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Along the
**POLITICAL
FRONTS**

Leaves Raleigh



CAPUS M. WAYNICK

Political news in North Carolina this past week was at a low ebb, except for the talk of the person Governor Hoey would appoint to fill the post made vacant by the resignation of Capus M. Waynick, who will return to The High Point Enterprise as editor of the paper. He was editor of The Enterprise when he was named chairman of the State Highway Commission, succeeding E. B. Jeffers.

Wade Lucas, political writer of Raleigh, in The Charlotte Observer, had the following on Mr. Waynick's probable successor:

Governor Clyde Hoark Hoey is almost tempted, I hear, to put a classified advertisement in the papers reading something like this:

Wanted: A man who is capable of discharging the necessary duties incident to giving the State a good job as director of the State Division of Purchase and Contract; salary \$6,000 a year; tenure of office, to January, 1941, at least.

This is not to say Governor Hoey is, however, shopping around for a man to fill the shoes of Capus Miller Waynick, who has resigned the purchase and contract post, effective December 15, but it is to say that His Excellency, the Governor, is going to take his own sweet time in filling the Waynick vacancy and don't make any mistake about it.

Purchasing Agent Waynick is returning to his first love—the paste pots and tripod and the joys and sorrows of being a newspaper editor. He is to resume editorship of the High Point Enterprise after four rather turbulent years in Raleigh in the State's Capital City began in 1931 when he was named to fill a vacancy for one of the Guilford county House seats as the result of a death of one of the nominees. He acquitted himself with credit—in other words, he made a very good freshman representative insofar as freshman members of the House of Representatives are concerned.

Due to an infected gum, President Roosevelt cut short his fishing trip in Southern waters last week to return to Washington for treatment. In describing some of the highlights of the trip, The United States News, had the following, in part:

The holiday had started out promisingly enough. Up the gangplank had marched Mr. Jackson, Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Ickes, each with his own bulging portfolio. The contents of the leather cases were more than enough to occupy the President's attention.

From Mr. Jackson, the President was able to get a comprehensive view of the tax revision program and the start of the Federal Government's anti-trust drive.

From Mr. Hopkins, there undoubtedly came without any mincing of words, a presentation of the unemployment situation and its bearing on the Federal relief policies.

From Mr. Ickes, there presumably came an analysis of housing; private, as it related to the Presidential message to Congress; public, as it related to the new Federal slum-clearance, low-rent program.

Amusing to newspaper men was the fact that Messrs. Hopkins and Ickes, one-time opponents on relief policies, partners in mal-de-moré, shared the same cabin aboard the Presidential yacht.

A highlighted version of the "President's log" would show that:

He was met at Miami by James M. Cox, who ran for President in 1920 with Mr. Roosevelt as his running mate.

Driving through Miami, President

\$40,000 Club House Addition Started

Deficit Of C. Of C. Will Be Paid Before January

Board Of Directors Elected At Annual Meeting Here Last Thursday Night

Concerted effort on the part of the directors of the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce, in session Tuesday night, assured President L. N. Davis that the organization would be out of debt by January first. Makers of unpaid pledges will be contacted this week.

A nominating committee from the board of directors will make suggestions next Thursday night as to president of the organization for the coming year.

A small, but enthusiastic crowd attended the annual meeting last Thursday night, and heard detailed reports of the work for the past year. The following were elected as directors for the coming year: L. N. Davis, Charles E. Ray, Jr., W. H. Massie, M. D. Watkins, Ben Colkitt, M. H. Bowles, Troy Wyche, E. J. Hyatt, E. L. Withers, L. M. Richeson, H. Prevost, and S. P. Gay.

Wm. Green Still In Serious Condition After Wreck

Three Injured When Freight Train Backed Into Car Of Clyde Man

William Green, who was injured last Thursday, when the car which he was driving, in company with his wife, and Tom Leatherwood, was completely demolished, in West Canton, is reported by hospital attaches, to be in a critical condition, with little hope for his life. Mrs. Green is said to be improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Green, who live near the Medford Farm and Tom Leatherwood were en route to Canton last Thursday night about seven o'clock, where the two men expected to play basketball. They were crossing the side track in West Canton, when a freight train backed into them.

It was necessary to take the car apart in order to extricate Mr. Green's body. He suffered a crushed skull, a broken arm and his body was bruised practically all over.

Mrs. Green had two teeth knocked out, several others loosened and received a number of bruises about her body. She was unconscious for some time. Both she and her husband were rushed to the Haywood County Hospital.

Mr. Leatherwood was cut about the face and hands, but his injuries were slight enough to be treated without hospitalization.

Mr. Green, who was employed by the Champion Paper and Fibre Company, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Green, the former a prominent farmer of the Clyde section.

\$45,500 In County Taxes Collected During November

County tax collections for the month of November amounted to \$45,562.66, according to a report made to the Haywood county board of commissioners by W. H. McCracken, tax collector on Monday of this week.

The report shows that \$43,536.16 of this was 1937 taxes. The collection of 1936 taxes amounted to \$1,044.07, the report showed.

Penalties for last month amounted to \$220.12, while discounts on 1937 taxes ran to \$224.25.

Taxes were collected as far back as 1927. A \$9.40 tax bill carried a penalty of \$2.07.

J. W. Ray Named Town Alderman

At a recent meeting of the town board of aldermen, J. Wilford Ray was appointed to fill the vacancy on the board.

Mr. Ray, one of the leading business men of Western North Carolina, senior member of the firm of C. E. Ray's Sons, was for 18 months a member of the county board of commissioners.

One Of W. N. C.'s Largest Trees



This is a picture of the 175-foot poplar tree on Reems Creek, before it was recently cut down. The tree measured 36 feet in circumference at the ground. It is estimated that it was about 1,000 years old.

Part Of Large Tree Placed In Smoky Mountains Park Museum

Actual Count Of Park Travelers Is 21,677 In Nov.

This Is A 29 Per Cent Decrease Over Last Year's 1936 Estimate For November

During November, 21,677 persons visited Great Smoky Mountains National Park in 7,268 vehicles (actual count). This figure represents a 29 per cent decrease over the estimated travel for November, 1936. The estimate for last November was merely too high; no definite decrease in travel has been noted.

Visitors from 46 states, the District of Columbia, the Canal Zone, two provinces of Canada, Ontario and Quebec, and Germany and Mexico were counted, with 34 per cent of the visitors being from other than the States of North Carolina and Tennessee.

A greater number of states was represented than during last November, and the percentage of visitors from states other than North Carolina and Tennessee was higher.

Greatest travel for any one day in the month was recorded on Sunday, November 7, when the total of 4,463 persons in 1,188 vehicles visited the park.

Ohio and Illinois maintained a substantial lead in number of visitors over all other states except the local states of Tennessee and North Carolina.

100 License Tags Have Been Sold

Late yesterday afternoon, about 100 license tags had been sold at the Chamber of Commerce office.

J. Dale Stentz, secretary, said that there had not been a rush for the 1938 tags to date, but that indications were that within the next few weeks sales would be heavier, and that motorists would try to avoid the last minute rush.

60th Wedding Anniversary Observed By Mr. And Mrs. R. Q. McCracken On Sunday

An outstanding affair was the open house held by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Q. McCracken at their residence on Main street on Sunday afternoon, in observance of their sixtieth wedding anniversary. While the hours had been set from 3 to 5 o'clock hosts of friends and relatives continued to call until late in the evening offering the couple felicitations on the unusual celebration.

For the occasion the house was arranged in quantities of flowers in shades of red and yellow, which had been sent by friends. The house was lighted throughout by red candles.

Receiving with Mr. and Mrs. McCracken in the left living room, was

Some trees like the giant sequoias and redwoods of California are said to be the largest and oldest living things on the globe. The sequoia has been known to reach a height of 300 feet and naturalists claim that one in California was more than one thousand years old at the birth of Christ.

This story, however, has to do with trees with which we are more familiar—the poplar, and particularly one which grew on the headwaters of Reems Creek in Buncombe county, where it stood until the past summer. It was commonly known as the Reems Creek poplar, sometime as the Stikeleather poplar, because it stood on the property of J. G. Stikeleather.

The following history of the tree was given to H. C. Wilburn, park technician, by Mr. Stikeleather:

The tree was 36 feet in circumference at the ground and was 175 feet in height. Many persons think it was probably the largest poplar that ever grew in this section, and professors from Johns Hopkins and Harvard who saw it placed its age at around 1,000 years. But Mr. Wilburn, who uses the "ring" method in determining the age of a tree does not concur in this opinion, his estimate being about 350 years. Each ring found in the stump of a tree means one year's growth, the sum total of rings denoting the age of the tree.

It is said that this giant poplar, which had been hollow for some time, affording standing room inside for 42 Boy Scouts.

Mr. Wilburn got a sample cut from the tree last summer to place in the park museum; this sample is now stored at Smokemont pending the establishment of the permanent museum. This cut, taken from the tree 49 feet above the base in order to get where the log was sound, was 15 feet and 9 inches in circumference.

The park technician stated that he had heard of a poplar that grew on Hazel Creek in Swain county that was probably larger than the one on Reems Creek. It was cut some fifteen or twenty years ago by the Ritter Lumber Co. He also believes there are poplars still standing in park area which are probably as large as the Reems Creek giant.

26 Bed Rooms, 2 Large Dining Rooms Included In Three-Story Wing

Tobacco Averages \$25.00 At Opening Sales In Asheville

Prices Are Better Than Were Anticipated Before Market Opened. 250,000 Pounds Sold

An unofficial estimate made last night by Lawson Jordan, president of the Asheville tobacco board of trade, was that the opening day prices were \$25.00 and better. This was based on the sales of a quarter of a million pounds, it was said.

"No ticket were turned, and the growers seemed satisfied," Mr. Jordan said.

"Asheville prices seem better than prices on any other barley market at this time," he continued. "With two warehouses, we are able to give farmers one-day service, as sales are held every day in the week except Saturday and Sunday."

The prices yesterday were better than had been anticipated. Mr. Jordan said the top price was 40 cents, and the lowest was three.

Mercury Drops To Zero Here Tuesday

Highest For The Week Is 53. This Is Coldest Weather Recorded In Two Years

The temperature took a tumble here Tuesday as the official thermometer registered zero, for not only the lowest year, but the lowest reading in two years, according to weather observer, Harry M. Hall.

The lowest last year was 12. The highest for the week was 53, and that was last Thursday. On Tuesday the highest recorded for the day was 17.

The detailed official report for the week is as follows:

Dec	Max.	Min.	Prec.
1	53	21 1/2	inch snow
2	34	13	
3	50	13	
4	44	28	trace snow
5	44	15	trace snow
6	18	0	trace snow
7	32	28	
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Snow reported in water content.

Mean maximum	39
Mean minimum	17
Mean for week	28
Lowest for week	0
Highest for week	53
Snowfall in inches	1/2
Precipitation for week	0.60

Same Period Last Year, 1936

Mean maximum	48
Mean minimum	27
Mean for week	37
Lowest for week	22
Highest for week	60
Precipitation for week	2.20
Total 1936 Prec. to Dec. 8	54.66
Total 1937 Prec. to Dec. 8	46.22
Deficiency for 1937 from 1936	8.44

Farm Lands Will Be Sold Tuesday

The 750-acre M. J. McCracken place on Crabtree, will be sold at auction next Tuesday, by the Gossett Realty Company.

In an advertisement in today's paper, announcement is made that a free barbecue dinner will be served. The farm has been divided into small tracts, and easy terms will be given purchasers.

NO FIRE DAMAGE

No damage was reported from the fire at the home of R. L. Lee last Thursday morning. The roof caught near the chimney but was discovered and the fire department put out the blaze before any damage was done.

Mr. And Mrs. J. M. Long Plan Extensive Landscaping

Contracts Call For Building To Be Completed By April First. Foundations Are Laid

The foundation of the thirty-six-room addition to the Waynesville Country Club house, which Mr. and Mrs. James M. Long, owners are building, has reached the stage where a good idea may be gained of the handsome new structure, which will be completed by April the first, and will represent, at a conservative estimate, an expenditure of approximately \$40,000.

The new building is being erected on the west side of the club house facing the golf course, a few feet from the large steps that lead to the course from the driveway on the left. It will be semi-circular in shape and of rustic English architecture, and will be in perfect keeping with the original club house.

The basement is being constructed of stone, and will contain the lobby, which will be in the center of the half circle, opening into the cocktail lounge, the pro's shop, garage, storage rooms, and servants quarters.

The first floor, as well as the second will be constructed in rustic effect with an antique weathered finish. It will contain a lobby, in the center of the building. On either side of a large fireplace there will be doors opening to the dining room, and in cases of entertaining the two may be thrown into one large room. From the dining room are the pantries and kitchen, and a private dining in two years, according to weather observer, Harry M. Hall.

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The second floor will contain fifteen bed rooms, linen closets, and storage rooms. Each bed room in the building will have a private bath and a spacious closet, with each an outside room, commanding in every direction a good view of the mountains. The walls of the building will be finished in popular knotty pine, with an specially planned scalloped molding. The furniture for the building will be hand-made and designed to harmonize with the rustic English architecture.

Lindsay M. Gudger, of Asheville, is the architect of the new building, and Jerry Limer, of the Junaluska Supply Company, contractor.

It is understood that the new wing, is the beginning of an extensive plan of development, which Mr. and Mrs. Long intend to carry out in the next few years.

Sometime ago they purchased the Belle Meade swimming pool and bath, near the club house, and both will be run under their supervision next season. A program of landscaping on a large scale for the entire property is also under consideration, and will be undertaken in the near future, according to the owners.

Mr. and Mrs. Long bought the Waynesville Golf course, a part of the Belle Meade real estate development, seven years ago. Since that time they have spent thousands of dollars on the course and expect to continue improving.

In 1934 they erected the club house with its twelve bed rooms, which has been a popular addition, and the demand has been so great for more accommodations that Mr. and Mrs. Long are now adding the new wing. The Waynesville Golf course, which is the center of interest for the summer visitors who remain any length of time in town, and which annually attracts many, who otherwise would spend their vacations in other resorts, has done more to advertise Waynesville, and help to continue its popularity as a resort than any other one attraction in this section. The proposed plans of Mr. and Mrs. Long will be received with enthusiasm by all the citizens in the area.

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