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## SEASON'S FIRST ICE AND SNOW DOES DAMAGE

### Damage Runs Into Several Thousands For Telephone Company Here

Waynesville and Haywood county was visited by the first snow and ice storm of the season Friday and Saturday. Telephone lines, power lines and trees were damaged by the storm which began shortly before noon and snowed until dark Friday night then turned into sleet which fell until about dawn Saturday. All Waynesville and vicinity was covered in a 6-inch blanket of snow and ice.

The Southern Bell Telephone Company suffered heavily because of broken wires and poles. W. L. Lampkin, manager of the local division estimated the damage would exceed \$3,000 and probably reach \$5,000. Twelve men from Asheville and the local crew went to work immediately and began restoring service on the toll lines between here and Sylva. The first service was put through shortly after noon Monday.

Hazelwood suffered the brunt of the storm, there being more lines down in that vicinity than elsewhere. About 50 poles in this section will have to be replaced, it was said, and a cable replaced which was burned in two at Hazelwood when a power line fell.

By Tuesday afternoon all circuits were again working with the exception of a few single circuits, telephone officials said. Wires of Western Union were slightly damaged and several crews were working on them beginning Saturday morning.

S. H. Stevenson, superintendent of lights of the city, reported that only falling trees interfered with power service. Several places in the city were without lights for sometime while trees were being removed from the lines.

Only one pole of the power system fell during the storm, that being in East Waynesville near Abel's Garage. The power crew had restored all service Saturday night except three houses, it was reported. No wires were broken because of ice but all that were broken were by falling trees.

There was only one wreck reported during the past three days, and only a slight damage to a car when it skidded down a hill, it was learned.

Saturday morning the highways and streets were cleared, and a force of men had most of the sidewalks clear before noon. Approximately a dozen men were put to work clearing the snow from the thoroughfares of the city. Highway patrols worked practically all night Friday night clearing the highways of the winter's first snow.

Shortly before noon Saturday snow began falling again, but stopped after about two hours heavy falling. Sunday morning the sun came out brightly and the ice on the wires and trees began to melt and fall off in great sheets. With a low temperature at night the ice and snow would harden again and since Sunday it has been melting very slowly.

Trains and busses were running about on time during the past few days.

## James Mehaffey, 80, Died Last Friday

HAZELWOOD.—(Special to The Mountaineer).—James Wesley Mehaffey, 80, died at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon following an illness of two months. Funeral services were held at Pleasant Balsam Baptist church Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Ben Cook officiated.

Mr. Mehaffey was born in Haywood county February 7, 1852. He was married to Mary Jane Moffitt October, 1870, and since then they have made their home in this county. He was a member and deacon of the Baptist church.

Surviving are his widow, two sisters, Mrs. Laura Hyatt, Mrs. Sarah Davis, three brothers: Rev. Thomas Mehaffey of Lynchburg, Va.; Sebe Mehaffey of Canton, and Francis Mehaffey of Waynesville. Two daughters, Mrs. T. J. Mason of Canton, and Mrs. A. T. Arrington of Balsam and three sons: U. F. Mehaffey of Saunook, A. H. Mehaffey of Hendersonville, and W. L. Mehaffey of Hazelwood, also survive. He also has 28 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren.

## The Best Christmas Gift

A year's subscription to The Mountaineer, a reminder every week in the year, is an ideal holiday gift. Send in your dollar today and take advantage of the special offer. We will write a letter to the addressee announcing the gift and the giver.

## WILL ROGERS IS NOW WRITING WEEKLY FOR THE MOUNTAINEER

The publishers of The Mountaineer are pleased to announce that each week the humorous sayings of one of America's most famous writers, Will Rogers, will appear in this paper. As you perhaps know, Mr. Rogers is one of the highest salaried writers in the world today, and is said to be the only man who can say anything and "get by" with it. This feature was added for your enjoyment—we trust you will read and enjoy each week the column of

## SAYS WILL ROGERS

BEVERLY HILLS.—You know in the Radio its hard to tell just how anyone's stuff is going. That is they have no real way of checking up as to whether anyone is listening or not to think I have written nothing of a political nature, we have an absolute way of knowing just who is reading our stuff. We can check up on it to the individual, because each one writes you a letter telling you how "Wrong" you are.

Just for instance they would write to the paper, "I read Will Rogers, but why does he have to dabble in Politics? Let him stay on funny stuff where he belongs." Well if they would just stop to think I have written nothing but Politics for years, you never heard me on a Mother-in-law joke. It was always our National or International affairs.

Well I have been in almost every country in the last few years. I have talked with prominent men of those countries, our Ambassadors, or Ministers, and I would have to be pretty dumb to not soak up some information. For instance I was in Japan,

China and Manchuria. I wrote one paragraph that was copied all over the Far East, and editorials written on it. Well I couldn't have done it by staying in Hollywood or in an editorial room.

Still you will read some letter where it says, "Why does Will Rogers, but into these International problems he knows nothing about?"

Where do these other fellows get all their vast store of knowledge? I never heard of 'em going anywhere. If I write about Mexico, I have been down there half a dozen times. Nicaragua? Been there twice and found out (things that I couldn't ever have read about it). Crossed India at the height of their troubles, been in Europe, and talked debts till I had everybody's angle over there. There is no State in this Country that I am not in ever once in awhile. Talk to everyone, get the Ranchers and Farmers' angle.

Any old Farmer knew that if you owed a debt and had money and didn't pay it, you couldn't do but one thing and that was default, so the minute

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## MRS. DAVID BOYD DIED EARLY LAST FRIDAY MORNING

### Native Of County Buried At Green Hill Sunday Afternoon. Had Many Relatives

Mrs. D. L. Boyd, widow of David L. Boyd, of Waynesville, passed away Friday morning at 3:30 o'clock at her home on Walnut Street, after an illness lasting through several months. Her passing leaves only three of the brothers and sisters of a large family of children of the pioneer Methodist minister of two generations ago, the Rev. D. C. Howell, of Jonathan's Creek who died about 30 years ago.

Mrs. Boyd, before her marriage to David L. Boyd, was Miss Bell Howell, the surviving sister being Mrs. B. E. Norwood, of Oregon, and Mrs. B. F. Smathers, of Waynesville. The only brother now living is Captain Alden Howell, for 40 years a banker in this place but now in his 90th year, living in San Francisco. Her mother was, before marriage, Miss Mourning Garrett.

Mrs. Boyd had lived most of her life in Waynesville, her husband David L. Boyd, died about a year ago. He had been during his activity a strong force in Haywood county affairs. For several terms he represented the county in the state legislature, and at one time, was a candidate in the June primary for corporation commissioner, and died at 2:30 o'clock at the Methodist church and highway construction.

Surviving in the immediate family are Miss Minnie, who lives at the home place on Walnut street, Robert W. Boyd, a lawyer of Dallas, Tex., Mrs. Jere Davis, of Waynesville, and Mrs. Oliver H. Shelton, of Waynesville. One son, David L. Boyd, Jr., who was for a number of years in the newspaper business in Knoxville, Tenn., died a few years ago.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Methodist church with Rev. Wade Johnson, pastor, officiating, assisted by the Rev. L. B. Hayes, presiding elder, for this district. Interment was made in Green Hill cemetery.

The following pallbearers were named: Honorary, Felix E. Alley, D. M. Killian, C. W. Miller, Asbury Howell, D. A. Howell, W. J. Hannah, W. T. Lee, J. R. Boyd, J. R. Thomas, M. M. Noland, W. R. Francis, M. H. Reeves, James Swainson; active, J. H. Howell, Dr. J. H. Smathers, Alden Howell, Jr., Dr. W. H. Limer, John M. Queen, and T. M. McCracken.

## School Grounds At Hazelwood Being Improved Rapidly

About twenty men are being employed on the Hazelwood school grounds. The work is a project sponsored by the government fund for the unemployed. The hill is being leveled and the marches filled. The work is being supervised by Prof. J. P. Beam. Definite plans for beautifying the school grounds are being made. In addition to the above project over twenty-five undernourished children are being fed at the school by the P. T. A. with the aid of the government fund.

## Modern Funeral Home Will Soon Be Opened Here

### Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Garrett Get Long Lease On Dr. R. L. Allen Home

It was recently announced by Mr. and Mrs. Noble Garrett, funeral directors of this city, that they are establishing a modern funeral home in Waynesville. Previous to this the undertaking business has been in conjunction with the Sluder-Garrett Furniture Store. This business addition to Waynesville and the surrounding territory will, they feel through their past experience in the profession, give the highest type of modern funeral service. A survey of the territory west of Asheville disclosed that this will be the only modern establishment of this type in this territory.

The funeral home is located in the Dr. R. L. Allen residence on Main street which Mr. and Mrs. Garrett have procured with a long lease. For the last several days workmen have been busily engaged in some slight remodeling and redecorating the interior of this fine old home making it quite suitable for a funeral home.

The lower floor will consist of a combination living-room and chapel and a reception room which when thrown together will be spacious enough to accommodate between one hundred and twenty-five and one hundred and fifty people. Another feature of this type chapel is that it will be appropriate for private funerals. This floor will also have a guest bedroom and private bath to be at the service of families from out of town. The remainder of this floor consists of the preparation rooms, which equal to any and are superior to many other funeral homes, and also a number room. The upper floor is arranged in a display room for funeral merchandise and an apartment consisting of three rooms.

As previously announced by Mr. (Continued on back page)

## New Director



D. Reeves Noland, above, of Fines Creek has been appointed a director on the board of agricultural bank at Raleigh.

## D. Reeves Noland Is Named Director Of Agricultural Bank

D. Reeves Noland, of Crabtree, Haywood county, has been appointed a director on the board of the new agricultural bank that has been established in Raleigh by the Reconstruction Finance corporation. Mr. Noland attended the recent meeting of the board at Raleigh.

According to Mr. Noland, who is one of the western representatives of the new bank, loans will be extended to farmers for livestock and farm products as collateral. He is one of the board of appraisers for this section.

Mr. Noland is a son of the late D. R. Noland, who was sheriff of Haywood county for several terms, later a member of the State Legislature and a member of the board of county commissioners. He died in 1927. D. Reeves Noland is a graduate of Cornell University, New York, and served on the board of county commissioners two terms. He is one of the best farmers in the county, and lives in Fines Creek township.

Mr. Noland is also vice president of the First National Bank of this city.

## Ned Denton, 29, Is Buried Here Friday

### Prominent Young Man Passes Away At Home Of Parents Early Thursday Morning

Ned Denton, 29, prominent young man of this city, died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Denton, on Walnut Street, early Thursday morning following an illness of several years.

Funeral services were held at the home Friday afternoon with Rev. Wade Johnson, pastor of the Methodist church officiating and assisted by Rev. H. W. Baucum, pastor of the First Baptist, and Rev. L. B. Hayes, presiding elder of the Waynesville district.

Mr. Denton had lived here all his life except for what time he was away attending school at Trinity Park, in Durham and Horner Military Institute in Charlotte.

After finishing school, Mr. Denton returned to Waynesville and was associated with his father in the hardware business until ill health forced him to retire. Although in ill health his death was unexpected.

Acting pallbearers were: Joe Tate, Chat Thomas, Joe Limer, Paul Walker, Bill Hyatt, Hugh Jolly and W. T. Lee, Jr.

Interment was made at Green Hill cemetery.

Mr. Denton is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Denton, and one sister, Mrs. Charles Badgett, Jr., of Knoxville, Tenn.

## City And County Are All Ready To Observe A Two-Day Christmas

### OVER 900 MEN SEEK AID FROM WELFARE STAFF

#### Over \$3,500 Is Being Spent Monthly To Relieve Suffering In County, Says Henry

### OVER 1,000 YARDS OF CLOTH ON THE WAY

#### Large Shipment Of Clothing Has Been Ordered For Distribution In County

For the past few weeks about 20 men have been given work on the streets of the city through the welfare office of the county, according to Henry Henry, welfare supervisor. Scores of others are working on public projects throughout the county, such as school grounds, roads and building of sidewalks.

Mr. Henry stated, "approximately \$3,000 would be allotted for the December funds, and from this amount we will put as many people to work as we can, but since we have 5 times as many people wanting work than we have money to pay with if they work full time. Some people can't understand why we can't give them full-time work. We wish we could, but we are trying to help as many people as possible and to do that we must give a little to all that need help."

"They are so anxious to work and not lose time," Mr. Henry continued, "that many worked through the rain and snow in order to get in as much time as possible. The people are not trying to get out of work, they are trying to get work."

Over 500 applications for help have been received at the local office during the past few weeks. There being over 400 received at the Canton office, and with new applications coming in daily. At the present rate, according to Mr. Henry, the welfare board is spending between \$3,500 and \$4,000 monthly on the needy of the county besides the flour that is donated to them. An average of over 20 bags a day is being given out.

Mr. Henry stated that 25 percent of the persons applying for help at the welfare office was deserving. Most cases were instances where there was actual suffering. In most instances this is their last resort, having tried to get work everywhere they know of. "One case investigated last week," Mr. Henry said, "was pitiful. There was not one bit of fuel on the premises, and the only thing the family had to eat, and there were several small children in the family, was parched corn. Cases like that speak for themselves. Not all cases are in that condition, however."

Through the Red Cross the local welfare board has ordered 8,800 yards of cloth, there being over 4,000 that is expected to arrive daily. Besides the cloth and flour the welfare board will also have within a short time

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## OVER \$8,000 PAID TO VETERANS

### Only 23 Veterans Of War Between The States In County. And 59 Widows

W. G. Byers, clerk of the superior court last week handed checks, totaling \$8,647.50 to Haywood county veterans of the War between the States and widows of veterans. Many did not come in for their checks, but friends carried them out to them.

Only twenty three of the veterans of the Sixties remain in the county, but there are 15 widows of the first class and 44 of the second class who received checks. Each of the 23 veterans received \$182.50; each of the first class widows received \$150 and the second class widow \$50 each.

Besides the checks, the ladies of the United Daughters of the Confederacy provided coffee and sandwiches to the veterans and a Christmas box to the veterans.

Mr. Byers stated that some time ago applications were made to the State board of pensions for an increase in the amount of the second class widows' pension and for two new men to go on the list. A letter, however, from the auditor had been received that the increase could not be had now but might be sent in about 60 days. Also it was inferred from the letter of the auditor that the application for the two members had been approved and their checks would come in about 60 days.

## Stores Are Doing Rushing Business Of Season's Goods

### Many Students From College Are Home For Holidays. Local Schools Close Until Jan. 2

Waynesville and Haywood county are making final preparations for the celebration of Christmas next Sunday and Monday. The stores and streets early this week indicated that sell-out of Christmas merchandise would be made at most stores. Regardless of the snow and threatening rain the middle of the week, the streets showed that many people from the rural districts had braved the roads and weather and were here doing their Christmas shopping.

Many students were home from college together with the school children for the local schools who seemed care-free as the holidays began.

The usual rush for last minute gifts is expected, as many have put off their shopping until the last minute. Extra clerks were on duty at practically all stores and according to managers of some of the stores, their forces will be increased many times before Saturday.

Grocery stores are expected to do a rushing business during the week, and as most of them, if not all, will be closed the entire day Monday.

The postoffice will observe Sunday hours on Monday.

A general survey of the stores indicated that practical gifts were being the lead this year, and that the shoppers were spending money for most necessities for gifts. Christmas services will be held in all the churches here next Sunday with both sermons and music appropriate to the season, according to information given out by the pastors of the several churches. Services by the Sunday Schools will also enliven the event and give spirit to the yuletide season.

At the Methodist church, the Sunday School will have special exercises by the children in the several departments, distribution of gifts, and a special program in each department. At the 11 o'clock hour, the pastor, Rev. Wade Johnson, will deliver a message on the "Magnetism of the Manger." The presiding elder, the Rev. L. B. Hayes, will preach at the evening hour, which will be followed by the quarterly conference. At both the morning and evening hour, special means, consisting of Christmas carols and other selections will be observed.

## BAPTISTS PLAN SERVICES

The Baptist will unify the services of the morning. The Sunday School will meet at the usual hour, their work in the several departments for the day of the Christmas lesson. The children's department will be able to see the main auditorium for a unit program, which will consist of a white gift, carol concert, and will be immediately followed by a program appropriate to the occasion. The pastor, the Rev. H. W. Baucum, the committee to render the program consists of Mrs. H. W. Baucum, Mrs. J. R. Morgan, Miss (Continued on back page)

## Christmas Play Will Be Given Tonight At High School, 8 p. m.

### Dramatic Club Will Present "Why The Chimes Rang." No Admission Charges

"Why The Chimes Rang," a Christmas play by Elizabeth McFadden, adopted from the story by Raymond McDonald Alden, will be presented by the Dramatic Club of the Waynesville High School tonight, December 22, at the High School Auditorium. No admission will be charged and the play will begin promptly at 8 o'clock.

"Why The Chimes Rang," is considered to be one of the most beautiful of Christmas plays and is a favorite with all audiences. It is being directed by Miss Betsy Lane Quinlan. Miss Quinlan has directed the senior plays at the high school for the past two years and has done unusual work with the dramatic class. This play will be one of Miss Quinlan's outstanding presentations. There will be special music by the Waynesville Music Club and the various church choirs and special lighting effects will be used on the stage. Miss Bessie Boyd's home room is assisting Miss Quinlan.

Those participating are giving much time and work to this play to give a Christmas program to the public. Everybody is cordially invited.

## Merry Christmas

You've lots of things on your mind—but just in case you think of us, please know that we're wishing you the best Christmas ever.

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