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## Along the POLITICAL FRONTS

Without question, the one single political development in Haywood county during the past week, was the visit of Congressman Frank Hancock, candidate against Senator Reynolds, for the junior senator's place.

Congressman Hancock spent several hours in the county, meeting citizens and explaining, in brief, some of his stands on current questions.

Mr. Hancock did not make any public address while in Haywood, stating that this was just a casual visit to renew acquaintances, and meet new friends.

He was bubbling over with optimism as to his campaign, and boldly stated that he had no fear of his opposition.

Those with whom Mr. Hancock talked, were impressed with his frankness, and the manner in which he expressed himself on controversial matters. One leader in political affairs said after the Congressman's visit, that he had a "different opinion of the man, and I look for him to be North Carolina's next junior senator. He impressed me."

It became evident yesterday that there would be at least three candidates for state senate to toss their hats in the ring ere long. There is a possibility of still another. So far, unless there are some shakeups, two of the candidates will hail from Waynesville, and one from Canton. The third that is being mentioned frequently is from the center of the county.

While Congressman Hancock was making visits in the western part of the state, mapping out his campaign, his opponent, Senator Reynolds, was also near at hand. Although supposedly not campaigning, he made a series of addresses over this section, stressing the course America should follow to avert war. A timely, and approving point of view for the Buncombe citizen to take right at this time.

Even after Congressman Hancock's visit to this section, a casual survey showed that it is likely that Haywood will still go for Reynolds. Yet, it is over three months to the time the counting tallies are cast.

Some Republicans of the county expressed themselves this week, that they were of the opinion that Virge McClure could remain as a member of the board of elections, although now employed by the town of Canton. It was pointed out that Mr. McClure is employed and not holding an elective office. He has made a popular member of the election board, and has lots of experience. The Haywood G. D. P.'s will probably recommend his retention as a member of the board.

Two Haywood candidates were on the verge of announcing yesterday but after counting up on the calendar, decided that it was too long until June fourth. The average candidate believes that sixty days is long enough, to beat the bushes for votes.

It is known that some prospective candidates have their eyes on one of two offices, and are eagerly watching developments from all angles before deciding which office would be the easiest to get before announcing to the world that they are the proper man for such and such a place.

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

	Max.	Min.	Prec.
Feb. 23	53	38	
Feb. 22	56	38	
Feb. 21	61	47	0.60
Feb. 20	62	27	
Feb. 19	46	29	
Feb. 18	52	32	
Feb. 17	51	35	0.34
Jan. maximum			54.4
Jan. minimum			35.1
Jan. for week			49.7
Jan. for week			32.
Jan. for week			62.
Jan. for week			0.94
Same Period Last Year			
Jan. maximum	49		
Jan. minimum	23		
Jan. for week	15		
Jan. for week	64		
Jan. for week			0.58
Average February precipitation	4.04		
Efficiency for month to date	2.00		
Efficiency for year to date	2.35		
Total 1938 precipitation to date	4.72		
Total 1937 precipitation to date	11.27		
Percentage mean February temperature	38.2		
Percentage mean temperature for month to date	46.4		

## Judge Alley To Address Haywood W. C. T. C. Alumni

Alumni Activities To Be Inaugurated At Dinner Meeting At Hotel Gordon

Haywood county's graduates and former students of W. C. T. C. will gather Saturday, February 26th, at 6 p. m., at the Hotel Gordon for a dinner meeting.

Judge Felix E. Alley will be the principal speaker and Dr. H. T. Hunter, president of the college, will preside over the meeting. The administrative staff and faculty of the college will be represented by a large group including Dean W. E. Bird, Professor E. H. Stilwell, Professor F. H. Brown, Dr. H. H. Allen, Professor J. S. Seymour, Miss Addie Beam, registrar, Coach Ralph James, business manager and others.

The purpose of the meeting is to inaugurate a worthwhile program of alumni activities and to promote a spirit of co-operation and friendliness between the alumni and the college. Officers for the coming year will be elected.

One hundred and fifty persons of Haywood have been graduated from W. C. T. C. in the history of the college. In the same period of time approximately 1,000 other Haywood residents have attended the college one semester or more.

Immediately after the dinner, Western Carolina's basketball team will play Appalachian State Teachers on the Waynesville high school court.

Reservations may be made by calling the Hotel Gordon. Tickets are on sale at Alexander's Drug Store in Waynesville. All reservations are requested by Friday or early Saturday. The price per plate is sixty cents.

## Legionnaires Are Hosts To Spanish-American War Vets

The Waynesville post of the American Legion entertained with a dinner on Tuesday evening at the Legion home on Depot street, honoring the veterans of the Spanish-American War.

J. C. Brown, commander of the post, was master of ceremonies while Major J. Harden Howell, was general chairman of the affair, also arranging the program. Dinner was prepared and served by members of the Legion Auxiliary.

The evening was marked by delightful informality, with a spirit of comradeship, and war experiences were shared with each other. Among the talks made was one by J. E. Barr, who told most interestingly of his experiences in the Philippine Islands, during the time the United States was cleaning up that area and reorganizing the government.

Major Tom Stringfield, gave a history of Company H., which gave such valuable service, in Cuba during the Spanish-American War.

Around seventeen veterans of the Spanish-American War were present for the affair.

## C. N. Walker To Address Young Methodists Here

A banquet will be held tonight at 7:00 o'clock in the dining hall of the Methodist church, for the young adult members of the church.

Clarence Walker, trust officer, of the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, of Asheville, will be the speaker of the evening. M. H. Bowles will serve as toastmaster.

Approximately one hundred of the younger adult men and women of the church are expected to attend this inspirational gathering that is hoped to result in the organization of a Wesley Fellowship department.

## 300 B. T. U. Workers To Meet In All-Day Session Here Friday

Around three hundred teachers and officers of the Sunday schools and the B. T. U. of the territory composed of Western North Carolina, from Hickory to Murphy, are expected to attend the meeting, which will open here at the Baptist church on Friday morning at 9:30 and last through the evening of the same day, closing at 9:30.

Ten workers from the Sunday School and B. T. U. departments of North Carolina Baptist convention will be in charge of the program, which will consist in the main of conferences and group instruction for the teachers and officers.

## New Nazi Moves Tighten Nerves Of Europe



Adolf Hitler



Benito Mussolini



Camille Chautemps



Neville Chamberlain



Josef Stalin

Grave tension prevailed in European capitals as Nazi force found its way into the cabinet of Austria. England and France acted to ask Chancellor Adolf Hitler to declare his intentions in Austria, which was resentful of the war-like coup that caused cabinet appointments of Nazi sympathizers. Russia was nervous over reports a Nazi-Fascist

pact had been reached whereby Germany would give Italy raw materials and certain privileges in return for a free hand in Austria. Heads of the nations involved are pictured—Adolf Hitler of Germany, Benito Mussolini of Italy, Neville Chamberlain of England, Camille Chautemps of France and Josef Stalin of the Soviet Union.

## Trains Nos. 19 And 20 To Be Taken Off

Officials of the Southern Railway System, will explain to all who are interested at a meeting here Friday night, why trains Nos. 19 and 20 will be discontinued on February 27th. The meeting will be held at the Chamber of Commerce office.

Representatives of the Southern were here yesterday and explained that lack of patronage on the two trains necessitated their action.

No. 20 goes east at 9:27 in the morning, and No. 19 goes west at 5:33 in the afternoon. These trains only run from Asheville to Bryson City.

Discontinuance of these trains will not affect the other train schedules.

## Byers Attending State Democratic Meeting

W. G. Byers, accompanied by Mrs. Byers and young niece, Miss Marion Morgan, left this morning for Raleigh, where the former will attend a meeting of the State Democratic executive committee, on which he represents Haywood county.

Among the matters to be brought up at the meeting will be plans for and the dates set of the state, county and precinct conventions to be held.

## Measles Epidemic Rages In This End Haywood County

392 First Cases Have Been Reported To Date. Some Adults Have Contracted Disease

The measles epidemic, now raging in this end of the county, is expected to reach its peak this week, according to information received from the health department here.

Since January first, there have been reported 392 first cases. Where there are more than one child in the family, this means that all of them will have the disease from the "first case" child.

This is the worst epidemic since 1934. In that year, 625 cases were reported. In 1935 only five cases were reported, and in 1936 only 11. In 1937 the number increased to 125, and for this year, indications are that all records will be broken.

So far, Waynesville, Hazelwood, Allen's Creek, Maggie, and Saunook are bearing the brunt of the cases, while some increase has been noted during the past few days on Jonathan Creek.

About half a dozen grown-ups are reported with the measles, one of them being 57 years of age. None of the cases were termed as being "severe."

During the winter, many cases of mumps have been reported, and some whooping cough.

## 3 Released After Investigation Of Joe Davis Death

Officers Fail To Find Any Clues Or Evidence Sufficient To Prefer Charges

Three suspects held in connection with the fatal burning of Joe Davis, Fines Creek merchant, were released Monday by the sheriff's department, after a futile attempt to get a clue or information leading to Mr. Davis' death.

Mr. Davis was burned in his store on Fines Creek two weeks ago. Only pieces of bones half the size of a man's hand were all that were found after the building burned.

Whether he was killed before being burned remains a mystery. The three persons held failed to shed any light on the mysterious burning. He is said to have had about \$2,000 in cash on his person the night he died.

## D. A. R. DECLAMATION CONTEST POSTPONED

The annual declamation contest sponsored by the Dorcas Bell Love chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, for the boys of the township high school, which was to have been held on Tuesday morning, has been indefinitely postponed. According to school authorities, and the regent of the chapter, the date of the contest will be announced later, pending the opening of the schools.

## Schools Close As Measles Epidemic Rages In District

All the schools in the Waynesville district group closed on Monday afternoon for one week, classes to be resumed on Tuesday morning, March the first, at the regular hour.

This action was taken on account of an epidemic of measles, mumps, and some scattered cases of whooping cough. There was such a large number of unavoidable absences from the schools that it seemed the wisest course to take at this stage of the epidemic.

The time lost will be made up later, with school closing for the year, one week later than had been planned.

## Haywood County Folder Will Be Distributed Soon

Illustrated Folder of County Will Be Used To Answer Inquiries About Area

The board of county commissioners unanimously voted Monday afternoon to appropriate \$500 for the printing and distribution of 20,000 illustrated folders about Haywood county.

These folders will be used to follow up inquiries now being received at the rate of 250 to 300 weekly, as a result of the national advertising being done by the state. These particular inquiries that will be answered with Haywood folders are persons interested in buying farms and homes. Those inquiries seeking general information about the state will not be answered with these folders.

Representative business men from Canton and Waynesville presented the plan to the board of commissioners. Several farmers who were present at the time of the presentation, voiced their hearty approval of the commissioners.

The Chambers of Commerce of Canton and Waynesville have agreed to take care of mailing the folders.

Business leaders expressed themselves in favor of the movement, inasmuch as the people who will receive the folder have expressed themselves as being interested in buying property and moving to North Carolina, and many of them have expressed a desire for this particular area.

## Efforts Being Made To Finish Hazelwood Church

Drive Is Being Made To Get Funds To Complete Building For Easter Services

Members of the congregation of the Hazelwood Presbyterian church, are starting a campaign this week to raise about four thousand dollars with which to complete their \$10,000 church in time for Easter services.

The five committees composed of three members each, reported they were meeting with success in their general drive for funds. The campaign will continue until March first.

The general building committee is composed of W. B. Winchester, J. E. Shelden, E. A. Gaddy, O. C. Landrum, G. C. Sumnerrow, and J. E. Davis.

The committee adopted the plan when the building was started, "pay as we build." This plan has been followed through to date.

## Plans Discussed For Beautification Work

A group of citizens met Monday night to discuss at length, the beautification program which is being inaugurated in this community.

Chas. E. Ray, Jr., as vice president of the Chamber of Commerce, presented the matter, and explained the duties of the members of the three committees.

Plans were made to get all civic organizations in town to work through the central committee in a general beautification program.

Those attending the meeting, and entering into the discussion, were: Chas. E. Ray, Jr., H. C. Wilburn, William Chambers, J. C. Brown, Elmer McClure, Crest George, Billy Prevost, Floyd Rippetoe, M. H. Bowles, C. N. Allen, Frank Miller, W. H. Massie, W. Curtis Russ, R. R. Smithwick, Mrs. John Queen, J. Dale Stents, L. H. Bramlett, William Medford, A. P. Leubetter, Jack Messer, and Miss Mary Margaret Smith.

## Town Puts Traffic Officer On Duty

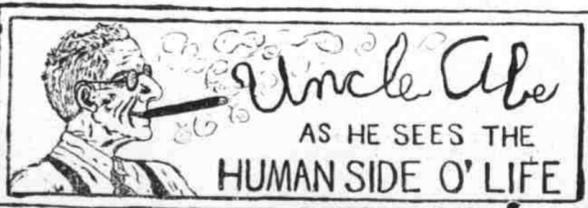
Norman Caldwell has resumed the duties he performed this past summer as traffic officer on Main street here. He started to work Saturday morning.

At a recent meeting of the board of aldermen, it was decided to keep a full-time traffic officer on Main street.

Mr. Caldwell reported yesterday that he had had no trouble in enforcing the traffic regulations, and that the motorists readily responded when asked to obey the laws about parking and speeding. He will be in charge of order on Main street.

Beginning March first, all motorists who are required to have city license tags that fail to display them will be subject to arrest, it was pointed out this week.

The tags are on sale at the town hall and the Chamber of Commerce office, at one dollar each.



Well what's the yooce!—uv tryin' to take a va-kashun, rest or sump'n. Caze when Editur Russ goze after a thing, i-dee or propo-zish he jist won't take no fer anser . . . pestifferus sort o' feller i'de say. Then ye see he's dun gone an' put Unkle Abe on the front page this wk, sorter as a winner dekkora-shun I reckon, i. e. on kondishun that I change my shurt an' smoke a different bran' o' See-gyars.

Enny way, here I am back . . . jist like a duck goze back to water or a caff to the tit—fer the simple reason that I like it, by cracky.

UNKLE ABE NEVER LIZE  
Yes, sir-ee, Unkle Abe's not a-go'in'

to say that the memy reeders uv this here kolyum "forced me out aig-in," as the candydates say; caze that wood be a li-yore an' simple. . . an' ye no Unkle Abe never lize. My parints larnt me long before I had shed by linsy dress (that wuz at 16 yrs.-old) to never tell a li; an' I have bin mitey keeful to walk rite up to the Cherry tree ever sence an' say, "Thar 'tiz—I cut it." An' I have cut sum whoppers in my time, too.

Kource, Unkle Abe bein' a grate dreemer, is not responsible for what he dreams. Mrs. Russ sez that, if Unkle Abe's dreems air anything like the broad-kast, he must be eatin'

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