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\$1.50 IN ADVANCE IN COUNTY

Engineers Urge \$60,000 Spent On Town Water System

Would Increase Capacity Of System, And Serve Larger Area With Water

After hearing the report, and recommendation of an engineer, the board of aldermen formally made application to WPA to get a \$60,000 for improving and enlarging water system here.

The board remained in session all day night until midnight, going over the report of the engineer. The recommendations call for a settling tank instead of a filtering plant which is now used. New pipe lines provide the system with 1,500,000 gallons of water a day, and with changes, could be changed to provide for two million gallons daily. The present system has a capacity of 850,000 gallons a day.

The engineer found that some necessary repair work would have to be done on the smaller reservoir, which holds a quarter of a million gallons, was built in 1907. The larger reservoir, built in 1927, holds a million gallons.

It was estimated that it would cost \$2,000 to \$3,000 to repair the smaller reservoir. This will be done regardless of other parts of the program.

A 12-inch line was suggested to run from the present 8-inch main for a distance of 6,000 feet. About two miles from the mountain, a branch line would run through the Allen's Creek area by the golf course into the reservoir, giving two 8-inch feed lines to the reservoir, and furnishing a large area with water from the lines near the intake and reservoir.

Mr. L. Briggs, water superintendent, said that present consumption is 850,000 gallons daily, with a reserve of a quarter on storage.

The engineer's plans, the clarifying plant and settling basin would be the intake.

Property Will Be Advertised Soon For Unpaid Taxes

Warning notices are being issued this week to taxpayers, that all property which 1937 taxes have not been paid will be advertised on the 15th day in August and sold the first day in September.

The county and town are making arrangements to bring about formal sale on property on which taxes have not been paid.

Personal property will be garnished unless taxes are paid this week. It was pointed out by the tax collector.

2000 Bid For 570 Acres Here

Auction sale of 570 acres of wooded land in Finesville, brought \$2,000 when sold by the court at the court house Monday.

The half dozen bidders took part in the sale Monday.

It was learned that the sale which was subject to the court's confirmation, was not recommended by the attorney.

From a reliable source, it was learned yesterday that \$2,500 had been offered for the property at private sale after the close of the auction.

The property is known as the John A. Brown, Sr., lands.

A. Brown, Sr., Is Improving From Injury

George A. Brown, Sr., who has been confined to the Haywood County Hospital for the past ten days, following an automobile accident, in which he sustained a fractured skull and fractured ribs, is reported to be improving.

Due to the seriousness of Mr. Brown's injury, it is said that he will be required to remain in the hospital several weeks.

Chairman of Federal Trade Commission Here

Richard S. Ferguson, Jr., chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, of Washington, D. C., arrived the first of the week to spend several days with his brother-in-law and sister, Prof. Mrs. E. J. Robeson. While in town, Mr. Ferguson plans to attend the majority part of his time.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Rahhan, announce the birth of a daughter, Patricia, at the Waynesville Sanitarium, Thursday.

Baptist Pastor



Rev. J. S. Hopkins will arrive here this week to assume pastorate of the First Baptist Church. He is from Louisville, Ky.

New Baptist Pastor To Occupy Pulpit At Union Services Here

The Rev. J. S. Hopkins, the newly elected pastor of the First Baptist church, will be welcomed to Waynesville on Sunday evening at the union service participated in by all churches of the town.

Greetings of welcome will be extended the new pastor by representatives from the Presbyterian, Episcopal and Methodist congregations.

The Rev. Hopkins will deliver the sermon of the evening service. The Rev. Hopkins will arrive in town tomorrow and will deliver his first sermon at the 11 o'clock service in his church. He comes to Waynesville from Louisville, Ky., where he has been both studying and preaching.

Joe. E. Johnson Passes After A Lingering Illness

Well Known and Prominent Attorney Here, Buried On Last Friday

Last rites were conducted at the Massie Funeral Home on Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock for Joseph E. Johnson, 64, who died at his home here at 12:30 o'clock on Thursday afternoon, with the Rev. H. W. Baucum, former pastor of the First Baptist church here, now associate chaplain of the Good Samaritan mission, Asheville, officiating. Burial was in Green Hill cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers were: Judge Felix E. Alley, Robert V. Welch, J. R. R. Morgan, James W. Reed, J. W. Seaver, and F. E. Alley, Jr.

Honorary pallbearers included members of the Haywood County Bar association and W. G. Byers, W. H. McCracken, Charlie C. Francis, J. R. Boyd, J. Wilford Ray, Felix Stovall, O. T. Alexander, J. Harden Howell and Charles E. Ray, Jr.

Mr. Johnson, an attorney, a native of Virginia, had spent the greater part of his life in North Carolina. He was born in Louisa County, Virginia on June 29, 1874. He had been a resident of Waynesville for the past 19 years, having come here from Atlanta, Georgia.

Mr. Johnson possessed a mind of unusual brilliancy, and had a keen knowledge of his chosen profession. Even after his illness took him out of active practice of his profession, his advice was often sought on legal tangles. Always courteous, he had made many friends during the years he lived here.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Fannie Johnson Reynolds, of Raleigh, one son, John N. Johnson, of Waynesville; four sisters, Mrs. John T. Gresham, Mrs. Herbert Smith, both of Warsaw; Mrs. J. H. Land, of Chadbourne; Mrs. Luther Bushy, of Kenansville, and two brothers, Rivers Johnson, of Warsaw, and Dr. John N. Johnson, of Goldsboro.

Campbell Reunion Set For July 24th

The seventh annual reunion of the Campbell clan will be held on Sunday, July 24th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Campbell, at Maggie, near Soco Gap.

Committees in charge of plans for the day are already at work. Miss Nell Campbell is arranging the program and Miss Louise Campbell reports for the record committee.

The members of the family and their friends are all cordially invited to attend the reunion.

"... Give Us A Book To Read"



It was not just curiosity that brought hundreds of people in every section of the county to the traveling library during the month of June. It was a desire to get books to read. Every age was represented in the groups. Pictured above are a group of young folks borrowing and returning books, and in the other picture we have an elderly couple, shown as they approached the truck returning books gotten on a previous trip. Photos by Patsy Gwyn.



Over 3,000 Books Borrowed From Traveling Library

Masons Bring 3-Day Assembly To A Close Here

F. Troy Wyche Honored By Baltimore Group For His Services At Meeting

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters brought their three-day summer assembly to a close here yesterday after the exemplification of Ohio Ritual by the Forest City Council of Cleveland, which was followed by a motorcade to Highlands for luncheon. Some 200 Masons from 20 states were represented.

The assembly got underway Monday morning, followed by a motorcade to Black Camp Gap in the afternoon, at which time the Masonic marker was unveiled. The marker contains stones from every continent of the globe and many isles of the sea.

Those taking part in the dedicatory ceremonies were F. Troy Wyche, representing the Grand Council of North Carolina, J. Ray Shuts, Jr., of Monroe, Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of North Carolina, Charles B. Newcomb, of Wilmington, Grand Commander of Knights Templar of North Carolina and John H. Cowles, of Washington, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of Scottish Rite, 33rd Southern Jurisdiction of the United States. The oration was delivered by Honorable Thomas J. Harkins, of Asheville, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the state for the Scottish Rite Bodies and Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. Following the dedicatory ceremonies, the group visited Heintoga Bald.

The feature of the second day, was the conferring of the Select Masters Degree by the Forest City Council, of Cleveland.

At noon a motorcade took the Masons and friends to Pisgah, and a fried chicken dinner was served at Frying Pan Gap by the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce, under the direction of W. H. Massie. Following the Select Masters was conferred in a secluded spot on the mountain by the Concordia Council, of Baltimore.

In appreciation of the services rendered by F. Troy Wyche as founder of the movement to erect the Masonic marker and for the courtesies extended to them, Concordia Council conferred upon him a life membership in Concordia Council, being the only Mason outside of Baltimore ever to receive this honor.

On Tuesday night the delegation attended the square dance and Indian

Need Felt For Permanent Bookmobile In Haywood County For Rural Folks

By Hilda Way Gwyn.

"Worthy books are not companions—they are solitudes; we lose ourselves in them and all our cares."

Fetus Bailey.

The month of June just passed will be reckoned as the most remarkable one in the history of the Waynesville Public Library, for its service, for the first time since its establishment, nearly a half century ago, was county-wide—even into the coves on the far edges—the people had access to the books.

The State Library commission loaned the local library, for the month of June, a bookmobile, with a number of books, which has traversed the county including all townships, with the exception of Beaverdam, as Canton has a local library of its own. The circulation has been 3,003, which proves the warm reception and the ready response, with which the service has met.

Being a native, it gave the writer a peculiar satisfaction to see the reaction of our people, in general, to the privileges of a free library service. It was thrilling to see the appreciation of the books and to know what a thirst for knowledge and cultural contracts the books were filling.

You would have an increased admiration for our librarian, Helen Medford, had you seen her greet the people, who crowded about at each stop, and her helpful suggestions. She seemed to know what each one wanted. It also might surprise you to know how Granville Gaddy, driver, learned to assist the people with their books and check them in and out, like an experienced hand. For with sixty mile trips on some days, one had to make good time to cover the routes, and make all the scheduled stops.

"Well, did you bring me that Robinson Crusoe?" asked a man in his seventies.

"I can't read, but I got a big brother who can," said a small five year old boy, "but next year, if you will have this book truck, I can read, for I'm going to the rock school house, up at Cruso, for I'll be six," he added with pride.

"You remember Miss Medford, that old lady I told you about and got a book for last time, well, she wants a good love story," said a young woman, on our first stop up Dick's Creek.

"I can't tell you how much I am liking this bookmobile, I get up around 5:15 to get my husband off to his work at Canton. I clean up the house, but it's too early to wake the children, they are so little they need

Irregularities Found In Liquor Election Petitions; Restraining Order Issued

Hearing Will Be Held Next Tuesday Before Judge Alley On Liquor Store Election

A hearing will be held here July 19 before Superior Court Judge Felix E. Alley upon whether an order forbidding a liquor election in this county on September 3 shall be made permanent.

Judge Alley issued the restraining order Monday upon petition of four Haywood citizens.

The petition, signed by J. T. Bailey, and H. A. Osborne, Canton, Edwin Fincher, Clyde, and M. T. McCracken, Waynesville, and in behalf of "themselves and all other citizens, qualified voters and taxpayers of Haywood County."

The complaint showed that the election would be expensive, and cost the taxpayers large sums of money, and, if the election would carry, that it would be unlawful—"The petition upon which said election is about to be called is not in compliance with the statute, and not a sufficient and proper petition as to its form, and is not duly and properly signed by the proper and lawful persons as provided in the statutes."

The petition does not show whether those signing them voted in the governor's race in the general election in 1936.

The complaint, which is eight pages in length, sets forth in detail that the Cade liquor bill, is unconstitutional. The Cade bill reads that if either Beaverdam or Waynesville townships vote for liquor stores, that they may be established in either or both of the townships, regardless of how the remainder of the county votes.

The complaint was filed with the clerk of the court on last Friday.

T. A. Clark, Canton, is attorney for the plaintiffs.

Petitions Made Available For Public Inspection Show A Number Of Irregularities

Numerous irregularities were reported to have been found in the petitions that were presented to the board of elections on last Friday, asking that an election be called for the establishment of liquor stores in the county.

Judge Felix E. Alley gave an order Wednesday morning, which permitted the names from the petitions to be copied. When the petitions were released, it was found that in a number of instances, several members of a family had their names on the petitions and in the same hand writing.

It was also pointed out that a number of prominent citizens, had their names on the petitions at least twice. The petitions as presented, contained 1,784 names. A total of 1,708 was required.

In other instances, it was said that names of minors were on the petitions.

From a reliable source, it was learned last night that there were names of persons on the petitions that had not been residents of Haywood county for a number of years.

In a few instances, the address of those signing them voted in the governor's race in the general election in 1936.

One woman used ditto marks under her husband's name, and only signed as "Mrs."

Several copies of the petitions were being made in the court house yesterday afternoon.

Marion Messer To Go On Trial Here Friday For Murder

Number Of Cases Disposed Of During First Three Days Of Superior Court

Superior court officials were digging away this week on a docket containing over 300 cases, and by Wednesday night had disposed of a score or more cases.

Judge Felix E. Alley, presiding, had not passed sentence on all the cases in which the defendants had been found guilty.

The court room is usually filled in the mornings, but the afternoon heat tends to thin out some of the spectators.

The grand jury returned two true bills for first degree murder, one against Marion Messer, of Cove Creek, and the other against Nina McDowell, of Canton.

Witnesses are being summoned in the Messer case to be on hand Friday. Solicitor Queen has not said what charges he will bring against Messer, but inasmuch as no special venire has been drawn, it is generally agreed that Messer will be tried for manslaughter or second degree for the death of J. Carson Hannah.

No intimation has been made as to the date of the McDowell case.

Among the cases disposed of to date, include:

Glenn Parris, driving drunk, fined \$50, cost and six months suspended sentence.

Dennis C. Cagle, breaking and entering, 12 months on roads.

Edith Lewis was granted a divorce from Grover P. Lewis.

Tom Cotter, drunkenness, six months.

James Bramlett, drunkenness, six months.

Charles Lambert, forgery, ordered to leave state and given a two-year suspended sentence.

Ernest Trantham, abandonment, ordered to pay \$5 weekly.

8-Inch Water Main Broken By Men With A Rock

Sometime late Monday night, or early Tuesday morning, two men broke the 8-inch water main in Quinlan Town with a 150-pound rock.

The pressure at the point was so great that a stream shot thirty feet into the air. Some water passed the 14-inch break and went on into the reservoir, but most of it was wasted.

The line was broken at a spot where the main crossed a small ditch.

Some five years ago, the line was broken at the same point, and two men were sentenced to the penitentiary for the act.

Oscar L. Briggs said no arrests had been made, but several suspects were listed.

Ventilating System Installed At Laundry

Large ventilators and exhaust fans have been installed in the Waynesville Laundry during the past few days.

The new equipment makes the large plant much cooler at all times.

TO GIVE MUSICAL TEA

A musical tea will be given next Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Sydia Ray, by the women of the Grace church guild. The hours will be from four until six. A silver offering will be taken.