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Unagusta Manufacturing Co. Increases Force To 75

New Business Is Cause Of Increase In Force, Said

Plant Now Employing Almost As Many Men As In 1926.

The Unagusta Manufacturing company, of Hazelwood, one mile west of Waynesville, announced Tuesday morning that the number of working hours at the plant have been increased to 25 per cent within the past two weeks.

The number of men who are working eight hours a day for five and a half days a week has been increased to 75. The total number of workers employed when the plant is in full operation is 100.

Aaron Prevost, manager, said that the plant has put on an increased force in order to restock the warehouse rooms for the increased business that is expected with the beginning of the new year and to fill orders that have been coming for the past two months. The shipping department has been busy filling orders from the stock already on hand, and the output will have to be increased in order to meet further demands.

As a result of the plans of the company, a spirit of optimism prevails among the employees of the plant.

Orders are coming in fairly well, Mr. Prevost said. He stated that business in the furniture line is decidedly better than it has been in more than two years. He also stated that he and his brother, Ralph, expect to attend the Chicago Furniture market display, which begins January 3 when a marked increase in orders is expected. The New York market opens immediately after the Chicago market and he will give an additional impetus to the demand for the styles of furniture the Unagusta company is turning out.

Mr. Prevost said, his company is cutting in the market six new patterns in bedroom suits that have never before been on the market. Two of these six patterns have just been finished and their other four will be completed in time for shipment to Chicago, about December 15. These new suits, Mr. Prevost said, will be the best goods ever put on the market by his company.

The pulse of the market, Mr. Prevost stated, is decidedly better, and better prices are surely coming.

Canton Merchants To Stage A Trade Festival, Dec. 5th

Next Monday night at 7:30 the Canton Merchants Association will inaugurate its first annual exposition and trade festival at the Champion Y. M. C. A. This event gives promise of being the most successful effort ever attempted on the part of Canton merchants.

Between forty and fifty business and professional men are now members of the Canton Merchants Association which is about four months old, and according to Paul Henry, secretary of the organization, never in his experience with retail trade bodies has he worked with a more enthusiastic group of men than those who have undertaken this event. It is a concerted effort on the part of merchants in all lines to stimulate prudent buying at a time when prices of commodities are at the lowest mark in many years.

As is customary in special events of the kind a unique method of attracting and business during the trade week will be injected into the event and will be employed by participating merchants.

In order to have a well rounded program for the entire week interest in the event must be carried to the fullest extent and this will be done by novel entertainment features. On Thursday afternoon, Dec. 8, preceding the auction a baby show will be held in the gymnasium of the Y. M. C. A. with prizes and gifts from the merchants to winners. On Thursday night at 8 o'clock an old time fiddlers convention will be held. Substantial cash prizes will be given for "the best string band," fiddle, guitar, picker, banjo picker, and buck dancer. On Friday night the climax of local features will be reached when a public wedding will take place in the auditorium. For this special event the wedding ring, the license and the minister's fee will be presented to the contracting couple and in addition wedding gifts will be presented to the bride and groom by Canton merchants. Interested parties should make their intentions known to Paul Henry, secretary of the Canton Merchants Association.

LOOKING BACKWARD

Many of those whose struggles have been the hardest during the past year have discovered things about themselves and about the world that they are glad to know.—Woman's Home Companion.

MINERAL LAND SUIT ENDS IN A COMPROMISE

Col. S. A. Jones And Daughter Get Deed For Mineral Land Valued at \$100,000.

Colonel S. A. Jones, of Waynesville, and his daughter, Mrs. Frank Smathers, of Miami, Fla., have received from the Blossom Realty Co., of New York, deeds of conveyance for about 7,000 acres of mineral lands together with gold bonds with a face value of \$600,000 and machinery and personal property, valued at \$100,000 following settlement of litigation which has been in the courts for several years.

The lands and machinery are near Willets, in Jackson county, and about 12 miles north of Hayesville, in Clay county.

The deeds are three in number. The first one conveys to Colonel Jones gold bonds in the amount of \$600,000 and machinery and other equipment to the value of \$100,000. The other two deeds are made to Mrs. Laura Jones Smathers, daughter of Colonel Jones and wife of Judge Frank Smathers, of Miami, Fla., and conveyed mineral lands in both Jackson and Clay counties.

Plans Reorganization Colonel Jones said that he is already making plans for a reorganization of the National Abrasive company for leasing of the mineral lands.

The conveniences are a result of a compromise verdict and court decrees signed by Judge E. Yates Webb in U. S. district court for Western North Carolina at his chambers in Asheville on November 22.

The re-conveyance embraces property that Colonel Jones acquired about 30 years ago and takes in the lands around and including Sugar Loaf Mountain, near Willets, and extensive boundaries in Clay county north of Hayesville, the county seat.

Have Mineral Deposits Colonel Jones said that the lands which have been transferred included deposits of red garnet, corundum, rhodolite, vermiculite, and other minerals.

Various estimates have been made as to the size and value of the mineral wealth. Operations toward its development have been repeatedly begun and halted for one reason or another. The last attempt at development was made in 1922 when the Carolina Abrasive company, composed of Colonel Jones and others in Waynesville and Asheville, leased for a period of 99 years, to the Blossom Realty company, of Florida, and the Rhodolite company, of New York, the mineral lands in Jackson and Clay counties. The two companies put in machinery and started actual mining operations.

Litigation Started

After a year or more, on account of some disagreement as to payments and royalties, the operations ceased and litigation began. The Blossom Realty company and the Rhodolite company proposed, as a compromise, to return the property provided they be reimbursed for their expenditures, amounting to \$100,000. This compromise was agreed to, but was later withdrawn and a suit was instituted by the Blossom Realty company and the Rhodolite company for the recovery of \$100,000, which they said had been expended for machinery and better equipment.—Asheville Citizen.

Man Fined \$5 For Striking Match On Courthouse Window

There is one certain man in Haywood County that will think twice the next time before he strikes matches on the window of the courthouse. Because he struck one match on a window in the building he is out \$5. Judge Sink saw him strike the match and immediately fined him \$5.00.

Fire Department Extinguishes Roof Fire At C. E. Ray's Home

Sparks falling on the roof of the home of C. E. Ray's home on Main street was promptly extinguished by the local fire department Tuesday noon before the blaze did much damage other than burn a small hole in the roof.

Mrs. Ray and a daughter were at home but did not know of the blaze until the fire department arrived. A motorist passing saw the blaze and drove to the fire station and gave the alarm before the occupants of the house were aware of fire.

While the truck was at the Ray home an alarm was received from Hazelwood. The department responded and found that a house belonging to J. M. Long and occupied by Theo. Davis was ablaze. The damage will likely to exceed \$1,000. Damage to the Ray home was considerably less.

SCHOOL COSTS ARE CUT \$67,000 IN THIS COUNTY

Three Years Ago \$297,596 Was Spent; Last Year \$230,098 For '31-'32.

Raleigh, Nov. 29.—Haywood county has reduced the current expense item of its school expenditures \$67,498 in the past three years, or from \$297,596 for the school year 1928-29 to \$230,098 budgeted for the 1931-32, according to figures compiled in the office of the Superintendent of public instruction.

Total cost of operation of schools in this county has been reduced from \$457,399 in 1928-29 to \$314,075 in 1931-32, a reduction of \$143,324. This total cost is divided into current expense, the reduction in which is shown above; capital outlay, which is the erection of new buildings and permanent improvements, reduced from \$39,413 for 1928-29 to \$6,490 for 1931-32, and debt service, payment of interest and retiring bonds, which was \$120,388 in 1928-29, as compared with \$77,486 for 1931-32.

For the State as a whole the total expenses reached the peak of \$50,155,928 in 1928-29, which figure has been cut to a budgeted \$32,463,074 for 1931-32, a reduction \$17,692,854, or 35 per cent in the period of three years. The current expense item, which includes teachers' salaries and salaries of school officials, has been reduced from \$31,959,830 to \$21,887,196, in the same period, a decrease of \$10,072,634, or 31 per cent.

Since the State has reached the peak of school building construction and has a fairly well rounded program, the capital outlay item has been reduced from \$9,236,299 four years ago to \$1,380,120 last year, a reduction of \$7,856,179 or 85 per cent. Debt service is also gradually lessening, the cost of \$8,959,853 four years ago having been reduced to \$6,195,157 last year, a drop of \$2,764,696, or 31 per cent.

While these reductions of more than one-third of the annual cost of the schools were being made in three years, the teachers of the State have been reduced in number by 215, taught 14 1/2 days longer in the average term and taught 47,420 more children in daily average attendance, in 1930-31, as compared with two years before. While in 1931-32 figures are not complete, it is certain that the enrollment and average attendance have again increased, thus heavily increasing the work of the teachers and at lower teaching cost.

Baptist Serve 65 Unfortunates With Thanksgiving Meal

On last Thursday morning approximately 65 people that would perhaps have been without a nourishing dinner were served to a Thanksgiving meal by the ladies of the First Baptist Church following a Thanksgiving service especially for the needy led by Rev. H. W. Bannum.

The church sent out invitations to those in dire circumstances, and provided for them a beautiful meal. About 15 dinners were sent to the homes of those unable to attend.

A careful investigation was made before the invitations were sent out, and only those in the worst of circumstances were invited.

Modern State Constitution Likely To Be Drafted At Next General Assembly

RALEIGH.—Modernization of North Carolina's organic law, by writing into it many things that are now statutory and removing from it many things that are constitutional was recommended recently by the Constitutional commission in its report to Governor Gardner, for submission to the 1933 General Assembly.

The most important changes suggested were those relating to the organization and government of counties, cities and towns by statutory instead of organic law; strengthening the power of the governor by giving him the veto privilege and writing the executive budget into the constitution; broadening the authority of the general assembly, and writing into organic law provisions for limiting the incurring of public debt.

Governor Gardner, in a statement recently, said a preliminary examination of the report "creates the impression on my mind that the commission has done a thorough piece of work."

"Ours is one of the few Southern states that has not completely revised its constitution set up in the reconstruction period," he said. The governor declared the report followed "the best line of modern thought with respect to state constitution."

Comprehensive Report He said it undertook "to present an adequate and comprehensive statement of fundamental principles and at the same time leaving a broad scope

Methodist Pastor



Rev. Wade Johnson

Who was recently named as pastor of the First Methodist Church of this city, Rev. Mr. Johnson and family moved here from Salisbury-Spencer, where he was pastor of the Central church, Rev. and Mrs. Johnson and two daughters have moved into the new parsonage recently constructed by the local church.

Rev. W. O. Goode Is Sent To Central Church In Kings Mt.

Rev. W. O. Goode, former pastor of the First Methodist church here, has assumed his duties as pastor of the First Methodist church in Kings Mountain, which is in his native county, Cleveland.

According to a news article in the Kings Mountain Herald, a welcome service was held for Rev. Mr. Goode on the first Sunday night after his arrival at his new pastorate. All the churches of the town gave way their services to join in with the Kings Mountain Methodist in welcoming the newly appointed pastor.

Rev. Mr. Goode was pastor of the Methodist church here for two years.

RED CROSS DRIVE NETS \$150 HERE

Drive Will Be Continued For Another Week In Effort To Enlist Others

J. E. Massie, chairman of the Red Cross chapter reported that through the consistent efforts of his assistants that the drive for members in the Waynesville district was by far above what had been expected. To date \$150 has been received at local headquarters.

Mr. Massie stated that he wished to thank each and every person that joined the nation-wide organization, and also expressed appreciation to the workers who assisted him in putting the drive over.

Those assisting Mr. Massie in this work included: Clyde Ray, Jr., Mrs. J. R. Morgan, Miss Nancy Killian, Mrs. Carolyn Hyatt, Mrs. C. M. Dings, Mrs. L. N. Davis, Hazelwood, David Felmet, East Waynesville, Miss Minnie Willis, Lake Junaluska, and Frank Ferguson, Jr., had charge of the rural districts.

Another week will be devoted to making the final drive, as there yet remains some who want to become members in this organization.

Rose Case Likely To Be Tried On Friday Says Queen

COL. ROBINS WAS HERE BEFORE GOING TO BALSAM

Stopped Here And Made Inquiry As To Where Suitable Resting Place Was

As a result of a news article printed in The Mountaineer last week which stated that it was uncertain whether Colonel Raymond Robins had ever visited Waynesville or not brought in a response from T. B. Calhoun, of this city, who says that he was the man who directed Colonel Robins to Balsam.

Mr. Calhoun states that he was standing near the bus station when a man in overalls and a cap approached him and inquired as to where he could find a camp. Mr. Calhoun seeing that the man did not look like a tourist, because his complexion was pale and his hands indicated that he had never done any outside work, took him to possibly be a cook for some logging camp and told him that there were no camps in operation in the county. Whereupon Colonel Robins stated that he wanted a place where he could rest quietly and take walks into the mountains.

After explaining what type of place he wished to locate, Col. Robins got off in a conversation about world affairs and finally talked of minerals. Throughout his conversation, Mr. Calhoun said, the dry-crusader impressed him with the education he had, but that his education and clothes did not harmonize as he was dressed in the roughest of clothes.

Mr. Calhoun said he suggested that Col. Robins go to Balsam, as it was quiet and high up there and he thought that was an ideal place for the man to fulfill his wants. Col. Robins thanked him, and they both walked into the bus station to inquire about a ticket to Balsam. The stranger bought his ticket, but as he had several hours to wait for the bus he wandered down the street. Later in the afternoon, about 2 o'clock, Mr. Calhoun saw him come out of C. E. Ray's Sons' Department Store and go to the bus station. It was learned later that he did board immediately and go on to Balsam. He checked in at a boarding house a short time after leaving Waynesville.

The man referred to in the news article last week in this paper was not Col. Robins. Mr. Calhoun said he saw the man mentioned last week, who preached several times in front of the First National Bank and that there was no resemblance between the two men.

Reports received here also state that Col. Robins spent some time at Mt. Ford Farm on Highway No. 10. He gave his home address as Harlan Ky. It was learned that he often took the bus and left the Mt. Ford Farm for a day or two and would return unexpectedly, but gave no information as to where he had been or when he would return when he left on these trips.

Col. Robins was carried to his winter home in Brooksville, Fla., last week from an Asheville hospital where he had been since his discovery at Whitfur about two weeks ago.

Allison Entertains All Of County Officials

Jarvis B. Allison, member of the board of county commissioners, that gave out of office December 5th, entertained his associates on the board and other members of the county government with a dinner last Monday at his home about one mile from town. It was the occasion of the last regular session of the board before the change of administration two weeks hence, and Mr. Allison's hospitality was much enjoyed by those present.

Attending the dinner and the social event following were: R. T. Boyd, chairman of the board, George C. Haynes, P. V. Massey, and W. H. Henderson, members of the board with Mr. Allison, W. H. McCracken, register of deeds, W. G. Byers, clerk of the court, J. A. Lowe, sheriff, W. H. Noland, auditor and treasurer, and Sam Queen and David Turner.

After the dinner, Mr. Allison took his guests over his farm showing them his modern dairy, his cattle, and other things of interest.

AFTER DEPRESSION WHAT?

We must write off the past 18 years. We must rub our eyes, wake up after the carouse, take something for our headache and resume normal life under normal conditions.—American Magazine.

COBLE CASE TO BE HEARD ABOUT FIRST OF WEEK

David Clark To Be Tried For Murder On Wednesday Of Next Week.

MANY MINOR CASES GIVEN HEARINGS

Courtroom Is Crowded Almost To Capacity For Criminal Court Here.

Solicitor John M. Queen told the Mountaineer shortly after court convened Wednesday afternoon that he expected to see the Charlie Rose case sometime Friday and would ask for the life of Rose, 17 year-old negro who is charged with attacking a 5 year-old white child at a local summer hotel here late in the summer. A true bill against Rose was returned by the grand jury Tuesday morning.

The Rose case is expected to be one of the outstanding cases that will be heard in the present term of criminal court which is being presided over by Judge H. Hoyle Sink.

Two other murder cases are expected to be tried during the present term of court. Solicitor Queen said. The David Clark case is set for next Wednesday. Clark will be tried for manslaughter. He is charged with the death of Brooms who was said to have been struck by a car driven by Clark last summer. Brooms died a few days later. The accident occurred near Clyde.

John Coble will be tried for his life, Solicitor Queen stated. First degree murder will be asked by the state. This case will likely be called early next week. Coble is charged with shooting his wife, Moll Nichols, while she was at the home of a neighbor.

The remainder of the court calendar is composed of many small cases of little importance. The three murder cases will be the "high lights" of the present term.

The court records show the following:

- C. B. Patterson, reckless driving, dismissed.
- C. B. Patterson, A. D. W., dismissed.
- Harvey Price, A. D. W., dismissed.
- Harvey Price, C. C. W., dismissed.
- Barton Chambers, Verdon Reese, Carl Smith and Clarence Smith, disturbing religious worship, not guilty.
- Bowdler Smith, C. C. W., dismissed.
- Luce Blythe and Ed Love, F & A, dismissed as to Luce Blythe.
- Charlie Hall, abandonment, dismissed.
- Homer Rice, driving auto drunk, dismissed.
- John Drake, operating slot machine, called and failed, instanter Capias issued.
- Cliff Johnson and Andy Johnson, drunk, dismissed.
- Weaver Price, driving auto drunk, dismissed.
- Will Gady, C. C. W., dismissed.
- Rubin (R. K.) Hall, F & A, dismissed.
- R. K. Hall, F & A, dismissed.
- Paul Curtis, V. P. L., alias, capias and continued.
- Albert Ferguson, slander, dismissed.
- Fred McCracken, assault, alias capias and continued.
- Willie Walker, larceny, alias and continued.
- Harry Rotha, Jr., abandonment, dismissed. (Continued on page 2)

The Weather

The following are official readings of the government instruments, as recorded by S. H. Stevenson, official weather observer for Waynesville:

Date	Max	Min	Rain
21	51	31	
22	53	21	
23	58	24	
24	60	36	
25	56	41	.94
27	42	17	
28	44	13	
29	50	16	