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\$1.50 IN ADVANCE IN COUNTY

PARKWAY STARTED IN COUNTY

Jackson Township Wants In Haywood

Scotts Creek Would Secede from Jackson Haywood County

Petition Bearing 200 Names Received by Senator Cogburn From Township Voters

OPPOSITION SAID TO BE DOWN AGAINST PROPOSAL

Members of Township, At Mass Meeting, Decide To Take Definite Action

Citizens of Scotts Creek Township, which comprises about one-third of the area of Jackson County, submitted a petition to the legislature asking that they secede from Jackson County and become annexed to Haywood County. It was learned by The Mountaineer, from a representative of the township, who are opposing the secession.

The Mountaineer also learned from a source that Senator Chester Cogburn had received a petition from T. James, of Balsam, bearing the names of approximately 200 citizens of the township.

In question of returning to the township, of which Scotts Creek Township, was once a part, Jackson was cut from Haywood, and agitated for a year or so, according to statements from some of the leading citizens of the section. The matter came to a climax about two days ago, when a meeting was held at the school building, at which time it was definitely decided to get out of Jackson, which was circulated the next day in the community.

It was learned by this newspaper that one of the leaders in the movement, that not a person refused to sign the petition and that the action

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Hudson Will Open Second Floor Present Building

Hudson Company are renovating the second floor of their building, ready-to-wear, and children's department, it was revealed this morning by carpenter and painters went to work.

E. Hudson, manager, had no intention to make this week, regardless of the date of the formal opening, than to point out that "no time was lost in getting started, but it has been probable developments in its date setting."

In connection with the expansion program, is E. O. Hudson, of Salisbury, S. C., manager of a store there, and a brother to the manager.

The opening of the second floor will store more than fifty per cent more floor space, and necessitate the addition of more salespersons. Figures were released as to the cost of the program.

More Men And Another Shovel Added On Sewer Line Project

Heads Corn Club



JOHN H. ALLEN, president of the Haywood Adult Corn Club for the coming year. Mr. Allen is a successful farmer of Beaverdam township, and grew 109 bushels of corn on an acre last year. On page 9 Mr. Allen tells how he grew this corn, and T. Weaver Cathey tells how he grew 110.7 bushels to an acre.

Drama Contest To Be Staged Tonight At High School

Bethel High, Clyde High And Waynesville High Will Compete In Contest

A one-act play contest, said to be the first of this type contest to be held here, will be staged in the high school auditorium tonight at 7:30 o'clock. The contest is being sponsored by the schoolmasters board.

There are three entries in the contest, as follows: The Clyde High School, the Bethel High School, and the local Township High School.

The Clyde group of players will present "Courtroom scene," from Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice," under the direction of Miss Maud Terrell.

The Bethel High School will present "Neighbors," by Zane Gale, under the direction of Miss Tyson Cathey.

The Waynesville players have chosen as their entry "The Purple Rim" by Elizabeth Payne and Miss Hester Anne Withers is directing the cast.

Miss Mary Medford was the guest over the week-end of Mrs. F. J. Baumann, of Asheville.

Work Ahead Of Schedule On 8-Mile Sewer Line, With Third Of Work Completed

SECOND SHOVEL TO START DIGGING AT PIGEON RIVER

Crew To Start On Deepest Cut On Line Within Next Few Days At Junluska Supply

Another large shovel was brought in this week to work on the 8-mile sewer line from Hazelwood to Pigeon river, and 30 to 50 additional men are expected to be added within the next week, bringing the total to over 100, it was learned here yesterday.

The contractors, Blythe Brothers, of Charlotte, are far ahead of schedule, and with an "open winter" they had on the first of the month completed one-third of the job.

Work will begin within the next few days in digging the deepest cut on the line—in front of Junaluska Supply Company, where a ditch 22 feet deep will be required, it was learned. The line is completed to the dam and also at the highway. The linking distance is about a block.

The first shovel is now working on the property of Will Medford, and is working on towards Waynesville. The second shovel will begin on Pigeon river, just below the old Terrell Mill, at Albert McCracken's farm, and work towards the Lake.

To date, 12,500 feet of 24-inch pipe have been placed. From the head of the Lake to Depot street here, 21-inch pipe will be used, and from Depot street to Hazelwood, an 18-inch line will be put down.

The sewer line will cross Richland creek eight times from Hazelwood to the river. At these creek crossings, heavy cast iron pipe will be used. In some instances the line will be under the bed of the creek, and in others will cross on concrete piers.

There will be 210 manholes in the 8-mile line, and about half of the line will be of 24-inch pipe.

Work was started on the sewer line on November 11, and the contractors had 300 days to complete the job. Up until the first of this month, they had lost only one and a half days on account of bad weather.

The contractors feel that the work from Howell's Mill to Hazelwood would be much lighter than that around the Lake shore. At Howell's Mill the line traverses considerable rock, it was said. The line follows pretty close to the banks of Richland creek from the Lake to Hazelwood.

Polk L. Threlkel is resident engineer for the Public Works Administration, and W. F. Lee, is in charge of construction for the contractors.

Affidavits Reveal No Aliens On WPA Rolls In Haywood

As evidence that this section can still lay claim to its pure Anglo-Saxon inheritance, and incidentally to the high type of foreigner, residing within the boundaries of Haywood, it was found this week from affidavits required by all WPA workers, that not an alien is on the WPA rolls of this county.

This week has been a busy one in WPA circles. Under the provision of an amendment to the Emergency Act of 1938, all persons paid from Federal funds must take an affidavit of United States citizenship, on a WPA form which is being provided for the purpose, and must be filled out this week.

It is said that as the result of the records compiled from these affidavits, all aliens will be cut from WPA rolls.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Kunze had as their guests over the week-end Mr. and Mrs. John Hodges, of Mayesville, Ky., and Greenville, S. C.

Moving Dirt For Parkway



Heavy machines like these are at work at Wagon Road Gap, cutting away through rock and soil, grading the Parkway. Work got underway last week-end, and the contracts call for completion of the 5.1 miles in 450 calendar days.

—Cut courtesy Try-County News, Spruce Pine.

Driverless Truck Brought To Stop By Watkins' Quick Work

Chevrolet Manager Jumps Into Run-Away Truck, And Steers Through Traffic

By his quick thinking and action, Dan Watkins proved he is equal to an emergency, when he threw himself on the running board of a truck, without a driver, traveling backward, headed down Main street into the heavy traffic on last Wednesday.

What might have ended in a tragedy, with more than one casualty, resulted, through Mr. Watkins' alertness, and courage, in nothing more serious than a ten-dollar damage to the fender and rear bumper of one of Norman Caldwell's cars, which was parked just off Main on East street.

A truck belonging to the Russell Motor Company, of Franklin, had filled up with gas at the Watkins Chevrolet Company, of which Mr. Watkins is manager, and was on its way up Main street headed West. Near the Baptist church, only a short distance away, the rear gear stripped and the truck started going backwards. The driver jumped out and left the vehicle to make its way unguided down Main street.

As the truck passed the Chevrolet Company, Mr. Watkins, seeing that it was driverless, seeing a jump and landed on the running board, making the seat in a few seconds. Noting what was going to happen if the truck should continue its way, without control, Mr. Watkins turned off Main on East street just in time to escape a collision with several cars, that no doubt would have resulted in more than one smashed motor, as well as injuries to the occupants of the cars.

In his efforts to miss the traffic on Main street and get the truck out of danger to others, he backed into the car on East street.

Postmasters Of 11th District To Meet Here Sat.

The 11th North Carolina District of the National Postmasters Association will hold a meeting at 7:30 o'clock in the banquet hall of the First Methodist church, on Saturday evening, with Major J. Harden Howell, presiding.

Major Paul Younts, postmaster of Charlotte, and vice president of the National association, will be the speaker of the evening.

Others taking part on the program will be Mayor J. H. Way, Jr., Baron P. Campbell, postmaster of Marion, and Wythe M. Peyton, postmaster of Asheville, who will introduce the speaker of the evening.

Dirt Being Moved At Wagon Road Gap On First Section West Of Asheville

Contract Let To Albert Brothers For \$327,000 For The 5.1 Mile Section

HEAVY ROAD MACHINERY ALREADY DIGGING AWAY

150 Calendar Days Set For Completion Of Section On Haywood-Transylvania Line

Some of the heaviest road machinery ever brought into this section of the state, and fifty men are at work on the Blue Ridge Parkway at Wagon Road Gap, on the Haywood-Transylvania line.

Actual work started last week-end. Crews are now busily engaged in assembling other heavy pieces of machinery, while carpenters are building a camp at the Gap. All this was explained to a representative of The Mountaineer Tuesday night, when the site was visited.

Large shovels, that cut out a yard and a half of dirt at one time are on the job, and another new one is on a freight car at Pisgah Forest, ready to be carried to the scene.

Huge tractors, and other machinery that will be used in building the 5.1-mile stretch of the Parkway from Wagon Road Gap west towards Tennessee Bald are being given the final tuning as they tackle the job of leveling off the top of the Pisgah-Balsam ridge for part of America's most scenic highway.

The contract was let to Albert Brothers, of Salem, Va., who did the first Parkway work in Virginia. They have had two other contracts. One for 20 miles and another for 11 miles, included in one of the jobs, was a tunnel 625 feet long.

The contract calls for the completion of the job in 450 calendar days. The contract was let for over \$327,000. This is the first section of the Parkway to get under construction west of Asheville.

Because of the road from Waynesville to Wagon Road Gap, all the machinery is being carried to the job from Brevard, where the contractors have set up headquarters. C. A. Albert, is president of the firm, and L. V. Albert is secretary. Both were at Wagon Road Gap this week completing final plans for pushing forward the work. M. J. Missimer is superintendent in charge.

While work is beginning on the Parkway, state highway crews are pushing forward on the completion of the state road via Sauratown, Tennessee Bald to Rosman, in order that machinery can be carried to the top of Tennessee Bald and another unit of the Parkway be let. From there, the work would go eastward and meet the stretch now under construction by Albert Brothers. The distance from Wagon Road Gap to Tennessee Bald is about 14 miles.

The larger part of the 430-mile-long highway, running from the Shenandoah National Park in Virginia to the Pisgah-Balsam range near the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in North Carolina.

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WHAT'S THE ANSWER

These questions and answers compiled by publicity committee of the Chamber of Commerce. All are authentic answers on local page.

Editor's note—this is the first of a regular weekly feature, prepared by the publicity committee of the Chamber of Commerce, in which questions and answers will be given about local matters. All answers are CORRECT, and you can easily grade yourself. If you get 90, you are good. Below 60 is not so good.

1. How many furniture plants in this community?
2. Give their name and location.
3. Name kinds of furniture made.
4. What is their trade mark or emblem?
5. How many men are employed?
6. How many women?
7. How many board feet of lumber are used annually?
8. How many train cars of furniture are shipped each year?
9. How many square feet of floor space in the plants?
10. Name the officers of the firm or firms.

TEACHING IN CHARLOTTE

The Rev. J. G. Huggin, Jr., pastor of the First Methodist church, is spending this week in Charlotte, where he is teaching in a Sunday school teachers training course being given at the First Methodist church, of Charlotte.

Voice of The People

Granting that the beef cattle industry has depreciated in Haywood County during the past few years, what do you suggest as the best means of restoring it?

John B. Campbell—Maggie—"Buy better bulls and keep the better heifers instead of selling them for veal."

Tom W. Rainer—Jonathan Creek—"I think that we are going to become breeders in Haywood county instead of buyers—and breed our own stock."

D. J. Clark—Ivy Hill Township—"The forming of beef cattle organizations in the county to work together in working out the problem will help bring back the industry."

Charles B. McCrary—Fines Creek—"I lay the blame on the farmers, who have been satisfied with raising poor-

er stock. But the time has come when the demand is increasing for a better type of beef cattle, which must be bred."

C. N. Allen—Hazelwood—"To get more and better pure bred stock in Haywood County."

T. L. Gwyn—"Four ways to restore the cattle industry in Haywood county are: Keep best bred heifers and cows for breeding purposes; do not let attractive prices tempt you to sell the better cows for beef and keep the culls to breed from; co-operative purchases and exchange among cattlemen of more and better type beef bulls; discourage in every possible way the sale of better calves for veal; improve pastures by shrubbing of undergrowth and briars, use lime, phosphate and sow lespedeza.

COVERING THE

N. C. Legislature

By Dan Tompkins

appropriations bill has been taken out of the committee and sent to the floor of the House on Friday. That is one of the bills of the session, and a committee has been at work on several weeks. It cuts the appropriation to \$40,000 each year of the fund below the budget committee recommendations. It fact, it cuts to a cut of one million and a thousand dollars below the recommendations. This came by reason of the fact that the bill was set up upon the assumption that the General Assembly and the people of the state would agree to a substantial increase in the tuition at the University and the colleges of the state. The committee of the newspapers, the colleges, the students, and the folks at home taken in no uncertain terms displeasure at this proposal,

knocked these recommendations out of the budget, which caused them to face a deficit of one million dollars in the estimated needs of the colleges. This was made up in various items in the appropriations, the committee on Tuesday of this week, cut the adult education figures back from \$30,000 to \$25,000, slashed the appropriation for advertising, in which Western North Carolina is especially interested, from \$125,000 each year to \$90,000 each year, and lopped \$80,000 off from Vocational Education.

The appropriation for Western Carolina Teachers College, as it is recommended by the committee, stands at \$85,245 for the first year and \$75,660 for the second. The \$10,000 for the first year above that for the second, is to provide for the necessary betterment to the water

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