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## L. N. Davis Elected President Local Chamber Of Commerce

New Board Of Directors, Consisting of 12 Members, Hold First Meeting

L. N. Davis was unanimously elected president of the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce, by the board of directors who were elected at the annual election meeting on last Thursday night.

Ernest L. Withers, former secretary, was named first vice president and H. E. Colkitt was elected second vice president.

Hugh Massie was re-elected treasurer and J. Dale Stentz was continued as full time secretary.

Mr. Davis succeeds Chas. E. Ray, Jr., as president. Mr. Ray served for two years in that capacity and presided at the annual election meeting held in the court house last Thursday night, at which time 12 directors were elected.

For years past, only 10 directors were named, but a motion to elect 12 for 1937 was passed, and three additional names—the names of the nominating committee—were added to the proposed list of 15. From the 18 nominees, the following were elected directors:

Ben E. Calkitt, L. M. Richeson, Ralph Provost, W. H. Massie, James Atkins, Jr., Chas. E. Ray, Jr., M. H. Bowles, Dr. S. P. Gay, L. N. Davis, E. L. Withers, and W. Curtis Russ.

At the first meeting of the directors Monday night, the members went on record favoring Mr. Ray for another term as president. He declined, stating that he felt two years was long enough to serve.

Practically every member of the board expressed themselves as to the work accomplished, and the success of the organization under Mr. Ray's leadership for the past two years. The year just ended was pronounced as the most successful in many years for the organization.

At the meeting Monday night was T. Troy Wyche, who asked the cooperation of the organization in helping to entertain a group of Masons which he expected to bring here to their annual convention during the middle of July. The directors went on record favoring this convention, and assured Mr. Wyche their support.

At the election meeting, reports were heard from the president and Secretary Stentz, and also M. H. Bowles, who served as secretary for the summer months last year.

Detailed reports of the two holding the office as secretary, showed that 1936 was the most successful year in the history of the organization. Mr. Stentz pointed out a number of projects which were being worked upon, and commented on them as to their possibility of becoming a reality.

Mrs. T. L. Gwyn, publicity chairman, made a brief report, and some suggestions for the publicity committee for the coming year.

Mrs. Graver C. Davis spoke briefly on "Civic Pride."

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Long gave some instances of interest of their recent tour through Florida.

B. E. Colkitt sketched the advantage of a program here on Labor Day and also the Fourth of July. He approached the subject from the standpoint of the summer visitors and the industrial workers.

Oscar L. Briggs told the group that the water line from the top of the mountain to the reservoir was not large enough to bring sufficient water to the city during the summer months, and that the reserve reservoir had to be used. He pointed out that if the community had had a large fire last summer that the water supply would have been entirely exhausted during July and part of August.

Mr. Davis was connected with the Sauerst Lumber Company for about twenty years. He moved to Waynesville in 1926, and was actively connected with the lumber company until 1933. Since that time he has been engaged in the real estate and insurance business here.

## To Our Subscribers—

As previously announced, the price of The Mountaineer will be advanced on April 1st to \$1.50 in the county and \$2.00 outside the county.

All whose subscriptions expire April 1st, or in any month during the Spring or Summer, will do well to pay for another year BEFORE April 1st., as they will thereby save 33 1-3%.

## Senator Reynolds Urges Roosevelt To Complete Park

Reynolds Believes That The Needed \$750,000 Will Be Provided

Senator Robert R. Reynolds, after a conference with President Roosevelt Monday, predicted acquisition "this summer" of 27,000 acres of Tennessee land necessary to formally place the Great Smoky Mountains National Park under government supervision.

The Chamber of Commerce last week wired Senator Reynolds as follows:

"We are extremely grateful for your efforts in behalf of the Smoky Mountains National Park and hope that the President will find it possible to provide necessary funds. A million people will be greatly benefited by immediate opening of park and this entire park country will become self supporting. We must not rest until success is ours."

After his conference with President Roosevelt, Senator Reynolds made the statement in Washington: "I believe this 27,000 acres will be acquired in time for the park to be taken over by the government this summer."

His wire to the Chamber of Commerce here, read as follows:

"Had a conference with President Roosevelt this morning in reference to securing additional funds in the extent of \$750,000 which is needed for acquisition of acreage to complete park so that it may be officially accepted by the government. Am conferring with Secretary Ickes, of Department of Interior, and shall not cease my efforts until our desires in reference to this great American playground have been fulfilled. I appreciate immensely your co-operation."

## Penalty On Back Taxes Would Be Abolished By Bill

Haywood county and the municipalities within the county are forbidden to sell any property for taxes for the year 1935 or prior years, before January 1, 1938, under the provisions of a bill introduced by Representative Cane in the House, Friday, and passed under suspension of the rules.

The bill also directs the commissioners of the county and the governing bodies of all its municipalities to cancel all fines, penalties, costs and interest on all taxes prior to 1935 provided the taxes are paid before the first day of next January.

Another bill of Mr. Cane's passed Friday under suspension of the rules, makes it a misdemeanor for any justice of the peace in Haywood county to take probates, issue warrants, try cases, or exercise any authority whatever in any township except the one in which he was elected or appointed.

Mr. Cane, at the request of James Atkins, superintendent of the Methodist Assembly, secured the passage of a bill under suspension of the rules, allowing persons to fish in Lake Junaluska without paying the fishing license tax to either county or state.

All three bills are pending in the Senate.

## Water Main Bursts At Lake Junaluska

The water main to Lake Junaluska burst early Monday morning, at a point about three feet under the level of the Lake.

The lake had to be drained low enough so that workmen could reach the broken six-inch pipe.

At the time of the break, there were about 50,000 gallons of water in the reservoir. The supply was sufficient to fill the needs of the lake vicinity for several days. The Junaluska school was closed while the line was repaired, since the school is served from the lake reservoir.

James Atkins, Jr., manager at the lake, said the pipe was of steel, and he knew of no reason why it should have burst, as it was not frozen at any point, and about three feet under the water of the upper lake.

## Five-Inch Snow Falls In County

The second snow of the winter fell in Haywood county Saturday afternoon and night to a depth of about five inches.

Continued warmer weather for the first part of the week caused the greater part of the snow to melt.

## "Squire" McCracken Will Celebrate 80th Anniversary Friday

R. Q. McCracken Claims To Hold Record For Marrying People In Haywood

On Friday, March the 5th, R. Q. McCracken, known to the people throughout the county as "Squire McCracken," will observe his eightieth birthday. He is the son of Hiram and Mary Howell McCracken, and was born in the Crabtree section in 1857, and has lived in Waynesville for the past sixty years.

The squire who is a direct descendant of John Howell, at whose home was held the first organized court in Haywood county, is also a descendant of Joseph McCracken, pioneer, the first of that name to settle in Haywood county, who located at the head of Crabtree.

Mr. McCracken is an authority on the proceedings of the Haywood county. (Continued on back page)

## Education Leader Impressed With Weaving Project

Mrs. Anna Labor Burdick, of the United States office of Education, of Washington, D. C., accompanied by J. Warren Smith, supervisor of industrial education in the western district of the state, made a visit on Monday to the Balsam Mountain Weavers.

Mrs. Burdick is visiting only a few projects of this type in the state and the local group is the only one to be inspected in this district.

Mrs. Burdick is especially interested in all phases of work for women. She expressed herself as highly pleased with the progress and future of the weaving project in this county. She stated that more and more are the native born Americans appreciating the arts and crafts pertaining to the early history of the nation, and that for sentimental reasons, the popularity of hand weaving will increase.

## MISS RUTH ROGERS ON WINNING COLLEGE TEAM

Miss Ruth Rogers, of Clyde, a sophomore at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, at Greensboro, was a member of the basketball team which won the inter-class tournament.

## What's Going On In Our Capitals

### IN WASHINGTON

(By Senator Robert R. Reynolds.) Stripped to the bone, President Roosevelt's proposal for reorganization of the judiciary, including an increase from nine to fifteen in the membership of the Supreme Court, unless justices seventy years or over retire, is just another major skirmish in the age-old battle over human rights and property rights. The battle has been waged, and waged strong, since our founding fathers began their labors at the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, just 150 years ago.

It seems evident that the constitution as finally drafted was designed to place major emphasis on human rights—the rights of man. No better evidence can be found than that the Congress was created, despite all compromise, to represent the legislative will of the people. Provision was made for the President to exercise a veto over the acts of Congress—a veto that can be overridden by great majorities. And courts were created to see that no rights guaranteed under the Constitution were infringed upon. It is doubtful whether it was intended for the courts to nullify legislative acts of Congress—the legislative will of the people.

Nevertheless, the great Chief Justice Marshall quietly laid down such a principle in the famous case of Marbury v. Madison. In delivering that historic opinion, the Chief Justice held in effect that a law repugnant to the Constitution is void. From that day to this there has been a question as to what extent the Congress can carry out the legislative will of citizens. The power of Congress to override a presidential veto is definite, but the judicial veto of a majority of nine judges appointed for life seemingly ends the power of Congress to solve national ills, economic or social.

The Supreme Court's verdict of "unconstitutional," under that theory, is truly supreme, whatever such authority over the destinies of 128,000,000 people was intended or not. In any event, since Chief Justice Marshall's day, the Supreme Court has (Continued on Page Two)

## Mr. And Mrs. H. C. Lindsley Observe 50th Anniversary

Well Known Waynesville Couple Were Married Fifty Years Ago Tuesday

Around two hundred friends called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Halsey C. Lindsley on Tuesday evening to offer their congratulations and felicitations on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary. Receiving with the couple was their daughter, Miss Sue Willard Lindsley. Mrs. Lindsley wore a becoming gown of black and white crepe, with corsage of yellow roses, and Miss Lindsley wore a flowered print gown.

The house was arranged in quantities of callendaris, snap dragons, and gladioli, in shades of yellow and orange, which had been sent to the couple by the many friends. The central table of the dining room was covered with a lace cloth and centered (Continued on back page)

## Ethel Caldwell Is Dramatics Winner

Ethel Caldwell, member of the Dramatic Club of the Waynesville Township High School, was one of the ten contestants selected for the all star cast in the Dramatic Festival held at the Western Carolina Teachers College on last Friday and Saturday.

This is an annual affair held at the college for the high school students of the western part of the state. This year there were eleven high schools competing.

Other members of the local group who presented "The Weather-vane Elopers," a fantasy by Alice Riley, were: Carolyn Curtis, as the garden, Ruby Williams, as the gardener, and Mary Morrow Beaty, as Jackie the weathervane. Ethel Caldwell took the part of Dighty, the fountain.

The local group were accompanied by Miss Hester Ann Withers, director of dramatics in the high school, who had so ably coached the players.

Following the performance of the Waynesville contestants, Miss Ann Albright, dean of women at the college, and a former teacher of the high school here, entertained at tea in their honor.

## Father Lane To Preach In Hendersonville Friday

Father Lane will preach at the Immaculate Conception church in Hendersonville on Friday. The subject of his talk will be the "Crowning With Thorns."

## Commissioners Vote To Have Special Election On Liquor

### D. I. L. Smathers, 76, Buried At Clyde On Sunday Morning

Prominent Man Of Clyde, Held Several Public Offices In This County

Last rites were conducted on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at the Louise Chapel Methodist church for D. I. L. Smathers, 76, prominent citizen of Haywood county, who died at 2 o'clock on Friday afternoon at his home in Clyde. The pastor of the church, Rev. Daniel H. Dennis, officiated, assisted by Rev. W. H. Pless, of Canton, and the Rev. Lucius B. Compton, of Asheville.

Burial was in the family plot in the Pleasant Hill cemetery. The active pallbearers were: Bruce Sellers, Jess Robinson, R. M. Wise, Levi Morgan, Lawrence Morgan, Lynden Smathers, and Steve McCracken.

The honorary pallbearers were: Edwin Fincher, Dr. Robert H. Owen, Dr. J. M. Russell, Dr. Tom Stringfield, Dr. Sam Stringfield, G. M. Smathers, Devere K. Medford, Claud Jones, Charlie Jones, George H. Ward, D. M. Cagle, A. E. Ward, J. R. Morgan, H. C. Seerest, J. R. Boyd, J. R. Hipp, Frank Mann, Jodie H. Mann, W. T. Lee, Sam R. Felmet, Charlie Mooney, J. C. Byers, Grover Rogers, Mark Leatherwood, DeWitt West, and M. M. Noland.

In charge of the flowers were: Miss Emily Smathers, Mrs. Jess Robinson, Mrs. Bruce Sellers, Mrs. R. M. Wise. (Continued on back page)

## Tannery To Give Employees Week Vacation With Pay

Announcement was made yesterday, that the Junaluska Tannery, at Hazelwood, has informed their employees, that for the year 1937, all men who have been with the company for four years, or longer, will be given a week's vacation with pay.

L. M. Richeson, superintendent stated that as far as he knew, the Junaluska Tannery was the only tannery in this section that granted hourly employees vacations with pay.

The new rule will affect approximately seventy-five per cent of the employees on the pay roll.

In November, 1935 and also in November, 1936, the company gave the employees an increase in salary.

## Bill Would Raise Salary Of Sheriff

(Special to The Mountaineer.)

The salary of the sheriff of Haywood county is fixed at two thousand four hundred dollars a year, payable in equal monthly installments, in a bill introduced in the House of Representatives last night by Haywood's Mr. Cane.

Mr. Cane moved the suspension of the rules, and the bill was read, put upon its immediate passage and sent to the Senate.

The present salary is \$1,500 and the fees.

## County "Kicking" Over Light Bills

The board of county commissioners have ordered that a survey be made to ascertain the cost of installing an electric generator in the court house.

This action came after the board had received the monthly light and power bill from the town. The board was of the opinion that the bill was "too high" and that some steps would have to be made to get cheaper light and power for the court house.

One member said: "The rates seem to be all out of reason."

No statement was made as to how soon the cost of installing a generator would be known.

## SMITH CHILD BURIED WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Last rites were conducted on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock for Mary Pauline Smith, age two and 11 months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Smith, who died at the home of her parents Tuesday morning at 5:20, following a brief illness.

The Rev. H. W. Baucom, pastor of the Baptist church, officiated. Burial was in Green Hill cemetery.

Pallbearers were Jensen Ross, Charles Underwood, Clarence Barnes, Marcus Rose, and Woodrow Campbell.

Surviving are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Smith, and one sister, Betty Smith.

## Earliest Vote Would Be April 27th, Board Votes Two To Four On Question

The Haywood county board of commissioners adopted a resolution, by a four-to-two vote Monday afternoon ordering the county board of elections to call a special election on the legalization of liquor in this county, as provided for in the county option law recently passed by the North Carolina General Assembly.

The board of elections were officially notified of the action of the commissioners, but late yesterday afternoon they had not met to formulate plans for the election.

The action of the board was prompted by public sentiment, it was explained. A group of citizens told members of the board last week that the required petition bearing the names of fifteen per cent of the voters for governor in the last election, could be had in two days. The board of commissioners would have had to call the election upon the presentation of such a petition.

The subject of liquor stores, and the election were the main topics of conversation in the county this week. Reports from Canton and Clyde were that every group were discussing the matter freely.

General sentiment seems to favor an early election on the question.

There are as many different opinions as to the probable outcome of the election as there are voters. The general opinion seems to be however, that voters will legalize liquor in Haywood, by a close vote.

The board of elections have 20 days in which to meet and set a date for the election. After the date is set, public notice must be given for 20 days, and after that the three following Saturdays will be registration days, and the fourth Saturday challenge day, and the election held on the following Tuesday. If the board of elections should meet and call the election immediately it would be about the 27th of April before the voters could express their opinions at the polls at the earliest.

Approximately 50 days will lapse between the time the first public notice is made, and the date of the election.

The members of the board of commissioners voting to call an election were: R. T. Boyd, C. C. Medford, Jarvis H. Allison, and T. Ralph Moore. Those voting against an election being called were Glenn Palmer and Grover C. Rogers. Because of no tie, Chairman J. A. Lowe did not vote.

The members of the board of elections are: Frank M. Byers, chairman, W. H. Noland, and Virge McClure.

## W. E. Allen, 44, Is Given Burial

Native Of Haywood, Was Overseas Veteran, Died In Virginia

Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Allen's Creek Baptist church, for William Ernest Allen, 44, who died on Monday morning in the U. S. Veterans Hospital at Roanoke, Va. The Rev. H. W. Baucom, pastor of the Baptist church, officiated, assisted by the Rev. K. Allen. Burial was in Green Hill cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Cline Bramlett, Hurst Bargon, Roy Phillips, C. A. George, M. C. Green, J. H. Howell, and George Platt.

Mr. Allen, son of Mr. J. C. Allen, was born here and had spent most of his life in the county. During the World War he served in Company E, 105th Supply Train, part of his time of service being overseas.

Last June Mr. Allen, who was at that time located in Shell Creek, Tenn. was taken sick and sent to the U. S. Veterans Hospital in Roanoke, where his death occurred.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. May Allen, one daughter, Mary Alice, age 3, his father, J. C. Allen, and three brothers, Bradford and Henry Allen, of Waynesville, and Edward Allen, of Salt Lake City.

## \$3,401 Being Spent Cleaning Up Schools

The National Emergency Council has just approved a project for Haywood county for \$3,401 for the cleaning and renovating of school buildings.

The work got under way last Thursday, with ten persons at work. The buildings will be cleaned, the floors scrubbed, windows washed, woodwork cleaned, and in some instances some painting will be done.

The group will work at different buildings over the entire county. According to Jack Messer, county superintendent of education, the work will continue until school closes.