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\$1.50 IN ADVANCE IN COUNTY

Increased Relief Load Adds To Board's Duties

100 From WPA Rolls Suspended, Seek Aid From County

COMMISSIONERS WORKING STRONGLY ON PROBLEM

Board Room Crowded All Day Monday With Relievers With Tales Of Woe

A continuous stream of indigent cases, each presenting their urgent needs, filed through the commission room in the court house here Monday at the regular session of the county board, as a result of a recent ruling. The hearing of the cases took the major part of the day. It was learned in this connection through the county welfare department that more than 100 workers had been dropped from the WPA rolls in Haywood County. A number of the men were released to go back to work.

The problem of how these families will live until the maturity of crops, especially arises. They are thrown on the county for help. Regrettable as the cases may be, that these men and their families have either been so inclined, or not been able, to save anything to tide them over, leaves them in public charge.

The remaining cases have been discontinued because of some physical inability to render a normal day's work while on the job, and naturally under such conditions would be dropped in a case of cutting the rolls. As a result they, too, are thrown on the county.

Haywood County has a five per cent fund tax. This fund must take care of the expense of operating the county home, pay the salary of the county coroner, make partial payment of the salary of the county doctor, and give aid to the poor. This leaves little to take care of the individual cases in the last group, it was pointed out by the commissioners.

After confronting the problems all day, that held such a strong human appeal, from which the hearers could not escape, and in the majority of instances could do nothing about, six o'clock found George A. Brown, chairman, Frank Davis, and R. T. Boyd, county board of commissioners, about whipped down a group as the writing has been in some time.

Mrs. T. G. Sorrells Claimed By Death

Funeral rites were held this morning at 11 o'clock at the Oak Grove Baptist church for Mrs. T. G. Sorrells, who died at her home on Clyde, route 1, at 10:40 o'clock Monday night. The Rev. W. H. Pless, the Rev. P. C. Hicks, and the Rev. I. H. Sheehar conducted the services. Serving as pallbearers were: Garret Sorrells, Vaughn Sorrell, J. R. Sorrells, Horace Vobinson, Jim Harris and Jack Harris.

Mrs. Sorrells is survived by her husband, who is a prominent farmer and cattle raiser in this county. Other surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Nelson Medford and Miss Martha Sorrells, of Clyde, route 1; six sons, Hugh, James, Joe, Will Paul, and Glenn Sorrells; one sister, Mrs. Josie Metz, of Cullowhee; two brothers, Ed and John Cope, of Jackson county, 38 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

The Wells Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Citizen Bank Now Housing Offices Of County Agent

Work Of Office Had Outgrown Court House Quarters, Necessitated Move.

The offices of the county farm agent, which have completely outgrown the confines of their quarters on the second floor of the court house, were moved this week to the building formerly occupied by the Citizens Bank and Trust Company.

The county agents will maintain private offices in an enclosure on the right as you enter the building. In the center section reserved to serve the public L. W. Messer chief clerk, and Miss Eugenia Boston, clerk, will have their desks.

In the rear of the building the four additional clerks will have their desks located. The gallery will be used for special work in compilation when working on reports.

There will also be ample space for displaying literature for distribution and other items of interest connected with the work of the farm agent.

Since it was initiated several years ago the work of the office has increased from a one man job to the present force of county farm agent, two assistant county farm agents, and six clerks.

This department which serves the county in such a comprehensive and progressive manner does much of its work with the co-operation of township committees.

Through the extension work of the Agricultural and Home Economics departments of State College, assistance is given the farmers of Haywood county over a wide field of service including an agricultural conservation program; agricultural engineering, agronomy, beef cattle, sheep and work stock, beekeeping, dairying, entomology, extension organization, community activities, farm management, forestry, 4-H clubs, horticulture, poultry, swine, plant pathology, and other correlated activities.

A tremendous amount of clerical work is necessary to carry on the work relative to the various projects.

The personnel of the office includes R. R. Smithwick, county farm agent, W. A. Corpening and J. L. Reitzel, assistant county agents, L. W. Messer, chief clerk, with the following assistant clerks: Miss Eugenia Boston, Mrs. Jimmy Williams, Miss Mary Medford, Miss Margaret Hall, and Miss Lucile Medford.

Citizens Bible Class To Hear Dr. R. P. Walker

Dr. R. P. Walker, pastor of the Presbyterian church will address the members of the Citizens Bible Class next Sunday morning, in their regular session. J. R. Morgan is teacher of the class.

Mrs. Felix Stovall has spent the greater part of the past week in Asheville, having been called there on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. J. K. Whitesides.

Mrs. Katherine Stubbs, her daughter, Mrs. LeRoy Davis and young daughter, of Sumter, S. C., and Lake Junaluska, are spending a few days in town on business. They are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Davis.

Head Haywood Farm Group



The following are the officers of the Haywood County Mutual Soil Conservation and Land Use Association, Inc.; Back row—Left to right, T. Weaver Cathey, treasurer; Mrs. Frank B. Davis, secretary; Front row, left to right, John R. Rogers, vice president, Albert McCracken, president.

Judge Nettles Covers Field In Charge To Grand Jury

With Routine Duties Explained Judge Nettles Cites Many Responsibilities Of Body

"Go with an inquiring mind about your investigation, but do not praise where praise is not due, and do not cover up a wrong rather than give a political black eye," said Judge Zeb V. Nettles, presiding over the February term of criminal court, now in session, when he charged the Grand Jury, on Monday morning as he set forth their duties.

Those named on the Grand Jury for 1939 are as follows: Roger Medford, foreman, Harry Mathews, B. M. Stamey, Daniel S. Smith, Wiley B. Green, Paul Norris, Wilburn R. Conrad, Jarvis Campbell, Aaron Cunningham, Ernest Moody, Grady Pruitt, J. Manson McElroy, Derry Norman, Roy Ross, J. C. Rider, R. L. Chambers, Dallas H. Rowe, and Guy Chambers.

After covering the routine duties resting upon a Grand Jury, the judge spoke at length on the hazards of the present school bus system of the state, charging the jury that it was their duty to investigate the condition of every school bus in the county, and to ascertain the qualities of each driver. He also stated that each school in the county must be visited and a check up made of the general equipment and condition.

"God gave us game, but man has depleted both game and fish by his abuse of them. The State Conservation department is trying to restock our forests and streams, not only for our benefit, but for tourists who are coming here from every section of the world. Make it your duty to inquire into violations of the game laws of this state," said the judge.

"It is time now to prepare the soil for planting. It is your business to see that farmers do not set fire to brush on their place that will be in violation of the state laws, and injure the property of others," he continued.

He charged that all public automobiles be inspected and the costs of upkeep investigated and that they must be used only on official business. He explained the laws governing slot machines in the state and charged that it was the business of the Grand Jury to regulate this form of gambling.

Jr. O. U. A. M. Members Are Urged To Attend Meeting At Hall On Tuesday Night

The National Council of Jr. O. U. A. M. has changed the entire plan of its funeral benefit department, to become effective April 1. At the meeting of the Order on Tuesday, the 14th the changes will be explained.

All members are urged to be present, as this ruling of the national council will affect each local member, and each will be requested to decide whether or not they will continue with the funeral benefit department.

The opportunity will be given on Tuesday night to learn of the new plan in detail.

Cordelia, Ga., has a replica of an apple made of steel and concrete, 22 feet in circumference, as a monument in its public square. The "apple" weighs 5,000 pounds and is mounted on a base eight feet high.

Haywood Farmers Launch Program To Study Means Of Improving Beef Cattle

Docket Cleared Of Minor Cases During Three Days Of Court

Court Officials Plan To Bring Up 10-Year-Old Cases For Next Week

During the first three days of the February term of criminal court, which convened here on Monday morning with Judge Zeb V. Nettles presiding, thirty seven cases had been not pressed through late yesterday afternoon.

Among the judgments handed down during the time are as follows: Jeter Hawkins, for assault on his wife, was given five years of suspended sentence, and required to pay his wife \$20 a week and to give her a deed to their home.

In the case of the state versus James Stanley for forgery, the defendant was sentenced to the county jail and roads for eight months on the first count and on the second was given from 2 to 4 years in the state prison.

In the case of Mit Brown and Oma Miller, for fornication and adultery, judgment was continued for two years on good behavior and Brown is to pay the costs.

Jess Hardin, held for abandonment and non-support, was given a suspended sentence of five years and required to pay his wife \$20 a month.

In the case of Bessie and Herbert Gibson for violation of the prohibition law, the woman was given a 6 months jail sentence, but judgment was suspended on condition that she move from her present township before the 10th of March, and remain on good behavior for two years. Herbert Gibson was given 12 months on the road.

Thurman Jones, held for assault and affray was sentenced to 8 months on the roads.

Jasper Mull, for violation of the prohibition law was given a two years suspended sentence on good behavior.

Bowden Wells, was given two years suspended sentence on good behavior.

At the close of the evidence, the case of Billy Potts charged with killing George McElroy in an automobile accident, was non-suited.

Robert Ruff was given 4 months on the roads for driving drunk.

Duck Messer, was sentenced to 30 days on the roads for driving while intoxicated.

Jack Hoxit, with three cases against him for assault with a deadly weapon, was given two years on the general roads.

George Rathbone was sentenced to 8 months on the roads and a 5-year suspended sentence for fornication and adultery.

Willard McElroy was given a judgment of the costs and \$50 fine for reckless driving.

Next week is planned to be taken up with a large number of cases that have been on the court docket for several years—a number having been on the docket for ten or twelve years.

Demonstration Farmers Spend Over \$64,000 On Improvements, Cites McCracken In Report

ALL OFFICERS RE-ELECTED AT ANNUAL MEETING HERE

Committee To Meet February 18 To Begin Campaign To Improve Beef Cattle In County

Centering their discussion on the need of better beef cattle in Haywood County, a committee was named at the annual meeting of the Haywood County Mutual Soil Conservation and Land Use Association, Inc., here Saturday, to make a study of what might be done to improve the beef cattle in the county.

The decision came after an address by L. I. Case, extension animal husbandry specialist of State College, and an appeal from Frank M. Davis, member of the board of commissioners.

The committee named by President Albert J. McCracken, will meet February 18, at two o'clock at the county agent's office.

All officers, directors and township chairmen were re-elected by the 125 present, after the annual reports were given. The reports were most encouraging, and showed that progress had been made in every department of the association's work during the past year.

The group adopted a ten-point program for 1939, as presented by President McCracken. It was:

1. Have Three Tours.
 - a. Iron Duff Watershed Tour.
 - b. Pigeon River Area Demonstration Tour.
 - c. County Farm and Home Tour.
2. Have a big percentage of demonstration farmers attend the Western North Carolina Farm and Home Week to be held at Cullowhee in September.
3. Back the forestry program whereby farmers who need forest tree seedlings for erosion control work may obtain them free of charge through the county agent's office.
4. Encourage Better Livestock.
5. Back the Adult Corn Club sponsored by the association.
6. Grow more certified seed, especially corn and wheat.
7. Save more legume seed.
8. More pasture improvement work.
9. Make another moving picture of demonstration farmers.
10. Have neighbors who are interested in the demonstration farm program make application to become demonstration farmers. There is a chance of taking a few more demonstration farmers on if they meet requirements of the demonstration farm program.

Election of officers resulted as follows: County officers are Albert J. Mc-

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COVERING THE

N. C. Legislature

By Dan Tompkins

Is the west about to become an arid desert? This is the question that is frequently asked members of the General Assembly from the mountain counties. And, the folks who like their wine and beer are beginning to get their wind up. Last time going around, certain counties, and townships were declared bone dry territory by the General Assembly. The tendency up in the mountains to get out from under Senator Roy Francis' beer and wine bill of 1933, is decidedly more pronounced this year than it was two years ago. Senator Curtis proposed a bill to make Ivy Hill in Buncombe dry. Representative Bailey of Madison came forward with a bill to dry up Mars Hill. Then, Senator Bowers of Avery came right back with a bill that would prohibit the sale of beer and wine in either Avery or Madison. It is generally known that the Representative from Jackson has been preparing a bill to make all of Jackson county bone dry, except inside incorporated towns, and to provide that even there beer and wine must be sold under very strict regulations, with the county commissioners and

the board of aldermen having power to refuse to issue any license they see fit, and to revoke any and all licenses at any time they think it proper to do so. Representative Penland of Clay has been petitioned to put the sale of wine and beer out of Hayesville, and so the revolt against beer and wine grows in the mountains. None of the bills dealing with the vinous and malt liquors or beverages have been passed this session. They are still reposing in the committees; but they are coming out soon, for the folks back home are writing and wiring their representatives and senators. Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches and organizations are besieging the members of the General Assembly, insisting that these bills be passed. And, the opinion that is on the other side of argument, is also making itself heard.

Another thing that is to be taken into consideration is the fact that, as a whole, the membership from the West is drier, both personally and politically, than it has been for several years. But, the easterners, who

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Voice of The People

If you were a member of the present State Legislature, which would you vote for, retaining the gas chamber or returning to the electric chair?

Judge Zeb V. Nettles—of Asheville, presiding over the February term of criminal court here—"I would be in favor of the gas chamber. I consider it more merciful."

M. G. Stamey—Attorney—"I would return to the electric chair. I consider it by far the best method."

John W. Shook—Mayor of Clyde—"I would go back to the electric chair. It's quicker and sooner over with. Sometimes I think hanging is

the best way to end it all anyway."

George A. Brown, Jr.—chairman of county commissioners—"I would retain the present gas chamber. I think it less painful."

Robert V. Welch—Sheriff of Haywood County—"I would return to the electric chair. If you are going to kill them, I think that is the best way about it."

J. R. Boyd—President of the First National Bank—"I would vote to keep it like it is. It costs money to make changes. I think the electric chair some better than the gas chamber, but not enough to make the change."