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SPRIT OF CHRISTMAS GRIPS CITY

Stores Are Decorated More Than Last Year. Bigger Stocks Are Being Shown

Waynesville has taken on the Christmas spirit and indications are that a merry Christmas will be enjoyed by the citizens of this city this year, that is if advance predictions come true.

The merchants and business houses this year have already gone beyond that of last year in decorating their stores and windows. More merchandise is on display and better selections in Christmas goods are being offered to the public.

It was noticeable the first of this week that the merchants here were preparing for a bigger and better Christmas business than last year. The windows and interior decorations of the stores show that more time and thought has been given this year to get before the public their Christmas needs.

Reports are that many people are making their Christmas purchases earlier this year than last, although a large percent will wait until this week-end and next week to complete their Christmas shopping.

A general survey of the stores revealing that the majority of the gift suggestions on display are practical ones, and few useless articles are being shown. Several of the stores are showing new lines of toys and gifts for children. Both modern and mechanical toys are shown in great numbers.

One feature of the merchandise in the local stores is that new low 1932 prices prevail throughout.

License Tags Will Be Sold Here From Sheriff's Office

J. C. Patrick Named Sales Manager For County. None To Be Sold Anywhere Else In County

J. C. Patrick, well known throughout the county, received word yesterday from Raleigh that he had been appointed sales representative for the Carolina Motor Club and will handle state license tags here this year instead of in Canton as heretofore.

The tags will be sold from the sheriff's office on the first floor of the courthouse and may be secured at any time and can be put on cars and trucks beginning with today, Mr. Patrick said.

Mr. Patrick has been working through the Motor Club and local bank officials for sometime to establish the license bureau here. The state requires that only banks of the highest rating be named as state depositories. The First National Bank here was immediately accepted.

This Paper Is Entering 46th Year This Week

The Mountaineer has entered into its forty-sixth year of service to the public of Haywood County. Last week marked the first issue of the forty-sixth year for this paper that has continually stood out as a news and advertising medium of this section, and also played an important part in molding public sentiment.

It is the policy of the present publishers to carry on this policy in the years to come, and to make this paper a credit to the city and county in which it is published.

There are some subscribers that have been taking the paper since it was started, and others for a long period of years. Some have only been taking it for a few years, while others have moved into the community recently and have already subscribed. It is our desire that we will never disappoint any reader, but give them a better paper than the average weekly.

C. C. MEDFORD, 40, BURIED AT CLYDE ON LAST SUNDAY

Young Business Man Of Clyde Passes Away After Attack Of Pneumonia

C. C. Medford, 40, one of the county's most beloved young business men was buried at Pleasant Hill cemetery at Clyde Sunday afternoon, with Rev. R. P. McCracken and Rev. F. O. Dryman in charge of the services. One of the largest crowds ever to attend a funeral in Clyde was present to pay their last tribute to a man that had fitted himself into the life of the community until his influence was felt by all.

Mr. Medford died of pneumonia Friday night after being ill for only nine days at his home in Clyde. He is survived by his wife, who before her marriage was Miss Ruth Weaver, and two daughters, one 3 years old and one 18 months.

Besides his wife and children, Mr. Medford has one half brother, Hubert Medford, of Wyoming, and two sisters, Mrs. C. P. Clark, of Clyde, and Mrs. Molly Hall, of Pittsburg. Mr. Hubert Medford is on his way home now, it was said, it being impossible for him to reach here in time for the funeral. Mrs. Hall was also unable to attend.

The deceased was a partner in the business firm of Edwin Fincher and company. He had worked for this firm for ten years before becoming a partner in the business some ten years ago.

Mr. Medford took an active part in community affairs and especially was he loyal to the Baptist church to which he belonged. For a number of years he had served as secretary and treasurer of the church and on the Sunday prior to his death he was selected to that office. He was also a deacon of the Clyde church.

He was a member of the Masonic Order and a Shriner.

The deceased was born and reared in Clyde Township.

Those knowing Mr. Medford stated that his death was a shocking blow to the entire community.

Active pallbearers were: T. H. Rogers, Glenn Brown, Hurst Justice, T. S. Hensley and Edwin Fincher.

It was stated that no material changes would be made in the business firm of Edwin Fincher and Company because of Mr. Medford's death.

Local Woman Wins \$25,000 Damage Suit In Virginia Court

Mrs. Silver, Formerly Of This City, Was Injured On Street Car In Newport News

Mrs. Mary M. Silver, who before her marriage was Miss Mary Davis, of Waynesville, last Saturday received in the Lynchburg, Va., U. S. District Court a verdict of \$25,000 against the Virginia Public Service corporation on account of injuries she received on June 26, 1931, while a passenger on a street car of the defendant company in Newport News, Va. Motion was made by the defendant company through its counsel to set aside the verdict as being excessive and for alleged errors. The motion was continued for hearing at some future time.

Mrs. Silver alleged that in preparing to alight from a street car of the defendant company in Newport News on the date stated in the allegation, and as she was nearing the street car door the car suddenly started forward as she was stepping from the main part of the car to the vestibule and she was pitched forward violently against the mechanism of the front part of the car and received permanent injuries. The jury was out about 25 minutes before returning the verdict.

Action was brought against the defendant company by Barksdale and Abbot, of Lynchburg, Jones and Ward, of Asheville, and Morgan, Stantey and Ward, of Waynesville. Of counsel for Mrs. Silver, J. R. Morgan, of Waynesville, was the only member of counsel who went to Virginia, and, with Barksdale and Abbot, of Lynchburg, was in charge of the case before the jury. Mrs. Silver was the principal witness for the plaintiff, and Mr. Morgan made the principal speech to the jury.

Mrs. Silver is a daughter of Mrs. Toonie Davis, of Waynesville, but now a resident of Dayton, Tenn., where her husband, M. Silver, is practicing law. She and her husband were living in Newport News at the time of the accident, but during her continued illness since that time she has been at the home of her mother here.

When the time comes for the hearing to set aside the verdict on account of its being excessive and on account of errors, as stated by the defendant's counsel, Mr. Morgan expects to attend and make the argument for the plaintiff.

Wood can be sliced into paper-thin sheets ready for printing with type engravings under a new process.

An Apology To Mr. Verge McClure For Leaving Out Name

In some way the vote of Verge McClure, candidate for Corporation Commissioner, was not included in the tabulation published in The Mountaineer after the election. This paper did not publish the vote of any state office except that of governor, therefore Mr. McClure's vote was left out. It was not the purpose of the publishers to leave Mr. McClure's vote out and it was not done intentionally.

This matter was called to our attention this week and we are glad in this case, as in all cases, to correct anything that we do by mistake.

The vote, as recorded at the office of the Clerk of Superior Court gives Mr. McClure 3001 votes and the Democratic candidate, Stanley Winborne 6813.

DISTRICT ROTARY MEETING IS HELD IN WAYNESVILLE

45 Members From Eight Clubs Were Present At Enthusiastic Meeting Last Friday

With 45 representatives from eight communities present, the quarterly meeting of the Council of Rotary clubs of Western North Carolina was held Friday night in the dining room of the Methodist church here. The banquet was served by ladies of the church.

Eight addresses were delivered, all stressing the need of closer co-operation among the communities of Western North Carolina. The speakers were: Nelson Jackson, of Tryon; H. T. Hunter, president of Western Carolina Teachers' college, Cullowhee; Joseph J. Stone, of Andrews; A. V. Edwards, of Hendersonville; Jason Deyton, of Spruce Pine; Guy Hook, of Franklin; B. D. Bann, of Waynesville; who delivered the address of welcome; and F. Roger Miller, of Asheville. W. D. Smith, president of the local club, presided at the opening of the meeting.

Robert F. Phillips, of Asheville, president of the council, presided and introduced the speakers. The clubs represented at the meeting were: Hendersonville, Tryon, Spruce Pine, Andrews, Franklin, Sylva, Waynesville and Asheville.

Nelson Jackson, cotton manufacturer of Tryon, pointed out that within the past few years leaders in all lines of industry were looking to small communities for a site for their industries, and were getting away

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Business In Clyde Is Improving Since Tobacco Mart Opens

"Business is picking up in Clyde," said Edwin Fincher, one of the leading merchants in the lower part of the county.

"Since the tobacco market opened the farmers are paying their bills and buying quite a bit of merchandise. There's a lot of improvement in business over three weeks ago," he concluded.

The general trend of the farmers' business was found from Mr. Fincher, that they are anxious to get out of debt and are paying the obligations first, and then spending the remainder for necessities, but they are getting out of debt first, he way-pointed out.

Police Warn Against Shooting Fireworks

Neil Caldwell, chief of police, announced yesterday that all persons shooting fireworks on Main street or within 50 feet of this street or any main thoroughfare, or within fifty feet of any building would be fined \$10.00.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE A \$1

For a limited time only, the publishers of The Mountaineer are making a special offer of one dollar a year for this paper. The regular price of two dollars will be resumed after a short time. This special offer will not be made very long.

In making this offer the publishers will in no way give their readers less for their money, but every effort will be made to improve the paper each week.

Many have taken advantage of this offer. Others should come in at once and save a dollar before the offer expires. Why not give a Subscription to this paper as a Christmas present? What more appropriate gift can you think of?

WAYNESVILLE IS WINNER OF GIRLS' CUP THIS YEAR

Local School Represented By Miss Norine Lowe Wins Contest At Mars Hill

Miss Norine Lowe, of Waynesville high school, was awarded first place in the girls' division, and Graham Ponder, of Flat Creek high school, Buncombe county, was awarded first place in the boys' division at the conclusion today of the seventh annual Western North Carolina Readers' and Declaimers' contest held at Mars Hill college.

Much interest was manifested in the contest this year with representatives being sent from 32 schools in the western part of the State. In the contest last year 28 schools participated. Professor R. M. Lee, of Mars Hill college, who was in charge of the contest, expressed the opinion that it was one of the best contests in the history of the tourney.

Miss Lowe gave as her reading the poem "The Merchant of Venice." By virtue of Miss Lowe's victory, Waynesville high will gain permanent possession of the girls' trophy. As a representative of Waynesville high school, Miss Evelyn Morgan, was awarded first place in the Readers' contest last year. Miss Morgan is now a student at Mars Hill college. Waynesville won permanent possession of the boys' cup last year when it was won by the central conference team by a representative of that school. The contest was won year before last by a member of Miss Lowe's class, Robert Lowe, of Waynesville.

The local Rotary club sponsored the contest for the high school here. The club provided means for transportation to and from Mars Hill.

Citizens Are Urged To Decorate Trees In Yard For Contest

Woman's Club Sponsors Christmas Tree Contest And Also Community Tree.

Final preparations are being made by the Woman's Club for their annual community Christmas tree which will be held on the lawn of the court house sometime next week. Announcement as to date will be made later.

The public is invited to attend the Christmas tree event, at which time carols will be sung as has been the custom for a number of years.

The Woman's Club is also sponsoring this year a contest in the city in which all citizens who have trees in their yards are invited to participate. The purpose of the contest is to get a many a will to decorate living trees in the yards and burn lights in the trees during the Christmas holidays and especially on Christmas eve and Christmas night.

Those in charge of the annual Christmas tree in the community announced that two valuable prizes would be given to the family who has the best tree.

Those who do not desire to participate in the contest are urged to donate their trees just the same for the purpose of beautifying the community.

Sheriff Lowe Takes Prisoners to Raleigh

Sheriff J. A. Lowe delivered the prisoners who were sentenced to the State Prison in Raleigh during the November term of criminal court here during the past two weeks. The prisoners were delivered on last Saturday.

Charlie Rose, 17-year old negro, who was sentenced 15 to 20 years will go on trial in February for the murder of Will Ray, deputy sheriff, who was shot during a gun battle when a posse of which Ray was a member, was trying to arrest Rose.

Soco Gap Road Survey Is Approved By Highway Official Wednesday

COUNTY AGENT MAKES ANNUAL REPORT OF WORK

338 4-H Club Boys Grew Crops Or Livestock During Past Year

The annual statistical report of the county agent of this county has just been mailed to Raleigh. This report summarizes the work done from December 1, 1931 to November 30, 1932 by County Agent J. S. Robinson.

Some of the more important facts shown in this report are as follows: Three hundred and thirty-eight 4-H Club boys grew crops of livestock. Of these 76 have been in the club three years, 110 two years, and 128 were first year boys. Twenty-four were not checked as to year. These boys were between 10 and 21 years of age, the larger number being between 11 and 17 years. The heaviest enrollment at fourteen being 59. Fifty-eight of the boys went to camp and 200 attended Achievement Day in this city.

The county agent made 626 farm visits, had 2,409 conferences or talks relating to the extension work, wrote 778 personal letters and 55 circular letters of which 11,000 copies were mailed. Sixty-two articles were published and nine hundred bulletins distributed. One radio talk was made.

Eighteen meetings of a field or special nature were held with attendance of 600. Other meetings numbered 155 with attendance of 7,140. The more important of these were field day at Springdale, the three community fairs and the series of the 5-10 year plan.

The agent spent 102 days in the office, and 186 in the field. The miles traveled on official duty was 13,451 miles.

Improvements Being Made In County With Federal Relief Funds

Work On School Property, Roads And Streets Gives Work To Many

(By W. C. ALLEN)

The Haywood county board of public welfare is making the Federal Relief fund bring about many improvements at several places in the county, there being four projects on roads, 12 at the schools, and several on the streets of Waynesville. Several others are planned if additional funds become available, said Homer Henry, county superintendent of schools, and public welfare.

All the way through Haywood county from Balsam to Turpuck a crew of 15 men has been working several days, building fences on the county on Highway No. 10. These men have been out of employment for many months and were anxious for the opportunity to do the work at 10 cents per hour and paid by regions on the way.

Another highway project is on Hwy. 10, where 15 men are being worked on grading a road, under the supervision of Will Cozine, on the left fork of the creek. This is a 18 weeks project. Another project is on North Honey Creek, the men grading and repairing the road over New found Gap to the Buncombe county line. Another was the project of building a bridge over the T and N. C. railroad from Canton to Salisbury. This project has been finished. Ten men were employed for 10 days on it.

The school house at Mars Hill, the advantage of this work being to bring out from the Federal Relief fund. The following schools have been benefited by having the grounds graded, rock retaining walls built, trees and shrubbery set out, and many other improvements: Waynesville high school, and the elementary school in Waynesville township, Saunook, Allens Creek, Hazelwood, Waynesville, East Waynesville, and Lake Junaluska, and those outside of Waynesville township, Clyde, East Fork, Cecil and Maggie.

Mr. Henry said that the welfare department had paid out about \$3,000 for this work so far and will have other projects, if more money becomes available. In all, \$3,487 has been received from the Federal Relief fund.

One of the best and perhaps the most needed project that is being carried out by the welfare department with Federal Relief funds is that of building a sidewalk, paralleling Highway No. 10, from West Canton depot to the West Canton elementary school, a distance of nearly half a mile. The highway at present is daily thronged by school children going to and from school, and the danger of a tragedy will be largely avoided by this improvement.

Survey of Highway 293 Is Practically Complete, Is Said

B. S. Marsh Says His Report of Survey Will Be Made Next Week To Raleigh

With the practical completion of the survey of the Soco Gap road from Delwood on Highway No. 284 to the boundary of the Indian Reservation, the first project of the proposed eastern entrance to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park on the north-eastern side has advanced to the second stage in its progress toward completion as a connecting link with the interior surveys that are being made for the park roads.

A. L. Hooper, of the Bureau of Public Roads of the United States Government, J. C. Walker, chief engineer of the Western Division of the North Carolina Highway Commission, together with H. S. Robinson, in charge of the Soco road survey, made an inspection of the survey Wednesday, and found that the work that began seven weeks ago has been completed and the report with the exception of some details that are being smoothed out is about ready to go to the State Highway Commission for final action.

Both Mr. Walker and Mr. Hooper stated that they did not have anything to say for publication of the project at this time, more than to state that they were here to make an inspection of the survey and to report their observations to the Highway Commission of the State and the Bureau of Public Roads of the National Government. Mr. Hooper said that his office did not have anything just now to say in the matter as it was in its present stage entirely a State matter.

Mr. Browning said that the inspection had been made and that the survey was satisfactory, that it is practically finished, that only a few minor details were yet to be worked out. He said also that a map of the survey is being made, the work sheets, preliminary plans, and complete details as to cost will all be submitted to the Highway Commission at their meeting, probably some time this month, all being done for the purpose of submitting the project for his approval.

Mr. B. S. Marsh, the engineer in

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The Mountaineer Tells World First Of Court News

Only once in a long time do you ever hear of a weekly newspaper "scoping" the world on news. Last week, after a long tedious task, The Mountaineer not only "scoped" the world on one news story but told the world of two recent happenings before the rest of the newspaper world got to it.

Shortly after Judge H. H. Hight Sink had sentenced John Coble for killing his wife and Charlie Rose for attempted assault, The Mountaineer was on the streets of Waynesville, Clyde and Canton, and also in the postoffices of these three places for the subscribers.

The sales of the paper were beyond all expectations, which showed that the public was anxious to learn of the latest news direct from the courtroom. The Mountaineer had a representative in the courtroom every minute during the Rose and Coble trials, and spared nothing in getting the news to the world. We appreciate the response given by the public.