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## Waynesville Township Divided Into Four Voting Precincts Instead Of Two

### Board of Elections In Meeting Here Wednesday Make Change For Convenience Of Voters

At a meeting of the county board of elections here Wednesday, the two present voting precincts were divided in half, making four voting precincts in Waynesville instead of two.

The two additional precincts give the town of Hazelwood a voting place at the city hall, and the Lake Junaluska community will in the future vote at the Junaluska Supply Company store.

The division of the North and South wards of Waynesville township was started last May when a group from Hazelwood petitioned the board to give them a voting place instead of having to come to the Central instead of having to come to the Central Elementary school building in Waynesville.

At present approximately 1600 voters have been using the polling place at South Waynesville. The division now makes that number about 800 in each ward.

Elsewhere in this paper, a legal notice from the board of elections gives in detail the boundary of each of the four voting precincts.

The new division will be used in the coming general election.

## Young Democrats To Gather Here From 11th District

The Young Democrats of the eleventh district will meet Saturday at the court house at 3 o'clock for an executive session, it was announced by Frank D. Ferguson, Jr., County Chairman.

In the evening a banquet will be held at the Masonic Temple at which time a prominent speaker will address the group.

At least 125 are expected to attend the banquet and all those wishing to attend should see Mrs. Ruth Rotha before Friday noon.

Mr. John Edwards, district president of Franklin, will be in charge of the afternoon and evening sessions. The formal program had not been arranged at press time.

## Henderson To Speak At Clyde On Monday

J. T. Henderson, of Knoxville, an outstanding worker of the Southern Baptist Convention will speak at the Clyde Baptist Church Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

At this time the executive-promotion committee of the Haywood Baptist Association will hold their first meeting, at which time Mr. Henderson will be heard.

W. G. Byres, moderator of the Association stated that a special invitation was extended to the women of the church to attend the meeting.

## Garland Haynes In Serious Condition

Garland Haynes, 30, an employe in the maintenance department of the Champion Fibre Company is in the Haywood County Hospital in a critical condition suffering with a broken back which he sustained when he fell out of a tree in Clyde, his home, Monday.

It was learned from the hospital that it was thought he was dying early Wednesday morning.

Mr. Haynes was on a limb about 20 feet above the ground when he fell. He made his home with his brother Harry Haynes.

## Haywood Pastors To Meet Monday

The Haywood County Pastor's Association will resume their regular monthly meetings on next Monday at ten o'clock in the pastor's study in the local Methodist church.

Rev. F. O. Dryman, of Lake Junaluska, is in charge of the program. A definite program for the association will be worked out at the meeting for the fall and winter months.

### FREAK TOMATOES

Mrs. Lane Arrington, of Ratcliff Cove, brought to The Mountaineer last week seven tomatoes that had grown together from one stem. The tomatoes were about the size of large plums, and were perfect in shape and color except for their "close connection" with the others.

## John N. Ferguson Is Now Captain Of New U.S. Navy Ship

Former Waynesville Resident Youngest Man Ever To Be Named Captain In Navy

On August 17th the U. S. Navy commissioned the U. S. S. Tuscaloosa, a ship with a displacement of 10,000 and carrying a crew of 718 men. The captain of the new ship is John N. Ferguson, a former Waynesville resident, who left here to enter the Naval Academy in 1901.

The official ship paper, "Black Warrior," had in its first issue the following account of their newly appointed captain:

**THE SKIPPER**  
The Commanding Officer of the Tuscaloosa is Captain John Norwood Ferguson, U. S. Navy. He was born in Waynesville, North Carolina, on 21 July, 1885, entered the Naval Academy in May, 1901, and graduated with the class of 1905. His first sea duty was in the armored cruiser Pennsylvania. The duty was followed by service in the New Hampshire and North Dakota.

From 1911 to 1913 Captain Ferguson served ashore at the Naval Torpedo Station, Newport, Rhode Island, where he was connected with experimental work in mines and explosives. The results of tests performed during his tour of duty at the Torpedo Station led directly to the adoption of TNT by the Navy.

Returning to sea duty, Captain Ferguson served as flag lieutenant on the staff of Rear Admiral Caperton in Mexican and West Indian waters from 1914 to 1916. During the World War he performed duty as Inspector or Ordnance in charge of ammunition depots in the New York area, including Iona Island, Fort Lafayette, New York and Lake Denmark New Jersey. For efficient performance of this responsible duty he was awarded the Navy Cross.

From 1919 to 1920 Captain Ferguson was flag secretary on the staff of Battleship Division 7. In 1921 he commanded the U. S. S. Stoddard and Destroyer Division 33. The following three years he spent ashore as planning and production officer at the Naval Gun Factory, Washington, D. C.

Captain Ferguson's next sea cruise comprised duty in command of the U. S. S. Selfridge and Destroyer Division 25, executive officer of the U. S. S. Tennessee and command of the U. S. S. Arctic. In 1926 he went to the Naval Academy as head of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Physics where he spent three years. This was followed by more duty in destroyers as division commander and duty as captain of the yard, Charleston, South Carolina.

From Charleston Captain Ferguson went to the Naval War College for instruction and during 1931-34 was Assistant Superintendent of the Naval Observatory, from which duty he was detached this spring to command the Tuscaloosa.

Captain Ferguson is the son of the late Judge Garland S. Ferguson and Sarah Norwood Ferguson. He is a brother of Garland S. Ferguson, Jr., who is now chairman of the Federal Trade Board in Washington.

At the time Captain Ferguson was named Captain he was acclaimed to be the youngest man ever to receive that post. He is married and has three children. The oldest son is now a student at the Naval Academy in Annapolis.

## Perry's Purchase The Palmer House

Mr. and Mrs. D. Drayton Perry bought this week the Palmer House, on Pigeon Street, and will assume management on Saturday morning.

The deal was made with J. R. Morgan, executor of the Lena Palmer estate.

The house has 15 bed rooms and is rated as one of the leading boarding houses in the community. During the past several seasons it has been operated by Mrs. N. W. Garrett.

For the past two and a half years Mr. and Mrs. Perry have been managers of Poinsett Hotel and Grill in Sylva. Prior to going to Sylva they operated the dining room of the LeFaine Hotel.

The lot is 100 by 140. The purchase price was not made public.

## Erwin A. Holt Is Visitor In City

Erwin A. Holt, of Burlington, was a Waynesville visitor last week, coming over from Asheville where he is spending a few weeks.

Mr. Holt is much interested in this section, and has done much towards distributing advertising throughout the country about the scenery and climate here.

It was Mr. Holt's original plan to return to his home this week, but in view of the fact that Secretary of the Interior Ickes is to be in Asheville on the tenth to decide on the decision to remain over for the hearing.

He first came to Waynesville, over forty years ago.

## 140 Teachers Will Be In Session Here Saturday Morning

Dr. John Calfree, of Asheville Will Be Principal Speaker At Eleven O'clock

The first county-wide teachers' meeting is set for Saturday morning at ten o'clock at the Central Elementary school here, Jack Messer, superintendent of education has announced.

The principal speaker of the meeting will be Dr. John Calfree, president of Asheville Normal school. Other speakers will include Dr. C. N. Sisk, County Agent, W. D. Smith, and perhaps others. Dr. Calfree will speak at eleven o'clock.

Mr. Messer will have charge of the meeting and is expecting the entire 140 teachers to be present. The general theme for the meeting and study for the teachers throughout the year will be "New Courses of Study in North Carolina Schools."

## Girl Is Fatally Wounded When Gun Discharges

Miss Fay Grogan, 20, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Grogan, of Cruso, was fatally wounded at 6 o'clock Tuesday evening at her home when a pistol said to have been held by Roy Burnett, 25, also of Cruso, was discharged accidentally.

Roy Burnett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Burnett, accompanied by Moody Pless had been hunting. Upon returning Burnett stopped at the Grogan home to talk with Miss Grogan, with whom he had long been acquainted. Burnett is said to have playfully pointed his .32 calibre revolver at Miss Grogan, who was milking. The revolver discharged and the bullet penetrated the stomach. Miss Grogan died in an automobile en route to the hospital in Waynesville.

Paul Grogan, principal of the Cruso high school, and a brother of Miss Grogan, said the family would not ask for an inquest as the shooting was definitely due to an accident.

Witnesses to the shooting were Miss Grogan's brother, Vance, 12, her sister, Mayburr, and a brother, Frank. All said the shooting was accidental.

Miss Grogan graduated from the Bethel high school in 1931. She is survived by her parents, three sisters, Blanche, who is a member of the Cruso school faculty; Mayburr and Marie; and three brothers, Paul, Frank and Vance.

Funeral services will be held Thursday morning at 11 o'clock at the Cruso Baptist church with burial in the Gwyn cemetery near the church. The Rev. O. F. Burnett, pastor, will officiate, assisted by the Rev. Thomas Erwin and the Rev. C. C. Grogan.

## 1,000 Witness The Presentation Of Flags To County

Between 900 and 1,000 people attended the impressive ceremony last Saturday afternoon at the courthouse when the State and United States flags were presented to the County by Champion Fibre Company.

The program began with a parade which was seen by a crowd estimated to have been over 3,000. The parade was participated in by the Champion Fibre Band; Waynesville Machine Gun Company, the 30th Signal Co., of Canton; representatives of the American Legion of both Canton and Waynesville and Boy Scouts from the two towns.

Upon arrival at the courthouse, the band gave a short musical program after which Dr. R. P. Walker gave the invocation.

W. J. Damtoft, assistant treasurer of the Champion Fibre Company presented the flags to the county, and at the conclusion of his remarks the band played "The Star Spangled Banner" whereupon two representatives of the National Guard carried the flags forward and placed them in the stands back of the judge's bench.

The flags were accepted by W. G. Byres on behalf of the county commissioners.

John M. Queen accepted them in behalf of the Haywood Bar Association.

Sam M. Robinson, president of the bar association, and who had charge of arranging the program presided and called upon K. F. Wentz, of Canton, whose idea it was to present the county with the flags. Mr. Robinson also presented the different units that took part in the parade.

Judge Felix E. Alley was scheduled to address the meeting, but was unable to attend.

### FAIR PROMOTORS HERE

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Burke arrived here Wednesday afternoon to begin actual work on the promotion of the fair for Haywood County. Plans are being made to make definite announcements soon of the location, together with the premium list.

## Contract For Building Soco Gap Road Extension To Cherokee To Be Let

### Mountaineers To Have Heavy, Fast Team This Season

### First Scrimmage Of Year Is Set For Tomorrow. Weatherby Optimistic For Successful Year

The Mountaineers will engage in the first scrimmage of the season Friday afternoon in preparation for the first game which is tentatively scheduled with Hayesville on Friday, September 21.

Coach Weatherby said yesterday that he had issued 35 uniforms to the squad and that indications are that the line will be heavy, while the backfield will be fast and light. The entire team will be lacking in experience, but the enthusiasm shown thus far indicates that they are ready to duplicate the records of past teams by "bringing home the bacon."

In summing up the team Coach Weatherby spoke of them as being "full of pep and ginger and 'ready to go.'" The prospects for a winning team are most encouraging.

A complete schedule for the season will be announced probably next week, Coach Weatherby said.

Sixty-five prospective players have been given a physical examination by Dr. C. N. Sisk, and only two were recalled for a second examination.

## Outstanding Haywood Man Returns Will Preach Sunday

After being away for almost forty years, Rev. William H. Rich, of Elberton, Ga., has returned to Haywood County for a brief visit, and at the request of many friends will return to the pulpit in the community where he was reared and conduct the morning services at Mt. Olivet Church, which is in the Maggie Community.

Rev. Mr. Rich has held some of the largest pastorates in the state. He was for a number of years at Thomasville and Lexington. Later he went to Waycross, Ga., where he erected a large church. Later he moved to Elberton, Ga., and after serving as pastor in that town retired from active preaching.

Many friends of Rev. Mr. Rich have indicated they intend attending the services Sunday.

## Insurance Head Addressed Local Rotary Club Fri.

The local Rotary Club members and 12 visitors on last Friday heard Whitney Speigel, vice president and general manager of the American Fire and Casualty Insurance Company, of Orlando, Fla., discuss "salesmanship."

Mr. Speigel went into detail of the qualifications of an ideal salesman and stressed the fact that the best of salesmen possesses courage, knowledge and enthusiasm.

Visiting Florida Rotarians had charge of the meeting which included besides the principal address the singing of songs and competitive singing between Waynesvilleites and Floridians.

## Haywood Singing Convention Meets Here On Sunday

The Haywood County Singing Convention will meet Sunday, Sept. 8 at the Haywood county court house. A very interesting day is being planned, beginning at 10 o'clock. Mr. William West, of Canton, is president of the organization and Mr. Ray Parker, of Canton, is secretary. There will be a real treat at this meeting by having the Dewey Hyatt and Simmons quartet of Lenoir present. Other choirs will be present and a very good program is expected.

### Unemployed Teachers Are Urged To See Mr. Messer

Superintendent of Education, Jack Messer, announced yesterday that he would like for all unemployed teachers in Haywood county who hold North Carolina certificates to see him at his office on Monday morning of next week.

"It will be to the advantage of all in this group to see me as soon as possible," he said.

### State Highway Commission To Let Contract Next Wednesday. Will Cost About \$450,000 For 11 Miles

The State Highway Commission will on next Wednesday let the contract for the completion of the Soco Gap road into Cherokee Indian Reservation. The contract is expected to be near the \$450,000 figure. The Soco Gap Road forms North Carolina's eastern entrance into the park.

The Mountaineer learned from Frank W. Miller, yesterday that the Highway Commission would let two contracts on the building of the road. Each contractor getting five and a half miles. Work will begin on both ends of the road within a few days after the contracts are awarded.

Mr. Miller stated further that present plans are to have the road complete by July first of next year. That will give the contractors a little over nine months, and with an even break in the weather it is felt that the work can be done in that time.

The road will be built through some of the most rugged country in this section of the state and will pass within a short distance of the famous Soco Gap falls.

The construction of the road was authorized at the last session of the General Assembly, when other new construction with state funds was prohibited. The road is now included in the Federal program.

Work on the project was delayed due to uncertainty concerning the point where the proposed Scenic Parkway will enter the Great Smokies, but the commission decided the route was necessary regardless of where the parkway goes.

Actual construction on the road from Bellwood to Soco Gap began in March, 1933 and is now complete. The road to Soco Gap is 8.3 miles, while the road from Soco Gap to Cherokee will be 11 miles.

On a number of occasions Major J. Ross Eakin, superintendent of the park, has stated that Soco Gap Road into the park was a key road, and saw no reason for its delay in extending it to Cherokee.

The road when completed to Cherokee will put Bayson City about 10 miles nearer Waynesville than the present route via No. 10 now affords.

## Florida Doctor Is A Waynesville Booster At Home

Dr. E. G. Pierce, osteopathic physician, who has had an office at the Hotel Waynesville for the season, left Wednesday for Chicago where he will attend the World's Fair before returning to St. Petersburg where he will open his office for the winter.

Dr. Pierce is very much impressed with Waynesville and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and highly recommends this section for summer visitors.

He plans to return here next summer and during the winter, says he is going to boost Waynesville among the Florida cities.

### COMMITTS SUICIDE OVER \$19

New York—Inability to pay a \$19 hotel bill, police said, was responsible for the suicide of 17-year-old Isabelle Wilson, daughter of a wealthy New York couple. She jumped from the 17th floor of her hotel.

### BANDITS ROB S. C. BANK

Lake City, S. C.—Three men robbed the Palmetto Bank of Lake City of approximately 100,000 yesterday after kidnaping J. H. Carter, the bank president and his wife from their home and tying Carter's three children to their beds. Carter and his wife were forced to accompany the robbers to the bank where the leader told Carter they were taking him to open the vault. At the bank, they found Fred Stalvey, the cashier had already arrived and the vault was unlocked. Talking what money was in the vault the robbers forced the two bankers and Mrs. Carter into their car and left. Mrs. Carter was released about three miles from town and the others about 30 miles from here.

### 90,000 WORKERS LEAVE JOBS IN NORTH CAROLINA

Charlotte—An independent survey of the two Carolinas yesterday indicated 90,000 of the area's approximately 150,000 cotton textile workers had joined the general strike, closing 276 out of approximately 450 cotton and silk spinning mills which were subject to the strike call.

George A. Brown, vice manager of Faber's Federation returned Monday night after spending five days in discussion on business.