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Company H Back From Strike Duty In The Piedmont

Local Unit Of National Guard Have No Trouble While In Strike Territory

Company H of the 120th Infantry of the National Guard, which is composed of sixty men under the supervision of Captain George Platt, Lt. Paul Martin and Lt. Grady Boyd, returned to Waynesville last Friday after being on duty in the strike area of the Piedmont section for 23 days.

They were called out at midnight on September 5th to report for duty at the Clinchfield Mills at Marion where they were stationed until the 10th of September. After that date they were transferred to Cliffside, N. C., where there were three mills under guard. Cliffside Mills, where towels were made and Avondale and Carolina, where cotton prints were the products. They report no trouble with the exception of the last named mill where the strikers were most resentful of their presence. At the other mills the workers did not desire the strike and were impatient to be back at work.

The men, however had a real touch of army life in their manner of living. They were quartered in tents and the mess sergeant and the cooks prepared the food. Upon their return home they were paid for their first 10 days of service and the remainder to be sent to them within the next few days.

Small Plot Yields 800 Lbs. Tomatoes

It doesn't necessarily take a farmer to raise tomatoes, according to C. A. George, local cafe owner. Last spring he prepared a plot of ground twenty by twenty feet in the rear of his cafe and planted it in tomatoes. Up to October first he had gathered over 800 pounds from the plot, and indications that he will get more before frost. He used the tomatoes in his cafe and kept accurate check on all that was gathered.

Florida Delegation Stop In Waynesville

A special good-will delegation from St. Petersburg, Fla., stopped in Waynesville Thursday night en route to Chicago and other northern points. There were six in the party which included W. A. Kennebrew, Keyes Beech and the Sunshine Senators: John H. Barker, Frank O. Riley, Joseph J. McAnan and Floyd Eaddy.

This is the second annual good-will tour for the group. They came here direct from Atlanta, and left Friday morning for Asheville. From Asheville they will go to Knoxville, Cincinnati and then on to Chicago.

The group was met here by J. W. Ray, E. L. Withers, Dr. S. P. Gay, J. R. Latham, C. E. Ray, Jr., and W. C. Russ. The Florida visitors were given supper by the Chamber of Commerce at the W. W. N. C. Cafe.

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS the destruction of life and property by fire is a matter of concern to everyone, and

WHEREAS the reduction of fire waste can be effected in direct proportion to the amount of care exercised by all people, and

WHEREAS the President of the United States for the benefit of the American people as a whole and with the view of arousing the people of the United States to the importance of eliminating our enormous fire waste, has proclaimed the week of October 7 to 13 as FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

THEREFORE, I, J. C. B. Ehringhaus, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of October 7 to 13 to be FIRE PREVENTION WEEK in order that the people of this State in every community shall individually and through our various organizations, discover and correct existing fire hazards, promote measures of public and private fire protection, extend instruction in fire prevention among adults, as well as school children, and arouse the people generally to the need for habits of greater care, and to this end I appeal to every citizen to thoroughly cooperate with the various fire departments throughout the State and I request that every Mayor issue a Proclamation. I earnestly solicit the cooperation of Chambers of Commerce, Civic and Women's clubs, and the press.

Done at our City of Raleigh, this 25th day of September, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-four.

(SEAL)

J. C. B. EHRLINGHAUS, Governor.

By the Governor: (S) G. C. Powell, Private Secretary.

Junaluska Man Is Killed By Train

Dewey Gaddis, 26, of Lake Junaluska, was killed early Sunday morning when he was struck by a train. He was about half way between here and Lake Junaluska when killed.

The body was mangled beyond recognition. His clothing, some keys and a pocketbook were used to identify the body. Parts of the body was found several hundred yards along the tracks. One of his hands was found in Hazelwood, and a leg of the mangled body was still on the front of the engine when it reached Bryson City, officers said.

Gaddis was seen in Waynesville last Saturday night and he is reported to have told friends he was going home and walk the tracks. It is believed he fell asleep.

The train was enroute to Murphy from Asheville to transport a group of CCC workers. Race Moody, Asheville was conductor and Knox Christopher, engineer.

The deceased lived with his mother at Lake Junaluska.

Think Delay In Letting Soco Gap Road Has Direct Bearing On P-Way

Raleigh.—The delay on the part of the U. S. bureau of public roads in Washington in approving the contract for the construction of the Soco Gap road in Jackson county line, which when completed will open up a new eastern entrance into the Great Smoky Mountains National Park from Waynesville and Asheville, is being regarded by several of the engineers in the state highway and public works commission as indicating that the government may delay approval of this project with a view to including it in the park-to-park highway.

It is pointed out here by highway department engineers that if Secretary Harold L. Ickes decides to have the park-to-park highway follow the route recommended by North Carolina engineers, that it will enter the Great Smoky Mountains National Park through Soco Gap and follow the identical route now already surveyed for a state highway and for which the contract has already been let. Some four or five weeks ago the highway commission authorized work to proceed on this last link in the Dellwood-Soco Gap highway as soon as the U. S. bureau of public roads should approve the contract.

But in spite of repeated telegraphic queries from the highway engineers here to Washington, no word has yet been received authorizing the commission here to proceed with the project.

Since the park-to-park highway will be built under the immediate supervision of the U. S. bureau of public roads many here believe that the reason the present Soco Gap project is being held up is that the North Carolina route for this highway is still being considered, in which event the Soco Gap link would become part of this great scenic highway. If this does not turn out to be the case, the Soco Gap link will be constructed with federal funds set aside for the building of this highway and the \$465,000 which the state has set aside from its allotment of federal aid funds can be used for additional road construction work in other sections.

Whitey Russell Is Coaching This Year

Friends here will be interested to know that Whitey Russell former all-star ballplayer of Wake Forest is coaching the freshman team there this year.

Russell had a set back when he found that three of his main players would not be eligible to play. After the upset Russell was reluctant to hold any high hopes for this year's team, but that he had a hand work.

Their present schedule includes Oak Ridge, Carolina Duke, State and probably Eastern Carolina Teachers College.

STUDENTS HEAR REV. MR. BAUCOM

Rev. H. W. Baucum addressed the pupils of the high school at the regular chapel exercises on Wednesday morning. His subject was "What are you worth?" The program of the morning was under the supervision of Miss Bessie Boyd.

First Bear Of Season Caught

The first bear of the season was brought in to Waynesville Monday afternoon by George Platt, Jr., John Platt and Vaughn Platt. The party taking advantage of the first day of the season bagged the 125 pound bear on Campbell's Creek.

Eight dogs were used in the hunt. Reports coming in from veteran hunters indicate that this season will be one of the best in many years. Squirrels are more plentiful than usual, they report.

Officers Capture 800 Gallons Beer

Eight hundred gallons of beer and a mammoth still were captured Tuesday in Jackson county by officers from here in company with Federal officers.

No arrests were made at the time of the raid.

Those making the raid were: John Norton, Roy Reese, John Kerley, Carl Medford, and Dewey Cook.

BIRD CRASHES WINDOW IN MRS. ALLEN'S HOME

Mrs. R. L. Allen had a most unusual experience Tuesday morning when a pheasant crashed through a plate glass window in her dining room.

Collins-Boone Case Is Settled After 4 Years

Total Cost Of Trials Over \$40 Piece Of Property Set At \$3,000. Tried 3 Times Here

After being in court for four years, the case of Collins vs. Boone came to an end last Wednesday, when the third jury rendered a decision for the third consecutive time in favor of Gus Boone and settled for all time the dispute over a piece of property 16 feet wide and tapering down to nine feet for a distance of several hundred feet.

The Mountaineer, learned during an interview with some of the parties involved, that approximately \$22,250 had been spent by the defendant and plaintiff and at least \$750 by the county, making the total cost of \$3,000 for the case over the land in question. The land had an actual valuation of \$400 at the time the case was first carried to court four years ago.

The dispute was the outgrowth of failure to determine the corner or beginning point. It was interesting to find that even land in the town of Waynesville had the "lost" corner for a beginning, although the post of beginning was several miles away. The "lost" beginning was a land mark that had been established some fifty years ago, it was pointed out by one of the parties.

The case was started in court four years ago, and has been to the Supreme court twice and tried in Haywood courts three times. The Haywood juries rendered verdicts favoring Gus Boone. Mrs. Belle Collins, plaintiff, appealed to the Supreme court twice and was granted a new trial each time. After the verdict was returned last Wednesday, the plaintiff decided to end the case.

The land is along a ditch and involves the entrance to property further back from the main highway.

The trial during the four years has created much interest in the county—in fact, sometimes the attendance at the trial equaled that a murder case.

Democrat Heads Met Here Tuesday

The Haywood county executive committee of the Democratic party was in session here Tuesday night, making plans for the election in November. All members of the committee were present.

Chairman Sam M. Robinson said he had no statement to make regarding the meeting, as it was an adjourned session and another meeting of the committee would be held within a week.

Short Circuit Is Cause Of \$225 Blaze

A short circuit in a radio on the second floor of the building where Ekerdt Industries are located caused a blaze which did about \$225 damage to the building, stock and equipment.

The fire department laid three lines of hose to the building as it was feared the blaze might get to the sawdust in the rear of the building where the machinery for making inland woods are located.

Mr. Erk stated that the reason the damage to the stock was not any more was because of the high grade of finish used in making the inland woods. The water, seeping through the ceiling was easily wiped from the stored stock because of the finish.

Haywood P. T. A. Is Winner Of Trophy

At the sixth annual meeting of the Western District of the Parent-Teachers' Associations of North Carolina which was held in Candler on Tuesday the Haywood Association tied with those of Buncombe county in winning the silver cup offered annually to the county group having the greatest number of standard and superior associations. This coveted prize is competed for by the 18 counties comprising the district.

As a result of the tie Haywood county is to keep the cup for the first six months of the year and at the expiration of that length of time the cup will be transferred to the Buncombe county association. Another honor coming to Haywood associations was the winning of the banner presented to the county group having the largest increase in membership during the year. Both prizes were accepted by Mrs. Jack Messer, president of the Haywood county council, who is proving such an able leader in the P. T. A. work.

At the meeting on Tuesday in Candler Mrs. Wilton Deventorf, of Asheville, district president, presided. There were 25 in attendance with 25 delegates registered from Haywood county. The program was featured by many of the prominent P. T. A. leaders of the state among whom were: Mrs. W. B. Aycock, State president of Raleigh, Mrs. Curtis Bynum, of Asheville, past state president, and at present member of the National board, Dr. Frank McHow and Richardson of Black Mt. and New York, Mr. Clyde Egan, superintendent of the Rutherfordton schools, Dr. Frank Walls, superintendent of the Buncombe county schools, and Mrs. Raymond Binsford, of Greensboro, a past state president and at present the state field secretary, Mrs. C. S. Friel, of Canton, the past district president, had charge of the publications and her booth was a very popular place at the meeting.

Big Ben Section Has A School For First Time In 20 Years

(B. J. C. Haynes.)

This year for the first time in nearly 20 years the children in the Big Bend section of Haywood county are attending school. The Big Bend section lies on Pigeon River in the northern portion of the county and is possibly the most inaccessible section of land in Western North Carolina, no roads into this section, visitors are few and infrequent. Few people know this part of the county which has been the scene of several tragedies in the past decade.

Election Board To Meet On Saturday

J. M. Long Resigns From Board. Succeeded By Virge McClure Of Canton

The county board of elections will meet here Saturday morning to name the registrars for the two newly created precincts in Waynesville township, and together with the registrars the markers for the entire county will be named.

J. M. Long for many years a member of the board of elections, recently resigned, and in his place Virge McClure, of Canton, has been named.

In making his resignation Mr. Long stated that his private business would not permit his devoting time on the board. The other members of the board are M. G. Stamey, chairman, and George L. Hampton, Canton, secretary.

Fire Prevention Week Will Be Observed Next Week

President Roosevelt And Governor Ehringhaus Issue Proclamation Urging Safety

In keeping with National Fire Prevention Week, which will be observed throughout the nation next week, Fire Chief, S. H. Stevenson, of the local fire department had made mention of a few common causes of fires. He said in part:

"A careless discarded match or cigarette may start a fire that destroys a home, a store or factory. See that all 'smokes' are safely disposed of and never throw a match until you know it is out. Keep matches away from children and keep them at home so that the children cannot get to them."

"In North Carolina we generally start our furnaces and other heating appliances during the first of October. Fire prevention week, always the first or second week of October, is the ideal time to inspect all such appliances and this leaves one two or three weeks to have the necessary repairs made. Inspect all stoves, heaters, smokepipes and chimneys and flush them and see that all needed repairs are made before you start to allow the winter fires to be started. If there is any wood within two feet of a stove, furnace or heater or smoke pipe, either move the heater, stove, furnace or smoke pipe or the wood. It's generally easier to move the wood, but if impatient to move them, thoroughly protect wood. If the wood is closer than eighteen inches, TAKE NO CHANCES—MOVE ONE OR THE OTHER or else you will have to MOVE YOURSELF and that in a hurry."

"Look for cracks in all chimneys and flues and if you find one, have it fixed. Fire will certainly find it if you don't and fire has a way of fixing a crack in the chimney which is never very satisfactory to the person living in the house. Fix the crack before the fire fixes the house.

"Keep the basements, attics and closets free from rubbish and trash. Use metal ash cans and trash barrels and keep the ash cans away from anything that can catch fire. As soon as the trash barrel gets anywhere near full, take the trash out and carry it a good ways from the house or any other building and burn it.

"Gasoline has found its way into nearly every home in the land and it is just as dangerous if not more dangerous than the gasoline that your grandmother used away out in the back yard years ago. One manufacturer of this product advertises that one gallon will lift the Empire Building. They aren't fooling, it will do it. Think of what one gallon or one quart will do to your home. If you must use it around the house, treat it just like you would dynamite. Keep oil stoves, burners, and lamps clean and in good repair and then be very careful with them for even when clean, there is still an element of danger of fire and EXPLOSION.

"Consider what you would do if the house in which you live catches on fire. All children should be taught how to get out even when the regular way of going out is blocked and all larger children and adults know how to communicate with the fire department by the fire alarm box, if any, and the telephone.

"Fire extinguishers, water buckets for fire duty, and garden hose kept ready for quick use and used quickly and intelligently may be worth more than a whole fire department ten minutes later."

Waynesville Young People's Union To Hold Meeting

The Haywood County Young People's Union will have their regular monthly meeting at Clyde on Monday, October 8th, at the Methodist church. At this time the newly elected officers will assume their duties and a large crowd is expected. A program of exceptional interest has been planned for the meeting.

County Fair Opens To Large Crowds; Tuesday Gay Day

Thousands Attending Fair, And Tuesday Was Busy Day With Fair And Circus Here

Tuesday was a gay day in Waynesville. The Haywood County Fair opened in full swing, and Robbins Circus brought to Waynesville for the first time in many years all the usual freaks and sights of the tented city.

The circus did not stage a street parade, but brought their bands on Main street for about an hour, while the bands from the fair traded over the streets in trucks and riding banners about the fair.

The balloon vendors and the usual followers of a circus and shows were on hand to mingle with the crowds and to lend color and atmosphere to the day.

It was estimated that approximately 5,000 were in town attending either the circus or the fair during the day. The fair grounds reported a splendid attendance and the circus business was up to par or better, according to officials.

The circus and the fair grounds being on the Dellwood road caused heavy traffic in that section of town Tuesday and Tuesday night, but no accidents or disorders were reported.

At the fair the exhibits exceeded the expectations of some of those who have been working on the projects for sometime. Two large tents are being used to house the exhibits, the large tent being for farm products and poultry, and the smaller connecting tent contains the exhibits of auto dealers and some merchants.

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