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G. Rippetoe & Co. Takes Over Burgin's Dept. Store

Extensive Remodeling Program Underway To Improve Main Street Building

GROCERY STOCK EXCLUDED FROM BUSINESS CHANGES

Men's Clothing, Shoes For The Family And Work Clothing Will Be Featured

G. Rippetoe has formed a company bearing his name, and have taken over all except the grocery stock of Burgin's Department Store on Main and Miller streets here.

Extensive remodeling of the store, both the interior and exterior will be done within a few days, Mr. Rippetoe stated yesterday. New fixtures will be added and a display window on Miller street will be built.

The balcony which has been used for shoes and read-to-wear departments has been torn out, and only a small office will be built instead.

No immediate changes are contemplated in the basement of the store, which was opened several years ago.

"I will carry a complete line of men's furnishings, clothing and high class line of men's shoes, not now featured in this community, together with a general line of shoes for the entire family."

"Further plans call for a complete line of nationally known men's work clothing. I will not carry ready-to-wear, although there is some in the stock which I took over from Mr. Burgin."

The stock is now available to the public, even while remodeling and repairing are underway. Plans for a small opening will be made when the workmen complete the task of remodeling and installing new fixtures. Mr. Rippetoe came here in 1912 from Morristown, Tenn. He owned and operated several commissaries in connection with lumber plants, and one time had three such places. In 1920 he purchased a half interest in this store.

Work Started On Remodeling Eagle Five And Ten Store

30 Days Will Be Required To Complete Construction Of Addition To Store

Workmen have torn out the interior of the former Joe Mormino Fruit stand in the first move of enlarging quarters for the Eagle Five and Ten Store here.

Construction work will require about 30 days, and another 30 days will be necessary for painting and putting in new fixtures, it was learned. The new store, when completed, will give the firm a 52-foot frontage, with three modern entrances.

A temporary wall will be erected at the present store, as the wall between the two buildings is torn out. This will not interfere with the business of the store, Mr. Brewer, manager said.

Younce Construction Company, of High Point, have the contract, but all local labor is being used on the job.

\$5 Offered For \$3 Not Loan Sharks

Five dollars for three. That was what Roy Swanger, of Hazelwood, was being offered here this week for an old three-dollar bill.

Mr. Swanger turned down the offer, stuffed the old bank note back in his pocket to await higher bids.

The worn bank note was issued by the Mechanics and Traders Bank, of New Orleans, in December, 1893, and is of the larger "blanket" size.

Mr. Swanger thought of writing Washington to get the actual value of the old piece of currency, but now that local bids are booming, will probably wait until the last high dollar is offered.

The note is plastered with threes, and except for worn edges, is apparently in good condition.

Improvements On First National Bank Are Now Completed

The program of general renovation which was started some months ago in the quarters of the First National Bank building occupied by the banking institution, were completed this week.

The last work to be done is the plastering of the walls. The reflection from the lighter tones give the building a hundred per cent better light both for those employed in the bank and the patrons in the lobby.

The flooring of tile asphalt in dark green and tones of brown and tan, which was laid in the lobby last fall, was continued over the entire floor extending over the space where the employes work.

The new fixtures and rearrangement of the furnishing of the bank made since the improvements were inaugurated have given almost twice the space for visitors to the bank and to the employes.

Liner Awarded Job For Massie Building

Ten men started to work yesterday morning on the new store building being erected by J. E. Massie, next to the Park Theatre, and to be occupied by Hugh Massie.

The contract was awarded to Jerry Liner, local contractor. The specifications call for the completion of the building in sixty days.

J. C. Haynes is architect for the building.

Fred Ferguson To Be Connected With Barber Apple Orchards, Balsam

Fred Ferguson, who has been connected with Champion Employees Store, of the Champion Paper and Fibre Company, of Canton, will in the future be with the Barber Orchards on the Balsam road.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson moved this week to the home formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sparks, where they will reside.

Mt. Sterling CCC Camp Will Move To Cataloochee Area

Removal Of Camp Will Enable Work To Get Underway In Park Areas

CIVIC LEADERS HERE HAVE BEEN URGING THIS CHANGE

Funds Found To Be Available For Building New Barracks At Site

The removal of the CCC camp at Mt. Sterling on Big Creek, to a new location on Cataloochee Creek, appears a certainty now that Congressman Zebulon Weaver has been advised by the department of the interior of the change in the camp location, according to information received from Washington.

Proper recommendations had been made by J. Ross Eakin, superintendent of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and by Conrad J. Wirth, assistant director of national parks, to effect the removal.

While there was no particular objection on the part of the government to change the location of the camp, which has been urged by the citizens of this immediate territory, it seemed to be a question of funds with which to build barracks. Now the assistant director of national parks feels that he can take care of the expense.

This removal will mean that the vicinity of Black Gap Camp and Heintoga outlook, will be developed and made more accessible to the public.

Committees of the Chamber of Commerce have been urging the change in location for sometime, and received this week, word from Congressman Weaver that he felt all obstacles had been removed for the immediate change.

Town Waynesville Meets Obligations

Sum Of \$33,000 Paid On Bond Indebtedness Since September

The Town of Waynesville has paid \$33,000 on bonded indebtedness since September first, it was learned this week from Mayor J. H. Way, Jr. On September first, \$25,000 was applied on water bonds, and the remainder on general bonds during the past few months.

The town recently sold \$7,000 in bonds through the Local Government Commission for four per cent, this being the cheapest Waynesville bonds have sold, the usual rate being six per cent.

The town officials are also completing plans for refunding street bonds, and according to Mayor Way, the town will not default on their payments, unless something unforeseen turns up.

Siler Rites Held At Long's Chapel

Prominent And Beloved Woman In Southern Methodism Passes Away Here

Last rites were conducted at 9 o'clock on Sunday morning at Long's Chapel, Lake Junaluska, for Mrs. Frank Siler, 85, for years a prominent figure in education in Southern Methodism, who died on Friday morning at 9 o'clock at the home of her niece, Mrs. John L. Davis. Burial was in Franklin.

Serving as pallbearers were: J. H. Anderson, Clyde; George Sherrill, Asheville; Guy Fulbright, Frank Martin, Allen Siler, of Waynesville, and Fred Thompson, of Lake Junaluska.

The services at the chapel were according to the last wishes of Mrs. Siler, who had selected the text, "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever," from the eighth verse of the thirteenth chapter of Hebrews. The songs requested sung were: "When I survey the Wondrous Cross," and "O Love that will not let me go."

Mrs. Siler was a native of Georgia, and was before her marriage Miss (Continued on back page)

ERADICATION OF RABIES STARTED IN THIS COUNTY

Inspectors Named For Each Township By Officials, As Campaign Starts

ALL INSPECTORS GIVEN FORMAL CONFIRMATION

Schedules For Each Township Will Be Arranged By Inspectors Soon

The initial step in the campaign to eradicate Haywood county of rabies, was taken during the week, when rabies inspectors for all the townships were appointed by Dr. C. N. Sisk, district health officer. All the names submitted by Dr. Sisk to the state department of agriculture, have been confirmed by Dr. William Moore, state veterinarian.

All the inspectors will be expected to conform rigidly to the law as to the dates during which the vaccinations are to be made. Each inspector will also start the work the first of April, as set forth in the state law. He will also be required to have a definite schedule worked out when the work is inaugurated, and keep his appointments accordingly.

Posters will be made for use in each township and will be placed at advantageous points in each township so that the people may know when to expect the inspector in their vicinity.

Inspectors appointed and approved are as follows: Cecil township, Ken Browning, of Canton, route 2; East Fork, John Heatherly, of Canton, route 2; Pigeon, T. R. Moore, of Canton, route 2; Waynesville, Carroll McCracken, of Clyde, route 1; Crabtree, W. J. McCrary, Clyde, route 1; Iron Duff, Z. V. Chambers, of Waynesville, route 2; Fines Creek, Harley Rathbone, of Clyde, route 1; White Oak, James McElroy, of Cove Creek; Ivy Hill, J. B. Campbell, of Maggie; Jonathan, Bobby Howell, of Waynesville, route 2; Clyde, Dr. H. B. Osborne, of Clyde; and Beaverdam, Dr. H. B. Osborne, of Clyde.

February Term Of Criminal Court To Convene Monday

Judge Zeb Nettles To Preside, With 200 Cases On Docket

The February term of criminal court will convene on Monday the 6th, with Judge Zeb Nettles, of Asheville, presiding.

There are approximately two hundred cases on the regular calendar, the majority dealing with minor cases, which are scheduled to be tried the first week.

The plan is to devote the second week to a large number of cases that have been in court for sometime, a few having been on the docket for ten and twelve years.

The following will serve on the jury:

First Week
Harry Mathews, Beaverdam; B. M. Stamey, Beaverdam; F. M. Jackson, Waynesville; George B. Hammond, Beaverdam; Roger Medford, Waynesville; Daniel S. Smith, Beaverdam; Wiley B. Green, Fines Creek; W. T. Sharp, East Fork; Sam Jones, Waynesville; Joseph L. Michael, East Fork; Paul Norris, Beaverdam; Gerald Davis, Ivy Hill; Theodore E. Messer, Crabtree; T. E. Moore, Beaverdam; W. R. Crute, Beaverdam.

R. H. McHaffey, Beaverdam; Ralph Prevost, Waynesville; Wilburn R. Conard, Jonathan; Wm. M. Williamson, Beaverdam; Jarvis Campbell, Waynesville; Charlie Paxton, Beaverdam; Aaron Cunningham, Waynesville; Ernest Moody, Ivy Hill; Grady Pruitt, Waynesville; J. Manson McElroy, Crabtree; Derry Norman, Waynesville; Ben T. Green, Clyde; Paul Launer, Beaverdam.

Elmer McClure, Waynesville; T. A. Long, Waynesville; Frank W. Miller, Waynesville; Alvin L. Yarborough, Beaverdam; Hubert Gaddy, Waynesville; Cash Medford, Iron Duff; J. E. Childers, Beaverdam; Roy Ross, Jonathan; J. C. Rider, Beaverdam; R. L. Chambers, Pigeon; J. Edgar Burnett, (Continued on back page)

McKee Assures Widening Of Highway In East Waynesville

Extra! Extra! Man Remembers Date Wife's Birthday

One Waynesville man is reported to have actually remembered his wife's birthday, without even having to be given a hint. Troubled as to what to give, it is reported that a friend suggested: "Remember her with flowers."

A florist suggested that he give a dozen roses as a remembrance, and when told the price, our hero, said: "I am a man of few words. Give me two."

Plans Completed For Continuance Of Summer School

Dr. Paul N. Garber Re-elected Director. School Will Open On June 6th

The board of trustees of the Junaluska Summer School, Inc., at their annual meeting here Friday adopted a budget sufficient to meet the appropriations of Duke University that will guarantee the needs of the summer session of 1939. It is also expected that the county board of commissioners will make their usual appropriation of \$200 for the session of 1939. The school will open June 6th.

The board of missions of the Methodist Church, South, and the board of Christian Education of the church have also agreed to continue gratis the services of an instructor in the field of missions and instructor in Religious Education, reported Dr. Paul N. Garber, who was re-elected for his fifth term on Friday, as director of the summer school.

The board of missions has designated Dr. Elmer T. Clark, of Nashville, Tenn., as instructor in missions, while Dr. Frank S. Hickman, of Duke University, has been selected as the representative of the board of Christian Education for the coming session. In his annual report Dr. Garber stated that students from nineteen (Continued on back page)

W. T. Huff Promoted By Esso Marketers

Assumes Duties As Lubrication Sales Engineer In 35 W. N. C. Counties

W. T. Huff has been promoted to lubrication sales engineer in 35 Western North Carolina counties for the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey. He has already taken over his new duties, and was succeeded as general salesman for this district by C. C. Gibbs, who is making his headquarters at Bryson City.

Mr. Huff will remain here until about April first and then will make (Continued on back page)

Work Will Be Done With New Funds Which Will Be Available July First

APPROVAL GIVEN PROJECT OF HIGHWAY OFFICIALS

Will Relieve Serious Traffic Congestion In Eastern Section Of Town

Plans for widening Highway No. 19 from the East Waynesville city limits to a point beyond the intersection of Ratliff Cove road should start soon after July first, according to E. L. McKee, highway commissioner of the tenth district.

Mr. McKee in a letter to L. N. Davis, chairman of the roads committee of the Chamber of Commerce, pointed out that the state would receive additional Federal funds on July first, and that the program for widening the road for a distance of one mile had been approved and would come from this next appropriation.

The work was originally scheduled to be done with WPA funds, but failed to be approved.

Commissioner McKee said: "We have programmed the project to come out of the first Federal aid funds which are available July first. As the plans for this improvement have already been made, the work should start soon after July 1st."

The widened road would be similar to that at Clyde and Enka, and would relieve traffic congestion on that section which is now overcrowded, especially around the entrance of the Haywood County Hospital.

Haywood's Largest Dance Crowd Goes To President's Ball

Abe Lyman And Band Proves Successful Drawing Card For Benefit Dance

Apparently 1,800 persons danced to the strains of music furnished by Abe Lyman and his famous orchestra of sixteen musicians at the President's Ball held in the Armory Saturday night.

It was by far the largest dance ever held in Haywood County, and the music rendered the most widely known orchestra to ever play for a dance in this section.

Parties came from Tennessee, Georgia, and South Carolina, as well as from the neighboring towns in this immediate section. A number of college students also made trips home for the week-end in order to attend the affair.

An extensive advertising program had preceded the event, which gave the dance and its famous orchestra publicity over a wide territory.

While the exact figures had not been determined late yesterday afternoon, those in charge were confident that after all expenses had been met, there would be a profit of somewhere (Continued on back page)

Voice of The People

How do you feel about the diversion of Highway funds into the general State fund?

Carroll Bell—Consignee Texas Company—"No, I do not think the taxes from gasoline and oil should be used for anything but highway maintenance."

W. J. Campbell—Distributor for Pure Oil Company—"I am very much opposed to the diversion of state highway funds for anything but roads."

W. A. Bradley—owner and manager Bradley's Store, Hazelwood—"The gasoline tax, paid by automobile owners, should only be used to build and maintain highways as was intended when the tax was imposed. Many well-to-do people in our state do not own automobiles, and the automobile owners should not be forced by law to educate their children for them. Also thousands of folks in our state make their living by the use of trucks and automobiles, and it is unfair to penalize them to help someone else who in many cases is more able to

pay than they are."

Frank W. Miller—former member of the State Highway Commission—"I think it is absolutely wrong. When you buy a tag, you think you are buying a license to run your car—and you don't realize that part of it would go to some other source. If the tax is used for other purposes it should be labeled and let the people know it. There are 57,000 miles of highways in the state and they require for proper maintenance all the money now derived for this purpose—and even at that the roads are not as well cared for as they should be."

W. S. Allison—Agent Sinclair Refining Company—"I do not approve of the diversion. If such action is necessary I would like to see all the roads in the state put in first class condition before the diversion was made."

Mrs. W. T. Crawford—"I am of the opinion that any fund that has been set aside for any specific purpose should never be diverted to any other project. If money is needed it can be borrowed other ways."

COVERING THE

N. C. Legislature

By Dan Tompkins

The idea of county participation in this that and the other state purpose is one of the things that is keeping the tax rates up in the poorer counties of the state; and if it is not checked, will soon have those rates back to where they were when the big cuts in valorem taxes were made in 1931 and 1933.

Not only does it keep the tax rates up on the lands in those counties that are least able to pay; but it also keeps the benefits of the various services in the counties where the tax rates are low below those in the counties with high tax rates.

It would be hard to call the entire bill; but you would be surprised to know just how many of these calls for county participation there are in the present state laws. Old Age Assistance, Aid for Dependent Children, Aid for the Blind, Vocational Education, Forest Fire Prevention, Health

and Sanitation, all through the state set-up the insidious thing of county participation shows its head.

When it comes to vocational education, for instance, the county-participation plan, would raise a large sum of money for this laudable purpose; but it would at the same time, slam the door shut in the face of the boys and girls in the weaker counties, or impose an additional tax burden upon the lands in those counties, where the tax rate is already too high. We of those weaker counties would be forced to pay, in sales tax and otherwise, a part of the vocational education fund; but the benefits would go to the big counties with high tax rates.

In 1933 the General Assembly adopted a policy of a state-wide system of public schools, supported by the state, with equal opportunities (Continued on page 10)

\$2.50 Cash and 11 theatre tickets offered in contest on Page 7.