

Much Enthusiasm Being Shown Over Proposed Waynesville District Chamber of Commerce

American Legion Goes On Record Favoring Dicus' Proposal.

SUPPORT OF LAKE JUNALUSKA ASSURED

Mrs. Matthews Sends In Letter Containing Answers From Tourist.

The enthusiasm then was further shown during the past week in regard to the proposed Waynesville District Chamber of Commerce, which was set out in a letter published in this paper last week from C. M. Dicus, business and civic leader.

Several individuals have called this week on Mr. Dicus expressing their opinion as being in favor of the suggestion. Several civic leaders are planning to take the matter before the district organizations of the community during the next few days. It was learned.

At the regular monthly meeting of the American Legion Monday night, the matter was discussed and the body went on record as favoring the plan. Commander W. A. Bradley appointed a committee composed of W. D. Smith, chairman, J. C. Patrick and C. C. Walker to work further into the matter with any other organization or group in working out the details. The committee was authorized to function for the American Legion.

Those who have been in close touch with the movement since it was first proposed, said Tuesday, that they considered the action taken by the Legion as most significant, as the membership of the Legion is composed chiefly of business men of this section.

"The members seemed very much interested," said W. A. Bradley, the head of the local post of the Legion.

In a letter to the editor, published in this column, Mrs. Helen C. Matthews has given some answers received to letters sent out recently by her. Mrs. Matthews also expressed herself in her letter as being heartily in favor of the movement.

James Atkins, receiver for Lake Junaluska, stated yesterday that he would endorse and get the board of directors of Lake Junaluska to back the proposed Waynesville District Chamber of Commerce movement.

"I think it a very excellent idea. I have always felt that a Chamber of Commerce was a community proposition instead of a locality proposition, and that it should embrace the whole section.

"I am impressed with the proposed plan of selecting the board of directors, and feel that the entire program is fine.

"Every indication is that we are going to have a large crowd here this season. We have a number of big speakers on our program, and we feel very much encouraged over the prospects of the coming season."

C. F. Kirkpatrick, owner of LeFaine Hotel, Kirkpatrick and Cleveland Apartment Houses, said, "I think it is an excellent idea, especially in getting memberships. This would cause enthusiasm that would be beneficial to the entire community. I am heartily in favor of the movement, and hope it goes through."

Paul Hyatt, manager of the Piedmont Hotel, said, "I feel that the extending of the membership limitations of the Chamber of Commerce will not only get more backing financially, but will arouse more enthusiasm, and would be one of the best things this section has ever had."

The proposal, in brief, of what Mr. Dicus' letter mentioned last week is, that a Waynesville District Chamber of Commerce, composed of the township of Waynesville and Ivy Hill, be organized for the purpose of advertising this section and also to create a community spirit.

The membership fee of this organization would be fixed at \$1 for individuals and more for business firms, at what ever sum they felt justified in paying.

Different vocations will form groups of their own and name a chairman to represent them in the executive meetings, which will consist of these spokesmen, and a president named by the citizens of the community.

It was suggested to several recently, that a county-wide Chamber of Commerce be organized in place of the one proposed by Mr. Dicus. This suggestion, it seems, has been taken under consideration before, and it was found that because of the distinct difference in the sources of income in the upper and lower part of the county, that such an organization

C. M. Dicus Requests That The Mountaineer Call Mass Meeting On The Proposal.

ORGANIZATIONS URGED TO EXPRESS THEIR OPINION

Dicus Is Confident That Movement Would Mean Much To This Section.

Editor, Waynesville Mountaineer, Waynesville, North Carolina, Dear Sir:

Since my suggestion relative to a district Chamber of Commerce appeared in the last week's issue of your paper, I have been asked several times by different interested parties what line of procedure I would suggest in bringing this about, and if I was sponsoring the movement. I was explained to them that I was not sponsoring the movement, and that I thought the Waynesville Mountaineer should sponsor some up to the point of determining whether the different civic clubs and other mentioned bodies would endorse the same. Leaving a column of your paper open for publishing the endorsements and criticism for a few issues. If the movement has the one hundred (100%) per cent endorsement of all bodies then call a mass meeting for the purpose of organization.

I should like again to state that I am thoroughly convinced that this community would greatly profit by a District Chamber of Commerce, as it would bring in all out-lying districts to be served and at the same time help finance the Chamber.

Kindly advise me by return mail whether you would care to act as sponsor of the movement and oblige, I am

Yours very truly,
C. M. DICUS.

Fines Creek Finals Will Begin Friday Night With Play

Seven Seniors To Receive Diplomas, Past Year Has Been Most Successful.

The closing exercises of Fines Creek school are scheduled to begin Friday night with the Senior class play, "Mummy's Lil' Wild Rose." On Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, Rev. Thos. Erwin, of Pigeon, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon to the seven graduates.

On Wednesday night, at 7:30 the declamation and recitation contest will be held. The following night the Elementary school program will be given.

Class day exercises will be given at 1:30 o'clock Friday afternoon, with the graduating exercises that night beginning at 7:30 with H. T. Hunter, president of W. C. T. C. delivering the graduating address.

Those graduating are: Wilma M. Clark, Charles H. Duckett, Eva B. Ferguson, Mark M. Green, Ruth L. Ledford, Sam W. McCracken, and Ed R. Rathbone.

The salutatorian is Miss Ruth Ledford and valedictorian is Sam McCracken.

Fred L. Safford, principal of the school, stated that "an unusually good year had been had."

The Fines Creek school opened last August 8th, and has 14 teachers in the township.

J. C. REECE BUYS THE J. H. KUYKENDALL HOME ON CHERRY STREET

C. J. Reece purchased the T. H. Kuykendall home on Cherry street last Monday.

This property joins the home of Mr. Reece which he bought two years ago.

Mr. Reece plans later to remodel the house into a modern home, which will be for rent.

RESOLUTION ON SWAIN-HAYWOOD DEBTS APPROVED

The senate committee on finance has reported favorably on the Randolph-Howell resolution memorializing the congress to aid Haywood and Swain counties for their loss in taxable properties by acquisition of their lands for the Great Smoky Mountains National park.

Introduced by Representative Randolph, of Swain, and Howell, of Haywood, the resolution has passed the house and will be considered by the senate next week, probably Monday.

Plans for Reopening Citizens Bank Are Now Abandoned

Depositors Will Likely Receive 10 Percent In May, Says A. M. Burns, Jr.

ESTIMATE IS MADE THAT 10% WILL BE PAID

In a legal notice in this issue, A. M. Burns, Jr., liquidating agent of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company, of this city, announced that "all plans for reopening the Citizens Bank and Trust Company have been definitely abandoned."

Up until a few days ago it was thought that the loan of \$30,000 which had been approved by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation would be received and that the bank would be opened, but since the general banking situation over the country suspended temporary business about ten days ago, this plan did not materialize.

When Mr. Burns first arrived here to take over the bank, a plan was made whereby the depositors were to receive fifty percent of their deposits in cash and 25 percent in securities, which the bank owns, and would take a loss of 25 percent. Practically every depositor of the bank had stumped up for this procedure.

In his legal statement, Mr. Burns sets May 15 as the final date for filing proof of claims against the bank. Notices and blanks are being mailed to all depositors, he stated.

Mr. Burns told The Mountaineer that he hoped to be able to pay 10 percent of the claims sometime in May.

"My estimate is that we will eventually pay from 35 to 40 percent of the deposits," he continued.

"The amounts to be paid the de-

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NAMED AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO



Hon. Josephus Daniels

DANIELS NAMED AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO BY PRES.

Former Secretary of Navy Hopes To Continue Friendly Relations Between U. S. and Mexico

Hon. Josephus Daniels, editor and publisher of The Raleigh News and Observer, and secretary of the Navy during Wilson's administration, was appointed Monday as ambassador to Mexico by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

President Roosevelt served as assistant secretary of the Navy under Mr. Daniels.

He spoke generally of the future relations between the United States

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Construction Of Soco Gap Road Is Expected To Begin Within Next Few Days

Contracts Amounting To \$121,700.90 Awarded For Building Of Park Road.

Actual construction of the Soco Gap road, highway No. 293, is expected to begin within the next few days, although no definite word has been given out by C. A. Ragland of Louisville, who was awarded the contract of building the 8.30 miles of the road which will be asphalt and crushed stone.

Mr. Ragland was here the first of the week and is expected back here to later part of this week to complete arrangements of moving his machinery here.

The state specifications stated that the contractor must use only local labor on the job, both skilled and unskilled. In the event that all this type of labor is exhausted he can then go elsewhere for men, it was said.

Common labor will be paid 20 cents an hour and skilled labor 30 cents an hour.

W. H. Anderson Construction Company, of Asheville, was awarded the contract for necessary construction. This bid was for \$11,244.30.

The bid submitted by Mr. Ragland is for \$110,456.60.

Wylie Noland Is Denied New Trial By Supreme Court

Haywood Man Must Serve 2 to 4 Year Sentence For Attempting To Bribe Juror.

The Supreme Court of North Carolina confirmed the conviction and sentence of Wylie B. Noland, of this county, for attempting to bribe Hurst Justice, foreman of the jury that convicted Luke Lea, Sr., and Luke Lea, Jr., and Wallace B. Davis in the Buncombe court in 1931.

Noland was tried and convicted exactly one year later in August 1932. In the year and a half since the conviction of the Leas and Davis, some sort of an appeal connected with the famous bank trial has been before the Supreme court.

The Noland appeal was the last appeal involving the bank law trial of the Leas and Davis.

Mr. Noland was sentenced to serve a two to four-year sentence. Davis who was president of the Central Bank and Trust Company has been in state's prison for several months, but the Leas, father and son, are in the mountains of Tennessee fighting return to this state.

First National Bank To Open This Morning

EUREKA MICA TO BE SHIPPED AT AN EARLY DATE

Grant Lowe, President, Feels Sales Will Be Made Of Entire Output.

The Eureka Mica Manufacturing company, of Waynesville, with mines near Balsam, expects to ship soon the first output of its fine product of pure white mica that is beginning to produce in large quantities after a period of development which is usually completed from a few weeks to a month.

The company has been through a period of changes since its organization about two years ago but Mr. Lowe thinks now that it is on the up-swing and will be a going concern from now on. It was organized three years ago. He had first worked for the U. S. Geological Survey, and then for the U. S. Forest Service, and then for the U. S. Bureau of Mines.

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Officials Receive Instructions Late Wednesday To Open Bank.

HOARDING WILL BE PREVENTED BY OFFICIALS

J. R. Boyd Abandons Idea Of Having Trouble When Bank Opens, People Are Calm.

Officials of the First National Bank received instructions late Wednesday afternoon to open the bank here Thursday morning 100 percent.

Application for opening the bank here was filed Tuesday.

The following banks will be open on Thursday:

First National Bank, Waynesville, N. C.

The bank is simply to inform you that it is now open 100 percent. On each of the following days a large crowd with the following will be present:

NOTICE

Special attention is called to the proclamation of the president against hoarding, melting or earmarking of gold or silver coin or bullion or currency by any person within the United States or place subject to the jurisdiction thereof.

"No permission to any banking institution to perform any banking functions shall authorize such institution to pay out any coin, gold, bullion certificates except as authorized by the secretary of the treasury, nor allow withdrawal of any currency for hoarding, not to engage in any transaction in foreign exchange except such as may be undertaken for legitimate and normal business requirements, for reasonable traveling and other personal requirements, and for the fulfillment of contracts entered into prior to March 6, 1933."

Signed: Franklin D. Roosevelt.

"It is also provided that 'Whoever willfully violates any of the provisions of this subsection, or any license, order, rule or regulation issued thereunder shall upon conviction be fined not more than \$10,000.00 or, if a natural person be imprisoned for not more than ten years or both; and any officer, director or agent of any corporation who knowingly participates in such violation shall be punished by a like fine imprisonment or both."

"Under this proclamation we are required to prevent the hoarding of gold, silver or currency and to refuse to allow withdrawals for the purpose of hoarding."

Mr. Boyd stated, "if a person demanding money is suspicious of a bank official as to what would be done with money, that person could be required to make an affidavit stating where and how he intended to use the money. Under President Roosevelt's proclamation we are authorized to prevent hoarding."

No restrictions are being made on deposits, and will be paid in full upon demand where hoarding is not suspected, bank officials said.

Garney E. Hood, State Banking Commissioner, estimated that there was \$25,000,000 hoarded in North Carolina.

The First National Bank also received the following instructions from the Federal Reserve Bank in Richmond:

"It is requested that you prepare and forward to the Board as soon as possible after March 13, 1933, a complete list as can be made from information you are able to obtain of the names and addresses of all persons who have withdrawn gold from your bank or a member bank in your district since February 1, 1933, and who have not redeposited it in a bank on or before March 13, 1933."

Banks that have opened in the country have not had a bit of trouble, or experienced one bit of excitement by the depositors.

Mr. Boyd said he expected no excitement here when the bank opened and had entirely abandoned the idea of having trouble. "The people are considering the situation seriously, and taking it calmly."

Postmaster T. L. Green reported that some gold and gold certificates had been deposited with the post office during the past week. Withdrawals of postal savings accounts were "rare," it was said.

Business was slowed up considerably this week here, but the people were optimistic and talked freely of the bank holiday being the "very thing" although it caused temporary hardships and inconveniences to many for a few days.

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T. J. CATHEY WAS ELECTED COUNTY AUDITOR MONDAY

Pigeon Township Man Named To Succeed W. H. Noland On April First.

T. J. Cathey of Pigeon township, was elected by the board of county commissioners in executive session Monday afternoon as auditor and treasurer of Haywood county. The board still has under consideration the election of a tax supervisor for the county.

Charles C. Francis was appointed tax supervisor for this county by the board of commissioners Monday.

Mr. Francis is a resident of the Hatfield Cove section of the county and well known throughout the county. He is a brother to W. R. Francis, State Senator.

Mr. Cathey, the newly elected officer to succeed W. H. Noland, who has held the position the last four years, is a son of K. C. Cathey and a great grandson of Colonel Joseph Cathey, who was prominent in the affairs of Haywood county before the War Between the States and represented the county several terms in the State Legislature.

The newly elected officer is 48 years old, and was educated at the Bethel high school in Pigeon township and at the Richmond, Va. business college. He was for some years bookkeeper and payroll man on operations for the Champion Fibre company. Later he was cashier of the Bank of Canton, some years before that bank went into liquidation. He was also depot agent for the Tennessee and North Carolina railroad at Woodrow for a number of years.

Mr. Cathey is a member of the Presbyterian church at Bethel, treasurer of the Sunday School of that church, and a church worker. He is a York Rite Mason. He married Miss Minnie Trull, of Pigeon Valley. They have seven children.

He will begin the term of office, to which he has been elected, on April 1. W. H. Noland, incumbent, retires on that date.

Frank Davis, county commissioner, returned from Raleigh Sunday with certified copies of the bills passed by the General Assembly pertaining to Haywood County.

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