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## Two Below Zero Is Official Reading Here On Tuesday

### Fire Department Answers Three Alarms On First Day Of Cold Wave. No Damage

Waynesville and community began to show out Wednesday afternoon when the thermometer started climbing back above the freezing point after having fallen to two degrees below zero on Tuesday morning and down to seven below on Monday morning according to official readings. On Tuesday morning the official reading was above, and by noon the thermometer was hovering around 30. At 3:30 Wednesday afternoon the final reading was 30.

Many automobiles were reported as having "bursted" radiators and several had the blocks cracked. Filling stations had a rushing business Monday and Tuesday in replenishing cars with antifreeze. Plumbers were working on frozen pipes throughout the community. Several residents reported that all pipes were burst as a result of the unexpected cold.

The fire department had a rushing business Monday answering three alarms. The only damage was a roof fire at the home of R. L. Prevost at Hazelwood. The damage being about \$3. An oil stove in the Dr. W. H. Loper home was the cause of the second alarm and a false alarm accounted for the third trip of the day for the department.

According to the records of S. H. Stevenson, official weather observer, Waynesville experienced four below last February 6th. The coldest Mr. Stevenson remembers in recent years was six below in 1926.

## Park-To-Park Road Location To Be Discussed

A delegation of North Carolinians will meet in Baltimore next Tuesday at which time claims will be made for the park-to-park scenic highway which the federal government will build. North Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee will present their claims before final decision is reached as to the location of the park-to-park highway.

The North Carolina delegation is feeling their hopes on the fact that Secretary Ickes stated when the funds were approved that "a scenic highway must be built." This state will maintain that North Carolina affords more scenic highway than any other state in the country.

There is no question but that the federal authorities will approve this route as far down as the Grandfather mountain section. It is proposed that the route swing here over into Tennessee and then enter the park at Gatlinburg. It is around this point that the fight between North Carolina and Tennessee will revolve. Since the highway is to be a scenic route, those representing North Carolina are insisting that the parkway take in the scenery around Mount Mitchell, Craggy mountains, Asheville, Pisgah, and Balsam mountain.

If this route is selected, the highway will, in all probability, cross highway No. 10 about at the Haywood-Jackson county line and follow the old Hog road into the park.

## Three Are Eligible For Postmaster Here

The civil service commission this week notified J. H. Howell, W. H. McCracken and R. T. Messer, that each of them were eligible for the appointment of postmaster of the Waynesville post office.

Just when the appointment would be made is not known, but it is the general opinion of those closely connected with the procedure that the new postmaster will be named shortly.

The civil service examination was held last August, at which time six took the examination. Three were eliminated.

## Allen Returns From Baltimore

C. N. Allen, owner of C. N. Allen & Co. at Hazelwood, returned Wednesday after a four-day buying trip to Baltimore where he bought new merchandise for his store.

## \$3,493.94 Spent For Relief In December

According to official figures from relief headquarters in Raleigh and sent special to The Mountaineer, Haywood county spent \$3,493.94 in helping 420 families during December.

The total figures for the entire state for the same month show that 50,942 families were helped at a cost of \$597,903.52.

## IS NOT RETIRING



W. T. LEE

## W. T. Lee Is Back, But Is Not Retiring At The Present

### Former Chairman Of Corporation Commission Back In Waynesville To Look After Business Interests

W. T. Lee, Sr., who for the past 23 years has been chairman of the Corporation Commission in Raleigh, has returned to Haywood county, and will remain in Waynesville. "And try to identify myself with the people here again, although I have never given up my home here," he said in an interview with The Mountaineer recently.

Regardless of his age of 75, Mr. Lee is not retiring. He is going to look after his interest here for the present. He owns quite a bit of property and will devote most of his time to these, he said.

The Greensboro Daily News in an article in December, had some interesting facts about the work of Mr. Lee and his associates down at Raleigh for the past 23 years, it read: "Mr. Lee took the oath of office in January, 1911 and Judge George P. Pell two years later. Mr. Lee came to Raleigh from a big mercantile business in Waynesville, the other of the state or court bench.

"But as they went out of office their desks with whom they have been associated for years, gave a fountain pen. Both the editors were emotionally unstrung. They never were quite able to work out the attitude of the general assembly which abolished their office, after each had been chosen for a complete term of six years. But they went out in good humor. They are bitter towards nobody.

"Mr. Lee naturally finds it hard to say whether he will return to merchandising and cattle raising occupations that fascinated him as a man or 30 to 50. He is now 75 but as young looking as he was when he came to Raleigh 23 years ago.

"Mr. Lee made money and gave piles of it to the Democrats. He was a business man all over but he probably enjoyed beating Republicans, that he relished his business. He came to the general assembly from the mountains in the fusion regime. He was lonely there, but he made fame by his fights in that body.

"He worked with the Simmons-Craig forces in 1908 and was with Mr. Simmons until the 1928 apostasy. There is no variability nor shadow of turning in his Democracy. He was many years a member of the state executive committee and was chairman of the 10th district executive committee when the late W. T. Crawford, father of all-American Fred of Duke, won the election over James J. Britt. Mr. Lee never chased office. He got the corporation commission on his record of party service. He thinks the party should have retired him in the way it called him.

"He said he will be imbittered against nobody. Asked what he would say as his valedictory, he put it here: (Continued on back page)

## Mountaineers And Sylva Split Games

The Sylva boys' and girls' basketball teams will meet the Mountaineers on the local court Tuesday, February 6, at 7:30 o'clock. The Sylva teams and the Mountaineers clashed last Tuesday night, with the Waynesville girls winning 32-25 and the local boys losing 15-42.

The Waynesville girls held the Bethel team to a close score last Saturday night of 22-26, with Bethel taking the game. The score was in favor of the Mountaineers at the half with the score 11-9, but during the last few minutes of play the Bethel girls came back for the extra points to take the game.

The Bethel boys nosed out the Mountaineers 18-16 in one of the closest games of the season.

## Loan For Sanitarium Here From PWA Hits Snag In Washington

### Little Possibility Of Getting \$25,000 Loan To Build Tuberculosis Sanitarium Here

Twenty additional applications for loans and grants from the North Carolina state public advisory board, including one of \$25,000 for a tuberculosis sanitarium at Waynesville, had been received at close of business in Washington on January 27.

These applications have all arrived since, it was announced by the public work administrator that funds were exhausted except for administration, and that none would be available unless such came from civil units failing to comply with obligation contracts. In that event the money would be reallocated, and the application considered on their merits with a possibility of patrons participating in allotments.

## Weather Prediction To Be Made By Mr. Groundhog Friday

Is winter over, or will there be six more weeks of it, is the question of the day and according to ancient custom Mr. Groundhog will on Friday, February 2nd, give a definite answer to the question.

The belief is that if Mr. Groundhog sees his shadow when he emerges from his winter home, that he will immediately scold back into his hole and wait for the remaining six weeks of winter to pass. If the sun fails to shine and he does not see his shadow he will come out preparatory to beginning his spring activities.

## Farmers Federation, Inc., Begins Operations In This County Today

### Federation Head



James G. K. McClure, Jr.

## \$241 Received By McCracken For 1650 Pounds Of Tobacco

Many farmers are complaining about tobacco prices, but Howell McCracken seems pretty well satisfied with his prices this year, and he has a right to be. His crop was 1650 pounds and he got \$240.00.

When asked how he produced such fine tobacco when others only receiving small prices, he merely replied: "Hard work, and plenty of it—for sorry tobacco you'll get sorry prices; for good stuff you'll get good prices." And from the prices Mr. McCracken got he must be right.

## Patriotic Window Display Attractive

The window display at the Waynesville Pharmacy is attracting much attention this week, since H. W. Burnett has placed a picture of President Roosevelt in the center of an elaborate design of red, white and blue crepe paper, which was cut and twisted and pulled into attractive designs and giving the effect of a border for the tinted picture of the president.

Mr. Burnett worked almost an entire day in getting the desired effects. The display was put in the window in commemoration of the president's birthday, last Tuesday.

## Modern Quarters Provided For City Fire Department

### Department Moves Into New Home, Which Is Big Improvement Over Past Quarters

Waynesville's fire department last week moved into their new home, which is the building just opposite the post office. The building has been remodeled and refitted to fill the needs of the department, which is a great improvement over any fire department headquarters that Waynesville has ever had.

Three outstanding features of the new department are the modern sleeping quarters, the hot and cold showers on the second floor and the hose drying racks. The second floor of the building also provides a room for mayor's court which was formerly held on the second floor of the Massie Temple.

The sleeping quarters on the second floor are composed of two rooms, one for the regular fireman and another large enough for two beds which will be used to accommodate firemen when coming in from fires at night.

The installation of hot and cold showers on the second floor are an added feature that was not available at the former headquarters.

Five hundred feet of hose were purchased recently, with the total length of hose is 2000 feet, with 1600 on the truck and ready for use at all times. The truck, which is a LaFrance, was bought in 1926 and with the present equipment on it is valued at \$19,000. Even at the cost it was explained that it has more than paid for itself because the insurance rating on Waynesville has been raised from third to second class.

The history of the fire department here is rather interesting. One of the first headquarters was in an old wooden (Continued on page eight)

## Holding Revival



REV. ERNEST L. BARBER

## Revival Services At Presbyterian Church In Progress

### Rev. E. L. Barber Bringing Two Messages Daily. Meeting To Continue Through Next Tuesday.

The revival services at the Presbyterian church began here Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock with the Rev. Ernest L. Barber of Aberdeen, bringing two messages twice daily; at 10 o'clock in the morning and again at 7:30 o'clock each evening.

The revival will continue through Tuesday, February 6th, and Dr. R. P. Walker, pastor of the church, extended an invitation to the public to attend at the service.

Tentative plans are that the following sermon subjects will be used during the coming two days:

Thursday morning: "What it means to follow Jesus."

Friday morning: "Strife, ways and narrow gates."

Friday evening: "The Giver of the Last Opportunity."

Friday afternoon: "Three Solenn Facts."

Sunday morning: "The Christian Home."

Sunday evening: "The Modern Precept."

## Bonner Ray, 8, Buried Monday

The funeral services for Charles Bonner Ray, aged 8, were held on Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the Methodist church and were conducted by the Rev. Paul Hardin, Jr., pastor of the church, and the Rev. E. B. H. Gwyn, presiding elder.

Reading from the 10th chapter of St. Mark and the 11th chapter of St. John the Rev. Hardin made a brief but impressive talk, full of comfort to the bereaved family. The Rev. Hays used as his scripture lesson verses 15 to 23 from the 12th chapter of 2nd Samuel. The following favorite hymns were sung by the choir: "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," "I Think When I Read the Sweet Story of Old" and "Asleep in Jesus."

Following the services at the church, interment was in Green Hill cemetery, with Rev. Hardin concluding the services at the grave. Pall bearers were the uncles of the deceased: Charles E. Ray, Jr., William Ray, Gay Massie, and Francis Massie.

Charles Bonner Ray was born in Waynesville on March 28, 1926, and was the son of Mrs. Myrtle Massie Ray and the late Bonner Ray, whose untimely death occurred less than a year ago. The elder Ray was a member of the firm of Chas. E. Ray and Sons and aided in the establishing of that business. He was a leader in all the civic and religious activities of the town. Charles Bonner Ray was the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ray and Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Massie.

When he was scarcely two years of age the deceased was taken ill and for the past year has been constantly confined to his bed. During his years of suffering his patience and fortitude, his beautiful spirit and attitude toward family and friends were marked by a maturity far beyond his years. The memory of his brief life to those who knew him will ever linger as a stimulus to courage and bravery in facing life's problems.

## Legion To Have Special Meeting Tonight At 7:30

A call meeting of the American Legion has been set for tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock at the office of Bradley-Davis on Main street. Important matters will be discussed, one of which will be Boy Scout work in the community. All members are urged to attend.

## Criminal Court Convenes Here On Monday Morning

### Lightest Docket In Four Years Will Probably Be Completed In One Week

"The lightest criminal docket in four years," the reply W. G. Byers, clerk of superior court gave when asked how heavy the docket for the coming term of criminal court would be, which will convene Monday morning, with Judge P. A. McElroy of Marshall presiding.

There is only one major case to come up at the coming term of court, and that is the case in which Albert Trammell is charged with killing Chiles Swain at a school bus on highway Number 10 near Canton last November.

Some of the court officials expect that the court will complete the docket within one week, or at any rate it will not take the two weeks it was said.

Following are jurors who will serve through the term, Waynesville township: J. B. Kuykendall, Oscar Knight, E. J. Shulhofer, Orin Davis, D. L. Dean, D. F. Smathers, M. A. Poteat, J. M. Stamey, Swan Hendrix, D. A. Howell, J. C. Williams, George A. Brown, J. O. T. Arrington, T. N. Massie, J. J. Lanning, J. P. S. Bates, Acorn Sikes, Hub Camp, John C. Noland.

Beaverdam township: Paul A. Smathers, L. C. Pruett, William H. Robinson, J. M. Chambers, J. W. Carson, O. F. Gibbs, W. W. Lowe, J. M. Hutton, R. M. Davis, A. B. Moore, J. S. Jackson, Hobart Hardin, Lester J. Smathers, L. J. Tatham, Don C. Hawkins, J. C. Robinson, Dock Burris, W. F. W. Haines, Jr.

Candler township: L. B. Brown, W. H. Kendall, C. T. Ferguson, Blake McCracken, L. E. Dorton, H. W. Ross, Clyde G. W. Terry, George C. Jenkins, Cecil James A. Miller, Pigeon R. K. Que, J. W. Rogers, Verge Singleton, Albert Henson, S. E. Freese, Ivy Hill, C. R. Evans, Frank Tucker, Leon Dug, Robert Green, Eric Crick, H. G. Green, Eric Crick, W. T. Sharp, Jonathan Crick, Laverne Long.

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Arrangements have been made for Haywood county farmers to file applications with County Agent W. D. Smith at the court house here any business day, with no charge for said and to bring along with them their stock books should get in touch with Mr. Smith as soon as possible and fill out the application blanks that he has on hand for this purpose.

Mr. Gwyn announced in a formal statement he gave out the following information for those desiring loans and the procedure is as follows:

(1) Fill out your application blank in duplicate. All parties interested in the application must sign this blank.

(2) Hand this application to the Inspector for your county who is Mr. Carter Osborne of Clyde who will visit you and make an appraisal of the security agreed for your loan. Or you may leave your application with Mr. Smith at his office.

(3) Have your application passed upon by your county loan committee. Mr. H. A. Osborne, of Canton, and Mr. W. A. Moore, of Pigeon. Your application will then be returned to the Asheville office and sent for approval to Columbia.

If your loan is allowed the necessary mortgage or notes will be sent you, and when the same is properly executed the association will forward you a check for the amount.

To obtain a loan through the association it is necessary to subscribe for 5 per cent of the loan in stock in the association, with a minimum of \$5.00 and is also necessary for the applicant to pay the inspector's fee, \$2.00, and for recording the mortgage. These amounts may be included in the loan applied for. Every borrower must be a stockholder but the stock subscribed for may be transferred to another borrower when the applicant has paid his loan and does not wish to make another one.

It is desirable that all persons expecting to borrow money for production or to purchase livestock get in their application as soon as possible.