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## Louise Messer, Of Fines Creek, Wins Trade At Home Prize

### Large Number Of Essays Entered In Contest Staged By Chamber Of Commerce

Miss Louise Messer, a student of Fines Creek high school, won the first prize of \$8 in cash, offered by the merchant's division of the Chamber of Commerce, for the best essay from a high school student on the subject, "Why it is good business to try at home first."

Richard Turpin, student of the Waynesville Township high school, had the best essay from the school, while Christine Rogers, of Clyde, submitted the best from the Clyde school, Jessie Edwards, of Bethel, won first prize from there. Each of these winners will receive a check for three dollars.

The first prize of \$5 offered to the best essay from an elementary school student went to Bill Toy, of Lake Junaluska. The second prize of \$2.50 also went to a Junaluska student, Blanche Massey.

Jack Bramlett had the second best from Fines Creek; Jack Medford, the second best from Clyde, Mildred Hargrove, second from Bethel, and Catherine Martin was second in the Waynesville school.

J. Dale Stentz, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, said yesterday that the three judges went over the letters carefully, and had quite a task, as a large number were submitted. "It took considerable time and effort to select the best," he said. "They were all good letters, and the Chamber of Commerce congratulates the winners, and thanks all those who participated."

The essay contest was part of the "Try at Home First Campaign," which was staged by the merchant's division of the Chamber of Commerce here for the past few weeks.

The winning essays will be published next week.

## Dr. T. Stringfield Is Commander Of Spanish War Vets

At the regular meeting of the Hugh A. Love Camp, No. 12, department of North Carolina United Spanish American War veterans, last Friday, the following officers were elected to serve for the coming year:

Commander, Thos. Stringfield, Senior Vice Commander, C. A. Mooney, Junior Vice Commander, R. Claude Jones, Adjutant, John Shook, Quartermaster, J. B. Hoyle, Trustee, J. R. Boyd, Jr., Patriotic Instructor, J. M. Curtis, Historian, J. B. Hoyle, Surgeon, Thos. Stringfield, Chaplain, J. D. Justice, Officer of the Day, Mack White, Officer of the Guard, John Platt, Sergeant Major, C. F. Shook, Quartermaster Sergeant, J. R. Boyd, Jr., Senior Color Sergeant, John D. Wright, Junior Color Sergeant, O. J. Jenkins, Chief Musician, Joe Schenck.

## N. C. Legislature Passes Insurance Bill And Adjourns

The special session of the North Carolina legislature adjourned sine die Wednesday at noon, after having passed in record time, and without any controversy, the unemployment insurance bill which brings North Carolina under the list of states to participate in the federal government social security program.

Copies of the bill will be certified and sent to Washington at once. Not a single vote was cast against the measure in either the house or the senate.

While things went along without a hitch in this special session, members of both houses have made it plain that such will not be the case when the regular session convenes early in January.

**IN NORTH WILKESBORO**  
M. D. Watkins, of Watkins Chevrolet Company, spent yesterday in North Wilkesboro on business.

## 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	32c
Corn, bushel	75c
Wheat, bushel	\$1.00

## Mountaineer Will Be Published Early

In order that the subscribers may get their paper before Christmas, The Mountaineer will be published next Tuesday afternoon instead of on Wednesday. All readers will then get their paper by noon Wednesday.

Those having news items, and advertisers, are asked to get their material to this office not later than ten o'clock Tuesday morning.

## Community Singing Set For 7 O'clock Sunday Evening

The first Christmas "community sing" ever held in Waynesville is scheduled for Sunday night, December 20th, at 7 o'clock at the Park Theatre.

Mr. Massey is providing the Theatre for this occasion and it is believed that the entire seating capacity will be filled.

The entire evening will be given to community singing—in other words—every person there will be expected to do his or her part to make the evening one long to be remembered.

No admission will be charged, all seats will be free.

The words of the songs to be used are being printed through the courtesy of The Mountaineer and you will be supplied with these at the door as you pass in.

J. Dale Stentz will be in charge and will lead the singing. Mrs. J. Dale Stentz will be at the piano.

This evening of Christmas songs is being sponsored jointly by the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce and the Woman's Club. It is suggested that you come early.

## Ledbetter Is Not Seeking State Job

The correspondent from Raleigh, of the Asheville Citizen-Times, was a bit mixed in information regarding certain ones seeking office under the new state administration from this section of the state.

It stated that Mr. Arthur Ledbetter, business manager of the Haywood County Hospital, had applied for the position now held by Oral Yates, of Haywood county, in the weights and measures section of the department of agriculture.

Mr. Ledbetter in a statement to this paper says he has not applied for the office and does not intend to do so.

## Police Make 46 Arrests For Dec.

A check-up yesterday of the police records showed that up to Wednesday noon, 46 people had been arrested by city policemen since the first of December. The majority of these were for being drunk or transporting liquor.

About four gallons were captured at two sources during the week by Policemen Patton and Cochrane. One car was stopped, and a house on Smathers street raided.

## Singing Group To Meet In Canton

The East Haywood Singing convention will meet Sunday afternoon, December 20th, at two o'clock, according to H. A. Williams, chairman. The meeting will be held at the Wesley Methodist church, on Newfound street in Canton.

All singers and lovers of music are invited to attend.

## ROTARIANS MEET WITH OTHER W. N. C. CLUBS

The Sylva Rotary Club was hosts Tuesday night to all Rotary Clubs west of Asheville, at an inter-city meeting.

Several from the Waynesville club attended the Sylva meeting. This, however, will not take the place of the regular meeting Friday, at 12:30.

## CAPT. A. HOWELL HEARD FROM

Capt. Alden Howell, Sr., who has been making his home in Los Angeles, Calif., for the past several years, was heard from this week.

W. G. Byers, clerk of the court, received a letter from him this week, stating that he was "in good health and enjoying life." Capt. Howell is 96 years old, and is the oldest pensioner on the local list, Mr. Byers stated.

## Will Seek \$743,000 From President For Completing Park

An outgrowth of a meeting of representatives from Tennessee and Western North Carolina in Knoxville last Friday, plans are underway to contact President Roosevelt at an early date in an effort to get an approval of an appropriation for \$743,000, with which to buy about 34,000 acres in the park.

The acquisition of the 34,000 acres is necessary before the full required amount will be met and the park taken over by the Federal Government and fully developed.

The Chamber of Commerce was represented at the meeting by the secretary, J. Dale Stentz, L. N. Davis, and W. L. Lampkin. Several from Asheville attended the meeting, but no other North Carolina towns were represented.

Formal organization was made at the meeting, and Rawley Cramble, of Chattanooga, was named chairman, and Chas. A. Webb, of Asheville, vice chairman.

The executive committee is composed of seven members, two from Chattanooga, two from Knoxville, two from Asheville, and J. Dale Stentz, of Waynesville.

Mr. Stentz reported that two members were named to make plans for contacting the president as soon as he returns from his South American trip, and if for any reason the two states failed to get the necessary money from the president, a bill will be introduced in the coming session of congress to appropriate the amount.

It was the opinion of Mr. Stentz, that the new organization would not stop until the money was in and, the 34,000 acres bought, and the park turned over to the Federal Government.

The determination with which the group from both states went to work, convinced me that the objective of finding \$743,000 for buying the remaining land will be a success," Mr. Stentz said.

The group was also encouraged by the statement made by Mr. Roosevelt after his trip through the park last September.

## Civil War Veterans And Widows Receive Semi-Annual Checks

Only four veterans of the War Between the States, and eleven of their widows visited the office of W. G. Byers on Tuesday and received their semi-annual checks. Others sent members of their families or friends.

As their usual custom the Haywood Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy served a lunch for them and gave a Christmas package to each, and packages to those not attending. Mrs. John M. Queen, Mrs. L. M. Killian, and Mrs. James R. Boyd, Jr., had charge of the arrangements of the day.

There are only eight names left now on the county pension roll of veterans, W. L. Massey, Daniel Levi Mathis, James E. Swayngin, H. M. Wood, J. E. Wyatt, John Hoyle, R. T. Underwood, and Alden Howell, who now lives in Los Angeles, Calif. They receive semi-annually \$182.50, with the exception of John Hoyle, of Canton, who is blind and receives a special monthly payment.

There are thirteen widows in what is known as the second class. They receive \$150 semi-annually, and are as follows: Mrs. Susan Trull, Mrs. Merritt Trantham, Mrs. Mattie Platt, Mrs. Ella Mull, Mrs. Addie Massey, Mrs. Mary MacFayden, Mrs. Mattie Littlefield, Mrs. Ellen Fowler, Mrs. Amanda Cook, Mrs. Susan Bargin, Mrs. E. E. Boyd, and Mrs. J. W. Blanton.

In the first class, are grouped the younger widows, who received \$50 semi-annually. Receiving pensions in Haywood are: Mrs. M. L. Birchfield, Mrs. Barhaney Cabe, Mrs. Cordelia Clark, Mrs. Laura Curtis, Mrs. W. R. Ferguson, Mrs. M. C. Hoglen, Mrs. Martha Hoyle, Mrs. L. Y. Jolly, Mrs. Rachel M. Lewis, Mrs. Jane Robinson, Mrs. Jessie T. Rogge, Mrs. M. A. Ferguson, Mrs. Sallie Trull, Mrs. Martha White, Mrs. Artie Arrington, Mrs. S. C. Chambers, Mrs. Martha M. Jones, Mrs. C. E. Mann, and Mrs. N. V. Mills.

## Caldwell Child Is Injured By Auto

Junior Caldwell, age four, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Caldwell, who live on the Dellwood Road, was knocked down on the highway near his home around 2:30 o'clock on Sunday afternoon.

He was taken to the Haywood County Hospital where he is now a patient. One leg was injured and he suffered several cuts on the face.

## J. J. Ferguson To Succeed Noland In County Tax Office

On last Friday the county board of commissioners had a call meeting for the purpose of accepting the resignation of Andy Grady Noland, assistant tax collector, and electing his successor, J. J. Ferguson was elected to succeed Mr. Noland.

Mr. Ferguson will take over his new duties as assistant to W. H. McCracken, tax collector and tax supervisor, sometime during the next week.

Mr. Noland has served the county in this capacity for the past ten years. It was not learned what work Mr. Noland would take up, following his resignation.

The board ordered that two index books for the office of the register of deeds, one for the marriage licenses and one for the vital statistics be bought, to complete the indexing system started in this office. The purchase was to be made provided the WPA continued the present project, asking nothing of the county but the books and the cards.

J. R. Boyd and James Atkins, appeared before the board in behalf of the Duke Summer School, of Lake Junaluska, and asked for an appropriation of \$200 for a teacher-training support of the school, which was granted.

## Christmas Music Will Be Heard On Streets Here Daily

Beginning Friday noon of this week, there will be inaugurated another new Christmas feature for this community—Christmas music will fill the air each day at twelve and five.

The Christmas songs will be heard through extra large loud speakers being erected at the Park Theatre by J. E. Massey. The music will be heard for several blocks from the theatre.

J. Dale Stentz, of the Chamber of Commerce, will be in charge of this new Christmas feature.

Listen for the music each day from Friday until Christmas, at noon and at five.

## Two Mountaineers On All-Western

Sports editors of the Asheville Citizen-Times placed two Waynesville players on the all-western prep high eleven.

Garrett Reeves was named at quarterback and Fagg Sawyer was placed at guard.

Ben Bryson landed a place on the second team at tackle, and Yount was named fullback on the third team.

Cathey was given honorable mention at end, and Byrd at center.

Asheville high placed five men on the team, with Blue Ridge getting one, Asheville School one, and Christ School one.

## Town Being Cleaned Up For Holidays

T. L. Bramlett, member of the board of aldermen, and chairman of the street department, has a crew of men at work this week cleaning up lots and streets before the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Bramlett said the work would continue until Christmas, and it was his purpose to have the town "spic and span" for the holidays.

## Schools Close For Two-Week Holiday

The schools of the county will close Friday for a two-week holiday. The second half of the year's work will begin on January fourth, it was learned from school officials.

## MISS TURNER HONORED AT BREVARD COLLEGE

Miss Mary Anne Turner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Turner, of Waynesville, was chosen chief marshal for the fall term commencement, which was held at Brevard College on December 7th. The selection of marshalls was based on scholarship.

Miss Turner, who made a splendid record in the local high school, was awarded the scholarship to Brevard College offered by the District Woman's Missionary Societies of the Methodist churches.

## GONE TO BOSTON

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Russell left Tuesday for several weeks visit with relatives at Boston, Mass., and various points North.

## Local Stores Will Remain Open Nights

A group of merchants decided this week that they would remain open next week, beginning with Tuesday night. On Tuesday and Wednesday nights the stores will remain open until nine o'clock.

Thursday night they will remain open until ten o'clock, it was announced.

## History-Breaking Prices Being Paid For Burley Crop

There has been a rush of tobacco from this county since the market opened on December 20th. Most Haywood farmers are selling at Asheville, but some are trucking their tobacco to Morristown and other Tennessee markets. The weed, however, is bringing record prices regardless of where sold.

Following are a few sales reported to The Mountaineer—there are doubtless many others just as good:

Pink Best, Clyde, Route 1, 7 grades, 46 to 50 cents per pound.

Tobias Hoglan, Cove Creek, 614 pounds, (whole crop) an average of 40 cents per pound.

E. D. Medford, Waynesville, Route 2, 1 acre, \$500 (approximately).

Albert J. McCracken, Waynesville, Route 1, one-half acre, nearly \$100.

Ben Wright, of White Oak, who is working with the Carolina Warehouse in Asheville, called The Mountaineer, to report that on Tuesday, a total of 75,850 pounds sold for an average of \$38.40. This amount was sold in two hours time.

## Youth Program Helping Boys And Girls In County

Fifty boys and girls are employed in Haywood county by the Haywood unit of the National Youth administration, in the various activities throughout the county, according to Mrs. Jane R. Boyd, Jr., who is supervisor. The project is sponsored by the county board of education.

The projects include community development, school beautification and office assistants.

A large number of girls are employed in the lunch rooms of the county schools, and are gaining useful experience in the preparation and serving of meals. Another group working in WPA offices, both in Waynesville and Canton. Others are employed as typists and office assistants. A number are working in nursery schools and the public library.

The boys are employed at the different schools over the county, in beautifying and improving the school grounds. They have repaired old water mains, built new ones; placed sand and gravel in the school yards, built fences around play grounds, helped with building cement walks, and planted native shrubbery.

The purpose of the organization is to give employment to boys and girls who would otherwise be idle. The work also goes to those who need the wages which are paid, but the principal purpose, said Mrs. Boyd, is that "we are trying to get them to realize that there is a definite place for them in the life of the community as useful citizens."

## Decoration Contest Being Staged

Mrs. S. P. Gay, president of the Woman's Club, announces that the organization will hold an outside Christmas Home Decoration contest. First and second prizes will be awarded the two entries scoring according to the judges, the most points.

Mrs. Gay also calls attention to the Community Christmas tree which is sponsored each year by the club for the underprivileged children of the town. As usual the distribution of gifts from the tree, will be held on Christmas Day at 4 o'clock with a brief program of Christmas carols.

## Third Series Of Lectures Will Be Given Tonight

The third in a series of lectures on the Ten Commandments, will be given tonight at 7:30 o'clock at St. John's Catholic Chapel. The Rev. Father Scott, O. F. M., of St. Authon's church of Asheville, will be the speaker. His subject will be "Religion as an Obligation."

A special musical program will be presented by the Waynesville Choral Club under the direction of Evander Preston. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## Canton Boy Kills Self When Turned Down By Girl

### Houston Wright, 21, Fired Shot Into Brain When Girl Refused To Marry Him

When his sweetheart of two years refused to marry him, Houston Wright, 21, Canton youth, walked out of the girl's home early Sunday morning, bid her parents good-bye, and placed a pistol to his temple, fired a shot into his brain, which caused his death about 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Haywood County Hospital.

Young Wright had spent the night at the home of the girl whom he had asked to be his bride. When she refused, according to officers, J. W. Patton and Ben Cochrane, the boy got a pint of liquor, and after drinking that, went about fifty feet from the house and shot himself. Another boy was with him at the time that Wright fired the fatal shot.

Just before leaving the house, Wright is said to have told the parents of the girl: "I am going to be gone a long time before I come back." With these parting words he fired the only cartridge from his cheap, old-fashioned gun into his head, just above the right ear.

The gun is of such an old make that it had to be adjusted after each firing.

The local policemen were on the scene within five minutes after the shot was fired, and a companion the boy to the hospital after placing him in an ambulance.

## Last Rites Held For Mrs. D. P. Pressley, Monday Afternoon

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon for Mrs. D. P. Pressley, 50, who passed away Sunday, December 13th, at the Biltmore Hospital, in Asheville, from heart trouble.

The services were held at the Methodist church here, with Dr. R. S. Truesdale and the Rev. George W. Herman, in charge. Burial was made at Green Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Pressley was born in Asheville, and was the oldest daughter of the late T. P. Hall, of Liverpool, England. She moved to Waynesville 17 years ago.

She is survived by her husband and one daughter, Mrs. Clara Ivey, of Jacksonville; also two sisters, Mrs. Estelle Jackson and Mrs. M. M. Jackson, of Asheville, and one brother, F. W. Hall, also of Asheville. Pallbearers were: Hugh Massey, E. L. Withers, W. H. Owen, Cosby Prady, Emer McClure, and O. H. Shelton.

## Briggs Has Toys For Poor Children

Oscar L. Briggs announced yesterday that he had toys on hand for every underprivileged child within the city limits. It will be necessary for the parents of the children to see Mr. Briggs at the fire station between now and Christmas in order to get the toys.

## Fireworks Not To Be Shot On Main Street

Police yesterday issued a warning against shooting fireworks on Main street. They stated that all caught shooting fireworks would be arrested. To date, several have been arrested, and a number warned. From now on, it was said, all will be arrested, and no further warnings issued.

## Wreath Given By Father H. V. Lane

Father Howard V. Lane has given a beautiful evergreen wreath to the town, which has been placed on Main street near the post office. This wreath is given in the memory of the first Christmas asking that the Christ Child bless the homes and individuals of this community.

## The Weather

	Max.	Min.
Wednesday	53	21
Thursday	60	39
Friday	57	32
Saturday	43	16
Sunday	52	22
Monday	45	15
Tuesday	44	38

IT ALWAYS PAYS TO TRY AT HOME FIRST!