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County Manager Bill Passes House Early Passage In Senate Predicted

Bill Here Is Most Favorable
On Representative
Palmer's Measure

Bill that would set up a full-time chairman of the board of Commissioners, or county manager, as proposed by Representative Glenn Palmer last week, has passed the House and is now in the Senate. The Mountaineer learned yesterday by telephone from Mr. Palmer.

Palmer's representative said that the bill met with approval in the Senate, and it was expected to pass "without a hitch."

Palmer was of the opinion yesterday that it was doubtful whether the legislature would complete the bill for adjournment by Saturday. He is as busy as bees, working in the early hours of the morning, predicting adjournment Saturday. There are of the opinion that it will be adjourned next Wednesday—April 5th.

Palmer here this week on the bill most favorable.

Text of the bill, is as follows: Section 1. That the chairman of the board of commissioners of Haywood County, in addition to his duties provided by law, as chairman of the board of commissioners, is appointed, and shall be manager for the county of Haywood, and as such manager vested with and shall have the same duties and authority, to-wit: To be the administrative head of the county government for the county of commissioners.

To see that all orders, resolutions of commissioners. (Continued on page 8)

Bill Given Favorable Report House Committee

Committee in the House of Representatives gave an unfavorable report on a bill which would permit the county to levy street assessment and bonds in the town of Clyde.

Report of the committee is practically the same as killing the measure which was recently introduced by Representative Glenn Palmer. Two bills for the town of Clyde, follows: First measure would amend the charter by inserting the following in place of section 10 of the 1917 of the 1905 private laws: "Whenever, in the opinion of the board of aldermen of said town, it is desirable to obtain land or right-of-way thereon, for the purpose of widening a new street or making cul-de-sacs or waterways for carrying water of any street thereon, or for any other purpose, the board may, by ordinance, alter or widen any street." (Continued on page 8)

W. GARRETT INDISPOSED
W. Garrett was confined to his bed yesterday with what was thought to be an attack of "flu."

ADDITION OF DILL HOWELL IS SAID TO BE IMPROVING

Howell, who has been ill for several weeks, is making pronounced recovery, and will soon be back at his work at the oil station.

AND MRS. HUGH MASSIE
LEAVING WEEK IN NEW YORK
Mrs. Hugh Massie left for New York, where they are spending this week on business, the purchasing merchandise for the store, which will shortly be ready.

COFFEY IS BETTER AFTER ATTACK LAST WEEK

E. Coffey, owner and manager of the Waynesville Hardware Company, was reported as improving late yesterday afternoon. Mr. Coffey has been confined to his bed for the past several days.

WASHINGTON HOSPITAL
Mrs. Candler left last week for Washington, where he will enter Mt. Zion hospital for treatment. He expects to return in about ten days or two weeks.

AND MRS. J. M. LONG ARE REPORTED IMPROVING

Mrs. James M. Long, who has been ill at the Waynesville Club, suffering with an attack of influenza, are reported to be improving.

T. L. BRAMLETT WAS CALLED
TO SOUTH CAROLINA
T. L. Bramlett was called to Path, S. C., on Sunday on account of the death of her sister-in-law, James Bowman.

Horse Racing Bill For Haywood Still Deep Dark Mystery

Representative Glenn Palmer told The Mountaineer yesterday that he knew nothing of a bill which was reported by Associated Press on Monday, which would permit "horse racing and pari-mutuel betting in Haywood and New Hanover Counties."

It must be a mistake," Mr. Palmer said. "It is the first I've heard of it," he told The Mountaineer. "Certainly there is no need for such a bill for Haywood. Something's wrong. I know nothing of it."

The Associated Press credited Representative Morris, of New Hanover, as author of the bill. Speculation here was that the bill was made to include Haywood just as a joke.

Dr. Liner Presents Self As Candidate For Town Alderman

Election Officials Named For
Town Election Which Will Be
Held On May 2nd

Dr. W. H. Liner has formally announced that he is a candidate for alderman in the town election on May second. Dr. Liner is the first to make formal announcement this year.

In making his announcement, Dr. Liner said that he had been urged into the race by some leading citizens.

While no formal statements have been made by present officials, it is generally understood that at least two of the present board and the mayor will be candidates for re-election.

The town officials in a meeting here Tuesday night, formally named Frank Ferguson as registrar and W. J. Campbell and Henry Gaddy as judges for the coming election.

Similar action was taken by the Hazelwood board in preparation of the election there, and Lon Wyatt was appointed registrar, and A. L. McElrath and T. G. Stump judges.

No announcements have been made for the Hazelwood race.

Morgan Sends Bonds Of Sewer Line And New Law To Capitol

Last Of Legal Details Expected
To Be Cleared This Week
In Washington

In an effort to save time, and expedite legal matters concerning bonds issued by Waynesville and Hazelwood for the sewer project, J. R. Morgan, local attorney, went to Raleigh this week and there secured a certified copy of the recent bill which was put through the legislature for the two towns, which would make it legal for two municipalities to issue bonds for a joint sewer project.

Mr. Morgan sent the \$122,500 bonds which were issued by Hazelwood and Waynesville last fall, to PWA officials who bought the bonds.

PWA is making a direct grant of \$100,227 to the project, which is well underway, and contractors say they believe they will be finished by early July. Shovels are now at work near the city limits here.

Death Claims S. C. Liner While On A Visit To Daughter

Was In Constructing Business
Here For More Than Fifty
Years

Last rites were conducted at two o'clock on Tuesday afternoon at the Garrett Funeral Home for Samuel C. Liner, 77, who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. B. Pearson, in Nashville, Tenn., on Sunday morning. The Rev. James G. Huggin, Jr., pastor of the First Methodist church, officiated. Burial was in Green Hill cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers were: M. T. McCracken, Dr. S. P. Gay, Turner Russell, Henry Gaddy, Ernest L. (Continued on page 10)

New Fire Truck Arrived In Town Saturday Afternoon

Truck Bought By Hazelwood,
Will Be Operated At Expense
Of Waynesville, Benefit Both

Lawrence L. Kerley, of the fire department, and Lloyd Phillips, of the city police department, arrived in town "in state" on Saturday afternoon from Elmira, N. Y., aboard the new streamlined fire truck, bought and paid for by the town of Hazelwood, which will be serviced and operated by and at the expense of Waynesville for a period of twelve years, for the benefit of both towns.

Mr. Kerley and Mr. Phillips went to Elmira on Monday by train, and left there on Wednesday, making the distance of 908 miles between Wednesday and Saturday. This method of bringing the truck to town, instead (Continued on page 8)

County Auditor



T. J. CATHEY, recently re-appointed county auditor by the board of county commissioners.

Crowds Thrilled By Daring Drivers Going Up Steep Bank

Haywood Candy Company Stock Is Damaged By Fire

Damage Estimated At Approximately \$6,000. Blaze Started
In Match Stock

A fire Thursday morning, discovered around 7:45, did considerable damage to the stock of the Haywood Candy Company, wholesale firm, which occupies the building in the Smathers block opposite the Masonic Temple on Church street.

Leo Sansone, owner of the business, stated that had on hand approximately \$6,000 worth of stock, which included candy, paper products, groceries and a variety of household supplies.

The fire started in the section of the building in which 50 cases of matches had been stored, and when discovered was confined to that part of the building, but in the process of extinguishing the flames, much of the stock was damaged by the water.

The stock was only partially covered by insurance. The adjusters from the insurance company inspected the property the first of the week, but late yesterday afternoon no adjustment had been made.

Leo Sansone, a relative of Joe Mormino, and formerly associated with him in business, started in Haywood Candy Company eight years ago, and since that time has enlarged his stock and sold goods throughout the western part of this state.

Justices Of Peace Named For County In Recent Bill

Appointed To Six Year Terms
Beginning April 1st,
1939

The omnibus justices of the peace measure, which was recently passed by the state legislature named the (Continued on page 10)

Anything for a thrill!

That's the slogan about 40 drivers adopted over the week-end, as they shot their cars over the 35-foot bank of 45 degrees, next to the Leatherwood-James Esso Station on North Main street.

The fad is about to die out, it was reported yesterday, as all who want to try the stunt seem to have satisfied their desire for thrills.

The steep bank, starting on the rise only a few feet from the street, proved to be a thrill center, and attracted several hundred spectators, as they watched practically every make of car, and some as old as 1929 models, go up the steep bank that at times it looked as if the cars would turn over backwards.

Several drivers are reported to have gone over-the-top as many as 25 times.

One young man, got much merriment out of taking a load of unsuspecting girls up the bank. The girls expected the car to be parked, and when it shot over the brink of the high hill, they almost became hysterical.

Some drivers were not content with going up, but would turn around and come down, skidding their wheels.

Briggs Resigns As Superintendent Of Town Water System

Will Remain In Charge Of Filter
Plant And Enter Private
Business

Oscar Briggs, whose resignation from the position of superintendent of water of the town of Waynesville, took effect the first of the month will continue in charge of the operation of the filter plant, while his other duties have been taken over by Joe Sloan.

Mr. Briggs joined the Waynesville fire department twenty-two years ago, and has been continually in civic service since that date, having held (Continued on page 8)

Work Started On Two Main Street Stores; Many Firms Enlarging

More Building And Improving
Going On Than Ever Recalled
Here Before

BUSINESS DISTRICT ON PAR
WITH TOWNS MUCH LARGER

Business Places Of Community
In General Preparing For
Bigger Business

"The business section of Waynesville would indicate that this is a town with a population of about 8,000 or 10,000," H. K. Bowen, vice president of the Hamilton National Bank, of Knoxville, here a few days ago discussing matters with Mayor J. H. Way commented.

Mr. Bowen was much surprised to learn that the 1930 census gave Waynesville slightly over 2,400 population. And all this prompted Mayor Way to state that never at one time, had he seen as much building, repairing and remodeling going on.

Besides the three new stores, and the addition to the Park Theatre, that are mentioned in the column next to this, The Mountaineer learned yesterday of the following improvements in the community:

NEW FRONT FOR FERGUSON GROCERY STORE STARTED

A contract has been let for putting in a new front in the G. C. Ferguson grocery store, on Depot street. This work will take about a week, according to Jerry Liner, contractor. Boone Medford is owner of the building.

IMPROVEMENTS MADE AT SOCO GARAGE AT DEPOT

A new front has been installed in the Soco Garage, at the corner of Depot and Commerce streets. A grease lift rack has also been installed. C. V. Bell owns the building.

NEW EQUIPMENT ADDED BY CENTRAL CLEANERS

New washing equipment was being installed yesterday along with a stoker and other boiler room equipment at Central Cleaners.

Plans are also completed for building rooms in the basement for doing special dyeing.

AMERICAN CAFE ADDING 15 TO 20 SEATS IN PLACE

Dave Cade plans to have the American Cafe completely renovated, and remodeled within a week. Work has already started. Between 15 and 20 additional seats will be added, and a complete re-arrangement made of the entire cafe.

AUDITORIUM PLASTERED AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The auditorium of the Hazelwood Presbyterian church was plastered during the past few days, and work is being pushed there in an effort to complete construction.

PARK ICE CREAM SHOP MAKING SEVERAL CHANGES

Skylights are being installed in the Park Ice Cream Shop, and the kitchen enlarged, and additional seats being installed. The soda fountain and ice cream counters are also being re-arranged.

BELK-HUDSON COMPANY ADD LIGHTING EQUIPMENT

Electricians completed the installation of new and modern lights on both floors of Belk-Hudson Company here this week. The lights are large bell-shaped and of modernistic design.

ROY MOSEMAN CHANGES BUSINESS LOCATION AGAIN

For the second time in two months, Roy Moseman had to pull stakes and go into new quarters to make way for new Main street stores. He is now on the lot between Belk-Hudson Company and Rippetoe's.

DIXIE STORE COMPLETES MOVE TO NEW LOCATION

The Dixie Store completed their moving into new quarters the first of the week, now occupying the former Raiff stand.

Hugh Massie Building Two Stores, Corner Main And Miller Streets

ALEXANDER'S DRUG TAKES
LONG-TIME LEASE ON ONE

Park Theatre Will Enlarge To
Add 200 Additional Seats
In Near Future

Dotted lines aplenty were signed over the week-end, and as a result, work started Monday morning on two new stores on Main street, at the corner of Main and Miller streets.

Hugh Massie is the owner of the stores. Alexander's Drug Store, through Dr. J. C. Murphy, manager, signed a long-time lease for the corner store, and Jerry Liner is the contractor.

The contract calls for completion of the two 23 by 75-foot buildings in thirty days. Each will have a full-sized basement. The buildings are next to the new building now under construction and soon to be occupied by Hugh Massie.

Alexander's will occupy the corner building, which will have plate glass windows extending about 20 feet down Miller street.

Rumors were that the second building had also been leased, but Mr. Massie is in New York, and this could not be confirmed.

Jerry Liner, also contractor for the building Mr. Massie is to occupy, said that about two more weeks would be required to complete it.

J. E. Massie, owner of the Park Theatre, and building of the store which will be occupied by Hugh Massie, has let a contract to Mr. Liner to extend the Park Theatre 27 feet, which will give space for about 200 more seats. Work will be started on this just as soon as the crew now busy on the two stores complete the jobs. Mr. Liner said yesterday that the theatre job will take a number of weeks, but that work would not interfere with the shows.

No figures were released as to the probable cost of any of the jobs.

Closing Exercises Of Fines Creek School Will Start Tomorrow

Dr. R. P. Walker, Pastor Of Pres-
byterian Church To Deliver
Baccalaureate Sermon

The commencement exercises of the Fines Creek school will start tomorrow evening with the annual recitation-declaration contest.

Contestants and their numbers will be as follows: Edith Lowe, "China Blue Eyes;" Doris Webb, "Ole Mistis;" Faye Green, "Ma's Monday Mornin';" N. C. James, "Is Democracy Breaking Down?;" Haywood Walker, "The Chariot Race," (Ben Hur); Mack Kirkpatrick, "Southern Spirit." The girls chorus of the school will also give two numbers during the evening.

On Sunday afternoon, the 2nd, at 3:30 o'clock, Dr. R. P. Walker, pastor of the Presbyterian church, of Waynesville, will deliver the baccalaureate Howell Esso station.

On Tuesday evening the members of the senior class will present their (Continued on page 8)

Interest Growing In Community Party Set For April 20th

North Ward Captains Accept
Challenge Of South Ward
Optimistic Leaders

The Chamber of Commerce Community Party attendance campaign is on, as the South Ward captains have accepted the challenge that was hurled at them in last week's issue of The Mountaineer and a hot contest is expected.

The executive committee have announced the contest rules as follows: during the supper which will be one feature of the party at the Armory on April the 20th, noses will be counted and each man, woman or young (Continued on page 10)

Voice of The People

What do you think of the county manager plan for Haywood County?

C. N. Allen—of C. N. Allen and Company, Hazelwood—"I think it is a fine plan and has been needed for a long time. I feel sure that it will save the county hundreds of dollars each year."

F. G. Rippetoe—Manager of F. G. Rippetoe and Company—"It seems to me that one person devoting full time to the business of running the county will be much more efficient than several persons giving only part time. Also I think the plan will be a saving to the taxpayers."

Paul Martin—Martin Electric Company—"I think it is the best thing that has happened to Haywood County in sometime, from a business standpoint, in benefit of the taxpayers."

Homer Henfy—Medford Furniture Company—"I think it is a good thing,

provided the manager has a grasp of the duties of the office. I feel that the county is large enough to maintain such an office. I think that the present man under consideration for the office has all the qualifications necessary."

J. R. Boyd—President First National Bank—"I think an all time county manager, with the duties as set out in the bill to provide such for this county, would be justifiable in Haywood."

W. T. Shelton—Retired business man—"With the right man, it is an ideal plan. Small groups, or better still one individual who would be responsible for the entire business of running the county finances, would naturally give more efficient service, than one, or a group on part time. I think that Mr. Palmer has made a wise selection in his choice of Mr. Brown for this office."