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More Candidates Seeking Offices Than Ever Before

Monday Of This Week Saw Much Active Work On The Part Of Candidates Here

This is a banner year in Haywood county for candidates. These political observers who have been on the ground for years reported yesterday that they do not remember the time when there were more candidates seeking offices not including township constables.

Aspiration for county commissioner varied to five, while three are seeking the seat of chairman. The board of education will be selected from the seven candidates. The next representative from this county will either be J. T. Bailey, W. L. Crawford or Oral L. Yates.

In the primary of 1932 only 22 candidates sought the places which are now being sought after by 35 candidates.

Those who have filed for the primary are as follows:

Commissioner—(Vote for two)—Lee Ferguson, Asbury Howell, G. C. Ball, Jarvis Allison, James E. Henderson, Chas. Hill, Geo. A. Brown, P. V. Massey, John Kinsland, Bill Williams, J. H. Gossett, Mrs. G. F. Heston, C. W. Medford, Grover C. Rogers, Clarence T. Medford. There were seven before.

Chairman of board of commissioners—W. A. Hyatt, incumbent, Geo. C. Haynes, and W. A. Moore. Four sought this place before.

County board of education—(Vote for three)—H. A. Osborne, R. L. Messert, and Homer Cagle, incumbents; G. C. Platt, John Howell, Chas. C. Willis, and John Best.

Judge—Felix E. Alley, incumbent, Grover C. Davis.

Waynesville township constable—George Buchanan, incumbent, Homer Davis and Geo. W. Coble, Deputy constable, John Kerley, incumbent, K. L. Ray.

The offices of Register of Deeds, clerk of Court, Solicitor and Coroner do not have any opposition in the primary.

A close check revealed that Monday saw the most active day for candidates thus far this year, and some political leaders said that it was the most active day they ever remember four weeks before an election. The leaders of political activities in Haywood county were in town Monday evening with the large crowd that attended court and the first Monday session of the county commissioners, while about 100 farmers were here to attend the meeting regarding the establishment of a cannery.

Last primary the total vote cast was about 6,250. Since the large number of candidates are out this year the votes are expected to reach a new record mark of at least 7,000 with a possibility of more.

As usual there has been much speculation as to the successful candidates, but few have made a prediction that was convincing enough to assure any candidate that the "omination was in the bag" which means that during the coming weeks greater activity than ever will be engaged in.

John W. Kinsland Is Candidate For C. Commissioner

John W. Kinsland, of the Pigeon community, announced yesterday that he was a candidate for County Commissioner. This is the first office that Mr. Kinsland has ever sought. He was born and reared in Haywood and always devoted his time to farming and cattle raising. Mr. Kinsland is well known throughout the county. He is a Mason and member of the Junior Order.

An Added Feature . . .

Beginning in this week's issue of The Mountaineer, there will appear each week a column of news from the Haywood County Hospital. It is through the co-operation of the Superintendent and Staff of the Hospital that we are able to give this news.

Haywood Farmers Allowed 855 Pounds Of Tobacco To Acre

County Agent W. D. Smith made public this week that Haywood county farmers had been allowed an average of 855 pounds of tobacco to the acre for next year by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

Haywood is the only county that has its allotment accepted by government officials. The farmers have received their acreage and from that can work out the pounds for the next year.

Some counties are having to work out an entirely new schedule, which will require several months, it was said.

J. H. Gossett Out For Nomination As Commissioner

J. H. Gossett, well known contractor and real estate man of this county, announced yesterday that he was a candidate for County Commissioner. Mr. Gossett came to Haywood about 30 years ago and began work on the construction of the Champion Fibre Company. For about five years he was superintendent of construction in British Columbia. He returned to Haywood and entered the real estate and contracting business. He is now operating a small bank, favoring in connection with his other duties. He has done much towards the development of the county in that he subdivided several tracts of land several years ago and sold them in small tracts or lots. On a number of these homes have been erected.

W. A. Moore Is Out For Chairmanship Of Commissioners

W. A. Moore of Pigeon township, a life long resident of that community, announced today his candidacy for Chairman of the Haywood County Board of Commissioners. Mr. Moore was formerly a member of this board several years ago and is well known throughout the entire county. Mr. Moore is a member of the Masonic lodge, chairman of the district township high school board and is present superintendent of the Methodist Sunday School at Bethel. Mr. Moore is a very successful farmer and has always been an interested worker in community and county affairs.

John Howell Seeking Nomination To Board Of County Education

John Howell, of Jonathan's Creek community, announced this week that he is a candidate for nomination as a member of the County Board of Education. Mr. Howell is well known in the county. He is a native of the county and taught school for 28 years. Since he gave up teaching he has been engaged in farming in the community where he now lives. For the past twenty-five years he has been justice of the peace in his community.

P. V. Massey Out For Nomination As Commissioner

P. V. Massey announced this week that he is a candidate for nomination as county commissioner. Mr. Massey is a native of Haywood, and son of D. A. Massey and Mary Medford Massey, and has lived in the county all his life.

For three terms he was treasurer of this county, and has served one term as commissioner. For twenty-two years he has been a farmer and prior to that time he was a farmer and a tobacco raiser. For the past 25 years he has been in business in Waynesville. Mr. Massey has made for himself a reputation of always being one of the biggest vote getters in any election, having led the ticket on several occasions.

Traffic Lights Are Working Again

City workmen completed the task yesterday of installing the traffic lights on Main street here that were discontinued last winter. The lights are at each intersection on Main street from the court house to the postoffice. The addition of a light at the corner of Haywood and Church streets was made last winter.

Hospital Day To Be Observed Here Sunday Afternoon

Open House Will Be Held From 3 To 5 O'clock Sunday Afternoon At Haywood Hospital

The Haywood County Hospital will observe National Hospital Day here on Sunday, May 13, with an open house from 3 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Hospital Day is held on May 13 in observance of the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the great beloved British nurse who in 1854 was given charge of military nursing in Crimea. The purpose of National Hospital Day is to enlighten the citizens of America on the importance of hospitals. The observance was started 13 years ago and since that time much interest has been shown each year, and the people are awakened each year more and more to the importance that hospitals play in community life.

Few people realize just what the local hospital is doing in the way of caring for the sick and injured of Haywood county. Last year 966 patients were admitted—37 births were recorded which bring the total to 1,073. This does not include the "out patients" that received attention or treatment through the hospital staff. During the past year the \$12,000 nurse's home has been constructed and the third floor of the hospital moved into a maternity section with a special nurse trained for that work in charge.

On Monday of this week there were over 50 patients in the local hospital, which necessitates eleven nurses to care for them together with a number of assistants to say nothing of the extra help, such as janitors, cooks and maids.

R. T. Messer Seeking Re-election To The Board Of Education

R. T. Messer, present chairman of the Haywood County Board of Education, announced yesterday that he was a candidate for nomination and re-election as a member of the board. He is a native of this county, having lived on a farm until about twenty-five years ago when he came to Waynesville and entered the retail grocery business, which he operated for about fifteen years. About ten years ago he entered the wholesale grocery business, which he now operates.

Mr. Messer stated two years ago when elected as a member of the Board of Education, that he would strive to make the school system a larger and better one. He also stated that he was for anything progressive in school work but at the same time believed in strict economy when it did not interfere with the school's functioning properly. Records on file indicate that he accomplished his intention.

Mr. Messer is vice-president and general manager of the Haywood Supply Company; an active worker in the Baptist church, and a member of the Junior Order.

2 Withdraw From Sheriff's Race

J. Lawrence Walker and Cromie E. Cole have withdrawn from the sheriff's race, leaving five candidates in the field.

Mr. Walker has a formal statement in the columns of this week's paper.

Mr. Cole said "There are too many in the race at present, and some day I might make the race. I want to thank my friends for the support given me, but feel that it is best that I withdraw at this time."

Of inestimable worth to the citizens of the county is our own institution, the Haywood County Hospital, which on December 31, 1933 completed six years of service since admitting its first patient on the first day of January, 1928. Doubtless, comparatively few people in the county have any conception of the work that has been done during that time, and in the belief that some authentic information compiled from the annual reports will be of profound interest to every thinking person in the county this article is published. The building of the hospital was made possible through the following: 1. A bond issue of Haywood County for \$100,000.00. 2. Financial aid from the Duke Endowment. 3. Donations from firms and individuals. The present investment in the institution being as follows:

Sheffield Case Heard In Raleigh By Parole Board

W. E. Sheffield, younger brother of James Sheffield who is under a life sentence from Haywood for murder, led a delegation Tuesday at Raleigh which appealed to Commissioner of Paroles Edwin Gill to spare James' life.

The jury which convicted Sheffield signed the petition, asking that Sheffield's sentence be commuted to life imprisonment. The jury which convicted Sheffield signed the petition.

With W. E. Sheffield were Eugene Alley, Jr., and M. G. Stamey of Waynesville, Ennis Santello of Canton and George H. Ward of Asheville. "The people of Haywood county don't want Sheffield to die," Stamey told Commissioner Gill.

In Mr. Gill's file there is a letter from Solicitor John M. Queen, who prosecuted the case against Sheffield. It states, in part: "He (Sheffield) was my friend; I have been raised with him. I know his people and they are my friends and I am sorry that during my term as solicitor that I was called upon to prosecute the defendant for the crime of which he was rightfully convicted."

"The law is written, the defendant has had a fair trial, the jury found him guilty and the law fixes the penalty. However I might dislike to see a man pay the penalty, personally yet officially and under my oath I cannot make any recommendation."

Sheffield is scheduled to file Friday week, Commissioner Gill has not indicated what action he will recommend to the governor. The Supreme Court already has passed on Sheffield's case.

W. E. Sheffield arrived here Wednesday morning from the trip to Raleigh. He told The Mountaineer that all the facts were left with the Parole Commission and that no indication was given as to when a decision would be made in the case.

Last Rites Held For A. M. Newton Here On Saturday

Funeral services for A. M. Newton, who died in the Haywood County Hospital here Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, were held at the First Baptist church at 11 o'clock Saturday morning with the Rev. H. W. Bauson pastor, officiating. Burial was in Green Hill cemetery. The Waynesville Masonic lodge attended the services in a body and performed the last rites at the grave.

The following mourners were active pallbearers: Paul Walker, L. M. Killian, W. A. Bradley, L. N. Davis, S. H. Stevenson, and Dr. J. H. Smith. Honorary pallbearers were: Dr. S. L. Stringfield, Dr. Thomas Stringfield, W. E. Denton, M. T. McCreachon, T. L. Green, E. L. Withers, O. L. Briggs, Clifton Moody, R. D. Lew, C. E. Ray, C. H. Ray, Dr. W. H. Limer, Sam Freeman, H. J. Sloan, W. H. Luther, John F. Cate, R. H. Blackwell and J. M. Palmer.

Surviving are the widow, two daughters, Miss Flora Newton, of Newport News, Va., Mrs. B. G. Kubus, Akron, O., one sister, Mrs. Kizzie Burrell, of Asheville and six grandchildren, Bonhart, Jr., Alfred, Frank, Harry, Amelia, and Ann Kubus, all of Akron. Mr. Newton had been a resident of Waynesville for more than 40 years, coming here from Michigan county, S. C., where he was born 75 years ago. He lived some years also in Transylvania county.

For a number of years he was a contractor and builder here.

Farmers Vote To Continue Plans For The Establishment Of Modern Cannery Here

Mrs. T. L. Gwyn Is Named Assistant C. Of C. Secretary

The board of directors of the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce in executive session last Thursday night elected Mrs. T. L. Gwyn as assistant secretary of the organization.

Mrs. Gwyn is to assume her duties Monday according to the arrangements made by the directors. She will devote full time to the office which is located in the building occupied by E. L. Withers & Co.

One of the major duties of Mrs. Gwyn will be, mailing to each boarding house and hotel that are members of the Chamber of Commerce a list of inquiries received from prospective tourists. A folder containing the names, addresses, number of rooms and rates of all boarding house members of the organization will be printed within a few days and sent out in all mail leaving the Chamber of Commerce office.

Eagle 5 & 10 To Open In New Store Saturday Morning

The Eagle 5, 10, and 25c Store will open Saturday morning at 8:30 in their new and larger building, and offering to the public a larger variety of merchandise, according to an announcement by Mr. Wallace, general manager for the company.

R. C. McBride, local manager, together with managers from other stores in the chain spent the greater part of the week here helping to arrange the stock in the new location which was formerly occupied by Mook's Department Store.

The new store, not only affords more space but is arranged in a more modern way, and includes some new fixtures.

The Eagle Store located in Waynesville 4 years ago.

Funeral For Mrs. Crymes, 99, Will Be Held Here Today

Funeral services will be held at three o'clock this afternoon at the Baptist church for Mrs. Maryann Crymes, 99, oldest woman resident in Haywood county, who passed away at the home of her grand daughter, Mrs. Robert Boone in Francis Cove, Tuesday night. She had been ill about a month.

A total of 156 descendants, comprising five generations, survive. The survivors included three children, Mrs. E. H. Walker, of Crabtree, Mrs. J. M. Moody, of Waynesville and Evangene Crymes, of Francis Cove. Mrs. Crymes was the daughter of Wayne Battle, owner and proprietor of the old Battle House, the first hotel built in Waynesville, and the granddaughter of Hollyman Battle, who was a commissioner appointed by the Legislature in 1808 to locate the county seat of Haywood.

Clarence C. Medford Is A Candidate For C. Commissioner

Clarence C. Medford, who has been in the mercantile business for the past 18 years, and a native of Haywood, announced yesterday that he was a candidate for nomination of County Commissioner.

Mr. Medford was born in Waynesville township, and has always lived in Haywood. This is his first political race.

He is a member of the First Baptist church of Canton, a member of the Canton Junior Order and also the Knights of Pythias.

CONTRACTS TO BE CLEARED THROUGH HAYWOOD AGENT

Waynesville has been designated as headquarters for clearance of con-hog contracts. W. D. Smith, Haywood county farm agent, has announced.

The office of the county farm agent here will be headquarters for handling contracts and sending them to the State office in Raleigh for the counties in this district. The closing date on the contracts is May 15. All contracts in this district must be closed by that time and cleared through the Haywood county office.

Three-Fourths Of Necessary Stock Has Been Subscribed. Leaders Are Confident Of Success

The 100 farmers and few business men that attended the cannery meeting here Monday afternoon at the court house voted to continue with plans to establish a cannery in Waynesville and subscribed \$675 to add to the \$22,200 that had previously been subscribed, which brought the total to about \$22,875.

"We have enough in sight to go ahead, and when the committees that are now canvassing the county make their report, we feel that every cent will be subscribed," County Agent W. D. Smith told The Mountaineer Tuesday.

The next thing towards establishing the cannery will be collecting the subscriptions. This money must be in the bank by June first. They will continue negotiation with TVA to secure funds for operating expenses," Mr. Smith said.

As soon as the collecting is completed and the constitution and by-laws written, the common stock holders will elect a board of directors. There will be seven members of the board, unless present plans are changed and five are named.

If for any reason plans are not completed every person who pays their subscription to the cannery will get a refund, it was pointed out.

The TVA has shown much interest in the establishment of the cannery, and those here who are leading the work feel confident that TVA will provide funds which will be used for operating capital. The money paid in by local stockholders will be used in erecting or remodeling a suitable building and the installation of modern cannery machinery. The TVA will not in any way have any claim on the building or the machinery, but only on the goods that are canned by the establishment.

Another fact that was stressed at Monday's meeting was the fact that common stockholders, which are 100 in number, will be given preference in voting their produce to the cannery over the producers who are not stockholders.

Several farmers and business men Monday's meeting stated their previous subscription. Some farmers are giving to the amounting to as much as \$200. Farmers will own about 80 per cent of the stock in the establishment and business men about 20 per cent.

Mr. Smith said that several steps were under consideration, but nothing definite could be announced at this time, since he felt the other work on the project had decided the TVA in mind of the leaders. At the time it is to have the company in operation by the summer and set enough funds in order that jobs and money may be paid the quality of vegetables and fruits that can be canned here and begin taking orders for the output of next year's crop. The season is so near at hand that the time will probably not be more than four to six weeks of actual packing done, but the major preparation will be made for operating next year the entire season.

The officials shown by the farmers, both at the meeting and personally, concluded the leaders here that there would be enough support to clear the way forward and to begin with the idea of collecting stock.

C. C. Hanson, principal of the Bethel High School, was appointed last week by Miss Nancy C. Devers, on recommendation of J. Henry Highsmith, as a member of the committee to work out a state course of study in character education.

The work is under the supervision of the State Board of Education. Mr. Hanson stated that he expected that the committee would be called together within a short time and go over the work and that he would spend the greater part of the summer vacation in preparing his allotment of the work for the course.

This is quite an honor, and the many friends of Mr. Hanson in Haywood will be glad to know of his appointment. His place on the committee will in no way interfere with his school work.

171 Haywood Citizens Paid Income Tax In '33

In 1933 there were 171 people in Haywood county who paid income taxes. The total number in the state was 27,599 which was 2,877 more than were required to pay in 1932.