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\$1.50 IN ADVANCE IN COUNTY

Community Building Needed Here; C. Of C. Head Says

Dr. Gay And Others Studying Plans And Ways To Get Community Recreational Center

A group of civic leaders heard Dr. S. P. Gay, president of the Chamber of Commerce, last night suggest, and urge, the acquiring of property and erection of a suitable, community building and recreational center for this community.

President Gay pointed out that at the present there is a urgent need for such a building, and that with WPA assistance, the local cost could be held to a minimum.

A committee headed by President Gay recently went to Barnardville, and there inspected a \$15,000 building. Those accompanying Dr. Gay were L. N. Davis, Fred Yearout and J. C. Brown.

"A community building large enough to accommodate gatherings of 200 or more, and space to serve meals to these crowds, together with a central meeting place for all civic gatherings in the community is certainly needed. We lack the proper and adequate recreational facilities for our home folks and summer visitors, and it seems to me that money spent on these at this time would be well invested," the new president said.

Numerous citizens have been approached on the matter, and the subject has met with a responsive approval, it was said.

Tentative plans are to call a mass meeting when definite plans have been completed and submit these to the citizens of the community, Dr. Gay stated.

Unoccupied House Burns To Ground

A four room house on the Allen's Creek road belonging to Howard Wyatt, was practically burned to the ground on Sunday night. The house was unoccupied at the time, and the cause of the fire has not as yet been determined.

The alarm was given at 7:15 by the driver of a car passing by, who discovered the blaze.

The Waynesville fire department was called, but the house was not even put to use, as the flames had spread over the entire building ere the fire truck arrived.

The house was located about a quarter of a mile from the Allen Creek school house.

According to the driver of the fire truck, Lawrence Kerley, more people drove to the site of the fire than has been done in several years, apparently forgetting the request which has been made from time to time by the fire department asking that only those connected with the fire department answer fire alarms.

Mr. Kerley stated that for one quarter of a mile from the Arrowwood filling station at the turn off U. S. Highway 19 on the Allen's Creek road, cars were parked double, and that they had difficulty in getting the truck out, and had they wished to use the hose, the cars on the highway would have prevented proper handling.

Miss Emily Siler left Monday for Greensboro, where she will resume her duties at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina.

Mrs. A. J. McCracken spent several days during the past week with her sister, Mrs. B. A. Abernathy, at her home in Hiddenite.

The Weather Report

H. M. HALL, Official Observer

| Dec. | Max. | Min. | 7:30 a. m. | Prec. |
|------------------------------|-------|------|------------|-------|
| 29 | 40 | 13 | 26 | |
| 30 | 42 | 26 | 31 | trace |
| 31 | 48 | 21 | 23 | |
| Jan. | | | | |
| 1 | 46 | 18 | 20 | |
| 2 | 48 | 19 | 25 | |
| 3 | 53 | 20 | 20 | |
| 4 | 61 | 20 | 45 | |
| Mean maximum | 48.3 | | | |
| Mean minimum | 19.6 | | | |
| Mean for week | 33.9 | | | |
| Mean for 7:30 a. m. | 27.0 | | | |
| High for week | 61.0 | | | |
| Low for week | 13.0 | | | |
| Precipitation for week | 0.00 | | | |
| Precipitation since Jan. 1st | 0.00 | | | |
| Precipitation for year | 0.00 | | | |
| Deficiency for year | 0.48 | | | |
| Total 1938 | 40.30 | | | |
| Deficiency 1938 | 6.03 | | | |

2 County Officials Minus Overcoats

During the strenuous Tuesday's session of the Haywood county board of commissioners, which started early in the morning and ended after six o'clock in the afternoon, George A. Brown, Jr., chairman of the board, lost his overcoat. Mr. Brown stated that there were several letters in the pockets addressed to him, so anyone who might have taken the coat through mistake would soon discover the name of the rightful owner. This is the second coat that has disappeared from the court house during the past month. W. G. Byers, clerk of the court, is also minus a good warm winter coat, which was taken from the rack in his private office, before Christmas.

Funds Transferred For Completion Of Hazelwood School

Chronic Cases At Hospital, Under County Care, Taken To County Home

At the meeting of the board of county commissioners held on Tuesday, final arrangements were perfected for the transfer of funds allocated to the Beaverdam schools, now under construction, for which funds were lacking to complete, owing to an insufficient amount having been put in the county budget for this purpose.

The WPA project for the Beaverdam school had not gone through, and the Hazelwood school, another WPA aided project might have been lost, if this timely action had not been taken by the board. The funds involved in the transaction were not made public. The construction of the Hazelwood school will be continued and plans are to complete the building in the near future.

Mrs. Joe Ray was engaged as a nurse to assist Jack McCracken, superintendent of the county home, in caring for the inmates there. The plans are to remove the chronic cases at the Haywood County Hospital to the county home, which has recently been heated and a general improvement for the comfort of the inmates has been made.

These patients at one time received aid from the Duke Endowment Fund, but after their cases became chronic regulations regarding giving aid to them had to be removed from the benevolence regulations regarding giving aid to this type of patients. The cases do not need medical care, but good homes and nursing.

Since the quarantine of the county for rabies, there have been no new developments in the situation or any new cases. Mr. Brown, chairman, stated that those in authority have received splendid cooperation throughout the county in this matter. The quarantine will continue, it was stated until all danger of the epidemic is passed.

A number of road petitions and tax complaints were heard. A large number of cases wanting financial assistance were presented. These cases due to certain circumstances, do not come under the group that is receiving aid from the welfare department, and must obtain aid from the county indigent fund, which is a limited amount.

Salvation Army Leaders To Address Bible Class

Captain Cecil Brown and Lt. Colonel of the Mountain Division of the Salvation Army will have charge of the services at the regular meeting of the Citizen's Bible class, which meets in the town hall each Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. J. R. Morgan, attorney, is teacher of the class.

BETHEL COUPLE OBSERVE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Will Henry observed their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary at their home at Bethel on December 23rd. They had with them for the happy occasion their children as follows: Fannie, Bernita, Burlin, Edith, June, Pearl, Jack, Billie, and Shirley.

Mrs. Henry before her marriage was Miss Nola Browning. She was married to Mr. Henry at Sunburst on December 23rd, 1913.

Miss Martha McCracken, who is attending Cecil's Business College, has returned to Asheville, after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McCracken.

Representative



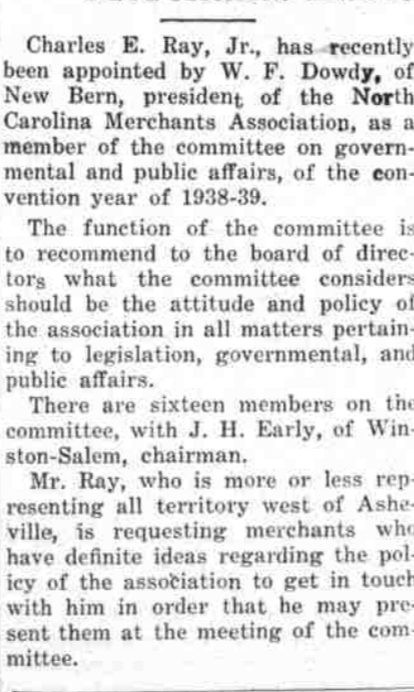
GLENN C. PALMER

Senator



CHESTER A. COGBURN

Speaker



D. L. WARD

Chas. E. Ray Jr., On Committee State Merchants Asso.

Charles E. Ray, Jr., has recently been appointed by W. F. Dowdy, of New Bern, president of the North Carolina Merchants Association, as a member of the committee on governmental and public affairs, of the convention year of 1938-39.

The function of the committee is to recommend to the board of directors what the committee considers should be the attitude and policy of the association in all matters pertaining to legislation, governmental, and public affairs.

There are sixteen members on the committee, with J. H. Early, of Winston-Salem, chairman.

Mr. Ray, who is more or less representing all territory west of Asheville, is requesting merchants who have definite ideas regarding the policy of the association to get in touch with him in order that he may present them at the meeting of the committee.

Thomas Hill—Student at Georgia Tech, Atlanta, Ga.—"It is adjusting themselves to new conditions and demands suddenly thrust upon them when they have to earn a living, to deal with varied types of people, and to participate in the different phases of life in their community."

Postal Business Shows Substantial Increase Over '37

Postmaster J. H. Howell gave out some optimistic figures from the Waynesville post office for the year just closed, to The Mountaineer yesterday.

According to Major Howell, the total business for 1938 made a gain over 1937 of \$1,435.06. December of '38 exceeded December of last year by total of \$232.27.

The stamp sales of last month between the dates of the 19th and the 24th, were \$100.24 more than that of the previous December.

The average cancellation of letters and cards made an 8.87 per cent gain, and the number of bags of parcel post a 1.57 per cent increase.

The volume of incoming mail during 1938 to the Waynesville post office made a 10 per cent gain over 1937.

A comparison of the general business for the past four years, since 1934, showed over 37 per cent gain, according to Major Howell.

Professions are crowded and college graduates are finding that their four years of preparation were for non-existent jobs.

Billie Rotha—Student at the Women's College of the University of North Carolina—"The problem is so serious that it frightens me. Finding a job with some future—one you can start at the bottom and advance according to your ability."

Robert Love Sloan—Student at Duke University—"In our modern work-a-day world, one of the greatest single problems facing the college graduate is, in my opinion, this matter of earning one's livelihood. The expense of our education makes it imperative for the young graduate to receive employment, which carries with it a sufficient salary to make the original educational investment worthwhile. The world, however, flooded with young graduates in the last two decades, has most of its well paying positions already filled. The young graduate is faced with the prospect of groping around a number of years, looking for a satisfactory job, or taking an inferior one, in the carrying of which, his specialized training is of little value to him."

Marguerite Murphy—Student at the Women's College of the University of North Carolina—"Our greatest problem is lack of jobs. All the

Former Waynesville Girl Killed By Sick Husband; Later Takes Own Life

Palmer Talks With C. Of C. Group On Matters Of County

The executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce tendered a complimentary dinner for Glenn C. Palmer, Haywood representative, last Friday night at the Hotel LeFaine, at which time matters of county-wide interest were discussed with Mr. Palmer before he left for Raleigh.

Senator Chester A. Cogburn had a conflicting engagement with a Transylvania delegation, and was unable to attend. He had previously discussed local matters with different civic leaders here.

Those attending this meeting, included Mr. Palmer, Chas. E. Ray, Jr., R. L. Prevost, Dr. S. P. Gay, M. H. Bowles, J. Dale Stentz, T. Troy Wyche, Hugh Massie, and C. N. Allen.

Sale Of License Tags Are Heavy

Five hundred more license tags have been sold at the Chamber of Commerce office this year than at the same date last year, it was revealed yesterday.

Something over 2,300 tags have been disposed of through the local office to date. On last Saturday 555 sales were made as compared with 404 for the same date last year.

"We sold 2,800 last year, but it looks like it will be far above that figure for this year," J. Dale Stentz, secretary said.

The sale of power tags were reported going satisfactorily.

Heavy sales for all state tags were reported from all offices, it was said by Mr. Stentz.

Highway patrolmen started in yesterday stopping all motorists on the highway without 1939 license plates on their cars. At the discretion of the patrolman, such motorists can be taken before a magistrate and fined up to \$50.

Underwood Assumes Management Of New Sinclair Serv. Station

The new \$7,000 Sinclair Service Station on Main street was opened to the public yesterday, with Spaulding Underwood as manager.

Mr. Underwood has been manager of another Main street station for a number of years, and announced that the formal opening of the station would be held later, but in the meantime, every department of the new station was in operation.

Paul Young has assumed management of the Shell station in addition to his taxi service.

New Walks Being Built On Main St.

The street department crew is busy this week laying new sidewalks on Main street, where the walks have become broken and in bad repair.

The work is being done under the supervision of Oscar L. Briggs and he told The Mountaineer yesterday that every "bad spot on Main street" would be repaired just as fast as weather would permit.

The crew were at work this week on the broken section in front of the Shell Service Station.

Several walks on side streets will be repaired as soon as the Main street work is completed, Mr. Briggs said.

Hazelwood Lots Bring Good Price

Fourteen building lots on Highway No. 19 and the Allen's Creek road near Hazelwood, sold for \$2,265.50 yesterday at auction, it was announced by T. L. Green, administrator of the Rev. T. F. Arrington estate.

The property was bought by R. V. Welch and R. H. "Dick" West, of Clyde. It is understood that the property was bought for investment.

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Erk have returned from a ten days stay in Florida.

Lena Joe Ferguson Shaw, And Husband Spent Sunday Here; Died Early Monday

The body of Lena Joe Ferguson Shaw, seventeen year old bride of Joseph C. Shaw, Jr., 30, of Greenville, who was murdered by her husband, Monday morning, in their boarding house room at 505 Buncombe street, Greenville, S. C., after which he committed suicide, was brought here Tuesday for burial, by Massie Undertakers.

Mrs. Shaw was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ferguson, and granddaughter of Mrs. Dave Penland and of Mr. and Mrs. Caesar Ferguson, all of this county.

The fatal shooting occurred sometime during the early hours of the morning, the exact time is unknown. The bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Shaw were found in their bedroom in the home of Mrs. E. O. Dameron, with whom they had rooms, shortly after 1 o'clock on Monday afternoon.

According to Mrs. Dameron, the landlady, the maid was waiting to get into the Shaws' room to do her daily cleaning, and when she could get no response to her knocking became alarmed. Around 1 o'clock she called the city police, who broke open the locked door. The bodies were found dead in night clothes on the bed. The position of Mrs. Shaw, with her head at the foot of the bed showed signs of struggle on her part to defend herself.

Deputy Sheriff Earl Daniel, who investigated the case for the county, and the coroner termed the shooting as a clear case of murder and suicide, resulting as they surmised from Shaw's brooding over his ill health and unemployment.

Near the body was found a note that had evidently been written hurriedly, in which Shaw repeated several times that he and his wife loved each other and that this was the only way they could be together, requesting that they be buried together in Waynesville.

The shots were not heard by anyone in the house, the landlady explained, due she felt to the unusually thick walls of the house which had been built many years ago. Shaw's room was on the second floor.

Only two shots were fired. Both bodies being shot above the left eye with a .32 revolver, and the muzzle of the gun had been held so close that powder burns had discolored the skin.

The Shaws were married last November in Waynesville, and had been living in Greenville since that time. They had spent New Year's Day with the bride's relatives here, and had returned to Greenville around 9:30 the night before the fatal shots.

Funeral services were held for Shaw at the home of his parents, at Belkin, S. C., about thirty miles from Greenville at 4 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, the parents not wishing to comply with his dying request.

Last rites were conducted for Mrs. Shaw yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Dave Penland, on the Pigeon road, with the Rev. Mr. Blythe, pastor of the Bethel church officiating. Burial was in the Bethel Methodist church cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers were Sam Cobe, Bud Blalock, Butch Queen, Babe Walker, Frank Byrd, and Jack Cooley.

Farm Credit Group To Meet Here 11th

The annual meeting of members of the Waynesville National Farm Loan Association will be held at 10:00 a. m. next Wednesday the 11th in the court house, according to an announcement by Thomas A. Cox, president.

An interesting program is being arranged for the meeting this year, Mr. Cox said, and a very large attendance is expected. As usual complete and detailed reports will be made on the operations of the association and the members will be made acquainted with all of its affairs. In addition there will be a discussion of the association's part in the agricultural development of the section it serves.

A representative of the Federal Land Bank of Columbia will attend the meeting.

Directors of the association, which serves Haywood county, are Thomas A. Cox, J. B. Best, Jarvis Allison, W. A. Moore, and A. Howell.