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\$1.50 IN ADVANCE IN COUNTY

Eagle Stores To Have 80% More Floor Space; Plan Large Expenditure

Joe Mormino Fruit Stand Building Leased By Five And Ten Cent Store Firm

WILL START SOON

Officials See Bright Future For This Community. More Clerks To Be Used

Owners of the Eagle Five and Ten Cent Stores have signed a lease for the building formerly occupied by the Joe Mormino's Fruit Stand, and will consolidate their present building with the Mormino stand, to give them an addition of eighty per cent more space, it was learned by The Mountaineer from L. W. Brewer, local manager.

Blue prints are completed, and work will begin immediately after the first of the year, Mr. Brewer said.

Officials of the company were here last week, and said the expansion program would involve expenditures of several thousands of dollars. Both buildings are owned by Joe Mormino. The two stores will be made into one. A new front will be made for the entire double unit, giving three entrances. The wall now dividing the two buildings will be torn out, and only steel posts used.

The stairs leading to the second floor, that are now between the two buildings, will be removed, and placed on the side next to the Food Store.

New fixtures will be used in the new addition, and many new items will be added to the stock.

Mr. Brewer explained that the owners felt that this community showed enough evidence of growth that would justify their expansion program. "Our company looks on Haywood county as a well balanced county, and it is our policy to keep abreast of the community in which we operate."

The program will necessitate the addition of several more salesladies, it was said.

The present stock room will be used for both stores, although a smaller room will be installed in the basement of the fruit stand.

"The plans for the three-entrance front will give the store one of the most modern fronts west of Asheville," it was said. "The store will also be the largest five and ten west of Asheville," Mr. Brewer announced. The front of the present store will be completely torn out.

There are now 17 stores in the Eagle group, and the Waynesville store will be in the top bracket as to size, it was said. The stores are located in the two Carolinas and Virginia, with headquarters in Charlotte.

Sixteen More Taking Rabies Treatment

The heads of three dogs and of two cats have recently been sent by the local authorities to the laboratory of the North Carolina State Board of Health in Raleigh.

As a result there are sixteen more persons added to the long list of those taking rabies treatment, according to the local office.

It is understood that there is to be some new appointments made in the near future of the township inspectors and a closer supervision of the enforcement of the law is to be made.

The law requires that all dogs over six months old be vaccinated for rabies, which has not been enforced in the county, and in addition there are a large number of stray dogs in the county, which should, if left unclaimed, be killed.

Next Week...

The Mountaineer will be published on a bright green paper, and filled with Christmas features from beginning to end. Several hundred extra copies will be published in addition to the regular large circulation.

Dr. Kirkpatrick Is All Smiles Over His Recent Fishing Luck

Of all the broad smiles that can be seen on the streets these days, is that one Dr. W. L. Kirkpatrick is wearing—and all because of his luck as a fisherman.

Dr. Kirkpatrick takes his fishing seriously, and recently he has found a special bait and hook which nets him 5 and 7 pound catches, which is enough to make any fisherman happy.

The large fish have been caught in Lake Junaluska, and Dr. Kirkpatrick keeps his hooks baited and looks after them regularly. The fish are carp, and he gives them to his friends.

During the trout season, he usually keeps his friends supplied. While he dearly likes catching them, he does not eat fish.

Welfare Office To Dispense \$5,488.80 During December

664 Persons Receive Old Age Assistance And Dependent Child Payments In County

Checks totaling \$5,488.80 were received this week by Mrs. J. Dale Stentz, county superintendent of public welfare, for distribution to the recipients of old age assistance payments and to dependent children.

The average grant for an old age case in the county amounts to \$10.70, while for each dependent child in a family a payment of \$4.30 is allowed. The checks for the month of December is the largest ever paid in this county, the first checks being received for the month of August, 1937, following the law which became effective in July, 1937.

Of the total amount received by Mrs. Stentz this month, \$4,228.80 will go to the 393 recipients of the old age assistance payments, while \$1,259 will be divided among the 271 dependent children receiving such aid in the county.

The quota for Haywood county in both groups has been filled, and only in the case of a death of some person receiving old age assistance, or in the case of a dependent child becoming sixteen years of age, will there be another opportunity for applicants in either class, according to Mrs. Stentz.

4 Haywood County Men Released From Buncombe Co. Jail

Had Been Arrested For Questioning In Mysterious Death Of J. L. Davis Last Feb.

Four Haywood county men, who were held last week in the Buncombe county jail, for questioning in connection with the death last February of Joe L. Davis, at his store in the Fines Creek township, were released on Saturday. They were, Newt Ledford, Taylor Rogers, Audren Beasley and Woodrow Beasley.

Oscar Adkins, of the state prison department, J. Barnes, state highway patrolman, and Love Gudger, Buncombe county deputy sheriff, had taken the men in custody several days before.

The information which led to their arrest, it was reported, had been furnished by Sheriff Lawrence E. Brown, of Buncombe county. Adkins had been working for several days on the case prior to the action taken in the matter.

After an examination the men were released and it was stated that it was believed that none of them were connected with the death.

Davis met his death from unknown sources, last February. His charred body was found in the ashes of his store, which was destroyed by fire. Davis is said to have been sleeping at his place of business to prevent robbery. He is alleged to have had the habit of keeping several hundred dollars in his store. His death still remains a mystery.

Section Of Parkway From Wagon Road Gap To Be Let Jan. 5

Survey Work On Adjoining Section Will Be Ready For Bids By January 15th

Contractors have been notified that bids for the construction of section 2U2, which is a six-mile stretch from Wagon Road Gap towards Tennessee Bald, of the Blue Ridge Parkway, will be opened on January fifth, according to news received here this week by Chas. E. Ray, Jr., chairman of the community interest committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

Work usually gets underway within thirty days after the contracts are awarded, it was said here recently by a member of the state highway commission.

It was also learned this week, that the surveying on section 2V2, which adjoins the section mentioned above, (Continued on page 4)

Haywood Growers Allotted Million Pounds Tobacco

Officials Urging That Best Grades Be Put On Market First; 960 Acres Grown

Approximately 745 burley tobacco growers have visited the office of the county agent here since Saturday morning, at which time the office started issuing burley tobacco marketing cards.

On Saturday 330 growers received their cards, on Monday around 360 cards were issued, on Tuesday 125, and a check up yesterday showed that by noon Wednesday 27 had been issued.

There are approximately 1250 tobacco growers in Haywood county, who will receive these poundage allotment cards for the crop year of 1938. Haywood county has been allotted over 1,000,000 pounds of tax (Continued on page 4)

Brown Named Chairman Board of Commissioners; G. C. Davis Is Attorney

Chairman



GEO. A. BROWN, JR.

Several Changes Made By Board In Their First Meeting Here Monday

CONSTABLE BONDS PASSED

Jack McCracken Named Superintendent of County Home, Succeeding Noland

The new board of county commissioners lost no time in getting down to work Monday morning, and elected George A. Brown, Jr., chairman, immediately after being sworn in by W. G. Byers, clerk of court.

And while in executive session, the board made a number of changes in the county administration and employees, starting with the night janitor and going up to county attorney.

George C. Davis was named county attorney, succeeding J. R. Morgan. Mr. Davis is former solicitor of the 20th district.

Dr. Sam Stonefield was retained as county physician.

Johnnie Ferguson was retained as assistant tax collector.

Jack McCracken, of Crabtree, was named as superintendent of the county home, succeeding Dock Noland.

Homer Caldwell was named as night janitor, taking the place of Bob Ray. Janitor Queen was retained.

The new board, which is composed of George A. Brown, Jr., Frank M. Davis, and R. T. Boyd, accepted \$1,000 bonds from four constables. They were: W. H. Scott, of Beaverdam; Weldon Heatherly, East Fork; W. C. Sutton, of Jonathan's Creek, and C. C. Hill, of Clyde.

The board passed on a few claims, and adjourned until the next regular meeting day—the third Monday.

The retiring board, composed of J. A. Lowe, chairman, Glenn C. Palmer, Jarvis H. Allison, T. R. Boyd, Ralph Moore, Grover C. Rogers, and Clarence C. Medford, met on last Friday for their final session.

The newly elected employees of the county have taken their new positions.

All elective officers, were sworn in Monday morning by W. G. Byers, clerk of court. Magistrate C. B. Atkeson, administered the oath to W. G. Byers. Elective officers: R. V. Welch, sheriff; W. H. McCracken, tax collector; C. C. Francis, registrar of deeds; Chester A. Coghorn, state senator, and Glenn C. Palmer, representative.

Brown Buys First 1939 License Tag

The first 1939 plate sold by the local office, in the Chamber of Commerce, went to J. C. Brown, vocational teacher in the Waynesville Township High school.

J. Dale Stentz, secretary, announced yesterday that sales of the tags was above that of last year.

Several requests have been made for special numbers, and the list is growing daily, according to Mr. Stentz. One patron requested a number with "16" in it. As luck would have it, Mr. Stentz said, the next tag in line did contain the "16" which the patron declared was her lucky number.

The Weather Report

H. M. HALL, Official Observer

Dec.	Max.	Min.	7:30 a. m. Prec.
1	53	29	22
2	52	29	21
3	52	21	33
4	54	33	49 0.13
5	59	47	52
6	52	25	26 0.03
7	44	22	22
Mean maximum	51		
Mean minimum	27		
Mean for week	39		
Mean 7:30 a. m.	35		
High for week	59		
Low for week	22		
Above December no. Precipitation for week	1		
Below December no. Precipitation for year	1		
Deficiency for year	1		

Dr. S. P. Gay Named Chamber of Commerce President For 1939

When Negro Preacher Meets A Bear, Anything Might Happen

STENTZ IS PRAISED

R. L. Prevost Named First Vice President, And Heads The Executive Committee

Dr. S. P. Gay was elected president of the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce, at the meeting of the newly elected board, which was held on Monday night.

Others chosen at the time to serve with Dr. Gay were as follows: First vice president, in charge of ways and means, C. N. Allen; second vice president, in charge of publicity and promotion, M. H. Bowles; third vice president, in charge of community interest, Charles E. Ray, Jr.; and treasurer, Ben Colkitt.

Prior to the meeting of the board to serve for 1939, the retiring board met and transacted the last business of that body. The entire group went on record as expressing appreciation of the manner in which J. Dale Stentz had carried on the work of the office.

The newly elected board is composed of the following: From the industry, R. L. Prevost and Ben Colkitt, L. M. Killian and Harry Lee Linger; agriculture, G. N. Allen, George A. Brown, Jr.; from the business and professional circles, J. R. Boyd, M. H. Bowles, L. N. Davis, Dr. S. P. Gay, T. Troy Wyche; hotels and boarding houses, Paul Hyatt and Mrs. James M. Long.

The election of the secretary, which was left to the executive board, made up of the president, and vice president, with R. L. Prevost as chairman, will be made at an early date.

ROTARIANS HEAR ABOUT GOOD OF XMAS SEALS

Rotarians heard Miss Theodora Flud, district health nurse discuss the important part that the money from the sale of Christmas seals plays in stamping out tuberculosis.

The goal for this county this year has been set at \$150, according to Mrs. Frank Ferguson, chairman. Seventy-five per cent of all funds collected remain here for local work, twenty per cent goes to state work, and one per cent for national.

Voice of The People

Can one have a satisfactory Christmas without remembering some "forgotten child," some needy or lonely old person?

C. B. Atkinson—"My greatest happiness is in doing for others. It has always been more of a pleasure for me to give than to receive. I often wonder if the rising generation understands the real meaning of Christmas."

Mrs. John L. Davis—"I think it is impossible to get the spirit of Christmas, without remembering someone, who will not think of you."

Miss Nancy Killian—"Emphatically no. To me Christmas is the time when the doors of our hearts should swing wide to include 'the whole family in Heaven and Earth.' It is a giving time, a sharing time, of our love, our thoughts, our understanding, and the things material, with the sick, the aged, the poor, the lonely, and all the little ones, we are able to reach. As the old traditional carol says: 'Ye who now will bless all these, shall yourself find blessings!'"

L. N. Davis—"No. Christmas is a day of thanksgiving and good cheer and marks the season of the Supreme Gift from our Creator to mankind, and has been celebrated as such since the birth of our Saviour. Therefore, it is an occasion for rejoicing together and spreading happiness to others around us and remembering the less fortunate. Your Christmas and my Christmas would not be satisfactory without thinking of others, and expressing our thoughts through special gifts, greetings and hospitality."

L. M. Richeson—"Since Christmas exemplifies the spirit of 'Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men,' then one cannot appreciate or fully enjoy our greatest Festival unless he remembers others, who have probably been less fortunate."

Frank W. Miller—"I don't think one can, but I had rather do something about it than talk of it—and I think that nearly everyone remembers somebody in this manner at Christmas, if we just knew about it."

Santa Starts On Visits To Schools In Haywood County

Will Be Back In His Igloo Here Saturday Morning To Greet Children

HAS HEAVY MAIL.

Santa Well Pleased With Crowd That Turned Out To Greet Him Last Week

(See pictures on page one Section 2)

Santa Claus came out of seclusion this morning and is appearing at Bethel, Cruso, Ceel and Spring Hill schools, after a four-day rest from his hard trip from the North Pole.

Santa arrived here Saturday on schedule, and a crowd of 1,000 awaited him at the station. An hour before four train time, the crowd began to gather from every part of the county. The engineer held his whistle open from Lake Junaluska, and as the train rolled in the fire siren, church bells, factory whistles, and automobile horns greeted the jolly old man, who carried a bag of toys on his back.

He greeted the throng, and made his way to a decorated truck, where a loud speaking system, installed by Frank Martin, was awaiting him. He spoke only a few words, and was whisked off to ride through Hazelwood and then down Main street where cheering crowds waved and called to him.

When he got to his igloo in front of the court house, there were at least three thousand people waiting for him, and he had to have two men help him make his way through the crowd. He paused a few minutes before entering the igloo to have his picture made for The Mountaineer.

When he got inside, and put away his pack, he started at once handing out candy to all children. When he had finished, he found he had given two thousand boys and girls candy. Most of all of the children were accompanied by grown-ups.

Shortly after noon, Santa was taken to a secluded spot where he spent a busy week-end checking up and tabulating the 296 letters mailed to him in the igloo post office.

Saturday morning, at ten o'clock, Santa will come back to his igloo here, and there he will greet all boys and girls and to each one who has a card which will be given out through the schools he will give a bag of candy. The Mountaineer reporter got a peep into one of the bags of candy the other day while interviewing Santa, and found two or three pieces of chocolate, some gum drops, a lot of jelly beans, some marshmallow peanuts, and some hard sugar candy, and maybe there was some other kind, but anyway, there is more candy in each bag than any little boy or girl should eat at once.

When The Mountaineer reporter talked to Santa yesterday, the old man was ready for a busy time of it, and expects another busy week-end checking his mail. On Monday morning he will set out for the school at (Continued on page 4)