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F. Sorrells Nets \$235 From A Small Acreage Of Beans

Bethel Farmer Finds That Crop Of Beans On 1 1/2 Acres Pays Good Dividends

The easiest money I've ever seen is what L. F. Sorrells of Bethel says when asked about the crop of beans he has just finished marketing. Sorrells has just completed marketing and marketing 276 bushels of beans from one and one-half acres of land. He received an average of \$1.20 per bushel and a total of \$330.20. He made a net profit of \$235 and a labor income of \$303.20. The bean seed were purchased from the county canner and planted July 15. The variety was Tender Green and 45 pounds were seeded. Mr. Sorrells used 600 pounds of a 4-10-4 fertilizer and side-dressed with 300 pounds of nitrate of soda. He sprayed the beans to keep the bugs down. The expenses of the project were only \$100.00. There are 25 bushels of beans picked for home use and to sell to neighbors this week.

Mr. Sorrells is one of the most progressive farmers of Pigeon and is a man who finds plenty of work to do on the farm and doesn't mind it. His boys from this farm are studying vocational agriculture at Bethel.

Tax Books Ready For Collectors; Release Is Near

The tax books for the year 1938, which are being prepared in the office of the register of deeds, C. C. Francis, will be turned over to the tax collector, Weaver H. McCracken, and his assistants this week.

The county tax rate for the year 1938 was \$1.33, while this year the rate was raised to \$1.64. This increase of 31 cents has been attributed to bond maturities, and increased Social Security obligations. The requirements of this year's budget amount to \$488,779.69, based on a property valuation of \$23,000,000.00.

The register of deeds is furnished with certain data then the names are entered to the tax collector's book. The latter is at all times for reference in the office of the tax collector. From this material each person's individual tax bills are figured, according to the current year's rate. Care must be taken in making these lists, with tedious proof-reading and checking up. The receipts for the taxpayers are checked up in triplicate, one for the taxpayer, one for the county auditor, and one for the tax collector. While many persons in the county have taken advantage of the discount offered, beginning the first of June, they have paid their taxes, the opening of the tax books is set for the first.

OFFICERS OF AMERICAN LEGION AND AUXILIARY TO BE INSTALLED

The American Legion and the Auxiliary will hold the regular monthly meeting on next Tuesday in the Legion home on Depot street, with the opening and closing periods in joint session and the business transacted in each respective meeting place. A special interest will be the installation of officers of the two groups.

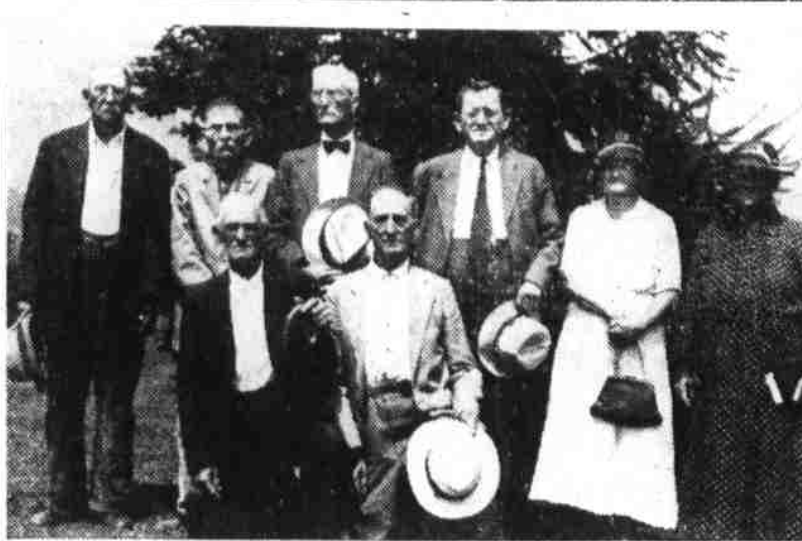
Blackie Bear Has Made A Hit

Children are eagerly awaiting this week's issue of The Mountaineer to see what Blackie Bear is up to now.

The parent was besieged by his children to get the next installment, they declared they wouldn't wait until Thursday.

Start in on the second installment today, the feature will be found on page two.

Their Ages Range From 63 to 87



The combined ages of these Walker brothers and sisters totals 591 years for an average of 74 years each. These folks recently gathered here to sign a lease on a mining reservation, and at the request of The Mountaineer, posed for this picture, which was made by Homer Davis. The front row, kneeling, left to right, A. C. Walker, 73, Crabtree; J. Lawrence Walker, 71, Lake Junaluska; back row, left to right: E. H. Walker, 87, Fines Creek; Nathan P. Walker, 81, Crabtree; W. M. Walker, 78, Laurens, S. C.; Dr. R. L. Walker, 74, Crabtree; Mrs. Eva Jones, 63, Crabtree; and Mrs. Lily Hill, 64, daughter of Mrs. Fannie Walker McCracken.

Br-r-r-r- All Signs Point To A Long Cold Winter

What kind of weather do you think we will have this winter? The question seems to be under discussion. Weather prophets in this vicinity are making predictions that in these delightful September days, with just enough crispness in the morning and evening to make life perfect—make cold shivers run down your back.

They claim: —That we are heading into one of the longest and coldest we have seen in many a day, and the signs: —That the hulls on the walnuts have not been as thick in years. —That the squirrels and woodchucks have made an early start getting in their supply of nuts. —That the butterflies left us much too soon. —That the early movements of the migratory fowls going South are a sure indication.

—That the muskrats already have a coat of fur that usually develops around December. —That the woolly worms are all sporting fur coats that might be the envy of any woman. —That the yellow jackets are building their nests in the ground. —That the cattle have not had such heavy fur coats in years.

—That the bees are making early preparations for winter. They are raising their winter brood, the earliest one bee keeper in the community has ever seen. They are storing pollen in thrifty quantities. —That we'll have a snow for every fog in August—and there were seven. —That the shucks on the corn are many and thick. —And that you better search the attic for red flannels—and "long one"—if you have them. —Personally, this reporter don't believe in the signs. Do you?

Some of the newer fabrics now being used in dresses is giving dry cleaners more headaches than profit, it was learned here this week. One local woman, a victim of fashion, tried to press a dress of the new fabric, and she melted the collar of the garment. No other explanation could be given except that the collar just went up in thin air when the hot iron was put on it.

A local dry cleaning establishment was consulted and the garment was pressed "cold" by them. So, now, the cleaners and pressers have to take careful pains to find out what each garment is made of before pressing, or they might find the dress made a quick disappearance while in the press.

County Teachers To Hold First Meeting Saturday Morning

The first meeting of the teachers of the schools of the county of the current school year will be held at 10:00 o'clock on Saturday morning, in the auditorium of the Central Elementary school, according to an announcement by Jack Messer, county superintendent of education.

The theme of the program will center around educational guidance. A devotional period conducted by the Rev. J. S. Hopkins, pastor of the First Baptist church, will open the meeting, with special music by Miss Mildred Medford. Announcements by Mr. Messer, will precede a brief business session.

Thomas Erwin will talk on "Aims of program of the year." Mrs. Pauline Goodson will discuss "Guidance in Technique of Reading." Mrs. Hilda Haliburton will speak of "Guidance in Thoroughness in School Work." Miss Mildred Crawford will talk on "Guidance in Selecting Reading Material." Miss Mary Davis will discuss "Guidance in Forming General School Habits."

M. H. Bowles, superintendent of the Waynesville district schools, will talk on "Guidance in Selecting Courses in High School." Miss Mildred Rogers will discuss "Guidance in Selecting Extra School Activities."

The Weather Report

H. M. HALL, Official Observer

Sept.	Max	Min	Prec
8	82	58	0.02
9	85	58	Trace
10	81	57	Trace
11	74	57	0.08
12	76	56	Trace
13	82	57	0.08
14	83	57	0.58
Mean maximum	80.4		
Mean minimum	57.1		
Mean for week	78.8		
High for week	85.0		
Low for week	56.0		
Above September normal	3.2		
Precipitation for week	0.68		
Precipitation since Sept. 1st	1.40		
Exact September normal	0.00		

Road Crew Working On 3-Mile Stretch To Alexander Ranch

1000 Acres Purchased By Alexanders At Fie Top For Ranch, Work Is Underway

The State Highway and Public Works Commission started work on Monday morning on the three mile stretch from Soco Gap road to Fie Top Mountain, the location of the proposed ranch, altitude 5,000 feet which will be opened next May by Mr. and Mrs. Thos. W. Alexander, former operators of Cataloochee ranch, in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park area.

Mr. Alexander recently purchased a 1,000 acre tract of land adjoining the park on the northwestern side of the Cataloochee divide. 13 miles from Waynesville, from Verlin A. Campbell, including what is known as Fie Top, so called from John Fie, who owned the property for nearly a half century.

Three hundred and fifty acres of the land is cleared, and said to be of unusual fertility, while the remainder is in timber. The new owners plan to leave the great part in forest, and part of the cleared boundary will be used as a range for cattle and sheep.

The stone barn built by Mr. Campbell will be converted into the main ranch house, with sixteen rooms and eight baths. Three guest cabins will be built nearby, making a total accommodation for at least 35 guests. At a later date there will be additions which will take care of fifteen more guests. A cottage of six rooms and two baths is also being built for the helpers at the ranch. Stables to house 25 or more horses will be built before spring.

A water system is now under construction with a 5,000 gallon reservoir on top of one of the high peaks, which will be piped down to the development. A Deleo system will furnish lights for the buildings.

Logs and rocks will be used in all the construction of buildings, keeping everything about the place as rustic as the surroundings. The furnishings of the interiors will be simple, but every convenience will be provided for the guests, with special attention given to good beds and food.

"We located our ranch in Haywood county for several reasons," said Mr. Alexander, when asked why he chose Fie Top.

"First we think we have the best site in Western North Carolina for our ranch, and we like to live in Haywood near Waynesville. After five years at Cataloochee we know what good markets you have for meats, fresh vegetables and fruits."

The former owner, Mr. Campbell, has farmed the cleared land for years. The greater part has been planted in Irish potatoes, which grow to an enormous size on Fie Top, turnips, corn and oats. This year his crops have included 2,500 bushels of potatoes, 100 stacks of hay, 1,500 bushels of oats, and large quantities of turnips and rutabagas. A large portion of the farm will continue to be cultivated, and Mr. Campbell has signed a contract as manager of the farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander started Cataloochee Ranch in the park area in 1932 and for five years leased the

SENATOR Wm. SMATHERS ON VISIT TO PARENTS

Senator and Mrs. William Smathers and son, J. B., have arrived from Atlantic City for a visit with the former's parents, Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Smathers.

EN ROUTE TO SEATTLE

Harry Whisenhunt, of Hazelwood, left for Seattle, Wash., last week, where he will enter Seattle University again this year. His brother, Dick, Jr., entered at Brevard College this week.

Waynesville To Vote On Bond Issues Friday; Hazelwood Votes Tues.

Water Rates Being Worked Out By An Expert, Report Soon

Officials of Waynesville, Hazelwood and Lake Junaluska have held a series of meetings and conferences this week with W. H. Newelle, water rate expert, who is here to make an analysis of the local water situation in regard to rates.

The whole matter has been discussed with representatives of the three communities, but the formal report has not yet been filed.

Mr. Newelle works under the jurisdiction of the North Carolina League of Municipalities, and was brought here by Waynesville. No date has been set as to when he will make his complete and final report and recommendations.

Mrs. Alley Gives Original Gavel To Young Democrats

Mrs. Doyle D. Alley, presented to the North Carolina Young Democratic Clubs, at their meeting last week in Durham, the original gavel of the Young Democratic Clubs of America, for permanent possession.

The gavel was used back in 1927 when the national organization came into being as a result of the efforts of Tyre Taylor, of Raleigh and Washington, who was the organizer of the clubs in North Carolina.

Mrs. Alley is the widow of the late Doyle D. Alley, a former president of the state clubs, and has herself been an active member of the organization.

Arthur Francis Is Ordained Minister In Baptist Church

Arthur Francis, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Francis, was ordained as a minister at the Ratcliff Cove Baptist church Sunday afternoon in an impressive ceremony.

Conducting the ceremony of ordination were the following ministers: the Rev. Frank Leatherwood, moderator of the Haywood Baptist Association, who spoke on the Christian ministry; the Rev. W. M. Gerald, pastor of the Clyde Baptist church, who led the ordination prayer; the Rev. Oler Burnett, pastor of the Ratcliff Cove Baptist church, who presented the Bible, and the Rev. J. S. Hopkins, pastor of the Waynesville Baptist church, who delivered the charge.

Mr. Francis graduated from the Waynesville Township High school in 1934, and completed his four years' course this spring at Wake Forest College. He plans to enter the Crozier Seminary at Chester, Penn., this fall.

District Meet Of Baptist Unions On Next Sunday

The Baptist Training Unions of the Waynesville district will hold their quarterly meeting at the Waynesville Baptist church on next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

All the churches in the district are asked to send a good representation to the meeting along with their pastors. Plans are to have Miss Mabel Starnes, of Asheville, to attend the meeting.

Churches in the district include, Allen's Creek, Barbersville, Dellwood, Fairview, Hazelwood, Hemphill, Olivet, Pleasant Balsam, Ratcliff Cove, Waynesville, and Richland Chapel.

The following program has been arranged for the afternoon: The theme will be "Witnessing for Christ." A devotional period with special music will open the meeting, followed by roll call of the churches. Talks on "A Church Witnessing" through preaching, through teaching, through training and through living, and "Every Christian a Witness for Christ," will be made. The afternoon will close with a playlet.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Dewey Messer announce the birth of a son, Richard Keith, on August the 30th, at their home here.

Proposal Of PWA To Be Put To Voters Of Two Towns; Offer Gift Of \$100,227

Between sunrise and sunset Friday, the voters of Waynesville will decide whether they are to authorize their officials to accept a direct gift from the Public Works Administration for \$100,227 which represents 45 per cent of the cost of constructing a sewer line from Hazelwood to a point below Lake Junaluska.

To get the gift of \$100,227, the town of Waynesville must issue bonds amounting to \$86,000, which can be had at four per cent interest over a period of thirty years.

The voters on Friday will also decide on a similar issue, of installing an adequate water system, which calls for \$63,414 in bonds, with another gift of \$27,350 from PWA.

On Tuesday of next week, the voters of Hazelwood will go to the polls and vote on the issuance of \$36,500 in bonds for their part of the construction of the sewer line, which would remove all sewage of the two communities from Richland Creek and Lake Junaluska.

The Waynesville voters will cast their votes at the court house, in the main office of the health department. The election officials are Frank Ferguson, registrar, and Henry Gaddy and Jarvis Campbell judges.

Hazelwood will vote at the town hall.

There are about 1,000 qualified voters in Waynesville, and yesterday a light vote was predicted, with an estimate of 350 being the general opinion of those who have followed local voting for many years.

It will take about an hour to count the votes after the polls close at sunset.

The proposal made by PWA calls for the letting of the contract for the work before November 4th, with actual construction underway before January first.

The recent new law makes it mandatory for the voters to decide on the issuance of bonds for this work, and also, it was a part of the stipulation made by PWA when the application was made over three years ago, although just granted in August.

Judge F. E. Alley To Preside Over Sept. Term Court

The September term of the Haywood county superior court will convene on Monday the 19th, with Judge Felix E. Alley, presiding.

According to W. G. Byers, clerk of the superior court, a light docket is scheduled for this term, with only twenty-nine cases to be tried.

It has been announced that all uncontested divorce cases will be heard at the convenience of the court.

Homecoming Will Be Observed At Bethel

Homecoming Day will be observed at Bethel Methodist church, Sunday, September 18.

Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Terrell, missionaries to Brazil, will be the guest speakers. Mr. Terrell was reared at Bethel and entered the ministry from the local Methodist church.

There will be all day services with dinner on the grounds.

P. V. Massey, of Robbinsville, who formerly resided here, is spending several days in the county visiting relatives.

Building and Home News...

is a new feature which is being started in this week's issue. Pages eight and nine are devoted to news, illustrations and advertisements that will prove profitable to all home owners, and prospective builders and remodelers.

Voice of The People

"Do you think Roosevelt should run for a third term as President?"

T. J. Cathey, County auditor—"Regardless of my admiration for President Roosevelt, I do not approve his running for a third term."

Grover C. Davis, Attorney—"Approve of Roosevelt's running for a third term. The world is turned upside down just now. And we need someone in this country to lead us who has the courage to do things."

Dr. E. W. Gudger—"By all means—NO."

R. C. McBride, Merchant—"No I do not think it would be wise at this time."

Frank M. Davis—"Yes, I think so, and I believe he will and if he does I think he will be elected—although he has made some mistakes, we should compare the good he has done with his mistakes and vote accordingly."

J. C. Galushe—"Depends entirely on conditions at the time of election."