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Smith and Brown Fail To Get State Approval

Commissioners Of Commissioners For County Agent Hit Snag In Raleigh Office

At a meeting of the Haywood board of commissioners held Friday night in the court house, it was made that the extension service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture did not make the appointment of W. D. Smith as county farm agent.

At a meeting of the board last week, Mr. Smith was appointed to fill the vacancy of the office of county agent, caused by the resignation of R. R. Smithwick, who has been in the county for the past two years.

Mr. Brown, teacher of vocational agriculture in the Waynesville High School, who was second choice of the commissioners last week, was also disapproved by the state department, on the grounds that they did not approve of moving a man from the agricultural teaching department to the county farm agent's office.

Letter to the editor of The Mountaineer, (letter printed on editorial page) J. C. Brown, states that he is an applicant and never has been in the position of county agent in Haywood, and that his name has been officially presented to the extension service at Raleigh, as first or second choice.

Explanation of Mr. Brown's letter, given out by a spokesman of the board of commissioners, was that Mr. Brown, who is now at summer school in Raleigh wrote his letter to the Mountaineer prior to the presentation of his name before the Extension Service.

Action was taken by the commissioners at the meeting Tuesday to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the state department from the appointment of either Mr. Smith or Mr. Brown.

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Festival Queen



Agnes McArthur, prominent member of the younger set in Asheville, wears her coronation robes as queen of the annual rhododendron festival at Asheville, June 19 to 24.

Survey Of Pigeon-Cruso Power Lines Soon To Be Ready

Officers Expect To Let Contract For 31 Miles of Lines Within The Near Future

Satisfactory progress is reported by those in charge of the Cruso Mutual Electric Company, Haywood County's first rural electrification project.

Following the approval of the \$42,000 allotment, a preliminary survey has been completed by the engineers and forwarded to Washington for approval by the Rural Electrification Administration.

A detailed survey showing the exact location of lines and poles is now being made and will be completed within a few days, after which the project will be ready for actual construction.

It is hoped by those in charge that within sixty days it will be possible to energize a part, if not all of the contemplated system.

This is the first rural electrification government project approved in Western North Carolina. It will consist of 31 miles of distribution lines in East Fork, Cecil and upper Pigeon townships. The system will start at Rickman's store at Woodrow and cover all the foregoing townships.

Carter Trull, of Cruso, is working with the engineers on location, and T. Lenoir Gwyn has charge of the temporary office at Woodrow.

The Cruso Mutual Electric Company was formed several months ago and incorporated, with D. L. Pless president, E. B. Rickman, secretary, and Carter Trull, superintendent.

The board of directors in addition to the president and secretary are: Ira H. Cogburn, Will Poston, Watson Howell, Mrs. R. P. Grogan, Mrs. E. B. Rickman, and Claude Deaver. Chester A. Cogburn, of Canton, is attorney for the company.

Waynesville Observes National Flag Day

Waynesville's Main street was decorated with flags yesterday in observance of Flag Day. Approximately fifty flags flew on the streets all day.

Sixty Seconds Of Justice ...

The shortest session of the city mayor's court on record was held here last Friday afternoon. Only three cases brought to trial. Three well known local "repeaters" up for drunkenness. In sixty seconds the three men admitted their guilt to the charges and were given a total of one hundred and sixty days at Craggy working on the roads—two were 64 days each and the other 32.

Dr. Kenneth Clark Of Duke University Will Speak At Methodist Church Sunday

Dr. Kenneth W. Clark, of the School of Religion, of Duke University, also a member of the Duke Summer School, of Lake Junaluska, will deliver an address on Sunday evening at the Methodist church.

Dr. Clark will take as his subject, "How we got the New Testament." The public is cordially invited by the pastor to attend the service.

Truck With 5 People Backs Into Dry Lake Junaluska

Free As Long As They Last

Donald Dunham, well known local gardener, in an effort to see that the community is beautiful, is making his annual offer of free "plants as long as they last."

This year he is giving away zinnia, Sweet Sultan, calendula, Chinese forgetmenots, and candy-tuft plants.

Mr. Dunham requests that those wishing to get plants call after 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Tax Complaints To Be Heard By Equalization Bd.

The board of county commissioners will resume their duties as a board of equalization on Tuesday, when they will hear taxpayers from Waynesville township, and also on Wednesday.

On Friday, June 23, they will hear complaints from Ivy Hill, Jonathan, White Oak and Cataloochee. No session will be heard on Saturday.

Beginning again Monday, June 26, they will hear taxpayers from Beavertown and also the 27th.

Pigeon, East Fork and Cecil townships will be heard on Wednesday, June 28th.

The concluding day will be June 29, and Clyde, Iron Duff, Crabtree and Fines Creek townships will be heard.

Mrs. R. C. Tuttle has returned home after spending the week-end in Atlanta, Ga., visiting her sister, Mrs. A. J. McGlone.

Voice of The People

Representative Martin L. Sweeney, of Ohio, sent King George a telegram the day the British ruler arrived at the White House stating in part, "I feel you should make a public statement while here as to what your government intends to do about the five billion dollar war debt your country owes the United States."

What is your opinion of Congressman Sweeney's action?

E. H. Balentine—manager of the Food Store—"I feel that we should try to collect the 5 billion dollars, for we need it right now in this country, but I doubt if Congressman Sweeney went about it the right way."

Chrest George—owner and manager of the WWNC Cafe—"The King came to America on a Good Will Tour, and he did not come prepared to make a statement about such matters, which he could not do unless his government had told him to do so. I think it was not the proper time to discuss such things. It looked like we might be trying to take advantage of him."

Police Starting Campaign Today On License Tags

30-Minute Parking On Main Street Will Be Enforced After Today

City police started out this morning on a dual enforcement order, and announced yesterday that there would be no bones about making arrests where violations were made by persons who parked on Main street longer than 30 minutes, and those people living in town who had not bought their city license tags.

Traffic on Main street is becoming so congested that it was ordered by the city fathers Tuesday night that the parking ordinance be enforced to the letter, and that all through trucks use the truck lane, which is out Branner Avenue to Haywood and up Haywood and back into Main street at the Clyde Ray, Jr. residence.

The tags are on sale at the city hall for one dollar.

Sam Cabe, member of the force, will be in charge of traffic on Main street this year.

Driver Hurt Saturday, As He Fails To Make Turn On High Bank Of The Lake

Had Lake Junaluska been filled with water, an effort to make a turn on the banks of the lake, at the entrance to the grounds, between the post office and the bridge, might easily have resulted in the death of five young people, when Winthrop Henderson, driver of a GMC pickup truck backed into the lake last Saturday around noon.

The party had been shopping and after entering the grounds remembered a forgotten item on their list, and decided to drive back to the Junaluska Supply company, a short distance away, when the accident occurred.

In the sudden movement of the truck as it unexpectedly went down the embankment into the lake bed, three of the occupants in the back of the truck were thrown out, while Henderson, the driver, was pinned in by the steering wheel, and his companion also remained in the seat.

The most seriously injured was Gene Darby, of Apoka, Fla., whose family have taken the Weatherly home at the lake for the season. He is now a patient in the Haywood County Hospital suffering with a crushed ankle. Henderson remained in the hospital for a couple of days, with a back injury.

Others of the party were: Miss Catherine Darby, of Apoka, Miss Ruth Grenell, of Daytona Beach, and Miss Eleanor McRae, of Fayetteville, all students at the Duke summer school. They received bruises, but while brought to the hospital for treatment, were able to return to their homes.

Young Henderson, driver of the car, was spending a two weeks vacation at the lake.

Mrs. J. R. Boyd—NYA supervisor of Haywood County—"I think it was rude beyond expression. No matter what the Congressman thought he should not have said such a thing to a guest of the United States."

C. F. Kirkpatrick—owner and manager Hotel LeFaine—"I think Great Britain should meet the obligation, but it was an embarrassing and inopportune moment to dun him, both for the King and the people of the United States."

T. J. Cathey—County auditor—"It was a bad type of diplomacy. Such matters should have been mentioned up at another time. It was a hard knock to the courtesy of the American people."

R. C. McBride—manager Stovall's Five and Ten—"I don't think the congressman should have mentioned such a thing on the King's first visit to this country. I think the King knows that his country owes us money. But I don't feel that he should have been reminded of it at such a time. But I am in favor of collecting the money."

Mrs. Sam Queen Named County Welfare Head

On State Board



CHAS. E. RAY, JR.

Governor Hoey Names Chas. Ray On State Board

Waynesville Man Named Member Of State Board of Conservation And Development

Chas. E. Ray, Jr., local civic leader, was appointed by Governor Hoey this week to the state board of conservation and development, for a term ending May 5th, 1945. He succeeds Piery Carter, of Asheville.

Mr. Ray, a graduate of the School of Engineering of the State University, was associated for several years with the state department of conservation and development.

At one time he was acting chief engineer of the department, after which he became principal assistant engineer. At the time he returned to Waynesville to reside, he was chief engineer of the department, serving under Col. J. W. Harrelson, now dean of administration in charge of the college of Agriculture and Engineering of the University at Raleigh.

Mr. Ray, who came here to live, following the death of his brother the late Bonner Ray, becoming associated with his brother, J. W. Ray, in the firm of C. E. Ray's Sons Department store, has taken a prominent part in civic affairs.

He has served as president and director of the Chamber of Commerce, and is at present vice president and a member of the board. He is chairman of the Western North Carolina Advisory committee, a director of the N. C. Merchant's Association, chairman of the governor's hospitality committee for Haywood County, and affiliated with other civic groups both in the county and state.

Professionally he is a member of the N. C. Society of Engineers, American Water Works Association, American Shore and Beach preservation association.

MISS MARY ELIZABETH LEE

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the Clyde Baptist church for Miss Mary Elizabeth Lee, 63, who died at the Haywood County Hospital at 9:00 o'clock Tuesday morning. The Rev. John Finger officiated. Burial was in the Pleasant Hill cemetery of Clyde.

Serving as pallbearers were nephews as follows: Sam Lee, Walter Lee, James Messer, William Messer, Virgil Lee and Manson Messer.

Miss Lee is a native of this county, and is the daughter of James J. Lee and the late Jane Fields Lee.

Surviving are her father, two brothers, Manuel Lee, of Marion, and Burton Lee, of Canton; two sisters, Mrs. Chas. Messer, of Clyde, and Miss Rosette Lee, of Elk Mountain.

Mrs. Julia Purcell, of St. Petersburg, Fla., has arrived to spend the summer at the Dunham House, where she will be hostess for the season. Mrs. Purcell formerly resided in Waynesville, and has many friends in this section.

Welfare Board And Commissioners, In Joint Session, Named Her To Succeed Mrs. Stentz

Mrs. Sam Queen was elected superintendent of county welfare, to succeed Mrs. J. Dale Stentz, at a joint session held Tuesday night of the county welfare board and the county board of commissioners, of which George A. Brown, Jr., chairman of the latter board, is automatically chairman.

The vote was by secret ballot, but a representative of The Mountaineer was told that the vote was two against and four in favor of the appointment of Mrs. Queen.

The appointment of Mrs. Queen will have to be approved by the State Board of Public Welfare and Charities.

In the meantime to meet certain requirements for the position of county superintendent, by the state board, Mrs. Queen will go to the State University, where she will take a three month's course in welfare work.

Mrs. Queen has taught for the past several years in the Waynesville Township schools. Last year she was a member of the faculty of the Central Elementary school.

Mrs. J. Dale Stentz has served as county welfare superintendent for the past three years. The work has been well organized and carried forward under her direction.

Along with the supervision of the office work, Mrs. Stentz has also done considerable field work, doing a large part of the case work.

Prior to her serving as county superintendent of welfare, Mrs. Stentz had been engaged in the Emergency Relief work in the county.

Man Hurt When Hit By Alleged Hit And Run Driver Saturday

The trial of Hubert Parton, alleged hit and run driver, who is said to have knocked Bob Gaddy down on Saturday night on Main Street near the Park Theatre, will be heard in the Mayor's court on Friday afternoon.

Mr. Gaddy was taken to the Haywood County Hospital for treatment, suffering with minor injuries. He was dismissed from the hospital yesterday.

Town Officials Pass Tax Ordinance

Town officials adopted the annual privilege license tax ordinance at their meeting Tuesday night, setting out all business which come under the special tax.

The complete list is reproduced in this issue of this newspaper on page nine. But few changes were made over previous years.

LLOYD GUNTER

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at one o'clock at the Allen's Creek Baptist church for Lloyd Gunter, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gunter, who died at 6:45 o'clock Tuesday evening at the Haywood County Hospital.

The Rev. C. L. Allen will conduct the services. Burial will be in the Crawford cemetery in Jackson County.

Young Gunter is survived by his parents and several brothers and sisters.

Massie Funeral Home was in charge of the funeral arrangements.

LAWSON JENKINS

Funeral services were held at the White Oak Baptist church on Saturday afternoon for Lawson Jenkins, 88, who died at noon at his home in the White Oak township, on Thursday, June 8th. The Rev. Yoder Davis, officiated. Burial was in the White Oak cemetery.

Mr. Jenkins was a farmer of this county, and had been identified with the Baptist church for fifty years.

Surviving are six sons, Parker, and Bob, of Waynesville, Censer and Vincent, of White Oak, Stanberry, of Jackson, and William Thomas Jenkins, of Swain; two daughters, Mrs. Jane Hunter and Mrs. Emma Ewart, of White Oak township; eighty grandchildren and 61 great grandchildren.