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New Officials Now In Charge of County Affairs

J. A. Lowe Named Chairman Of Commissioners, Hannah Is Attorney

Haywood county's new officers took the oath of office early Monday morning, and immediately assumed the duties of their respective offices.

The commissioners went into executive session for the purpose of electing a chairman. The board of seven, named J. A. Lowe, former sheriff of the county, as chairman. Mr. Lowe had been mentioned for the post in political circles ever since the June primary.

The commissioners renamed William Hannah as county attorney. No other appointments were made by the board. They reviewed the work of several departments, and conferred at length with Mrs. J. Dale Stentz, superintendent of the welfare department. They ended their long session by drawing a jury for the January term of civil court. They will probably meet again before their regular third Monday meeting, but no definite date has been set.

The opening of court was delayed Monday morning, in order that the 400 people in the court room could hear the address by governor-elect Clyde R. Hoey to the incoming officers in the 100 counties. Judge Felix E. Alley administered the oath of office to Sheriff R. V. Welch immediately after the broadcast of Mr. Hoey.

W. G. Byers, clerk of court, gave the oath to C. C. Francis, register of deeds, and J. R. Westmoreland, coroner, before the audience of about 400. Many congratulations were offered to the new officers, as they took up their new work.

Before Mr. Francis had time to take off his hat in the register of deeds office, a colored bridegroom applied for a marriage license.

The new board of commissioners is composed of: J. A. Lowe, Glenn C. Palmer, Ralph Moore, Clarence C. Medford, Jarvis H. Allison, R. T. Boyd, and G. C. Rogers.

Mrs. G. A. Melton, 78, Buried Sunday P. M.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon for Mrs. G. A. Melton, 78, who passed away early Saturday morning of a heart attack, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Robert Williams. Mrs. Melton had been confined to her bed for about three weeks.

The services were held at the Rattliff Cove Baptist church, with Rev. Thos. Erwin in charge and assisted by Rev. A. V. Joyner, Rev. A. C. Arrington and Rev. P. C. Hicks.

Mrs. Melton was born in Jackson county. At the age of 13 she joined the church, and was a faithful member until she became seriously ill three weeks ago.

She is survived by the following: Mrs. Will Hooper, Mrs. Joe Mills, John Melton, all of Jackson county, and Sylvester Melton, of Asheville, Mrs. Pink Sisk, Mrs. Lane Arrington, Sam Melton, and Mrs. Robert Williams, of Waynesville.

Active pallbearers were grandsons of the deceased: George Sisk, Rufus Melton, Virgel Hooper, Homer Sisk, Wade Mills, and Mark Melton.

Teachers Of County To Meet Saturday

The teachers of the county will meet Saturday, at 9:30 at the Waynesville Central Elementary school for their regular December conference.

The conference will deal with health and social studies. The devotional will be led by Dr. R. P. Walker, and other speakers will include J. C. Brown, vocational instructor at the Waynesville Township High School, and a discussion by C. F. Owen on teaching geography and history of Haywood County in the schools.

At eleven o'clock, Miss Josephine Daniels, of the State Board of Health, will address the teachers.

RETURN FROM NEW YORK

Mrs. Mary Saumenig, Miss Katherine Ray, and Mr. Clyde Ray, Jr., have returned from New York, where they went a month ago, expecting to sail from there on a world cruise, but owing to the maritime strike were unable to carry out their plans at this time.

Today's Market

The following cash prices were being paid Wednesday by the Farmers Federation here:

Chickens, heavy weight hens	10c
Chickens, fryers	10c
Eggs, dozen	33c
Corn, bushel	75c
Wheat, bushel	\$1.00

COMING HERE



J. EDWARD ALLEN

200 Masons Will Meet Here Dec. 15 For Mystic Feast

Two hundred Masons from Buncombe, Haywood and other Western North Carolina counties are expected to assemble at the Waynesville Masonic Temple next Tuesday night, December 15th, for the beautiful ceremony of the Mystic Feast of the 7th degree to be observed in honor of J. Edward Allen, of Waverton, Grand Commander of Knights Templar of North Carolina, and Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M.; this meeting being of special interest to all Masons since it will mark the first time this impressive ceremony has been given by any lodge in the western part of the state.

While the district assembly is held under the auspices of the Knights Templar of the ninth division consisting of Cyrene Commandery No. 9 of Asheville and Waynesville Commandery No. 31, all Master Masons are invited to attend according to an announcement of Divisional Commander, T. Troy Wycher, and large delegations are expected from all the lodges in the Western North Carolina district. The Grand Commander in addition to being a Grand Lodge officer is the foreign correspondent for all the state Masonic bodies, is an author of several texts on Masonic subjects and last summer acted as a special representative.

November Traffic In Park Increased 23% Over Nov. 1935

Estimated travel to Great Smoky Mountains National Park for November of this year, was 30,546. A traffic count taken at one of the six entrances to the park resulted in a count of 8,087 automobiles carrying 25,455 people. Estimating that 20 per cent additional people came into the park at the five other entrances, a total travel figure of 30,546 is estimated, an increase of 23.9% over November, 1935.

Automobiles from 30 states, the District of Columbia, Canada, England and Cuba were counted, with 31% of visitors being from states other than Tennessee and North Carolina.

Boone Infant Buried Monday Afternoon

Celia Alderige Boone, 2-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Boone, of Hyatt's Creek, was buried at Green Hill cemetery on Monday afternoon.

Rev. A. C. Arrington conducted the services at the home. This was the only child of the family. Death came Sunday night.

Judge Alley Speaker At Elks Memorial Service

Judge Felix E. Alley made the principal address at the Memorial Day program of the Elks Lodge, of Asheville, which was held at the First Baptist church at 3 o'clock on Sunday afternoon. He was introduced by state senator A. Hall Johnson.

PALMER IS IMPROVING

W. Riley Palmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn C. Palmer, of Crabtree, is improving at State College, where he is a student, after having undergone an operation for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Haynes will leave today for a visit of several weeks in Florida.

Community Sing Will Be Staged Sunday, Dec. 20

J. Dale Stentz is completing final details this week for an old fashioned "Community Sing," which will be staged at the Park Theatre on Sunday evening, December 20, from seven to eight o'clock.

Christmas songs will be used exclusively, and the entire audience will sing. While members of the choir of the town will be in the audience, no special solo work or group selections will be given.

There will be no admission charges. Further details will be announced in next week's paper. The regular candle lighting service to be given by the Choral Club will be held at five o'clock at the Methodist church on Sunday, December 20. The two services will not conflict.

Donald Henderson, Sentenced 10 to 15 Years For Murder

Boy 16 Years Old Sentenced For Slaying Father Near Clyde Last August

Donald Henderson, 16-year-old boy of near Canton, was sentenced Monday morning by Judge Felix E. Alley, to serve from 10 to 15 years in the state prison at Raleigh, for the fatal shooting of his father, last August.

Young Henderson, through his attorney, entered a plea of guilty of manslaughter, Friday afternoon. Judge Alley heard the evidence and passed sentence Monday morning.

In passing sentence Judge Alley said that there were entirely too many family killings in North Carolina. "Family killings are getting to be too common, and something must be done to stop them."

The state's evidence showed that W. C. Henderson was killed while he slept under an apple tree on August 16th, in his yard near Clyde. The bullets were found in the ground under the body, after having passed through the man's head.

Further evidence showed that the boy's father had been drinking heavily, and had frequently abused his family.

Minor Cases Being Cleared From Court Criminal Docket

Two Major Cases Disposed Of, Number Smaller Cases Being Cleared

With both major cases scheduled for this term of criminal court out of the way, the first of this week was given over to clearing the docket of small minor cases, with Judge Felix E. Alley presiding.

Among the cases and sentences passed on during the past week include the following:

Cliff Caldwell, guilty of assault with deadly weapon, was given six months on the road.

Claude McElrath, Fred Gosnell, Ruth Patterson, and Avie Arrington, charged with larceny, were each given 12 years in the state prison.

Joe Hoyle, in whose truck Mrs. Cora Smathers was killed last August while he was driving, was let off with the costs and good behavior.

In the case of L. A. Young, charged with the violation of the prohibition law, judgment was continued.

J. T. Brooke, age 17, guilty of assault with deadly weapon, was charged to stay with Lester Smathers, on his farm and to obey orders and directions of Mr. Smathers for two years.

Ben Holder, charged with abandonment, is to pay costs of action and make bond for \$200 for his appearance at the February term of court.

Glenn Christopher, driving while drunk, was ordered to pay costs of action and a fine of \$25 and pay the sum of \$50 to Mrs. James Caldwell.

Dewey Ross, charged with assault, was let off with the costs of the action and a fine of \$25.00.

Connie Muse, driving while drunk, and assault with deadly weapon, ordered to pay costs of the action and the sum of \$100 to Mrs. George Ball.

Frank Wyatt, for violation of the prohibition law, to pay costs and be of good behavior for a period of five years.

Mrs. Kenneth Ferguson Will Be With Smith's Drug

Mrs. Kenneth Ferguson will assume her duties this week-end at Smith's Cut Rate Drug Store, where she will have charge of the toilet goods department.

An extra large stock has been put in by the manager of the store, and also much additional space given over to this department.

J. F. Cabe Leaves For Special Session of Legislature

General Assembly Called Into Special Session To Act On Social Security

Representative J. F. Cabe left yesterday for Raleigh, where he will attend the special session of the legislature called by Gov. Ehringhaus, which will open this morning.

Notice of the extra session was received by Representative Cabe Saturday afternoon in a telegram from the governor after a meeting with the council of state adopted a resolution advising the session in order to rush through social security legislation to conform with the federal law which goes into effect January first.

Representative Cabe said that he would make his headquarters at the Six Walter Raleigh while in Raleigh, and that he could be contacted there. He felt confident that the special session would adjourn before Christmas.

Before leaving, he said he favored the state following the plan of the federal government in adopting the social security act. He does not expect any trouble in the act being passed.

Under the social security act, states which have failed to comply with unemployment insurance provisions by the January 1 deadline, stand to lose insurance benefits. Estimates have fixed North Carolina's share of the benefits at upwards of \$2,500,000. The regular legislative session will

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Police Use Their New Car In Getting 177 Gallons Of Liquor

Since getting their new 1937 Ford the Waynesville police department has been going places—in fact, they have already caught three liquor cars which contained 177 gallons of liquor. The fines and costs, going a long way towards the cost of the car.

Saturday morning the police caught A. H. Henderson, of West Asheville, on the Asheville road near the hospital, with 31 gallons. He was arrested by Policemen Cochran, Bryson and Phillips. The Asheville man was fined \$49.60, and his car held by Mayor J. H. Way in Monday's court.

On Saturday night Richard P. Russell, of Canton, was caught just below the cemetery. He had 16 gallons. He paid a similar fine, and his car is being held.

Early Wednesday morning two cars were chased on Brunner Avenue by policemen Phillip and Bryson. The cars separated and the police chased one car beyond Canton, and overtook a 1935 V-8 which contained 130 gallons. The liquor was in 12 10-gallon kegs, and in two 5-gallon cans. The entire catch of the past few days was poured out Wednesday afternoon.

It was learned Wednesday morning that certain sections of colored town have looked on the new police car as a "silent flash" as compared with the older model car which was used for so long and could be heard quite a distance when the police approached a scene.

Aged Officer Gets Still After Exciting Raid At Cruso

T. R. Pless, 80-year-old deputy sheriff, together with others, made a raid last Thursday on a high mountain near Cruso, and captured a still and destroyed several barrels of beer.

The officers found the still on Wednesday, and not finding anyone there, waited until the next day, hoping to capture the operators. While waiting near the trail, three men came by. Sheriff Pless leaped out at them, and ordered them to stop, but instead, the men fled over steep cliffs, dropping a shot gun, their hats, and a bag of food in the trail.

Officers failed to find the men after an hour's search, but fear they must have gotten crippled in their leap over the rocky cliffs.

Besides the hats, gun and food, a pocketknife with the initials "A. C." carved on the handle. Mr. Pless is holding all articles and says he is willing for the owners to come to his home and claim them.

In all his experiences, Mr. Pless said this raid was the most exciting of all.

DO YOUR PART TO BRING CHRISTMAS CHEER

A drive will be inaugurated the first of next week by the Woman's Club to solicit funds to defray the expenses of the Community Christmas tree, which they sponsor each year, for the underprivileged children of the town. Be ready to contribute to this worthy fund.

City Being Extensively Decorated For Christmas

BANQUET SPEAKER



W. W. CARD

W. W. Card Will Address Duke Alumni Here Friday Night

The annual banquet held by the Duke Alumni Association of Haywood county will be staged on Friday night at 7:30 o'clock in the banquet hall of the Methodist church, with Fred Safford, president of the group, as master of ceremonies.

The principal address of the evening will be by "Cap" W. W. Card, director of physical education at Duke University, who will talk on "Looking to the Centennial in 1938." He will bring a message regarding the aims and purposes of the institution and the various phases of its growth and development at this vitally important period of its history. He will be introduced by C. E. Weatherly.

In addition to the address of the evening there will be a number of other interesting features, including the election of officers for the ensuing year, and some musical numbers by Miss Bobbie Jean Truesdale.

The dinner here will be one of many to be held in North Carolina and other states in commemoration of the twelfth anniversary of the creation of the Duke Endowment, making possible Duke University, on December 11, 1924. At least two dinners will be held in counties outside of the United States.

Mill Exchange Will Be Opened Within Few Weeks In Town

Work is moving forward rapidly on the additional building next to the Cherokee Auto Company, for housing the new feed mill equipment which Earl Ferguson plans to install within the next week or so.

Besides the feed mill equipment, the front of the building will be devoted to a new concern, known as the Mill Exchange. The firm will buy wheat and corn, and will also have for sale at all times products of the Jonathan Roller Mills.

"Our idea of establishing quarters in Waynesville is that we may serve our customers better," Mr. Ferguson said. "When we open within a few weeks, our customers will not have to go to the mill on Jonathan Creek, but can deal direct at the Mill Exchange."

The feed mill will be electric throughout, he said, and will be housed in a building about 20 by 40 feet. The Jonathan Roller Mill is one of the few mills in the state which grinds buckwheat and rye.

The mill has been operated by R. M. Ferguson and Earl Ferguson for several years. They first bought it 15 years ago. R. M. Ferguson's estate is interested in the mill and also the Mill Exchange.

Local Masons Elect Officers For 1937

Waynesville Lodge No. 259, A. F. and A. M. held their annual election of officers on Friday night, December 4th. The new officers will be installed on Friday night, December 28th.

The following were elected:

- W. J. Campbell, worshipful master.
- R. H. Gibson, senior warden.
- L. N. Davis, junior warden.
- L. M. Black, treasurer.
- C. B. Hosaflook, secretary.
- F. E. Burgess, senior deacon.
- E. H. Ballentine, junior deacon.
- W. D. Smith, senior steward.
- W. P. Campbell, junior steward.
- S. A. Bradley, tyler.

MEMBER OF CLUB
Miss Abbie Fay Henry was recently named a member of the botany club of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, at Greensboro.

Colored Lights and Evergreens Being Placed On Principal Business Streets

By the end of this week, the principal streets in Waynesville will resemble fairyland, with the hundreds of colored lights, several hundred yards of evergreen rope, and wreaths that will be suspended overhead.

Workmen have been going at a feverish pace since the first of the week stringing over 300 colored lights over Main street, Church street, and at the depot. Besides the lights, over 300 yards of evergreen rope, about six inches in diameter, is being suspended over the strands of colored lights, and from each pole from which lights are suspended, there will be a five foot tree attached just above the white-way lights.

Besides all of that, Oscar Briggs, plans to have three large evergreen wreaths with lights, placed at three intersections, together with the large four foot wreath which Father Howard V. Lane always donates towards the city's decorations.

The town board of aldermen at their meeting last Thursday night, heard members of the Chamber of Commerce outline plans for decorating the streets, and the city board donated \$100 towards the fund and provided men to do the work. The task of suspending the lights was turned over to Robert Hugh Clark, who is in charge of the city's light department.

The details were worked out by Mr. Clark and Mr. Stentz, of the Chamber of Commerce, and others.

The first string of lights are in front of The Mountaineer office, and hang from every light pole to the post office. Other strings are on Church street, and down at the depot.

It was learned yesterday that the Woman's Club will soon erect their annual Christmas tree on the sidewalk of the court house and have it lighted each night.

Extra transformers had to be erected to take care of the heavy load

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David Stentz and Thelma Clark Win

David Stentz and Ethel Caldwell won first places in the high school declamation contest this week. In the elementary contest, Marion Green and Thelma Clark were declared winners. The two from the elementary group will compete tonight at Fines Creek in the county contest.

Joe Johnson, winner of second place for boys, and Ethel Caldwell will go to Mars Hill to compete in the district contest. David Stentz will compete in the county high school contest on December 17th.

Other winners in the contests were high school: Joe Davis, third; Virginia Kellett, second, who will also compete in the county contest, and Francis Allison, third.

Winners of second and third places in the elementary contests were: Virgil Smith and Dorothy Richeson. It took four days to complete the high school contest, and the elementary was finished yesterday morning.

In the high school group 8 boys entered, and 22 girls.

Booster Club To Entertain Teachers

Tonight the Booster Club, of Hazelwood will entertain with a supper party in the Town Hall, with the members of the Missionary Society of the Baptist church, of Hazelwood, serving the supper.

Special guests of the occasion will be the wives, friends, and teachers of the Hazelwood school. Dr. R. Stuart Roberson will be toastmaster.

The program will be made up of many attractive features, centering around Christmas.

Series Of Talks Will Be Continued At St. John's

Rev. Father Federal, of St. Margaret Mary's Catholic church, Swannanoa, will give the second in a series of talks on the Ten Commandments on Thursday night at 7:30. The title of his talk will be "Conscience."

Miss Mildred Crawford will sing as a solo "O Come, O Come Emmanuel." Mrs. Elizabeth Delay will be at the organ. All are invited to attend these lectures.

The Weather

	Max.	Min.
Wednesday	34	25
Thursday	48	34
Friday	50	37
Saturday	44	23
Sunday	59	24
Monday	60	23
Tuesday	46	20