

Mass Meeting Scheduled For March 31 To Discuss Dist. Chamber Of Commerce

22 Representatives of Organizations Met Tuesday. Movement Favored

The committee named Tuesday afternoon after a meeting of 22 representatives from the various civic organizations of the community and others had discussed the proposed Waynesville District Chamber of Commerce organization, set the event of Friday, March 31, as the date for the mass meeting which will elect a president for the organization, if the majority of those present so desire, or reject the proposal or make amendments to the suggestions recently made by C. M. Dicus for the organization of a Waynesville District Chamber of Commerce which would include all of Waynesville, Ivey Hill and Jonathan Townships.

At the meeting Tuesday afternoon Mr. Dicus presented, in brief, the outline of his proposal, and the purpose of the organization if so organized.

A general discussion was entered into by those present, and practically everyone present made some statement in regard to the movement.

The sentiment of those present was almost one hundred per cent in accord with the proposal. Most of those representing organizations could only express personal views and not officially those of their organizations, as only a few organizations have taken any action on the matter. But practically everyone present expressed themselves as feeling that their organizations would approve any statement that was made by the representatives and support the movement.

The committee named to make plans and arrangements for the mass meeting was C. M. Dicus, chairman, W. D. Smith, W. A. Bradley, Frank Miller, Mrs. Grover Davis, and Mrs. Dave Simons.

Mr. Dicus stressed the fact, after he was appointed chairman of the committee to arrange the program for the mass meeting, that it was the civic duty of every citizen of the community to be present at the mass meeting on Friday night, March 31, regardless of how they stood on the matter.

"The committee will be called together within the next few days and begin work on an interesting program. Our chief aim at this time is to get as many out to this meeting as possible and find out just what they think of the matter," Mr. Dicus said.

Under the present plans, the president will be named at the mass meeting, and then each organization of the community will elect a representative which would become a director of the organization. The directors, together with the president would name a secretary and also select three members from the board of directors to act as an executive board. Every vocation and organization would be directly represented by having one of their members on the board of directors.

Those present at Tuesday's meeting included: Mrs. S. P. Gay, Mrs. W. H. Limer, Mrs. Ben Colkitt, Sam Knight, W. D. Smith, W. A. Bradley, Mrs. E. B. Camp, M. G. Stamey, Mrs. Dave Simons, Hilliard Atkins, James Massie, C. B. Atkinson, W. A. Hyatt, Paul Hyatt, Mrs. Grover Davis, Mrs. Wyatt, Wallace Blackwell, R. N. Barber, Jr., D. D. Alley, W. L. Lampkin, C. M. Dicus, and W. C. Russ.

Arthur Francis Wins In Public Speaking Contest Wednesday

Arthur Francis was awarded first place in a public speaking contest which was held during chapel period at the high school Wednesday morning. Four members of the Vocational Agricultural class took part in the contest.

The winner goes to Asheville Friday to compete on the district contest. Each of the four boys wrote their address.

Those taking part and their subjects were as follows: Arthur Francis, "Equalization of Taxation as Farm Relief Measure"; Richard Queen, who won second place, "Why Should Farmers Cooperate?"; James Limer, "Machine Age and Effect on America"; Mack Ketter, "Future of American Farmer."

The judges were Rev. Wade Johnson, W. C. Russ, and C. E. Weatherby.

HOOVER IN CALIFORNIA

Ex-President Herbert Hoover reached his California home Wednesday. He had no statement to make as to his future plans, except that "he was glad that he could awake in the morning and not have appointments waiting for him."

Park Director Sees Great Benefit From Park To This Section

Completion of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park "is the one thing that will do most to rehabilitate Western North Carolina," Arno B. Cammerer, associate director of the National Park Service, said recently.

Mr. Cammerer was in Raleigh for a committee hearing, said that "delinquency in private pledges" has delayed the project, but expressed confidence of early completion of the park which he said 700,000 had already visited.

American Legion Is Sponsoring Sale Of Advertising Labels

A man of Waynesville and its relation to the park and nearby cities, is being printed on colored gummed labels and being offered to the business houses and individuals of the community by the local post of the American Legion.

The map was drawn for the Legion by J. W. Seaver, civil engineer. The books of labels can be secured from any member of the American Legion. A small profit is being charged for the labels which will be used in erecting road signs near Waynesville.

Tentative plans of the Legion are to erect an arch over the highways leading into the city with the funds derived from the sale of these labels.

The Legion is asking that those buying the labels place one of them on each letter or piece of mail sent from here, either on the letter or the envelope.

Wednesday morning R. N. Barber and Company sent out almost a thousand letters with labels on them.

BABE RUTH SIGN CONTRACT

Babe Ruth signed a contract Wednesday afternoon with the New York Yankees for one year. He will receive a salary of \$52,000 for his services. This is the lowest the "Sultan of the Swat" has received in 11 years.

CONGRESSMAN WEAVER BELIEVES ROOSEVELT'S PLAN WILL BE IMPORTANT TO WESTERN CAROLINA

Weaver Hopes To Establish Many Camps in This Section

Representative Weaver declared recently that President Roosevelt's plan to put several hundred thousand unemployed men to work in national forests and government parks would be of "great benefit" to Western North Carolina. He pointed out that the Great Smoky Mountains National park, the Pisgah and Nantahala national forests were near the unemployed of the heavily populated eastern cities and that fact, alone, would influence the government officials in establishing a large number of the labor camps in Western North Carolina.

Representative Weaver said the reforestation program which will be proposed by President Roosevelt will provide work for a large portion of the unemployed in Western North Carolina. The chief executive's plan to develop the Tennessee river and its tributaries is expected to extend into Western North Carolina and cover a large portion of the territory bordering on the French Broad, Tennesse, Tuckasegee, and Little Tennessee rivers.

In giving newspaper men some background on his plan for providing work for the unemployed, President Roosevelt at the White House recently mentioned the Great Smoky Mountains National park to illustrate the plan he has in mind.

The plan would take men now on a dole and unemployed and put them to work in the parks and national forests. They would build trails and roads, prepare against fires, and improve the parks and forests in general. Several thousand men will be employed in the Great Smoky National park and the national forests of Western North Carolina. Camps will be established at which men will be housed and fed at government expense and they will be paid \$1 a day. The government will require that a part of the money be sent back to dependants.

Representative Weaver is arranging conferences with Secretary of Interior Leakes and Secretary of Agriculture Wallace and will seek to secure the establishment of as many camps in Western North Carolina as possible.

HAYWOOD MAN COMMITS SUICIDE AFTER SHOOTING AT AN OFFICER

Ross Hensen Shoots Self Under Chin Shortly Before Daylight Tuesday

Ross Hensen, 52-year old farmer of Pigeon Township, carried out his threat of Monday night by committing suicide before surrendering to officers for the shooting of Constable J. D. Justice, who had carried Hensen home late Monday afternoon for being drunk.

Hensen made the statement shortly after shooting Constable Justice that "If the officers come after me, I will shoot them and then shoot myself." Earlier in the night he tried to get someone to go with him away from his home stating "You won't be bothered with me long." Officers took this to mean that he intended to shoot himself.

Hensen stayed in the woods all Monday night, returning about 6 o'clock Tuesday morning, and was within 300 yards of his home, near the barn of Bill Haggerty, when he lay down flat on his back and placed the end of the barrel of the gun under his chin pulled the trigger with his thumb.

The "kick" of the gun nearly showed where it had struck three feet beyond his feet.

Dr. J. L. Reeves, coroner, and Sheriff J. A. Jones were satisfied by the evidence that it was a case of suicide and did not call for an inquest.

Constable Justice had carried Hensen home late Monday afternoon and was getting in his car when Hensen sent a load of buckshot at him. The load hit the glass in the door of the car but only one of the nine shot found its mark. The wound inflicted on Mr. Justice's head did not penetrate the skull, it was found when an examination was made at the Haywood County Hospital here.

A report from the hospital late yesterday afternoon says that Constable Justice is getting along fine.

The shooting took place in the Retreat section of the county, about 7 miles from Waynesville.

About 6 o'clock Tuesday morning Sheriff Lowe and Jack Carver left Waynesville with a warrant for the arrest of Hensen. They arrived at the scene about an hour after the wanted man had died.

Hensen is survived by his widow and a daughter, Mrs. Charles Burnett; and a son, Rufus Hensen; and his mother, all of this county.

\$10,000 In Gold And Certificates Returned to Bank and P. O.

About \$10,000 in gold and gold certificates has been turned in at the First National Bank and the Post Office of this city, it was learned this week.

Since March 14th, officials of the First National Bank have sent to the Federal Reserve Bank in Richmond \$7,276.50 in gold and gold certificates. This amount represented individual deposits of \$2.50 and up to over a thousand dollars.

Postmaster T. L. Green stated that about \$2,200 worth of gold and gold certificates had been turned in at the post office. Of this, about about \$350 was gold coin.

Methodist Supper Is Postponed

The supper scheduled for tonight for the members of the Men's Bible class of the First Methodist church has been postponed until next week because of the Eastern State benefit supper tonight. Definite announcement as to date will be made in the class, Sunday morning.

Boy At Woodrow Is Hurt On Saturday

Earl Bumgarner, three-year-old son of William Bumgarner, farmer of the Woodrow section was seriously injured Saturday evening at 7 o'clock when struck by an automobile on the road in front of his home.

The child was rushed to the Haywood county hospital, here, where examination showed a fractured skull, a broken leg, and lacerations on the

Survey Of Road From Soco Gap To Cherokee Is Being Pushed By State Officials

Contractor Of Soco Gap Road Was Here Monday Making Plans For Work

C. A. Ragland, who was awarded the contract of building the Soco Gap Road, also known as highway 293, was in Waynesville Monday making final preparations for beginning actual construction of the project.

Mr. Ragland went over the route and studied the survey while here Monday and stated that he expected to have a right-of-way crew at work after the last of this week or the first of next. This clearing crew will be clearing the line of trees, stumps, roots, stumps and other obstructions on the roadway.

It was learned that approximately 20 men would be put to work on clearing the route.

It is understood that the contractor will bring two or three one-half yard levels here for the excavation work. These are expected to arrive within the next week or ten days.

J. T. Knight, resident engineer, and his crew of four, will be on the job representing the state highway commission in the construction of the road.

B. S. Marsh, engineer, who surveyed the road from Dellwood to the Soco Gap, has been transferred to Sylva in order that he might complete the survey of the road from the Gap to Cherokee, a distance of about 12 miles.

Six houses and one church will have to be moved in order that the road from Dellwood to Soco Gap be built, it was learned. This work will be done by the state.

Engineers started the survey of the Soco Gap Road the first of November and completed the work December 24. The contract was awarded March 1st to Mr. Ragland of Louisburg in competition with other bidders for \$110,455.60 and the contract for the bridge work and other structural work was awarded to W. H. Anderson of Asheville, for \$11,244.30. The work according to the contract, is to be completed by October 1, 1933.

The contract under which Mr. Ragland and Mr. Anderson will work is designated as project 9410, route 293, and the road runs from the intersection of Highway No. 284 at Dellwood to the highest point on the ridge between Haywood and Jackson counties, in the edge of the park area, a distance of 8.49 miles. The type of work is to be grading, crushed stone and structures.

Information that has been given out and specified in the contract, will be the following roadway quantities: clearing 22 acres, grubbing eight acres, drainage ditches, 5,000 cubic yards, common excavation 70,200 cubic yards, border excavation 59,900 cubic yards, rock excavation 102,700 cubic yards, overhaul 30,000 station yards, class B concrete headwalls 52 cubic yards, crushed stone 14,950 cubic yards, drop inlets 11, structure quantities class A concrete 525 cubic yards, reinforced steel 75,700 pounds.

JUDGE J. N. MEASE 80, IS BURIED AT CANTON SUNDAY

One of Western Carolina's Outstanding Citizens Was Canton City Judge

Funeral rites for City Judge J. N. Mease, Sr., 80, outstanding Western North Carolina pioneer, whose efforts and cooperation were directly responsible for the location of the Champion Fibre company in this locality, who died at his home on North Main street in Canton Friday morning at 7:42 o'clock, were conducted at the Methodist church, South, Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with the Rev. Dr. Charles N. Clark officiating.

He was buried with Masonic honors in the Leucisfield cemetery in Canton, beside his wife, who died 26 years ago with the following Masons serving as active pallbearers: C. A. Hildebrand, Norman Freeland, Clay Pegram, Lone Snyder, J. L. Jones, and Guy Higgs.

Honorary pallbearers were R. B. Robertson, Sr., C. S. Bryant, the Rev. R. A. Sentelle, Dr. H. A. Smathers, Robert Willis, Dr. J. F. Abel, W. H. Henderson, D. M. Cagle, Horace Sentelle, Sr., Letch Worley, Marvin Alexander, Willis Kirkpatrick, E. P. Ball, A. C. Russell, D. J. Kerr, G. N. Henson, E. G. Barefoot, N. S. Smathers, Robert Conley, J. M. Curtis, A. E. Curtis, J. L. Morgan, J. F. Cade, J. C. Welch, W. H. Johnson, John B. Smathers, G. L. Hampton, O. M. Hampton, Dr. J. M. Russell, Dr. W. C. Johnson, Dr. F. M. Davis, Dr. W. C. Perram, Dr. J. L. Reeves, C. J. McCracken, H. (Continued on page eight)

It Is Believed That Road From Gap To Cherokee Will Be Made 2 Projects

B. S. Marsh, engineer in charge of surveying and locating the Soco Gap Road from Dellwood to Cherokee, received orders from Raleigh Saturday to move his office and crew to Sylva and rush the completion of the survey to the foot of the mountain.

It is the general belief that the road from Soco Gap to Cherokee, a distance of 12 miles, will be let in two projects in order to speed up completion of the road, thus giving a road from Waynesville via Soco Gap to Cherokee probably by the first of the year.

"With three weeks of fair weather I can complete the survey of the road from the Gap to the foot of the mountain, which is about 6 miles or half way," Mr. Marsh stated.

"As soon as I complete the survey to the foot of the mountain, I will send in the data and I understand that the contract will be awarded and work started on the mountain end of the road while we finish surveying the road while we finish surveying the road, it will take much longer to build the first six miles of the road than it will the last six. The first half is on the mountain, and it is certainly rough, although the scenery surpasses that of any other route. The road will go within 50 feet of the double-Soco Falls, and will be the prettiest mountain road in the state."

"The road from Dellwood to Soco Gap does not have a sharp curve in it, and we are trying to stay within a seven per cent grade on the road beyond the gap," Mr. Marsh continued.

The road from the gap (Soco) to Cherokee will be built by the state but is being paid for by the Federal Government, while the road from Dellwood to Soco Gap is one-half Federal aid.

Mr. Marsh is taking his same crew to Sylva. By being in Sylva he stated that they would save two hours of driving a day in getting to their work, as they are now within a short distance of the foot of the mountain.

"We were given cooperation by the people and county officials on every side while here, and I appreciate it," Mr. Marsh said. "Everything we asked for was granted. The people gladly signed the right-of-way papers, and treated us very nicely at all times. It has been a good bunch to work with from start to finish. In fact," he said smiling, "the cooperation of the people has been Ivory Soap, 99 44-100 pure, and I appreciate it. I like Waynesville and hope to come back. I have been planning all winter of swimming in Lake Junaluska and playing golf on the splendid course at the Country Club this summer, but—well, I'll be back."

Miss Mary Gwyn died at her home in Canton Thursday.

Funeral services for Miss Mary Gwyn, of Canton, who died at the home of her mother, Mrs. Amelia Foster Gwyn, on Pennsylvania avenue in Canton Thursday night at 11:30 o'clock following an extended illness, were conducted at the residence Saturday morning with the Rev. George Hammond, pastor of the First Presbyterian church officiating.

In the course of his remarks during the simple but impressive service, the Rev. Hammond paid high tribute to Miss Gwyn, which he closed with the reading of two poems written by her, "Easter" and "Seeking," in which she had expressed so beautifully her philosophy of life. Harold R. Murdock, a member of the Presbyterian choir, sang "Face to Face," a favorite hymn of hers. After the service at the home, interment was in Green Hill cemetery, in Waynesville with the following officers of Canton Presbyterian church acting as pallbearers: Clyde A. Hildebrand, R. J. Reelley, Joe Henderson, J. T. Bailey, R. J. Sprang, S. B. Barlow, H. Arthur Osborne and Thomas Furness.

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