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Along the POLITICAL FRONTS

Some political observers ventured so far this week as to make a few guesses as to the probable candidates for different Haywood races next June. Some of their statements were well founded while others were based on rumors, which means that nothing definite has been done for the records, as yet, but you can bet your box of Christmas cigars that there'll be plenty of June fire works.

The biggest loss of the Roosevelt regime since the court measure, came about last Friday, when the House sent the wage-hour bill back to the labor committee by a vote of 216 to 188. This upset, however, was overcome to some degree, when the Senate approved the administration's farm bill. The Senate voted 59 to 29 for the bill, after wrangling on it four weeks.

Backers of the wage-hour bill in the House seriously considered opposing the farm bill, as a direct slap at southern Democratic Congressmen who voted with Republicans in sending the wage-hour bill back to the labor committee. This action, however, was based on remarks made while some members were somewhat disturbed over the action of the House. After the holidays, it is believed that the "peevish" members would be "cooled off" and have a different attitude on the matter.

The first suggestion was that the supporters of the wage-hour bill would oppose a joint conference of the House and Senate on the farm bill.

Representative Welch, republican, California, ranking minority member of the committee, called the measure's recommitment a blow to social security and predicted a "terrible reaction" would set in against members who blocked its enactment.

"By their action," he said, "they reaffirmed the antisocial security attitude of Frank Knox and John D. M. Hamilton in the 1936 campaign. Their speeches up and down the country drove literally hundreds of thousands of republicans into the democratic party. There will be another and similar reaction now."

Although house leaders declined to discuss the subject, one informed member said there was a possibility that legislation dealing only with hours of employment might be advanced next session.

Representative Mitchell, democrat, Illinois, the only negro member, issued a statement urging negro voters to defeat for re-election the democratic house members who voted to send the bill back to the committee.

Mitchell said the bill "meant more for the economic betterment of the negro laborers than any bill offered in the last 50 years."

Senator Wheeler, democrat, Montana, said the house vote indicated congress was "not going to be yes-men for the executive branch of the government."

The statement by E. J. Oliver, vice president of the labor non-partisan league, called democratic house members who blocked passage "reactionary" and accused them of repudiating the democratic party pledges of 1936. "Every vote against the wage-hour bill," the league said, "brands the congressman who cast it as the enemy of labor and the protagonist of parasitic industry."

President William Green of the American Federation of Labor, however, had sent telegrams to every house member asking that it be sent back to committee.

An Ideal Gift

A YEAR'S SUBSCRIPTION

—To—

The Mountaineer

It is practical, and would be welcomed 52 times during the coming year

Include This On Your List

Christmas Sales Reported Up To Normal In Section

Brisk Buying On Saturday And Monday Pushed December Volume To Normal Level

A general survey of the leading mercantile firms in the community Monday revealed that the Christmas business was brisk, and that Monday's business was above expectations after a good stiff business on Saturday.

Merchants reported that practical gifts were being purchased, and as a general rule, all was merchandise of the better quality.

One merchant said that there were more shoppers than in former years, and practically all were spending some money.

Some merchants reported that Saturday's and Monday's sales exceeded those of last year for the same dates.

While there has been a slight recession in retail sales here, it was the general opinion that the 1937 Christmas volume would be up to that of 1936.

Masons To Hold Joint Meeting Here Dec. 27th

Newly Elected Officers For Four Lodges Will Be Installed In Joint Service

The four Masonic lodges of the 41st district, will hold a joint installation service of the newly elected officers, on Monday night, December 27th, with the Waynesville lodge. The service will begin at 7:30.

Officers of the Waynesville lodge, No. 259, A. F. & A. M., recently elected, were:

R. H. Gibson, Master.
L. N. Davis, Senior Warden.
F. E. Burgess, Junior Warden.
L. M. Black, Treasurer.
C. B. Hosaflook, Secretary.
E. H. Balentine, Senior Deacon.
W. D. Smith, Junior Deacon.
F. E. Worthington, Senior Stewart.
W. H. Owen, Junior Stewart.
W. A. Abel, Tyler.
R. P. Walker, Chaplain.

The Pigeon River lodge, of Canton, the Clyde lodge, and the Sanoma lodge, of Bethel, are the other lodges in the district.

Man Charged With Having 3 Wives Placed In Jail

Sheriff R. V. Welch returned Monday night from Evansville, Ind., with Hershel Riley, who was arrested by Indiana officials, upon instructions of Sheriff Welch, who has been tracing him since last October, on a bigamy charge.

It is reported that Riley has a wife in Kentucky, a family in Canton, and about the middle of last October, he married a girl from White Oak.

A hearing will be given Riley before Magistrate C. B. Atkinson, either today or tomorrow.

Crowd Requests Community Sing Be Annual Event

With J. Dale Stentz directing and Mrs. Stentz accompanist, the community sing which was staged at the Park Theatre on Sunday afternoon attracted hundreds of people.

The crowd assembled entered into the spirit of the occasion and sang with great enthusiasm, and requested that the event become an annual community feature of the local celebration of Christmas.

A request from many was also made that the songs be on the air at 12 o'clock and at 5 o'clock in the three afternoons preceding Christmas as they were last year.

These features have been sponsored by the Woman's Club and the Chamber of Commerce.

A collection was taken at the sing into the theater to help defray the expenses of the community Christmas tree which will be held on Christmas afternoon at 4 o'clock for the underprivileged children of the community. The amount contributed, it is said, was not sufficient to cover the expenses of providing the toys, fruits and candies, and anyone interested in this feature is asked to leave a donation with Oscar Briggs at the town hall.

Mr. Weaver McCracken, Jr., student at Brevard College, is spending the Yuletide season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Weaver McCracken, at their home near Clyde.

Chamber Of Commerce Officers



CHAS. E. RAY, JR., Vice-President



RALPH PREVOST, President



M. H. BOWLES, Vice-President



W. HUGH MASSIE, Vice-President

Activities of Chamber of Commerce During Past Year Were Numerous

Tuesday Shortest Day In The Year

Women who are generally credited with being constant talkers, did not get in as many words during the daylight hours yesterday, as it was the shortest day in the year.

December 21 is the shortest day in the year, while June 21 is the longest. From now on, the days will get longer, and the nights shorter.

Tannery Men And Their Children To Get 640 Bags

14th Annual Christmas Tree Event Will Be Held Thursday Night At Tannery

The 14th annual Christmas tree will be held at the Junaluska Tannery on Thursday night, at 6:30 o'clock.

This event is staged by the Tannery for their employees and their children. This year, 640 bags will be distributed. Each bag will contain two oranges, a pound of nuts and a pound of candy.

A 40-foot hemlock has been decorated for the occasion, with 100 50-watt colored lights, and 200 yards of tinsel.

As has been the custom, Santa Claus arrives on a truck distributes the bags at the tree. No program will be staged this year, other than a prayer by the Rev. J. M. Woodard.

The Tannery will close at noon Friday for Christmas. Following the 54-year-old custom, the men will be paid for Christmas Day.

Killian Suffers Bruise When Hammer Leaves Handle

J. W. Killian, owner of the Waynesville Laundry, suffered a painful, but not a serious injury Tuesday morning, when a sledge hammer flew from the handle and struck him on the thigh. Mr. Killian was assisting workmen in drilling a hole through a brick wall.

President L. N. Davis Outlines Accomplishments During 1937, Was Satisfactory Year

"The greatest pleasure in one's life, is being of service to his friends, his fellowman and his community," said L. N. Davis, president of the Chamber of Commerce, as he gave a brief review of the work of the organization for the past year before the Rotary Club last week.

The Chamber of Commerce president was introduced by Ben Colkitt, a member of the board of directors, who urged that the citizens of the community be "re-sold" on the value and necessity of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Davis, in his opening remarks, pointed out that the organization was worthy of the fullest support of every citizen, and that without such an organization, no town could hope to accomplish that which all communities are seeking—mainly, new citizens and business.

He said, in part: "The organization was active in bringing to Lake Junaluska, the state conference of vocational teachers, and providing for the conference, a series of entertainments. All indications are that the conference will meet at the lake again this coming summer."

The Boy Scout movement in this area was given support, and encouragement.

The Chamber of Commerce, untiringly, supported and advocated the early completion of the park.

Conferences and meetings were held with highway officials in getting work on highways, in and leading into the county, underway.

In July, the Masonic conclave was entertained. Plans are now being worked out for entertainment of the group from all eastern America, again in 1938.

Officials of Pet Dairy Products Company, and farmers were entertained at a supper meeting.

A radio address, by J. Dale Stentz, on the advantages of Haywood County was sponsored during the year.

During the summer, the organization, sponsored and escorted Governor Clyde R. Hoey through the park. At a later date, Governor Davis, of Ohio, and Carl Goerch, of Raleigh, were taken over the same route by officials of the Chamber of Commerce.

The directors worked with the county commissioners in an effort to

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Ralph Prevost Named President of Chamber of Commerce for '38

Special Issue To Be Published On Thursday Night

Red And Green Borders On Outside Pages Will Be Used In Christmas Issue

The annual Christmas edition of The Mountaineer will be in the mails early Friday morning, with a special colored scheme featured on the front and back pages. Red and green borders are being used.

This is an extra edition, as the usual paper will appear on next Thursday.

Special Christmas stories, features and pictures will be featured in the issue Friday. The paper will go to press shortly after noon Thursday, and all copy for the paper will have to be in hand not later than noon Thursday.

The usual attractive Christmas greetings will be found in the advertising columns.

Your copy of the paper will come to you in Friday's mail.

Stores Will Stay Open Evenings

Number Of Service Stations To Close All Day Christmas, Court House To Close Friday Noon

Stores and shops of the community will start tonight remaining open evenings until Christmas, it was announced by members of the merchants committee yesterday.

Stores will remain open until nine o'clock on Wednesday night and on Thursday and Friday nights, regular Saturday hours will be observed.

All stores will be closed on Christmas Day.

A number of service stations will also be closed for the entire day. The stations that will be closed are listed in an advertisement appearing elsewhere in this paper.

The offices of the court house, with the exception of the sheriff's office, will close at noon Friday and remain closed until Monday morning.

500 Acres Brought \$14,993 At Auction

The 500 acres of M. J. McCracken property on Rush Fork and Crabtree, brought \$14,993.68 at auction on last Tuesday, according to figures released by Gossett Realty Company, who were in charge of the sale.

This was termed as the best real estate auction sale held in Haywood county in over 10 years.

The property was divided into 13 tracts.

Marriage Licenses Moving Faster Now

"It must be the Christmas spirit," said Register of Deeds, C. C. Francis, yesterday, as he reported that four marriage licenses had been issued on Monday.

"The marriage license business seems to be coming out of a slump," he said. "I reckon it is the Christmas spirit getting into some of these folks that have been thinking about getting married."

Few Arrests Are Being Made Here

Reports from the sheriff's office and the police department showed that there had been but few arrests made during the past few days. Less than at any similar time in a number of years.

People seem to be behaving themselves, although having plenty of the Christmas spirit, it was said.

Miss Mary Barber arrived on Saturday from Burlington, where she teaches in the city schools, and will spend the vacations with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Barber.

New Executive Plan Adopted By Directors, Three Added To Board's Membership

Ralph Prevost, sales manager of Unigosta Manufacturing Company, was elected president of the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce last week, to succeed L. N. Davis, retiring president. Three additional members were added to the board of directors.

Mr. Prevost will assume the duties of president on January first, when at the same time, a new organization set-up will be made. It was decided, and acted on by the directors last week, that the increasing detail was requiring too much time of the president, so three executive vice presidents were elected to head three different groups of the organization.

W. Hugh Massie was named to have charge of ways and means.

M. H. Bowles was named to have charge of publicity and promotion work.

Chas. E. Ray, Jr., was named in charge of community interests.

L. N. Davis was named treasurer, succeeding Hugh Massie.

The executive committee will be composed of the president and three vice presidents. They in turn will name from the board of chairman of this committee who will serve in the absence of the president on any occasion. The chairman of this committee has not been named to date.

The new plan was adopted upon recommendation of the special committee, composed of L. Leo Wyehe, E. J. Hyatt and M. D. Watkins.

The matter of naming a secretary for 1938 will be left to recommendations of the executive committee, to report to the full board of directors.

The three vice presidents were assigned duties in their respective committees, to cover the following:

Division of Ways and Means shall include finance, appropriations, budgets, membership, office personnel, and property.

Division of Publicity and Promotion shall include literature advertising, conventions, tourists, promotion, industrial promotion, and tourist entertainment.

Division of Community Interests shall include highways, National Park, agriculture, local traffic, town beautification, Merchants Association, and other local associations, zoning and planning, Labor Day and other celebrations, and Western North Carolina welfare.

Since there were no representatives of the hotel or boarding house group, or a representative of agriculture, the board of directors voted to increase the membership from twelve to fifteen, and named Mrs. J. M. Long, of the hotel group, and Henry Francis of the agriculture division. The fifteenth member will be named later.

Waynesville Firms Have School Work

L. A. Miller has the contract for installing the heating plant in the Pennsylvania Avenue school addition, in Canton. He said that present plans were to have the plant in operation by the first of the year.

Martin Electric Company has the electrical contract, while Jerry Liner is the general contractor.

U.S. Department of Agriculture WEATHER BUREAU Waynesville Cooperative Station H. M. HALL, Observer

Dec.	Max.	Min.	Prec.
16	56	40	
17	59	61	0.03
18	60	50	0.33
19	56	35	
20	48	18	
21	47	22	
Mean maximum			54
Mean minimum			36
Mean for this period			45
Lowest for this period			18
Highest for this period			60
Precipitation for this period			0.36

Same Period Last Year, 1936			
Mean maximum			50
Mean minimum			27
Mean for this period			38
Highest for this period			59
Lowest for this period			13
Precipitation for this period			0.20
Total 1936 Prec. to Dec. 21			55.21
Total 1937 Prec. to Dec. 21			46.59
Deficiency for 1937 from 1936			8.62