M. E. Cochran, of Flats, was in this section Tuesday.

Carl Morgan spent the Christmas holidays at home sitting in the corner with five boils on his knee.

Mr. R. C. Anderson was in this section Tuesday on business.

Mr. Royal Burnette passed through this section Wednesday.

### Burningtown Locals

Early Daves has returned from Buffalo, S. C., where he went to visit his grandmother.

Frank Raby returned recently from Tennessee with his bride.

The new boarder at Ernest Huggins' home is a boy.

Deaths during the season, in this section, are Aunt Synda Roper, age 80, and M. E. Welch, age 78.

A nice crowd of young folks were at J. H. Dean's Saturday night to hear the Nashville barn dance over the radio.

Doyle Smith came very near getting hurt recently. While on his way to mill his horse slipped on ice and fell across him. Doyle says that down in the Smoky Mountains where rabbits are born with chains to their legs to keep from sliding away, they have better roads than we have here.