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## DRIVE FOR SCOUT FUNDS WILL GET STARTED THURS.

Troops To Be Organized in County. Funds Needed To Carry On Work

Drive for membership for the Boy Scout organization, will get underway this afternoon, with the committees from the Booster Club, the American Legion and the Citizens Club soliciting memberships from the citizens of the community, as announced yesterday by Ralph H. Cline, chairman of the district committee, assisted by Dr. A. P. Cline, of the hospital.

Final plans were completed last night at a dinner meeting, given by the Citizens Club, at which time Harry W. Cline, a leader of scouting in Western North Carolina, and former president of the Citizens Club, addressed the members of the Citizens Club and the Citizens Club from the three sponsoring organizations. He pointed out the need of scouting as a character building and better citizenship.

A quota of \$500 has been set for the county, with Waynesville, Hazelwood, raising \$250 and a like amount. The drive in Waynesville will not get underway until the second week in May.

Scouting memberships are one dollar up. Any amount over a dollar entitles a person to become a member.

Funds will be turned over to the Citizens Club, which comprises all counties in this area. Being a member of the council entitles local citizens to the privileges of Camp Dan. Boone, and the services of the executive, A. W. Allen and his staff.

A recent survey made in the counties of Canton, Clyde, Waynesville, Hazelwood, it was found that 400 were interested in becoming scouts. New troops are being organized and within 30 days it is expected to have eight active troops in the county.

Waynesville will have a troop sponsored by the Rotary Club and also one sponsored by the American Legion. Hazelwood the Booster Club will sponsor a troop.

The Scout committee of the Booster Club is composed of L. N. Davis, C. Allen, William B. Chambers, Joe H. and Rufus Gaddis. The Rotary committee is Dan Watkins, Wilfred, and M. H. Bowles. The American Legion committee is Robert Gibson, LeRoy Davis, M. C. Green, J. H. Howell.

## New Equipment Installed In Plant of Central Cleaners

Special workmen completed the job of installing a brand new cleaning outfit in the plant of the Central Cleaners, which is owned and operated by J. A. Shelby. Shelby bought the new equipment several months ago while in Asheville, but because of factory problems the machinery was not received until last week. The equipment is an exact duplicate of that used by the largest cleaning plants in the South, Mr. Shelby said.

The filtering tanks are of a special design, and were just recently received on the market. Every piece of machinery has an individual number.

After the installation of the new equipment, Mr. Shelby is making changes at the plant in the dressing rooms, and re-painting the entire building.

The new machinery and remodeling represent an expenditure of several thousand dollars, it was learned. Mr. Shelby opened the business ten years ago.

## Work Started On Cove Creek Road

Work started yesterday on the surface of Highway No. 28, 4.4 from Cove Creek, a distance of seven miles.

R. B. Tyler & Company have contract for surfacing the road, and brought about 15 trucks and other machinery here the first of the week.

The process will include three different surfacings, with a few days between each. The final coating is similar to the Soco Gap Road—waterbound macadam.

The grading of the road was completed about 18 months ago. Those familiar with the bed of the road say it is in perfect condition for the surface. The road-bed has been exposed for two winters.

Mr. and Mrs. James Atkins had as guests during the week, Mrs. Shackleford, and her daughter, Ella Shackleford, of Columbia, S. C., and her son, Mr. John Shackleford, a member of the faculty of the University of North Carolina.

Dwight Beatty, of Charlotte, and his family here for a week-end.

## Heads Scout Work



BEN E. COLKITT

Under the supervision of Mr. Colkitt, seven Boy Scout Troops are being organized in Haywood County. Mr. Colkitt is chairman of this district.

## Last Rites Held For DeWitt West, 46, At Clyde Tuesday P.M.

Was Prominent Business Man Of Canton and Clyde, Died of Wreck Injuries

Funeral services for DeWitt West, 46, prominent Canton merchant and banker, who died in a Charlotte hospital on Sunday night at 8 o'clock from injuries received in an automobile accident near Camden, S. C., on March 29, were held at the home of his only sister, Mrs. Walter Smathers, at Clyde, on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock with the Rev. L. B. Compton, of Asheville, officiating.

Assisting in the last rites were the Rev. R. G. Moore, pastor of the Clyde Baptist church; the Rev. E. C. Price, pastor of the Clyde Methodist Episcopal church, South; and the Rev. D. H. Dennis, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, of Clyde. Burial was in the Pleasant Hill cemetery at Clyde.

The active pallbearers were: T. H. Haynes, Edwin Fincher, W. G. Byers, Paul Laurier, J. E. Reister, Weaver McCracken, Clifford Brown, and M. C. Sprinkle.

Mr. West joined the Clyde Masonic lodge, No. 453, approximately 18 years ago and had always taken an active interest in the organization. He took the Scottish rite in the Asheville lodge and was also a member of the Oasis temple of the shrine at Charlotte. He was a veteran of the World War and served overseas for more than a year.

Besides his only sister, Mrs. Walter G. Smathers, of Clyde, he is survived by his mother, Mrs. R. W. West, of Clyde, and four brothers, Ben H. West, chief dispatcher for the Southern railway, Asheville; M. F. West, Southern railway station agent, of Canton, and N. C. and R. Homer West, Clyde business men. Three nieces and three nephews also survive.

Mr. West had been prominent in the mercantile business of Canton for the past six years and had been connected with the Haywood County bank, of Canton, and its branch at Clyde, for the past 15 years as a member of the board of directors.

## Bryant Home Is Damaged By Fire

A blaze at the Bryant home in East Waynesville on Wednesday of last week, was estimated to have done approximately \$500 damages. The kitchen was burned, a room adjoining considerably damaged, and one out building completely destroyed.

The seven room house had been unoccupied since the death of the elder Mrs. Bryant nearly two years ago, and windows were boarded up, with no sign that anyone had entered. It is believed that the fire was started from someone smoking on the back porch.

The fire was discovered about 11:30 by Lawrence Kerley, of the city fire department, who was driving on the highway. The city fire department was called and the hose was attached at the county hospital, and carried about 1,200 feet to the home.

The house was built in 1890 by Prof. William Bryant, well known educator of St. Louis. His wife made the place her year round residence for the latter years of her life. His son, the late Max Bryant, spent some time here. The property is now owned by Mrs. Belle P. Bryant, of St. Louis, widow of the late Max Bryant.

## 2 More Enter Into City Election Races

Two more candidates for members of the board of aldermen of Waynesville announced their candidacy this week. T. L. Bramlett is seeking reelection, and O. S. Rhymer is the other candidate.

So far, four have formally announced for places on the board of aldermen, and only one for mayor.

## Four Homes Under Construction At Way. Country Club

Building Activity Seems To Be On Boom In That Section Of The Community

Four homes are under construction at the Waynesville Country Club. It was also learned this week that plans have been completed on at least two others.

H. E. Simpson, of Miami, a regular summer visitor here, is having a home built on the Palmer Road, at a cost of approximately \$5,000.

Adjoining the Simpson lot, Dr. L. D. Panky, of Coral Gables, is building a home that will cost about \$7,000. In the same neighborhood, Mrs. Bertha Cox, also of Coral Gables, is building a \$8,500 home. Jerry Liner has the contract for building all three of these places.

Work on the Jerry Colkitt home, on the Reservoir Road, is well underway. It was said that this home will cost about \$6,000. Creighton Norris is the contractor.

## Jack Messer Re-Elected Head Of Haywood Schools

Jack Messer was re-elected county superintendent of education, by the county board recently. This marks the beginning of Mr. Messer's third term as head of the county schools.

The board is scheduled to meet again tonight and complete the naming of the district committees, it was learned. As soon as the district committees are named, they will meet and name teachers for next year. No date has been set for the meeting of the district committees.

The county board is composed of R. T. Messer, who was re-elected chairman, Homer V. Cagle and J. R. Best.

## Long Reports Golf Course In Splendid Condition For Play

J. M. Long, owner of the Waynesville Country Club Golf Course, stated this week that the course was open and in the best condition in the history of the course.

Mr. Long also announced that Jack Tooner has been retained as the professional for this year. In connection with Mr. Tooner, it was announced that last week he broke the course record of Beaver Lake by making the rounds in 64.

## Lake P.T.A. Name New Officers

New officers for the coming year were elected by the Lake Junaluska Parent-Teachers' Association last week, with Mrs. Bolling Burruss named president.

Besides Mrs. Burruss, Mrs. Corral Medford was elected vice president. Mrs. Hurst Burgin secretary and Mr. Ed Glavish treasurer.

## Receives Honor



MISS EDNA MAE BURRUSS

Miss Burruss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Burruss of Lake Junaluska, was recently honored by her classmates at the Eastern Oregon Normal, at LaGrange, Oregon, when she was named salutatorian of the school. She graduated from Waynesville High School in 1936.

## May Term Of Civil Court To Begin 3rd

Judge Donald F. Phillips Will Preside. Jury For Two Weeks Named

The May term of civil court will convene here on Monday, May third, with Judge Donald F. Phillips, presiding.

The following jury has been named to serve for the two weeks:

**First Week**  
Perry Smathers, Beaverdam; Frank Wells, Pigeon; Jim Reno, Beaverdam; John Shook, Clyde; Teller Green, White Oak; R. W. Howell, Jonathan; Will E. Smathers, Beaverdam; W. V. Davis, Crabtree; Bob Arrington, Fines Creek; G. M. Boone, Waynesville; V. H. Byers, Beaverdam; Will (Black) Smathers, Waynesville; John Snider, Waynesville; C. K. Mathews, Beaverdam.

**Second Week**  
D. J. Noland, Pigeon; J. C. Hopkins, Cataloochee; J. B. Holder, Clyde; Jim Seates, Waynesville; Wallace E. Wheeler, Beaverdam; J. M. Long, Waynesville; Vaughn Platt, Waynesville; S. D. Nichols, Waynesville; S. L. Queen, Ivy Hill; J. E. Ferguson, Ivy Hill.

**Third Week**  
C. W. Burnett, Pigeon; John Palmer, Clyde; G. W. Burnett, Pigeon; David Gaddy, Waynesville; R. G. Jaynes, Beaverdam; T. L. Blalock, Waynesville; M. E. Snider, Waynesville; J. B. Vance, Pigeon; Jim Green, Fines Creek; John Estes, Waynesville; G. B. Sanford, Crabtree; Tom Sorrells, Beaverdam; Lane Arrington, Waynesville; Sam Ferguson, Fines Creek; A. T. McCracken, Waynesville; Henry Francis, Waynesville; Jule Allen, Waynesville.

**FOOD STORE PAINTED**  
The Food Store was completely repainted this week. Everything was painted white, and trimmed in black.

## Bids Sought For Building New School Building At Crabtree

### Maple Grove Church Destroyed By Fire Last Sun. Morning

Campaign was Underway At Time To Raise Funds For A New Church

The Maple Grove Methodist church was burned on Sunday morning between the hours of ten and eleven o'clock. The fire was caused from sparks falling from the chimney on the roof.

When the flame was first discovered during the Sunday school hour the alarm was given to the Waynesville fire department, but for lack of water connections they were unable to extinguish the flames. The benches, piano and the windows were salvaged.

The church had recently inaugurated plans to erect a new building at the cost of between \$7,000 and \$10,000. Twenty-three hundred dollars had been subscribed to date.

The pastor of the church, the Rev. H. D. Jessup, has taken the matter of holding temporary church services in the Lake Junaluska school building up with the school authorities.

The congregation had formulated plans to raise a certain amount, and ask the Duke Foundation for the remainder. The pastor urges all persons planning to make donations to sign up at once, so that the plans may be submitted to the Foundation, and the building started at an early date.

## Old Landmark Of County Destroyed By Fire Tuesday

Fire, fanned by a high wind, completely destroyed the Whip Hill place in Crabtree township, one of the oldest landmarks of the county, late Tuesday afternoon. The residence and store building were burned, while the barn was saved.

The place is now owned by Mrs. Eva Jones, who lost everything with the exception of a small trunk and a small amount of bed clothing.

Sparks from a trash fire caught in the roof, and both buildings were burned within 45 minutes. The store and house were about 150 feet apart.

The store building was a favorite gathering place of the county for years before the War Between the States.

The residence was of brick, and was the former home of Dr. R. L. Walker, of Crabtree.

The woods nearby were set on fire by the flying embers, and burned.

## Future Farmers To Beautify Township School Grounds

The local chapter Future Farmers of America has been given authority to take over the supervision of the beautification of the grounds of the school buildings in the Waynesville township.

A survey of the grounds at Lake Junaluska, Maggie, Dellwood, Rock Hill, Allen's Creek, East Waynesville, and Saunook has been made. In most instances native plants will be used for this work. There are some fifty trees and some 75 shrubs native to this section that lend themselves to this kind of work. Rhododendron will be used where practicable, but it does not lend itself to as wide a variety of planting as one would wish. The chapter is co-operating with Mrs. Siler in the undertaking and it is believed that the labor can be furnished by the government agency. The chapter will also have an extensive part in the beautification of the new junior high school building and the new stadium.

Many seedlings are being grown in the school plant beds for this work. Cuttings are being made and put out at this time for planting next year. The chapter will prune a limited amount of hedges and shrubs for the material for cuttings. They will also root any amount of cuttings for individuals on shares.

## Circles Of Long's Chapel Hold Meet

On March 30th the two circles of the Woman's Missionary Society of Long's Chapel met in a joint session, to have a miscellaneous shower for the Vashti Girls school, Thomasville, Ga., and also their quarterly executive meeting.

The meeting was presided over by the president, Mrs. R. E. Stackhouse. Mrs. Grady Hardin conducted the devotional, basing her message upon John 21: 15-16.

Mrs. Siler was the principal speaker for the afternoon, and told of the origin of the "Florine McEachern Gift Boxes" and the Vashti Girls school.

The value of the shower for the Vashti school was \$14.75.

## Efforts Being Made To Make A District Out Of Crabtree and Iron Duff Township

The Haywood County Board of Education is advertising for bids for building a 10-room, semi-fire proof school at Crabtree. The contract will be awarded on April 22, according to the advertisement.

Jack Messer, superintendent of education of the county, said that request had been made of the state school commission to authorize the establishment of a new district, comprising Crabtree and Iron Duff townships, and that a high school be built along with the elementary school.

Regardless of whether this request is granted, Mr. Messer said a ten-room elementary building would be erected on a site about a quarter of a mile from the present Crabtree building. The board estimates that the elementary building will cost about \$12,000. The erection of the high school would add considerably to this.

The erection of the new building will complete the consolidation of school districts in the county, Mr. Messer said. In the Crabtree district now, there are three 2-teacher schools, and two 1-teacher schools. A number of seventh grade students from the district are now attending school in Clyde, where all the high school students from the district go. The opening of the Crabtree school will relieve the over-crowded condition at Clyde, it was said.

The contract calls for the completion of the building by the first of September.

The state inspectors here making the survey, made an encouraging report as to their findings for the establishment of another district and erecting the high school. Just what the board in Raleigh will do is not known. They meet on May 7th.

## P.T.A. Group Hear Head Of Rutherford County Schools

The annual meeting with the installation of officers of the Central elementary Parent-Teachers' Association was held on Monday night, with several out of town educators present. Mrs. Jack Messer, president, presided. Mrs. Joe Liner had charge of the program.

Jack Messer, county superintendent of schools, introduced O. J. Holder, of Rutherford county, member of the State school commission, who spoke of the work of the commission and the splendid co-operation of the teachers and educational workers in carrying on the schools of the state with limited funds.

Mr. Holder in closing introduced Mr. Tarleton county superintendent of schools of Rutherford county, who made the principal address of the evening. Mr. Tarleton spoke on the importance of proper recreation of the school child during the summer vacation months.

Mrs. Doyle Alley, western district president of the state P. T. A., had charge of the installation services, and the following officers were installed: President, Mrs. Jack Messer, vice president, Mrs. Humes Harte, secretary, Mrs. J. C. Crosser, and treasurer, Mrs. B. S. March.

Ernest McCracken, principal of the Central Elementary, made a brief talk in which he thanked the patrons of the school for their splendid co-operation during the past year.

Following adjournment Mrs. Troy Wyche, hospitality chairman, invited those present into the first grade room, where tea tables over which the grade mothers presided, were arranged about the rooms.

## Truck Of Furniture Caught Fire Mon.

A truck loaded with furniture caught fire Monday morning as it pulled into the Pure Oil Service Station next to The Mountaineer office.

Fire Chief Oscar L. Briggs said he believed that a cigarette thrown from a car while passing the truck caused the blaze. The fire extinguishers of the station were used to put out the blaze, which was confined to bed clothing and a mattress.

The truck unloaded and threw out the smoldering quilts, and went its way.

Mrs. J. C. Murphy, her daughter, Miss Marguerite Murphy, and her son, Mr. John Murphy, spent the week-end as the guests of friends in Greensboro.

## The Weather

	Max.	Min.
Wednesday	69	45
Thursday	60	35
Friday	46	21
Saturday	49	25
Sunday	56	28
Monday	66	33
Tuesday	70	37