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Postmasters Of 11th District Hold Successful Meeting

First In State To Win Per Cent Membership In Organization

NATIONAL OFFICER HEARD County Carries Off Attendance Prize With 15 Postmasters Present

Approximately 100 persons attended the meeting of the 11th North Carolina District of the Postmasters Association, held at the Methodist Church, on Saturday afternoon. It was said to be the largest meeting of the group to ever assembled in this county, with 15 postmasters in attendance, bringing with them prizes, bringing in all but two of their group. Paul Youngs, postmaster of Wayne, was president of the Association in his address to the members, for efficiency in office. He told of various features of the group, among which was the awarding of membership by the National Association of Postmasters for the year, which was presented to the group by Mrs. Emily Binghamstick, postmaster of the 11th District. In speaking of the group, Mrs. Binghamstick stated she applied there were other features and that it was a case of war between the whites and the blacks, but the latter won out. J. Harden Howell, chairman, read messages from the national association and the 11th District, stating it was the first in North Carolina to have a hundred per cent membership, and that the state ranked among the ten largest states. J. H. Way, Jr., delivered a message of welcome, to which postmaster P. Campbell, of Marion, and W. M. Peyton, of Johnston, introduced the speaker. As special guest speaker was Jack R. Teague, of Haywood, state secretary and treasurer of the association.

County Approves First Payment On Town's Sewer Project

\$55,681 Now Expended For Initial Payment On \$222,000 Job

Director H. T. Cole has agreed to make an outlay of \$100,227 while the city's share is \$122,500. The grant covers 45 per cent of the total cost, with the ratio of 45-55 the same for other PWA projects. At 25 per cent grant payment the project may be requested by the offer from PWA has been made, and when the city's share is paid. (Continued on back page)

Another Veteran Of War Between The States Passes Away

W. L. Massie, 92, One Of Three Surviving Confederate Veterans Buried Monday

William Lebo Massie, 92, one of the three surviving Confederate veterans left in Haywood county, and the last survivor of the last fighting of the War Between the States which took place near the old Haywood White Sulphur Springs, died Sunday morning at his home at his old residence where he had been residing for the past ten years.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 o'clock Monday at the Bethel Methodist church, with the Rev. William Pless officiating. Burial was in the Bethel cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers were the following grandsons: Paul Murray, Ellwood Shook, and Howard Shook, of Canton, T. A. Massie and C. D. Massie, of Candler, and Harold Massie, of Waynesville.

Mr. Massie was a native of this county and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lebo Massie. He was born near Clyde, on September 23rd, 1846, where he lived until the War Between the States.

At the age of sixteen he joined Company E, commanded by Lt. Robert Connelly, of the 16th North Carolina Regiment, under Thomas Lee. He was a member of the Colonel James R. Love's Regiment, when the last skirmish of the war took place here at the old Haywood White Sulphur Springs property. Colonel Bartlett surrendered to Colonel Love on May the 9th, two months after Lee's surrender. At this time the court house and the home of Col. Robert Love were burned.

He was first married to Miss Anne Francis in 1866. They were the parents of ten children among whom was the late Thomas N. Massie, of Waynesville.

Others surviving are: Three daughters, Mrs. Lucius Henson, of Gainesville, Fla., Mrs. Turner Smathers, and Mrs. James Shook, both of Canton; three sons, William and Talmadge Massie, of Candler, and Wesley Massie, of Cruso, and a number of grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Many of whom reside in Waynesville and Haywood County.

Fight On Japanese Beetle Now Assured

Measure Passes House For First Reading; Governor Behind Movement

Fred Ferguson notified friends here this week, that assurance has been given agricultural leaders in Raleigh that a sufficient appropriation would be made to fight the devastating Japanese Beetle.

Mr. Ferguson was among those called in by the appropriation committee of the legislature to express views on the new menace. Mr. Ferguson represented Barber's Orchard.

The bill calling for \$30,000 from the general fund of the state, and introduced by Dan Tompkins, of Jackson, has passed the House on the first reading.

Those interested in the bill, in discussing the matter with the governor, were assured that should the legislature fail to pass the measure, that he would take sufficient funds from the emergency fund and see that the program was inaugurated.

Haywood Fishermen In Florida



Four hundred pounds of fish, and a "Whale of a good time" was the report of these Haywood fishermen on a recent trip to Florida. Standing, left to right, Carl Medford, Claud Medford, of Lake Junaluska; Wayne Rogers, Waynesville; John Davis Medford, Lake Junaluska; and Hugh Rogers of Clyde. The fish were Sea Bass and Grooper, and were caught 20 miles from shore in the Gulf of Mexico.

Yesterday Marked 55 Anniversary Of Locomotive In Town

It was 55 years ago yesterday that the first locomotive made its way into the corporate limits of Waynesville, according to Will Turpin, an old-timer with a keen memory.

Mr. Turpin said the engine was used to haul supplies for the railroad then under construction, and that he was present at the Atkins cut when the engine "nosed through."

It was in the fall of the same year—1884—that the first passenger train came to Waynesville and the formal celebration was held in front of the Battle House, which was where the Hotel Waynesville now stands.

Mrs. J. R. Boyd, Jr. Elected President High School P.T.A.

Mrs. James R. Boyd, Jr., was elected president of the newly organized Parent Teacher Association of the Waynesville Township High School at the initial meeting of the group on Thursday night.

Other officers elected to serve with Mrs. Boyd are: Vice president, W. A. Bradley; secretary, Mrs. Lester Burgin; and treasurer, L. M. Richeson.

Mrs. Doyle D. Alley, president of the North Carolina Congress of Parent Teachers, presided over the meeting when the organization was perfected.

DORCAS BELL LOVE CHAPTER TO HOLD MARCH MEETING

The Dorcas Bell Love Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will hold the March meeting with Mrs. Leon M. Killian, instead of Mrs. J. W. Seaver, who was unable on account of sickness to have the meeting this month. Mrs. Thad Howell will have the paper, "Our Capitol and Mine." In the absence of Mrs. J. F. Abel, regent, Mrs. James M. Long, vice regent, will preside.

Alexander's Drug Store Managed By Dr. J. C. Murphy

T. C. Smith & Company of Asheville, New Owners Of Drug Store Here

Alexander's Drug Store was bought this week by T. C. Smith & Company, of Asheville, who in turn named Dr. J. C. Murphy as active manager. The sale was a legal procedure. Dr. O. T. Alexander was the former owner.

Dr. Murphy said yesterday that a larger stock would be carried, and several interior changes made in the store during the week. Announcement will be made at an early date, he said.

Dr. O. T. Alexander, native of Mecklenburg County, came to Waynesville from Charlotte in August, 1914, and bought a half interest in the drug store from the late John K. Thigpen, of Tarboro. The following year he bought out the Thigpen interest.

In point of operation of business he ranks second to Theo. M. McCracken, who has been in business longer than any other merchant on Main street.

During the twenty-four and a half years he has been meeting the public at his place on the corner of Church and Main streets, Dr. Alexander has made countless friends among both the permanent and visiting residents.

Dr. Alexander had no statement to make yesterday relative to his future plans. He and Mrs. Alexander will remain in town for ten days or more before moving to their new location.

Dr. C. N. Sisk, head of the district health department of which Haywood County is a part, is spending several days in Raleigh this week, where he is consulting with the state authorities of the North Carolina Board of Health, relative to the health work in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Coggins, of Tryon, were the guests over the weekend of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Blackwell.

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Senator Cogburn Not Likely To Introduce Annexation Measure

Sleeping Man Blocks Highway Bridge At River

Back in the days when automobiles first began to wend their way around the curves of the mountain roads, it was not at all uncommon for the driver to have to stop and remove logs and rocks from the roadway—and frequently, a stray cow would block the way. But seldom is such a thing heard of, unless right after a heavy storm.

Last Sunday afternoon, a man and his wife, from here, went for a ride, with no special place in mind, and before long, they found themselves in a remote section of the county, but on a good road. They kept going, enjoying their outing, when they came to a bridge over a river.

And right in the middle of the bridge was a man—sprawled out, fast asleep. Every effort to rouse the man failed, and the order from his snoring breath revealed that he had partaken too freely of mountain dew.

The motorist wanted to use the bridge, so as a last resort he tried to drag the man to one side. The sleeping man was too heavy. So he just gave the sleeper a couple of rolls to the side of the bridge, and passed on. The man continued to snore.

Haywood Cannery Will Have Large Acreage This Year

Will Be Operated On Basis Of Original Plan. Produce Will Bring Current Prices

"This year we will have 60 acres in spinach, which will be planted as soon as the weather permits, 134 acres of beans, and 50 tons of blackberries will be canned," said Frank Davis, manager of the Haywood Mutual Cannery, to a representative of the Mountaineer this week.

"The original cooperative basis of operation that was planned when the cannery was first opened has at last been realized, and will be put into effect this year," continued Mr. Davis.

Plans are at present to sell a large quantity of vegetables on the green market, giving the farmers the benefit of the higher price, when possible.

"The amount paid the farmers will be based at all times on the current market price, and no set prices will be fixed for any product," said Mr. Davis.

The Haywood Mutual Cannery, one of the cooperatives of the Land O' The Sky Cooperative Associations, was established here in 1934. The first year the four canneries put out 8,000 cans. Last year, the output had grown to 80,000 cans, with a portionate increase in acreage planted.

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Bill Would Meet Sure Opposition In House Of Representatives

By Tompkins

Senator Chester Cogburn of Canton, stated today that he probably will not introduce the bill that has been requested by a large number of citizens of Balsam, to cut off upper Scotts Creek township in Jackson County and annex it to Haywood. He stated that there is considerable sentiment also in Haywood for the proposed measure; but that he is telling the folks in Waynesville that he will not introduce the measure in the Senate, because, even if it should pass that body, it will meet with opposition in the House from the Jackson representative. He takes the position that there would be little likelihood of the House passing the measure over the opposition of Jackson county and its representative in the General Assembly.

Dan Tompkins, Jackson's representative, informed Senator Cogburn, in reply to his question, that he would most certainly oppose the bill, should it be introduced, not only in the Senate committee to which it would be referred, but also in the House of Representatives, in the event the Senate should pass it. He expresses himself as being in favor of the Balsamites being given the road and school facilities to which they are entitled; but as being loath to give them up as citizens of Jackson. The top of the Balsam range, and Balsam Gap are the natural boundaries, and the Jackson representative wants the line between Jackson and Haywood to remain where it is, and where it has been, ever since Jackson county was formed, nearly a century ago.

Three Room House Burns To Ground On Smathers Street

A three room house on Smathers street, owned by Orville Noland, and at the time occupied by Lee Hannah and his family, burned to the ground around 7:30 o'clock on Saturday night. None of the family were at home and the door had been left locked. One of the neighbors discovered the fire and turned in the alarm immediately.

It is said that the family had recently bought new furnishings for the house. The loss of the building was estimated to be approximately \$500.

Julior Choral Club Gives Interesting Program

The Waynesville Junior Choral Club, a community activity of the North Carolina Federal Music project, under the direction of Miss Grace Crocker, gave a recital in the Welch Memorial building of the Baptist church on Sunday afternoon.

Many attractive numbers by the club and the band were presented. Special numbers including a sextette for two cornets, two clarinets, and two saxophones, composed of the following: Jack Riches, a Phil Medford, Dorothy Richeson, Elmer Hendrix, Richard Bradley and Wayne Wright were rendered.

Another New Feature The International Sunday School Lesson

Harold L. Lindquist, D. D., Dean of The Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.

This new feature starts this week, and is on page eight. This interpretation of the lesson has been a favorite among teachers and pastors for many years.

Turn to page eight now, and see what one Waynesville pastor has to say about the new feature.

WHAT'S THE ANSWER

Questions and answers compiled by the committee of the Chamber of Commerce. All are authentic. Answers on page 9.

COVERING THE **N. C. Legislature**

—By Dan Tompkins—

All local laws affecting the voting of absentee ballots in the General Elections will be repealed, and the casting of absentee ballots in primaries will be done away with throughout the state, if the Senate passes the absentee ballot reform bill they passed the House of Representatives, this morning.

Besides repealing the absentee laws as they now affect primary elections, and repealing all local laws, including the present special statute for Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Clay, Graham, and some other western counties, the bill that went through the House today will place greater restrictions about the gathering and casting of absentee ballots, and will impose severe penalties for the violation of the law.

Attempts were made to exempt Chowan, Rowan, and some other

counties from the operation of the bill; but the House seemed in no mood to adopt any amendments to the bill on which a committee has been working on for several weeks. Led by R. Gregg Perry, chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee, who plead with the House to carry out the pledge of the party for genuine election reform in the state, the House voted down all amendments of every kind, and sent the bill to the Senate.

Proponents of the bill stated on the floor of the House that this was the first real effort that has been made within the past ten years to reform either the election laws or election practices in the state, and that the bill as passed by the House is almost identical to the laws now in operation in many of the state regarding absentee voting, and that in those

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Voice of The People

The citizens of Scotts Creek Township, Jackson County, have petitioned the Senator from the district to "divorce" the township from Jackson and annex to Haywood. If you were the state senator, what would you do?

James E. Massie—Owner and operator of the Park and Pisgah Theatres—"I would support the petition. I think geographically that section belongs to Haywood County."

W. T. Shelton—United States Commissioner of western district of N. C.—"I would support the petition for several reasons. The township is adjacent to this county, and it is more convenient for the people to be a part of Haywood than Jackson County. They want to be a part of Haywood, and I believe where it is legitimate people should have what they want."

James M. Long—Owner and manager of the Waynesville Country Club—"I would say 'yes' to the proposition. Scotts Creek really belongs to Haywood County. I think it will be to the advantage of both for the annexation to be made."

W. T. Lee—former Chairman of the State Corporation Commission—"I think as a citizen of Haywood County, I would be glad to have Scotts Creek township added to Haywood, and it certainly should be done if the people of that territory desire it."

J. W. Killian—Owner and manager of the Waynesville Laundry—"If taxable valuations are alright, and no increase in our obligations other than property annexed, we should welcome the addition to old Haywood."

George A. Brown, Jr.—Chairman of the county board of commissioners—"I feel that if the citizens of Scotts Creek township wish to leave Jackson and join Haywood, that they should have a right to do so. I am sure the citizens of Haywood will be glad to welcome them to the county."