

Voters Of District To Elect Senator On Saturday

Road Commissioner Noland Discusses Highway Program For 14 Counties Of District

All School Bus Routes To Have Crushed Stone Surface In Near Future

Waynesville—Special — "Every school bus route in the 14 counties in the 10th district of the State Highway System will either have crushed stone, or the contract let, by January 1," D. Reeves Noland, district commissioner, told Rotarians here Friday as he discussed the general highway program.

Mr. Noland began his talk by pointing out that North Carolina leads the nation in the number of miles of highways maintained by the state. The breakdown shows that 20 per cent of the state's 63,000 miles of roads are listed as primary, and 80 per cent as secondary. All roads in the state are constructed and maintained by the State Highway Commission.

490 Projects Completed

"During the war, only necessary maintenance was put on North Carolina's highways, and on May 1, 1945, there was only one project under construction. To date, 490 projects have been completed since that time, and 252 others under construction. These projects have resulted in 5,000 additional miles of hard-surfaced roads for the state," Mr. Noland said.

The district commissioner pointed out the sharp increase in construction costs, illustrating with the fact that a bituminous surface now costs about \$16,000 per mile. The period of 1946 to 1947 broke all previous records for highway construction in the state, but it now appears that the 1948 figures will be the high mark for any one year of construction.

Commission Operation

Mr. Noland explained the operation of the commission, and how each district received state funds for roads on a pro rata basis, based on population, motor vehicle registration, area, and road miles.

In this district of 14 counties there are 1,128 miles of primary roads and 4,061 miles of secondary or county roads. With almost four to one ratio, Mr. Noland said this district has given much attention to the improvement of farm-to-market roads, with a big program still ahead.

For this district, the primary roads have a maintenance appropriation of \$34.12 per month per mile. The secondary roads have an upkeep set-up of \$14.51 per mile per month.

Forest fires in North Carolina can outrun a deer. Hunters, that deer might be the one you didn't get. To make sure that you get yours this year and every year, be careful with fire when in the woods. Remember, only you can prevent forest fires. KEEP NORTH CAROLINA GREEN.

National Forest Officials Discuss State Forest Setup

At an informal meeting yesterday in the office of the North Carolina National Park, Parkway and Forests Development Commission, Waynesville, Forest Service officials, members of the Commission, representatives of local agencies and individuals, discussed programs under way for the development of resources in Western North Carolina relating to the National Forests and other National areas, according to Chas. E. Ray, Chairman of the NC NPP and FD Commission.

Those present included: R. E. Marsh, Assistant Chief, Forest Service, Washington, D. C.; W. P. Kramer, Chief of Operation, Washington, D. C.; J. H. Stone, Regional Forester, Atlanta, Ga.; Chas. Evans, Assistant Regional Forester, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. I. T. Haig, Director, Southeastern Forest Ex-

CARL C. BOYER DIES IN ASHEVILLE, BODY TAKEN TO MIAMI

Carl C. Boyer, 23, of Miami, Fla., and Whittier, veteran of World War No. II, died in an Asheville hospital last Thursday following an illness caused from wounds received while serving with the Navy.

The body was taken to Miami, Florida, Friday for funeral services and burial. It was prepared for burial by the Morris-Gearing-Black funeral home of Asheville.

Surviving are the widow, the former Miss Wilma Hughes and two sons, Gary Arnao and Richard Scott, of Whittier, and the mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Roper, of Miami.

Mr. Boyer was a student at the University of Miami when he entered service. His talents followed the line of writing. While living at Whittier he did some writing for The Herald and other publications.

Time Is Fast Running Out For E, F, and G Drivers to Get License

All drivers with last names beginning with either E, F, or G, are required to take an examination for a new driver's license by December 31, as a part of the Highway Safety Act passed by the 1947 General Assembly. The Department reported that this group of drivers had been very slow to report, and that if they procrastinated much longer, it would mean they would have to wait in long lines to take their tests during the last few days of December.

Department officials also announced that the 100 examining stations located throughout the State would be closed days around Christmas, and that motorists who put off their tests might find it impossible to get them later.

There will be absolutely no extension to the deadline, the Department said, for E, F, and G motorists have had since last July to get these examinations.

Beginning January 1, 1949, persons with last names beginning with H, I, J, and K will begin taking their tests.

Taking drivers, in alphabetical groups, the re-examination program will be completed June 30, 1951.

The Department reported that any E, F, or G driver caught driving on an old license after January 1 will be found guilty of a misdemeanor and will be subject to a fine of not less than \$25, or 30 days imprisonment, or both, in the discretion of the court.

perment Station, Asheville; Carl G. Krueger, Forest Supervisor, Pisgah National Forest, Asheville; Chas. Pettit, Jr., State District Forester, Sylva; Raymond U. Sutton, Member of the Commission, Sylva; Wm. Medford, Attorney, Waynesville; Curtis Russ, Editor and Publisher of the Waynesville Mountaineer, Waynesville; Stanley Henry, Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, Waynesville.

Mr. Ray explained the background, organization, duties and responsibilities of the Commission in developing the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, the Blue Parkway, and the National Forests, working in cooperation with State and Federal agencies; and pointing out the great values to the section of the National Forests.

All-American Cat



CHAMPION Katnip Korner Snickelfritz looks belligerently at the camera as her proud owner, Vivian Osburn, displays the feline queen after she took top honors at a cat show in Los Angeles. Katnip has something to purr about, for she's taken 50 ribbons in competitions around the country (International)

County Offices To Be Closed Two Days For Christmas

J. A. Bryson, Finance Commissioner for Jackson County, has announced that all county offices will be closed two days for the Christmas holidays on both Saturday the 25th and Monday the 27th. They will open Tuesday morning for business as usual.

FIRE CHIEF ASKS ELIMINATION OF YULE HAZARDS

Fire Chief Bart Cope warned today that flammable Christmas decorations introduce a needless fire hazard during the current holiday season, and asked local citizens to avoid the possibility of turning the cheerful, Yuletide period into a time of grief and tragedy.

"Many of the tragic holiday fires of the past were caused by the use of flammable decorations," he said. "A few years ago ninety-nine people were killed at a Christmas party in St. Johns Newfoundland, as a result of this dangerous practice."

Non-flammable decorations of glass or metal are available, and "fireproof" snow should be used around the Christmas tree. It is dangerous to use paper or cotton in decorating the tree.

Decorations should never be used near chairs or other places where people may smoke, and plenty of ash trays should be placed around the house during the holiday season, as always. It is preferable to put above the head of anyone standing up.

Candles should not be used as part of the Yuletide decorations. Curtains and other flammable materials should be pulled back at least six inches from any electric light.

The Fire Chief emphasized that these simple precautions would help prevent the tragedies which have marred previous holiday seasons.

Cullowhee Methodist To Have Family Night And Children's Party

On Sunday evening, December 19, 7:30 p. m., the adult Sunday school classes of Cullowhee Methodist church are sponsoring a children's party and family night. The program will consist of Christmas carols, a showing of the film "The Night before Christmas" and treats for the children. All children and adults of the community are invited to this program.

R. H. Kemmerer With Mead Corporation

R. H. Kemmerer, of Kingsport, Tenn., has arrived in Sylva with his family to make his home here. Mr. Kemmerer has accepted the position of personnel director for the Sylva Division of The Mead Corporation.

They are living in the Fay Cogdill home on Cope Creek.

WORK ON LEGION HOME COMPLETED, MEMBERSHIP LARGE

Workmen have just about completed the additional rooms and the remodeling of the community building into the Legion's new home. The automatic hot air furnace has been installed and the entire building is now nice and comfortable.

The membership for 1949 has been more than doubled over any previous year. If you have a good friend that is a veteran why not give him a membership for a Christmas gift? We are quite sure that he will appreciate such a gift, and he will make the Legion a good regular member in the future.

MEMBERSHIP IMPORTANCE

Membership, of course, is the deep well of all American Legionnaire strength. Not every Legionnaire has the time for active participation in the organization's affairs. But card-carrying Legionnaires are important, too, because they provide the moral support and the financial sinews for American Legion activities. Membership has to be renewed each year. The fact that veterans are so solid on American Legion ideals that 3,000,000 of them re-enrolled in 1946, 1947, and 1948 is the source of inspiration to the members who devote all their spare time and their energies and talents to carrying on the work of the organization. That is why American Legion membership work is so important. A certain percentage of new members will become very active, will be leaders. All the new members help with their dues, their approval and their individual prestige.

Memberships do not grow on bushes. They have to be sold. That is a constant job for every good Legionnaire. Be that kind of American Legion missionary! Veterans will buy The American Legion if they are made to understand its true values and to see the bargain not only for themselves but for their families in joining. The best way to get members is through the personal approach. No method has yet been found to beat the button-holing of prospects.

C. of C. Directors To Be Named By 21st

Jackson County Chamber of Commerce officials announced Tuesday that December 21st is the last and final date for you to vote for Chamber of Commerce directors for 1949. You can help very much if you will send in your suggestion for a director at once. The official said that the new directors are to take over the direction of the Chamber work January 1st.

The directors for the year just ending are: R. W. Hardy, Dexter Hooper, Grayson Cope, W. J. Fisher, T. N. Massie and Ralph Sutton; Woody R. Hampton, Boyd Sossamon and W. C. Hennessee. The last three, Hampton, Sossamon and Hennessee, having served two years, are not eligible for re-election, according to the by-laws. Of the first six of the old directors, 3 will hold over for another term and the other three are eligible for re-election.

FIRST BAPTIST TO RENDER ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The annual program of Christmas music will be rendered at the Sylva Baptist church Sunday, December 19, at 7:30 p. m. The choir is under the direction of Mrs. E. P. Stillwell. The program will be varied with Christmas Anthems, hymns and scripture.

A most cordial invitation is given to the public to worship with us at this special annual service.

SOSSAMON'S In Sylva

In Senate Race Again



Having lost the nomination for State Senator in the May Democratic primary to the late Mrs. E. L. McKee by a single vote, who was elected in the November general election, W. H. (Gudger) Crawford, above, is now again in the race for this office. The Jackson County Democratic Executive Committee, composed of 20 members, met Saturday and voted 13 to 5 in favor of Mr. Crawford to be the candidate in the special election for Saturday, December 18. Five voted in favor of Mr. E. L. McKee and two did not vote. Gola P. Ferguson of Cullowhee has been named as the Republican candidate.

FUNERAL RITES FOR MRS. BAIN HELD FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Funeral services for Mrs. Isabel Keener Bain, who died at C. J. Harris hospital at 6 o'clock Wednesday evening, were held in the Sylva Methodist church at 2:30 Friday afternoon, with the pastor, Rev. W. Q. Grigg, officiating. Interment was in Keener cemetery.

Active pallbearers were all first cousins of the deceased: Tom Wilson, Joe Wilson, Lewis Wilson, Bill Wilson, Wade Wilson, Hal Wilson, Dick Wilson and Dexter Hooper.

Honorary pallbearers were Dr. D. D. Hooper, F. L. Hooper, E. L. McKee, Dan M. Allison, David M. Hall, Harry E. Buchanan, Judge Dan K. Moore, John H. Morris, T. N. Massie, W. J. Fisher, C. B. Thompson, C. M. Reed and Ramsey Buchanan.

Surviving are the husband, E. E. Bain, Jr., two daughters, Mrs. Henry G. Brady, Jr., of Monterey, Calif.; Mrs. James P. Myers, Bryson City; one son, Edward; the mother, Mrs. J. W. Keener, one brother, J. E. Keener, of Sylva, and two grandchildren.

Relatives and friends from out of town who attended the funeral were: Mrs. Margaret B. Hall, Greensboro; I. H. Powell, Guy Higgs, and Tillman Powell, Canton; Mrs. Dorothy McKee Kiser, Brevard; Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Buchanan, Hendersonville; Mrs. Joe Ryan, Oak Ridge, Tenn. Mr. and Mrs. O. O. William, Harriman, Tenn.; Hal McKee, Charlotte; Mrs. C. F. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Norton Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Myers, Mrs. Byron Marsh, E. E. Bates, Bill Flake, Earl Martin, Floyd Cunningham, Jr., and Mrs. Frank Farrell, all of Bryson City.

J. C. Resor Receives Award

At the November 16 meeting of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers Dr. Russell Hazleton, on behalf of the institute, presented to John C. Resor, chemical engineering junior from Sylva, the Student Chapter Scholarship Award and a membership pin. The award is written as follows: "The American Institute of Chemical Engineers presents the Annual Chapter Scholarship Award to John Charles Resor, a member of the Student Chapter at North Carolina State College, who attained during his freshman and sophomore years the highest scholastic standing of any member of that Chapter.—Signed by Albert B. Newman, president, A.I. Ch. E."

Democrats Name Crawford To Succeed Mrs. McKee, Gola P. Ferguson Named By GOP

GLENNVILLE F.F.A. CLASS ELECTS NEW OFFICERS FOR YEAR

The Glennville Future Farmers of America recently met and elected officers for the year 1948-49 as follows:

Robert Pruitt, president; Lee Earle Moore, vice-president; Bruce Woods, secretary; Charles Watson, treasurer; Curittis McCoy, reporter; Kenneth Bryson, watch dog; Mr. Rich, adviser.

Following the election the new officers then met and adopted the following program of work. When the program was put before the chapter it was unanimously adopted. Some of the activities called for in the work program are: to set up a schedule for regular meetings and secure needed official equipment and supplies, community service, improving popularity by culling, conduct of meetings, recreation, provide games for the chapter room.

Saturday, Monday To Be Christmas Holidays With Sylva Merchants

Grayson Cope, president of the Merchants Association, has announced that all business places in Sylva will be closed on Saturday, Christmas Day, and also on Monday the 27th for the holiday period. The merchants are doing this in order to give their employees 3 days, which includes Sunday, for visiting or a rest at home after the Christmas rush.

HERALD TO PUBLISH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS ISSUE NEXT WEEK

The Herald will publish its annual Christmas edition next Thursday the 23rd. The publishers have secured unusually attractive Christmas greeting advertising copy for this season which will be carried in this issue along with Christmas stories and general news. We urge our advertisers to get their copy to us as early as possible in order that the shop force may give each greeting advertisement careful attention for attractive printing. We also urge those having news items for this issue to get this to us as soon as possible. This issue will be much larger than our regular issues which will throw extra work on the shop force.

Henderson County landowners have voted in favor of a proposal to organize a soil conservation district in the county. The vote was 230 to 12. The proposal now goes to the State Soil Conservation Committee for consideration.

Jackson, Haywood, Polk, Transylvania And Henderson Counties To Hold Election

The Jackson County Democratic Executive Committee met in the courthouse Saturday afternoon and named W. H. Crawford candidate for the special election to be held Saturday, December 18 to succeed the late Mrs. E. L. McKee as State Senator from the 32nd district.

Mr. Crawford defeated E. L. McKee 13 to 5 in the committee voting, with two members not voting.

Mr. Crawford lost in the primary last summer to the late Mrs. McKee by a single vote.

Republican leaders announced their candidate Monday. He is Gola P. Ferguson, farmer and business man of Cullowhee. Both Crawford's and Ferguson's names will appear on the ballot to be used in the special election, with the polls opening at sunrise and closing at sunset.

Mr. Crawford is the son of Mrs. W. E. Crawford and the late Mr. Crawford of Cullowhee. Prior to making the Senate race last summer he taught in the county schools for 12 years, having started his teaching career in the smallest school and ending it in the largest in the county. He was principal of Sylva high school for two terms.

He is a graduate of Cullowhee high school and Western Carolina Teachers college, receiving his B. S. degree in 1936. He is a member of the Sylva Methodist church, serving as steward and Sunday school superintendent, and is also a Mason and member of Sylva Lions club.

Cub Scouts To Have Christmas Party

The Cub Scouts will hold their regular meeting and Christmas party tonight (Thursday) in the Scout hall of the Methodist church at 7:30. All cubs are urged to be present. The den having the largest number of cubs and parents present will be awarded the attendance pennant. Den chiefs are: Franklin Fricks, Kenneth Sutton, Tommy Reed, and Dicky Wilson. Britton Moore is Cub master and Tom Wilson is assistant.

Christmas Holiday Begin Friday For Local Schools

The different schools throughout Jackson County will observe Christmas holidays from tomorrow through December 27 with the exception of Western Carolina Teachers college which has an additional week.

All county schools will take up on the 27th to make up for time lost due to the polio situation which delayed the opening of the schools in the fall.

Webster Students Organize Beta Club In High School

A local chapter of the National Beta Club, a service-leadership organization for high school students of America, was organized at Webster high school recently.

The National Beta Club, with approximately 1550 local chapters and over 36,000 members in high school in 16 states, is now in its fifteenth year, and has been in continuous operation since 1933.

Objects of this non-secret, leadership service organization are: to encourage effort, to promote character, to stimulate achievement among its members, and to assist and encourage students to continue their education after high school graduation.

Mrs. D. D. Davis has been appointed faculty sponsor for the

local chapter. At the organization meeting Darlene Collins was elected president, R. L. Madison, vice-president, and Pat McKee was elected secretary-treasurer.

Only sophomores, juniors and seniors are eligible for membership in the club and they must have had and maintain a B plus in their school studies.

The local organization is composed of the following students who have fulfilled the requirements necessary for membership: Darlene Collins, R. L. Madison, Pat McKee, Lahoma Deitz, Judy Davis, Claudia Stanford, Claudine Monteith, Joyce Monteith, Barbara Higdon, Barbara Lou Sutton, Lou Anne Cabe and Nancy