

Bailey Seeks To Increase Board of Commissioners

Haywood Representative Said Last Night He Was Determined To See Bill Pass The Assembly

Proposed Bill Is The Cause of Considerable Comment Here

Number Wire In Protests, While Others Send Bailey And Ramsey Their Approval

Few, if any, official acts in this county has ever caused as much comment among the general public as the bill which was introduced by Representative J. T. Bailey last week in the General Assembly, which proposed to increase the membership of the board of commissioners from three to five members.

The news first became known here last Saturday and since that time the interest in the bill has been getting keener and keener all the while.

A number of long distance calls were put in for Mr. Bailey and Senator Ralph Ramsey; and nine separate telegrams, left here on the matter. One of the wires had seventy-two individual names protesting the increase, while two others carried 29 names, the most of which were business firms here.

It is understood that wires, both pro and con were, sent from other places in the county.

Weaver McCracken, one of the men named in the bill, wired Mr. Bailey that it would be impossible for him to serve as it conflicted with other plans.

Representative Bailey told The Mountaineer over long distance telephone from Raleigh late Wednesday night that he had no intention whatsoever of giving up the task of putting the bill through the Legislature which he introduced last week which provides that the membership of the Haywood County Board of Commissioners be increased from three members to five.

He named in his bill Weaver H. McCracken, former register of deeds of this county, and Edwin Fincher, prominent business man of Clyde.

Immediately after learning of his name being one of the two new members, Mr. McCracken wired Representative Bailey that it would be impossible for him to serve as it conflicted with other plans.

Senator Ramsey had been in the hospital, and is now confined to his hotel room, and according to Representative Bailey it might be a week or ten days before Senator Ramsey will be out again.

The bill will be kept in the senate committee on cities, towns and counties, he said. It has been in the committee ever since it left the House, after passing there under the supervision of the rules.

There has been considerable pressure brought to bear opposing the bill, while those favoring the bill have also put up strong arguments, it was learned from authoritative sources from the capital Wednesday.

It was also learned that the opposition to the bill is asking for a committee hearing. Whether this bill will be granted has not been decided.

Approximately a half dozen from this county have been to Raleigh since the bill was first introduced which was last Thursday.

Following the annual custom of the local troop of the Boy Scouts they will have a special Sunday service, the church selected this year for the occasion being the Methodist Church.

The regular Sunday morning service will be for the benefit of the twenty or more Scouts who will attend church in a body. Rev. Paul Hardin will take as his subject "Loyalty" and as a scriptural background will tell the life of Joseph.

All mothers and fathers of Boy Scouts are especially invited to attend the services.

Funeral services for Mrs. Emma Ferguson, 81, who died Monday at the home of her son in Whittier were held on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Shoal Creek Methodist Church. Rev. C. W. Clay conducted the services and burial was in the Thomas Cemetery.

Mrs. Ferguson is survived by two sons Glenn and Paul Ferguson, ten grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She was a sister of the late Mrs. S. J. Shelton of Waynesville. Attending the funeral from here were Mrs. Charles Ray, W. T. Shelton, J. Wilford Ray, Mrs. E. J. Hyatt and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Shelton.

THE WEATHER

OFFICIAL WEATHER REPORT

Date	Max.	Min.
1	45	19
2	44	21
3	44	25
4	57	27
5	35	18
6	53	23

Proposed Bill To Increase Board

On January 31st House Bill No. 210 was introduced by Representative J. T. Bailey "To increase the members of the Board of Commissioners of Haywood County from three to five." The bill passed three readings in the House.

The bill would appoint two new commissioners to serve until the first Monday in December, 1936. At the general election in 1936, five members of the Board would be elected and one of these, so designated on the ballot, would be chairman.

The bill appointed the two members to serve until the first Monday in December, 1936, naming Edwin Fincher, of Clyde, and Weaver McCracken, of Waynesville Route two.

Criminal Court Convened Monday Big Crowd Here

Sentences Handed Out By Judge J. A. Rousseau, Grand Jury Named

The February term of criminal court was underway here Monday morning with Judge J. A. Rousseau presiding.

A number of minor matters were disposed of on Monday after the selection and charge of the grand jury was complete.

Those named to serve on the grand jury for 1935 are as follows: Carl Medford, R. H. Messer, Reeves, Rathbone, Glenn Tate, Charlie Paxton, J. B. Hill, John Russell, J. W. Teague, F. M. Byers, R. G. A. Campbell, Gaston Burnett, W. A. Moore, Joe Howell, D. H. Turpin, Fred Gibson, G. G. Leatherwood, C. Z. Noland and James Ratcliff.

Among the cases heard and disposed of Wednesday included:

Roy Dills, 92 days on the road.

J. M. Keener, eight months suspended sentence for having contrivances that might be used in making liquor.

Hugh L. Wright, fined \$75 and cost for driving automobile while drunk.

Mack Caldwell, fined \$26 and costs for operating slot machines.

James Chapman two years on the roads wearing stripes for larceny and receiving.

Will Ford, 60 days suspended sentence for false pretense.

Ernest Early, nine months in jail for violation of prohibition law.

Lewis Carmish, two to five years in state prison for house breaking and receiving.

Sam McAbee, eighteen months on road wearing stripes for breaking and entering.

Dewey Ducker given 15 to 18 months on road and Maggie Best eight months in jail for adultery.

A true bill was returned against Bob Jones by the grand jury for murder in the case of Thomas Edwards. This bill was returned in open court by the entire body Tuesday afternoon.

It was unofficially said that the grand jury will probably complete their work either late Thursday or early Friday morning.

The usual large crowd of spectators were in attendance, at court. The fact that there is much flu and sickness did not decrease the attendance.

This Year's Crop Of Tobacco Was Best In History

Average Price Paid Haywood Farmers Was 18 Cents A Pound For 515,836 Pounds

Official figures given out yesterday by the county agent's office here showed that Haywood farmers received over twice as much per pound average for their 1934 burley tobacco crop as they did in 1933.

Last year the average price per acre was \$66.59. This year it reached a figure of \$190.98.

In summing up the figures as shown below, Mr. Smith stated that from these facts we know that 1934 crop was the best quality burley ever marketed out of Haywood county.

Our contract producers are convinced that the old statement of "produce less and get more" is certainly true.

STATISTICS ON HAYWOOD 1934 BURLEY CROP:

Tobacco acreage grown under contract, 510 acres.

Total pounds sold under 1934 tax exempt warrants, 545,896 pounds.

Net sales \$97,391.51.

Average price per pound, 18 cents.

Average price per acre, \$190.98.

Average poundage per acre 1,070.2.

Poundage sold by tax paid warrants, 25,766.

Gross sales by tax paid warrants, \$3,993.14.

Tax paid total, \$952.32.

Gross minus tax paid, 3,040.82.

Average price per pound 12 cents.

STATISTICS ON HAYWOOD 1933 BURLEY CROP:

Total Acreage grown by 1933 contract signers, 1,442.

Total sales for 1933 crop, \$97,028.43.

Total pounds sold, 1,070,644.

Average price per acre, \$66.59.

Average price per pound, .093.

J. R. Latham Sent To Larger Field

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Latham and family will move the latter part of next week to Gastonia, where Mr. Latham has been given a larger territory with the Standard Oil Company.

Mr. Huff, of Asheville, will take over the place here as general sales manager for this district.

Mr. and Mrs. Latham came here over five years ago from Greenville, S. C., and have affiliated themselves with the different civic organizations of the community, and have been active in the work of the First Baptist Church.

For the past year Mr. Latham has been secretary of the Rotary Club here.

CONTRABAND LIQUOR

Washington—It has recently been estimated that about one-half of the "liquor" drunk in the United States is still contraband. This means that the Federal Government lost an estimated 136 billions in revenue during the calendar year, 1934. The total federal revenue from all sorts of drinkables during the year was nearly 375 millions, which includes the tax on beer and wines. These have not been extensively bootlegged since repeal.

ONE WOMAN MEMBER OF STATE LEGISLATURE

Raleigh—Mrs. Charles Hutchins a Democrat and choice of the majority of Yancey County's 14,468 inhabitants to represent them in the 1935 General Assembly of North Carolina doesn't feel out of place because she is the only woman member. She has mixed with business and politics so long that she says "it's just as easy to deal with men as with women." She took the seat occupied in 1933 by her husband, a Burnsville attorney.

LUCKY POSTMAN

WASHINGTON, D. C.—John J. Songster of Derby, Penn., was the postman chosen to deliver to the President the 6 pound birthday greeting card since his birthday anniversary coincided with that of the president.

WOMAN OF 73 WILL HANG FOR MURDER

BUDAPEST, Hungary—Mrs. Julienne Nagy, 73 year old grand mother adjudged the principal in a plot of "mass murder of relatives," to acquire their property was sentenced to hang. The poison was administered by arsenic taken from fly paper.

EXPEDITION HOMEWARD BOUND

NEW YORK—Admiral Byrd and his party of antarctic explorers left Little America this week for home, after spending two years in the region of the South Pole.

M. Long Building \$6000 Club House at Golf Course

Modern Club House Will Have Lockers, Showers and Every Convenience

NEW MEN WORKING ON GREENS OF COURSE

Men began the first of the \$6,000 stone club house which is being erected at the Waynesville Country Club golf course by J. Long, owner.

The club house has been torn down and the new two-story modern building will be on the same site as the old one.

Long said that dressing rooms, showers for both men and women will be installed, together with a large lobby will be one of the main features of the building and will be suitable for dancing.

The building will be, about thirty feet high and will be at least three stories high and also have a basement. Mr. Long said it was possible to finish the building. With favorable conditions he expects to have the building complete in ten days. Monday morning he began removing the old building and clearing the site for the new house.

At the annual meeting of the members of the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce last Thursday night, the new directors for the coming year were elected.

Those elected were as follows: E. J. Hyatt, J. M. Long, Guy Massie, Curtis Russ, E. L. Withers, C. E. Ray, Jr., L. M. Richeson, J. Harden Howell, W. A. Bradley and Ralph Prevost.

The new directors are scheduled to meet tonight and elect a president for the coming year, and to make definite plans for the program for the coming year.

The president will be named from the present membership of the board.

At the meeting last Thursday night, a brief review of the year's work was given by E. L. Withers, secretary and Mrs. T. L. Gwyn, assistant secretary.

Hugh Massie, chairman of the playground and entertainment committee gave a report of his committee's work, and W. Curtis Russ reported on the publicity committee. W. T. Shelton was chairman of the roads and park committee and Frank W. Miller gave some interesting points on the plans for this immediate section.

The meeting voted to make Mr. Frank Miller and Mr. W. T. Shelton honorary members of the board.

Over Three Million In Sales In County During Year Of '33

Haywood County is credited with a total of net sales made in 1933 of \$3,031,000, according to figures given out by the University News Letter recently.

At that time there were 198 stores in the county, and the annual payroll was given at \$292,000.

The total sales for the state were \$363,111,000 for the 27,652 stores. This county ranked 29th in the state.

The authority for the figures have estimated that a gain of 38 per cent over 1933 figures was noted for the first seven months in 1934.

BREWERY WILL OPEN IN GUILFORD COUNTY

HIGH POINT.—The Premier Brewing Company approximately a half million dollar company has been organized this month here to manufacture and distribute beer. J. Berge von Linde master brewer and foremost authority on brewing both in America and abroad, will serve as president of the company. Farmers are urged to grow barley and hops commercially.

DUKE POWER COMPANY REDUCES RATES

RALEIGH.—The Duke Power Company has voluntarily filed a new schedule of rates effective March 1, for power consumers whose primary business is the resale and distribution of electricity and to towns for resale for municipal power purposes, Stanley Winborne, commissioner of public utilities, announced on Saturday.

RALEIGH.—The supreme court Monday denied Dwight Beard an appeal from the electric chair. Beard is from Burke county and was found guilty of killing a Valdese merchant about three years ago. He is sentenced to die February 15.

Fifty-one other cases were handed down by the court.

Circulation Facts

Since the first of February The Mountaineer has received

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