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## A. Burgin Will Be Buried Today; Passed Suddenly

Retired Rural Mail Carrier, Former And Business Man, Was Seventy-One

A. Burgin, 71-year-old retired mail carrier, and prominent in local business and agriculture, passed away at his home here late yesterday morning following a two week's illness of pneumonia and pleurisy.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the Baptist church here, with Dr. S. Hopkins, pastor, in charge, and assisted by Dr. R. P. ... pastor of the Presbyterian

Masonic order will have charge of the services at Greenhill cemetery.

Burgin had been in ill health for about a year, and two weeks ago developed pneumonia, which he was improving rapidly, returned home Sunday. His death yesterday morning was sudden.

Coming to Haywood from his home in the county of McDowell, at the age of 24, and opened a mercantile establishment at Dellwood, afterwards married Miss Owen.

In addition to his store, he operated a farm on the Deelwood road for a year ago was actively engaged in managing the place.

On December 6, 1906, he carried on a rural route as sub-agent and six weeks later—in

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## General Ferguson Retired, Is Home On Visit Here

Go To Washington To Set Up His Connections With U. S. Army

Major General Harley B. Ferguson, retired from the U. S. Army with an exceptional record in engineering corps has returned to town to spend a week or two going to Washington, to wind up some business connected with his retirement.

General Ferguson, a native of Wayneville, has worn the uniform of the U. S. Army for 46 years. His record of work was his greatest pride. As head of the Mississippi River Commission he did more than any other man. General Ferguson was the guest of Mrs. Otis Green, Asheville, en route to Asheville, from Vicksburg, where he was last stationed.

## Hazelwood Has But Little Amount Due On '38 Taxes

Tax collector G. C. Sumner of Hazelwood, went to collect his delinquent tax list this week, he found but few pieces of property on which 1938 taxes had not been paid.

Most of the delinquencies were in the amount of 50 cents, he collected towards \$6 per acre and had something over \$11,000 in taxes due the town.

It is interesting to know that the amount of property remains in the hands of the owner and that has street and sewerage taxes due, and the owner has made plans to clear the property within 30 days, it was said.

Collector Sumner does not expect much trouble garnishees for taxes—only two were owing the past year.

## Theatre Gets Picture 2 Days After Release

Theatre not only has the most modern buildings in the south, but in instances, shows new pictures in this section.

Monday and Tuesday, the picture: "Stanley and the Dwarfs" featuring Spengler, will be shown at the theatre.

The picture will be given a special release date on Friday, and two days will be on the screen.

A sketch of the famous picture will be found on the theatre page.

## 81 Years Active



W. T. LEE, celebrated his 81st birthday Monday, by attending to business affairs as usual.

## W. T. Lee Passed His Eighty-First Birthday Monday

Veteran Business And Political Leader, In Prime Of Health

W. T. Lee, retired business man and veteran political leader in North Carolina, passed his eighty-first birthday of his country home on the Fairview road, on Monday, the 14th, in the best of health, with a keen appreciation of the affairs of the county, state and nation.

"The first recollection I have of coming to Wayneville, or of anything for that matter, was the day my father brought me to town to see the muster and call for volunteers for the Confederate Army," said Mr. Lee this week in his reminiscing of other days.

Mr. Lee, who has been and still is an influential figure in both county and state politics, has been in public life for more than fifty years. He started his career as a deputy sheriff at the age of 21, and his last public office was as chairman of the North Carolina Corporation Commission, which office he held for 18 years. Only one other person in the United States has ever served longer on a state corporation than Mr. Lee, and he was a member of the Tennessee Corporation.

Mr. Lee entered politics in 1894 and was elected as a member of the lower house of the state legislature, serving for two terms. He was again elected in 1899, serving another term in 1908 and 1909. He was a member of the State Corporation Commission for 26 years.

## East Wayneville Highway Will Be Widened In Sept.

Total Cost Will Be \$41,000; Found Drainage Not Adequate For New Road

Work is scheduled to start in September on widening the highway through East Wayneville, it was said here by E. L. McKee, highway commissioner.

A slight delay was made in starting the work, after the drainage engineers of the state highway department went over the survey and found that an additional \$7,000 would be required to put in necessary drainage near the Pet Dairy Products Company plant.

The widening of the highway will cost \$34,000, plus the extra \$7,000 for further drainage facilities. The highway will be widened for over a mile.

## Plans Inaugurated For Labor Day Celebration

Plans were inaugurated this week for the Labor Day celebration on Monday, September 18th, for Wayneville, Hazelwood and Lake Junaluska, which if carried through will mark the day with the biggest program of entertainment ever staged on any previous occasion.

The parade will be led by the Spruce Pine band, of sixty-five pieces, and every organization in the community is invited to participate with decorated cars and floats. Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, National Guard, veterans of the Spanish-American War, members

of the American Legion, Future Farmers of America, and all other organizations will be expected to be represented in the parade.

A mutt division, as of last year, will be featured. Boys and girls are asked to register at the Chamber of Commerce in Wayneville or at the store of C. N. Allen in Hazelwood, for making their entries. Cash prizes will be awarded for the best entries.

C. E. Weatherly and Carl Ratcliff will have charge of the athletic events.

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## An Increase Is Noted In Three County Schools

A Gain Of 128 Pupils In Bethel, Fines Creek And Crabtree Schools This Year

In most instances enrollments in the schools of the Bethel district, the Fines Creek district and the Crabtree schools which opened on July the 31st, show an increase over that of last year.

In the Bethel district the total enrollment for 1938 was 1,163 and for this year amounts to 1,253, showing a gain of 90 students.

The enrollments in the individual schools of the Bethel district for 1938 were as follows: Bethel High 260, elementary, 427; Cecil, 164; Cruso, 216; Spring Hill, 96.

Enrollments for this year in the various schools in the Bethel district are: Bethel High 288; elementary, 454; Cruso, 238; Cecil, 176; Spring Hill, 97, showing a gain of 90 pupils.

The enrollments in the Fines Creek district for 1938 were: High school, 107; elementary, 315; Redmond, 14; Hurrigan, 20. For this year the enrollments in the schools are: High school, 123; elementary, 321; Redmond, 13; Hurrigan, 24, showing an increase of 25 students.

In the Crabtree schools the enrollment for 1938 were: 105 in high school, and 330 in the elementary school. While this year, there are 123 students in the high school and 325 in the elementary, showing a gain of 13 pupils.

The total enrollments in the three school territories show an increase of 128 students this year over last year.

## Home Coming Day Will Be Held By Two Communities

Residents Of Crabtree And Iron Duff Will Have Reunion On Sunday

Plans are completed for the annual home coming day to be held by the residents of Crabtree and Iron Duff at the Crabtree school on Sunday, the 20th. Those who plan to attend are asked to assemble at the Crabtree high school.

The Rev. R. P. McCracken will make the principal address of the day, with Willis Kirkpatrick, of Canton, in charge of the Sunday school hour, which will precede the talk of the former.

In the afternoon following the picnic lunch, S. E. Connatser, former principal of the Crabtree school, will be among those who will make brief talks. Frank M. Davis, of Wayneville, but formerly of Iron Duff, will preside over the day's program.

Mrs. Glen Palmer, Millard Ferguson and T. C. Davis form a committee in charge of the arrangements for the reunion, which is the second to be held by the two communities.

All the families and friends of the residents of Crabtree and Iron Duff are invited to attend and bring a basket lunch.

## Dr. Sullivan Joins Smith's Drug Store

Dr. Harry Sullivan, of Anderson, S. C., arrived this week to join the personnel of Smith's Cut Rate Drug Store as druggist.

Dr. Sullivan spent the greater part of last summer here, and has spent several weeks in the local store during vacation periods for others.

The addition of Dr. Sullivan gives Smith's Cut Rate two full time registered druggists on duty.

## Moody Family To Hold Annual Family Reunion

Friends And Relatives Will Meet At Home Of Mrs. Martha Plott

The Moody family, descendants of Reuben Moody, one of the pioneer settlers in Haywood County, will hold the annual family reunion at the home of Mrs. Martha Plott, at Plott, on Sunday, August 20th.

All the members of the family and family connections as well as friends are invited to attend the reunion. A program of interesting and appropriate features has been planned for the day.

All those attending are requested to bring a picnic lunch, which will be spread on the lawn at noon.

## John Abel And His Champions



"Ross" large calf to the right, weighs 883 pounds, won the grand champion prize at the Baby Beef Show held for 4-H club members on the annual Farm Tour.

Smaller calf "Bob" 803 pounds, won the reserve championship. Both calves are owned by John Abel, who has exhibited baby beef cattle in the shows for the past five years.

## "Out On A Limb - - - -"

"Out on a limb" sat Harold "Teahound" Leatherwood, 20, about 10 feet above the ground in a willow tree near Charlie's Place at the triangle in East Wayneville, on Wednesday morning.

His business "out on the limb" was to cut it off, as its waving branches were interfering with electric wires. He gripped in his hand a saw, with which to do the dirty work.

At any elevation in these parts, the world looks good—even ten feet above ground, there is the glamor of added grandeur to the panorama of the hills. Clouds were lifting their veil of white on distant peaks, and descending in misty waves on nearby hills. The trees and all nature were fresh from recent showers. There was a shifting of the scene, as is often the case, one of the fascinations of the mountains, they never look the same.

Down on the streets in three directions traffic was moving at its usual fury—cars passing each other—hurrying on, with no time to waste—pretty faces shot by as motorists wove their way in and out of traffic. "Teahound" was lost in utter contemplation of the view he had "out on the limb of the willow tree ten feet above ground."

What difference was it to him, as he watched the changing clouds, the blue grey sky, the speeding traffic, the pretty girls—which side of the limb he sat upon, for the time, at least—as he gazed out from his perch above the earth—did such a trivial thing matter.

So with the handle most convenient, "Teahound" began to saw. The limb was green and wet. But he sawed with a steady motion. The limb began to sway, it was completely cut through, "Teahound" still on the limb of the willow tree, was gathering himself up ten feet below his former high perch above the world.

"I was shook up a little," was his only explanation, as he dusted himself off. What a lesson? How easy in life it is to neglect to get on the right side of the limb before we begin to saw. Many a man, and for that matter woman, has lost out by forgetting this all important position when "out on a limb."

## 8-Mile Sewer Line Put Into Service

The 8-mile sewer line, from Hazelwood to Pigeon river, was put into service Tuesday of this week, which brought the work to completion several weeks ahead of schedule. There remains a small amount of surfacing to be done on some of the line right-of-ways, it was said.

The line is about one fourth full, and according to engineers' reports, it takes about four hours for the sewerage to flow from Hazelwood to Pigeon River.

Only one or two private taps remain to be made on the line, and then Richland Creek will be cleared of all sewerage.

The line was built by the towns of Wayneville and Hazelwood together with an outright grant from WPA.

Blythe Brothers of Charlotte, had the contract for the line, and started work early in November.

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## One Killed, Two Injured In Wreck Saturday Night

Closing Out Store



M. T. McCracken is going out of business, after 34 years as a merchant.

Photo by Sherrill's Studio.

## M. T. McCracken Is Staging Going Out Of Business Sale

The final chapter of a long Wayneville business career will be completed on Friday morning when the "ending" of the McCracken Clothing company will begin. Final arrangements have been in progress for the larger part of this week while the store has remained closed for the opening of the going out of business sale, which is scheduled to start at nine o'clock Friday morning.

Representatives here of the Commercial Merchandising systems, who are in complete charge of this event, state that the store will be completely changed with all remaining merchandise grouped on tables and racks, not according to their former selling prices, but will be mixed items of all kinds under one price heading.

This way they further explained, will make possible a faster way of disposing of this stock which they will do as quickly as possible.

It is expected that huge crowds will be on hand Friday morning for the opening as there will be several dollars in merchandise and money given to the first there. Arrangements (Continued on page 8)

## Time Moves On—Friends Remain

The happenings of thirty years ago were reviewed in quick succession, with comments on the present, and predictions of the future, when four members of the class of 1909 of the University of North Carolina accidentally met on Monday of this week in the dining room of the Hotel LeFaine, one member being C. F. Kirkpatrick, owner and manager of the hotel.

Others were G. E. McIntosh, of Chapel Hill, who is in charge of the State NYA activities, J. Faison Thompson, attorney of Goldsboro, and J. G. Fitzsimmons, of Charlotte, retired from the auto supply business.

Dr. F. P. Venable was president of the University when the four were students there from 1906 through 1909.

## 2 Bridges Being Widened Near The Hazelwood Limits

Construction crews are at work widening the two bridges on Highway Nos. 19 and 23 just south of Hazelwood city limits.

The new bridges will be 33 feet wide, and will include a railed side walk for pedestrians.

One detour was built around the bridge, and traffic will be routed by the prison camp for the other bridge.

## PWA ENGINEER MOVES OFFICE TO CULLOWHEE

P. L. Threkle, PWA resident engineer inspector, for the past nine months, here in connection with the sewer line construction, has moved his office to Cullowhee, where he is over-seeing construction work on a building there and a prison camp in Cherokee county.

## ON NORTHERN MARKET

M. H. Rabhan, owner of Harold's Department Store, is in New York, buying fall merchandise for his store. He will spend a week in the city.

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