

More Is Accomplished By Chamber Of Commerce Than Was Anticipated

PROSPECTS FOR 1933 ARE INDEED ENCOURAGING

Completion Of Tannery Unit Considered Major Event By J. E. Massie.

MUCH WORK DONE ON PARK MOVEMENT

Annual Meeting Will Be Held Last Of This Month For Election Of Officers.

J. E. Massie, president of the Chamber of Commerce, stated during the course of an interview this week, that the projects sponsored by the organization had exceeded all expectations for the past year.

"It is impossible to say just how much was accomplished on the park project in some instances, as we will have to wait for sometime to see the fruits of our labor," he said.

Questioned as to what he thought was the outstanding accomplishment promoted by the organization and completed during the past year, Mr. Massie stated he would consider the expansion of the England-Walton Tannery as among the outstanding. It was largely through the united efforts of Mr. L. N. Richeson, manager of the local plant, and the Chamber of Commerce, that officials of the tanning company consented to the Hazelwood plant for an expansion, and also the cooperation of all parties concerned in getting the Southern Railway System to regulate freight rates on the finished products of the plant.

The tannery expansion was started and finished in 1932. There is a possibility that new units will be added to the cutting plant as the demand grows, it has been pointed out.

Next in importance of major accomplishments, was the beginning and completion of the survey of Highway No. 293, the Soco Gap Road, by the state highway officials.

Other projects relative to the park have been gone into by the local Chamber of Commerce, but as stated by Mr. Massie, just what was actually accomplished cannot be determined for sometime, although the entire situation at this time is by far more favorable than at any previous time.

The Chamber of Commerce backed the movement on foot to secure a welfare officer for the county, besides making the usual bid for summer tourists as far as funds on hand would permit.

Plans are under way whereby Waynesville will be provided with material to send out to prospective tourists. In summing up the accomplishments of the year, Mr. Massie states that the organization is pleased with the results and view with optimism the prospects held in store for Waynesville and community for 1933.

The Chamber of Commerce will elect officers and make plans for the new year at a special meeting later in the month, Mr. Massie stated.

TOM EDWARDS NOW MEMBER OF POLICE FORCE

Tom F. Edwards has been appointed night policeman for this city. Mr. Edwards went on duty last month. He is policeman number 2. Chief Caldwell and Mr. Milliner are both on duty.

SALES TAX OF TWO PERCENT SEEMS NOW MORE CERTAIN THAN EVER

RALEIGH.—Enactment of a general sales tax by the 1933 general assembly is regarded as even more likely than ever here, in spite of the open opposition to a national manufacturers' sales tax by President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt and by Governor-elect J. C. B. Ehringhaus. For the opinion has been steadily growing in informed circles here that a general sales tax, presumably upon gross sales, is the only way the 15 cents state tax on property can be removed and the budget balanced for the next two years.

The fact that Mr. Roosevelt has apparently called a halt to the effort started a few days ago by Speaker John N. Garner to revive the manufacturers' sales tax and thus effectively prevented its enactment at this session of congress, is regarded here as making a state sales tax more likely than ever. If congress had imposed this sales tax, the prospect of the imposition of another similar sales tax by the state would have been bitterly opposed by the manu-

Presides



Senator Robert R. Reynolds presided over the Senate Tuesday at the invitation of Vice President Curtis. Senator Bankhead of Alabama held the floor while "Our Bob" presided.

Subscriber For 56 Years Pays Annual Subscription Money

For the fifty-sixth consecutive year, H. R. Mauney paid his subscription for The Mountaineer Monday morning. This is an annual custom of Mr. Mauney's to pay his subscription in advance ever since he began getting this paper, then the Waynesville News, edited by J. Pink Herren.

Mr. Mauney is now 73 years old and lives on his farm in the Pigeon Township, which he claims is the best community in the whole world. In spite of his advanced age, Mr. Mauney helped raise a crop this year on his farm. He takes an interest in community events and won first prize on some of his apples in the recent community fair held at Bethel.

Mr. Mauney was born and reared in this county, and with the exception of 15 months, he has lived all of his 73 years here. He spent 15 months in Gastonia at one of the large mills there.

"One of the things that impresses me," he said, "is that the county is getting organized and getting to be of one accord on the principal matters of the day. That means better times for us all."

Mr. Mauney is optimistic over the prospects for 1933 business conditions. Before leaving he stated, "I like the paper now more than ever before. I think it is the best that has been published since I started taking it 56 years ago."

600 AUTO TAGS HAVE BEEN SOLD HERE TO DATE

J. C. Patrick, sales manager in charge of auto tags, stated yesterday that approximately 600 license tags had been sold here to date. The "rush days" being last Saturday and Monday. The state highway department sent 2500 tags for this district, the leaving 1900 yet unsold. It is expected that a rush would be made during the next few days.

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facturing and business interests of the state, it is agreed. But if no federal general sales tax is imposed, the state will now be left free to impose one without being accused of pyramiding this particular type of tax.

It is also a generally accepted fact that the larger business interests, especially the tobacco companies, the power companies, railroads and larger property-owning corporations, which also are very small consumers of commodities, are heartily in favor of a general sales tax. For a general sales tax would materially reduce the amount of property taxes they are now paying. The tobacco companies, especially, are in favor of the general sales tax since they realize that a general sales tax would reduce their much less than a luxury sales tax, and that if the general sales tax is not enacted the luxury sales tax is likely to be. So they are evidently playing safe by backing the general

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W.P. Leatherwood Will Be Buried This Afternoon

Well Known Haywood Farmer And Deputy Passes After Illness Of Four Days.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon, Thursday, at the Lake Junaluska church for W. P. Leatherwood, 63, who passed away at the Haywood County Hospital about 6 o'clock Wednesday morning following a sudden attack of appendicitis on Saturday afternoon. The services will be in charge of Rev. F. O. Dryman, pastor of the church and assisted by Rev. L. B. Hayes, presiding elder of this district.

Mr. Leatherwood was operated on Sunday and seemed to rally splendidly until Tuesday morning about 3 o'clock he took a turn for the worse which resulted in his death.

The deceased was a deputy sheriff under Sheriff J. A. Lowe, having held that position since December 1, 1930. He was born and reared in this county and was a farmer until taking the position of deputy sheriff.

Mr. Leatherwood took an active part in all religious and civic activities and had been a steward in the Methodist church of Lake Junaluska since he was 18 years old. He was a member of the community hall here.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Margaret Leatherwood, and three daughters, Mrs. C. E. Stiles of Georgia, and Misses Eva and Clara Leatherwood, who live at home. One son, (Continued on back page)

County Agent Work Is Discontinued In This County Tuesday

Jas. L. Robinson Hands In His Resignation At Request Of Commissioners.

The board of county commissioners in session here Tuesday afternoon voted to discontinue the office of county farm agent on the strength that they had not had enough requests from farmers to keep that office any longer. Several groups appeared before the commissioners asking that the office be retained, but the commissioners maintained that the majority of the farmers were not in favor of the work.

In their first meeting in December the board asked for the resignation of county agent Jas. L. Robinson effective the first of January. At the same time request was made that a public meeting be held and the farmers of the county come in and present their views about retaining the office. One such meeting was held and about 50 were present.

Another open meeting was held Tuesday and several groups were present and presented their views on the matter, but the opposition had already presented their side in great numbers, it was said. The number of requests against the work exceeded those in favor of the work, one commissioner stated. The commissioners were convinced that the majority of the farmers were not in favor of the work and voted for discontinuation of the office.

Business Men Of County See Improvement For Year 1933

Local Post Office Receipts Up 25% For The Past Month

Postmaster T. L. Green stated yesterday that post office revenue for the local office was 25 per cent below that of last year for December. The biggest drop was in stamps, he said, while parcel post remained about the same.

A decrease of about 7 per cent will be the average decrease for the year, it was said.

In December 31 \$800 worth of two-cent stamps were sold. In December '32 only \$600 worth of three-cent stamps were sold.

Commissioners To Spend \$10,000 On Bethel High School

Improvements To Be Made Include Eight Class Rooms And Heating Plant.

The Haywood county commissioners passed a resolution Monday to spend \$10,000 for additional building and equipment for the Bethel high school for the next fiscal year beginning July 1. The vote was unanimous.

This action came as a result of a joint meeting of the county commissioners and the board of education held some days ago in which the agreement was reached to add eight class rooms, a boiler room, and to install a new heating plant at the present two-story brick building that was erected in 1922. A new system of plumbing and additional furniture for the class rooms that are to be added are expected to be provided.

The resolution carried with it the intention to make application to the State department of education for a loan of \$10,000 from the literacy fund. The members of the board of county commissioners present and voting in the affirmative were: W. A. Hyatt, chairman; E. B. Rickman, and Frank Davis.

Woman's Club Christmas Tree Was Most Successful

The Woman's Club wishes to express appreciation to the Town and especially Mr. Oscar Briggs for the cooperation shown in putting up the Christmas tree in front of the Court House. The club reports that the tree was most successful and that several hundred children were present to receive the candy and fruit donated by the club.

It was also announced that Mrs. W. A. Whitner of Hazelwood was winner of the first prize, a year's subscription to The Mountaineer, for the prettiest decorated living Christmas tree. Mrs. J. L. Weaver of Hazelwood received second prize in the same contest which was a box of recovery thereof. Any persons indebted Barber apples.

Citizens Bank Likely To Be Opened Soon; 75 Per Cent Will Be Paid Out

Inaugurated Today



Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus, takes the oath of office today in Raleigh at noon. Tonight the Governor's Ball will be staged at the Raleigh Auditorium.

MAJORITY OF DEPOSITORS HAVE SIGNED

Fifty Percent Of Deposits Will Be Available In Cash On Opening Day.

OVER \$200,000 ON DEPOSIT WHEN CLOSED

Would Be Safe And Solvent Institution, Says A. M. Burns, Jr., Liquidating Agent.

The possibility of reopening and reorganizing the Citizens Bank and Trust Company at an early date was most encouraging here this week, according to statements made by several of the directors of that institution. Efforts to this point were nearer a reality than at any previous time since the bank closed its doors.

Ninety percent of the 500 depositors of the bank, had at Westmoreland, signed that they were willing for the bank to reopen and pay them 75 percent of the funds they had on deposit when the bank closed in November, 1930, after the failure of the Central Bank and Trust Company in Asheville.

The plan to be successful, must have 100 percent cooperation of all depositors, it was stressed. Fifty percent of the deposits will be available in cash the day the bank opens, and 25 percent will be taken care of by security which the bank now owns, and will be sent to all depositors prior to the opening of the bank.

In all, there were more than 500 depositors when the bank was forced to close its doors. Very little opposition has been met with by those striving to get the depositors to accept the 75 percent payments, rather than have the state liquidate the bank and possibly pay 35 percent or less in a period of several years.

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation have indicated that they are ready to let the bank have \$25,000 in order to begin anew with the depositors.

It was the opinion of those working on the reopening of the institution that all depositors would sign up for payment of the 75 percent by the last of this week.

It was pointed out by some that the 25 percent "loss," if it might be termed that, was no more than would have occurred if the amounts on deposit had been invested at 1930 values and a cash dividend made today. The officials pointed out further that value have decreased 25 percent in recent years, and that the depositors are really getting more than if investments had been made several years ago.

A. M. Burns, Jr., liquidating agent of the Citizens Bank and Trust company, when interviewed, gave out the following statement:

"The Citizens Bank and Trust Company, if reopened under the plan now being attempted will have sufficient cash to meet deposit liability, and will offer to the people of this community a safe and solvent institution in which to conduct one's banking business. It has been the experience of banks reopened under this plan that deposits have exceeded withdrawals, but to those wishing it their deposit will be paid in cash immediately and cheerfully. This plan is similar to that used in reopening the United Bank and Trust Company of Greensboro

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C. B. Atkinson Is Elected Mayor To Succeed Howell

C. B. Atkinson, a member of the Board of aldermen of Waynesville, was elected mayor by the board on Thursday to succeed Colonel J. H. Howell, who leaves Monday to begin his duties at the State capital as the representative in the State Legislature from Haywood county. Mr. Atkinson took the oath of office Friday afternoon and began the remainder of the unexpired term of Colonel Howell which closes next May.

Mr. Atkinson has been a resident of Waynesville for 36 years. He was born in Asheville 65 years ago, the son of the late Nat Atkinson, who for a generation was one of the leading citizens of the mountain metropolis. He was educated in the Asheville schools and studied law under the tutelage of Judge J. S. Adams and for a time, was associated with the law firm in the practice of law, law, law, and came to Waynesville to live in 1896.

Since coming to Waynesville 36 years ago, Mr. Atkinson has been fully identified with public activities in both the county and town. In 1904, he was city clerk here, and from 1914 to 1920 he was treasurer of Haywood county. Previous to that time, he was register of deeds, filling out the unexpired term of J. M. Noland, who died while in office. He was county auditor for the year 1927. He was elected at the city election in May, 1931, to membership on the board of aldermen of Waynesville.

J. M. MOCK IS ABLE TO BE OUT AFTER ILLNESS

J. M. Mock, proprietor of Mock's Department Store, was out this week after an illness which confined him to his home for several weeks.

TALK ABOUT ECONOMY IN STATE BY ASSEMBLY IS SAID TO MEAN LITTLE

RALEIGH.—There is already much talk about economy in the state government and many are predicting that the new 1933 general assembly is going to yield the economy axe more vigorously than ever before and let the chips fall where they may. Yet the old-timers here point out that there is nothing unusual about this talk of economy before the legislature meets and that this talk usually subsides very quickly after the legislature actually gets in session. For every time the legislature gets ready to apply the economy axe or pruning hook to some department, division or bureau, there is always a delegation of politicians and lobbyists ready to shout "Woodman, spare that tree." Nine times out of ten it is spared. Frequently the appropriation for the particular tree is increased.

Undoubtedly more members of this forthcoming legislature are coming here this time desiring to bring about greater economy than ever before, and it is probable that a number of minor economies will be made. But it is agreed by the older and more

experienced observers here that the usual efforts to secure economies, such as thru a reduction of departments, bureaus and commissions, will scarcely amount to a drop in the bucket as far as the total state budget is concerned. It has already been pointed out that if the general assembly should abolish all salaries of all state employes in all state departments and institutions, exclusive of the schools, higher education institutions and the highway commission, the saving would amount to only 4.5 per cent of the total state expenditures.

There is a good deal of talk now about economizing in the house and senate on the number of employes for this session, just as there has been before other sessions. It is understood that Lieut. Governor A. H. (Sandy) Graham may seek to abolish the office of senate engrossing clerk and reduce the number of employes in the engrossing office. Those here familiar with the situation know that the office of engrossing clerk is an entirely useless office and that it is (Continued on back page)

Mountaineers Meet Candler Here Friday

The Waynesville Mountaineers will open their basketball season with Candler high school on Friday night at 7:30 at the local gymnasium with a double-header.

The girls' team will present several new faces as the team is new in every department, according to Coach Weatherly. Many players will be used in order to select a sextette that will hold up the standards of the past year.

The boys' team will be built around three letter men, and it is expected that it will take a few weeks before the "regular five" are named.

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