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Over 1,700 Patients Cared For At Haywood Hospital Last Year

Average Of 70 Patients Cared For Daily In 55 Bed Hospital. Operating Costs Reduced

With its recognition from the American Hospital Association of a place on their accredited list during the past year, the Haywood County Hospital has also reached a record peak in its service to the people of the county.

Since the Haywood institution opened its doors to the public on January the 1st, 1928, it has been in the limelight of hospitalization in North Carolina, being the first hospital to receive a donation from the Duke Endowment Fund. It has from time to time been visited by groups from other communities, contemplating the erection of similar institutions.

The past year has brought a definite realization to those responsible for the operation of the hospital, the urgent need for more room. The institution was built with a fifty-five bed capacity, and an emergency accommodation for 65.

During 1936 the daily number of patients has averaged around 70, while at times there have been more than 90 patients crowded into the wards, rooms and solariums. It will be impossible to ignore this growing demand much longer.

The comparisons of the figures of 1935 with those of 1936 give an impressive idea of what has actually been accomplished during the past year. In 1935 there were 1,239 patients admitted to the hospital, while in 1936 there were admitted 1,700 patients.

In 1936 there were a total of 26,544 patient days, as compared to a total of 16,384 patient days during 1935, showing an actual increase of more than 10,000 patient days for the past year.

The cost for each patient day in 1935 was \$2.03. In spite of the increasing demands of a greater number of patients and a higher cost of living in 1936, it has with keen management, been possible to reduce the cost to \$1.60 per patient day. Hospitals of similar size and standard in 1935 operated at a cost of \$3.45 per patient day.

Had the management of the hospital not been able to reduce this daily cost per patient in 1936, numbers of charity cases in the direct need of medical attention, would have been turned away, or the hospital operating on a basis of \$2.03, the costs would have been around \$11,000 more than the previous year. This would have left the hospital in debt, unable to meet operating expenses.

During the past year a full time man has been given the job of collecting the accounts. It has also been his duty to investigate the charity cases, going into records fully, to ascertain whether or not the patient or the family could pay the hospital bill.

For the past six months A. P. Ledbetter has held this position. As an indication not only of better times, but an increasing appreciation of the hospital on the part of the public in general, during the past few months, a total of \$1,600 on old accounts, some dating back to 1928, has been collected.

In addition to these collections long in arrears, more than \$1,000 in produce such as potatoes, beans and tomatoes, have been turned in as payment on patient accounts.

The following figures give a very definite idea of the increase of the past year over the previous one: Increase in patients approximately 37 per cent; increase in patient days, 60 per cent; increase in expenses of operation 30 per cent, and increase in collections 30 per cent.

The board of trustees are formulating plans to finance additional rooms, and also to build more completely isolated wards for the cases of contagious diseases.

Miss Ruth Hampton is the efficient superintendent of the Haywood County Hospital. The board of trustees is composed of the following: Rufus Siler, chairman, J. M. Long, George F. Platt, Dr. J. H. Smathers, all of Waynesville, Edwin Fincher, of Clyde, and from Canton, F. T. Peden, and C. L. Westmoreland.

Hazelwood Votes To Spend \$10,000 Improving The Streets

WPA Is Putting Up \$20,000 For Continuance Of Street Project. 75 Men Given Jobs

Hazelwood voters cast ballots seven to one for the ordinance which calls for the selling of \$10,000 worth of bonds in order that the street paving project may be continued.

The voice of the voters in approving the issuance of \$10,000 in bonds, means that WPA will put up \$20,000 on the project. The \$30,000 now available will enable the town of Hazelwood to repair, resurface and build sidewalks and necessary bridges on every important street in the town.

It is expected that about 30 days will be required to make the sale of bonds, and complete other necessary legal procedure.

Present plans are to have about 75 men work on the street project. For the past several months a crew of about that many men have been engaged in paving Brown Avenue from the high school to Highway No. 10 at Bradley & Rhea store.

The city officials were elated over the outcome of the election. In fact the overwhelming majority was even more than had been hoped for.

The town recently bought street machinery, and have already paid for it, and with this extra \$30,000 they feel that the streets of the town can be put in first class condition for years to come.

Hazelwood officials are: Whitner Prevost, mayor, C. N. Allen, Frank Compton, and Sam Knight, aldermen.

Noted Lecturer To Appear Here Soon

Dr. Charles E. Barker, of Grand Rapids, Mich., will speak here on Tuesday, February 9, under the auspices of the Waynesville Rotary Club. The club is bringing Dr. Barker here as a contribution of community service.

Dr. Barker has delivered over 11,000 addresses over the nation, and has been heard by an estimated audience of four million adults, three million high school students and a half million college students.

Present plans are to get Dr. Barker to appear at the high school, at the Rotary Club, and in a public address at the court house in the evening.

Further details of these meetings will be given later.

Atkins Re-appointed Manager At Lake J.

James Atkins, Jr., has been re-appointed as general manager of the Southern Methodist Assembly at Lake Junaluska.

Other officers have not been named, it was learned.

Mr. Atkins is making plans for going ahead with programs for the coming season. Mr. Atkins took over the management of the Southern Methodist Assembly in August, 1932, when it was operated under a receivership.

W.C.T.C. To Give Radio Program 22

Cullowhee.—The Great Smoky Mountains National Park as a Summer Laboratory" is the title of a program that Western Carolina Teachers College will present from station WSM, Nashville, Tennessee, January 22, at 10:30 p. m. Eastern Standard time. The program is sponsored jointly by the National Life and Accident Insurance Company and George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville.

As a result of the interest aroused in the program of last February on "A Teachers College in the Open Country" Western Carolina Teachers College has been invited by the sponsors to give a similar program this year.

SEVEN FROM HERE ON W.C.T.C. HONOR ROLL

Cullowhee.—Seven Haywood county students were placed on the Beta honor roll for the fall quarter at Western Carolina Teachers College. They were: Ruth Burch, Mary Glee Ferguson, Deane Frazier, Mary Lou Morrow, Shirley Muse, Emily Palmer,

Chairmen Of President's Birthday Ball



W. G. BYERS
Waynesville Chairman



DR. J. L. REEVES
Canton Chairman

County To Begin Foreclosure Suits On All Back Taxes

Foreclosures Will Be Started On Property. And Deeds Made To County

The board of county commissioners passed an order at the third Monday meeting this week, that foreclosure suits must be pushed immediately to property where the county taxes had not been paid to 1936.

The order, in part, said that the suits must be pushed immediately to judgment, and that deeds of the property foreclosed be made to the county. It is pointed out in the notice published elsewhere in this paper, that the county can take a deed to the property within 70 days after the institution of the suits.

Chairman of the board, J. A. Lowe, said that the records revealed that back taxes amounting to between \$150,000 and \$200,000 were on the county's books, and the board felt that ample time had been given, since some of the delinquents date back to 1927.

Among other matters disposed of, was the removal of the tramping equipment, which belongs to the county, to a shed at the county home. It seems that the equipment is not being used frequently enough to justify its staying out in all kinds of weather.

General matters of routine, which included a number of indigent cases, were disposed of by the board.

President Roosevelt Inaugurated Wed.

In the first mid-winter inaugural ever held, Franklin Delano Roosevelt began his second term as president of the United States, yesterday in the presence of thousands, celebrating the Democratic party's great victory last November.

Despite the chilly rain, thousands of visitors sloshed through the sodden streets and stood for hours awaiting the president's appearance at noon to take the oath of office and present his inaugural address. His address took twenty minutes only and was said to be the shortest ever delivered in the history of the United States.

His first public appearance was in a short drive from the White House to St. John's Episcopal church on the opposite side of Lafayette park shortly after 10 a. m. He prayed there on the morning of March the 4th, his first inaugural day.

At 11:30 a. m. began the four hour and a half spectacle, for the inaugural crowds when Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Garner and their official parties made their way to the Capitol. The outdoor events ended at 4 p. m. when the President took a salute from the last parader. The actual inaugural ceremonies took about one hour. There was a White House luncheon and tea, with 3,000 guests. Last night there was an inaugural concert, which was attended by Mrs. Roosevelt, but not the President.

The greatest drama of the entire momentous day was when the President stood before Chief Justice Hughes and repeated the oath to protect the Constitution of the United States of America.

Hugh Leatherwood Given Promotion In Legislature

Hugh Leatherwood, who has been assistant sergeant-at-arms in the Senate in Raleigh, has been promoted to the printed bills department of the

Representative Cabe Plans To Make Several Major Changes

1936 Was Best Year In History Of Local Building And Loan

Same Directors Re-elected For 1937. Association Has 4,647 Shares In Force

The eighteenth annual meeting of the stockholders of the Haywood Home Building and Loan Association was held on Tuesday night in the offices of the association in the Morgan-Ward building, with a large number of stockholders present.

According to R. L. Prevost, president of the association, the past year was the most satisfactory in the history of the organization, with the outlook for the future the best in years. He pointed out the demand and desire of prospective home owners to obtain financial assistance at this time, and the responsibility of the community to supply this demand.

The report of S. H. Bushnell, secretary and treasurer, was gratifying, both as to the increased number of stockholders and the general condition of the association. It was revealed that there are at present 4,647 shares in force, including installment and full-paid shares, as against a total of 4,333 of the previous year.

The total operating expenses for the year, including the salary of the secretary-treasurer and all other expenditures amounted to \$2,576.46, while the net income for the year totaled \$15,686.09. Full-paid shares to date total \$130,900. Undivided profits total \$15,018, with a reserve of \$20,441.18.

There has been a reduction of more than \$20,000 in the real estate holdings of the association during the year. As further evidence of the condition of the organization the time maturity of the stock was reduced from 340 weeks to 338 weeks.

Re-elected as directors were the following: C. N. Allen, J. R. Boyd, W. H. Burgin, S. H. Bushnell, O. H. Shelton, L. M. Killian, R. L. Prevost, J. W. Ray, L. M. Richeson, and E. J. Hyatt. Officers will be elected in the near future by the board of directors.

Much Interest Centered Around Naming Highway Com.

Political observers in Raleigh do not fail to ask people from this section who visit in the Capitol city, what the general opinion is regarding possible appointments to the State Highway and Public Works Commission.

General talk in Raleigh is that J. H. Yelton, of Hendersonville, who managed Mr. Hoey's campaign in Henderson county, is favored for a place on the board. In the same line, E. C. Greene, of Asheville, is being boosted by his friends as chairman of the board.

While Mr. Greene has not said he would take the place if offered to him, it is understood that he would. A number of others have been mentioned in connection with the highway commission, but those two are supposed to know what is going to happen in political affairs, predict that Mr. Greene and Yelton now stand the best chance of representing the west on the board.

The same political observers point out that the health of Frank W. Miller will keep him from considering re-appointment, and in view of the fact that Haywood county has been represented on the board, it is not likely that a Haywood man will be named by Governor Hoey.

Class In Puppetry Has Been Started

A class in puppetry for the teachers, including students from both Haywood and Jackson, was started during the week with Mrs. Grover Beard, of the extension division of education of the University of North Carolina, as instructor.

The class will continue for four and a half months, with lesson periods on Thursday afternoons from 4 until 8 o'clock, in the American Legion home. There are at present 28 teachers enrolled.

A four and a half months course in modern equipped playgrounds has recently been completed by Mrs. Beard, which included twenty-four teachers as students. The work dealt with games and plays for students of public schools ranging from the first grade through high school. A miniature exhibit of a modern playground built by the class is on display in the window of the

Will Reduce Salaries Of City Officials, And Cut Commissioners To 3 Members

Representative John Cabe has seven major changes in mind for Haywood county, and several others under consideration, he told The Mountaineer in an interview in Raleigh last week.

The two most drastic changes will be made in the county board of commissioners and the Waynesville board of aldermen. The county board will be reduced to three members, and the chairman on a full time basis. Representative Cabe plans to reduce the salaries of the town board and the mayor.

At the next election, Mr. Cabe's bill provides that only three members of the county board of commissioners shall be elected, and that the chairman shall devote his full time looking after the affairs of the county. It is Mr. Cabe's present plan to place a salary of \$1,000 a year for the chairman, and \$5 per day for the other two members.

For the town aldermen, the salaries will be reduced from \$36 a month to \$50 a year, if present plans are carried out and made into a law. The salary of the mayor of this city will be placed at \$50 a month instead of \$72. This new scale for salaries will become effective after the city election this coming May.

Mr. Cabe also has a bill which he plans to introduce which will cut the pay of the city tax collector in half. Town taxes are collected on a percentage basis, and the percentage will be reduced.

Back to the county changes, a bill which would make the tax collector's office elective will be introduced. At present the tax collector is appointed by the board of commissioners. This bill, in the tentative form, specifies the same salary as at present, namely, \$1,800 a year.

In 1935 the legislature passed a law which did away with the absentee ballots being cast for county offices. Absentee ballots can be cast for state and national candidates, so Representative Cabe plans to change this law and make it the same as it was before 1935, in order that absentee ballots can be cast for any candidate by any Haywood voter.

Mr. Cabe also favors including Haywood county in a bill that has already been introduced which will put a ban on selling and shooting fireworks in this county. The bill, in the present form, however, provides for public display of fireworks upon permission of officers of the county.

The legislature of 1933 created the office of deputy constable. Mr. Cabe said inasmuch as the office is not filled at present, and he sees no reason for its existence, he will introduce a bill to abolish it.

Another matter that Representative Cabe is giving much consideration is the revaluation of property. He has not made any decision as to what he will do on this matter as yet, only stating, "I have the matter under consideration."

A state-wide bill, and perhaps the only bill of this nature that he will introduce, calls for payment of age pensions to Civil War veterans and their wives each month, instead of every six months. The reason for this bill, he pointed out, is that there are so few of the old soldiers or their widows left, and most of them depend on their pension, that they should have it when they need it most. Making the payments monthly would not add any additional cost on the state, and would mean but little

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W. E. SHEPHERD PASSES AWAY IN COLORADO

News was received here during the week of the death of W. E. Shepherd, a former resident of Haywood county, which occurred in Denver, Colo., on January the 10th.

Mr. Shepherd was the cashier of the old Bank of Waynesville, of which Captain Alden Howell was president, for some years before moving to Colorado.

He is a brother-in-law of Horace N. Sentelle, of Canton, having married Miss Lavonia Sentelle, daughter of the late Rev. R. A. Sentelle, well known educator of Haywood county.

The Weather

	Max.	Min.
Wednesday	62	55
Thursday	66	53
Friday	54	28
Saturday	53	28
Sunday	69	44

Today's Market

The following cash prices were being paid Wednesday by the Farmers Federation here:
Chickens, heavy weight hens ... 10c
Chickens, fryers ... 12c
Eggs, dozen ... 15c
Corn, bushel ... 90c