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Patrolmen Launch Drive To Enforce Traffic Laws

Patrolman Roberts, Stationed Here, Issues Warning To Violators Of Law

People in this county are careless about a lot of traffic laws they are all over the state. It is to be seen that the motor vehicles of North Carolina are in my appointed territory. Patrolman Owen R. Roberts has been stationed in this county with headquarters in Waynesville since the 15th of September. He has a habit of failing to enter the main highway. They drive cars without stop signs. They run over stop signs often fail to give the proper signals," continued Patrolman Roberts in discussing drivers, with a representative of the Mountaineer this week. "I intend to indict anybody I see driving a school bus while it is loading and unloading children. I will show no favoritisms. I will see that the laws are enforced," continued Mr. Roberts. In the state commission to improve highway patrolmen, of last month, it was in recognition of the great need for observance of driving on highways, and we patrolmen would be falling short entrusted to us, if we do not have a close watch on the highways. Explained Mr. Roberts.

Law that has been ignored over the state, that is stressed at present, is the use of lights of cars in passing. A large number of wrecks on state highways each year is due to drivers failing to use lights, and the glare of an approaching car so blinded the driver that he was not held back.

Department Called Out Twice This Week

Incidents occurred during the week that slight damages are repaired in both instances by the department. At the alarm of the two, was called out Saturday morning at the apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis over the building occupied by the Moody Store, on Boyd Avenue. The fire started from the kitchen, and was extinguished by the fire department. A second fire occurred around 10:30 at the Jim Sorrells home on Main street, and was said to be started from the outside from the kitchen stove. The fire was away from home when it was discovered by the fire department, who had the blaze extinguished by the time the fire department arrived.

Marriage Law Makes Dent In Sale Of License

Decline Felt In License Sales As Couples Go To Georgia To Wed

When you could apply for a marriage license, get it, and then go to Georgia to get the peace in the court in the space of 15 minutes a couple could be tied in the holy bonds of matrimony as hard as the law could be changed in North Carolina since last April, the law went into effect. The move on swifter divorce laws have let many for dissatisfied husbands, but the laws of

4,000 Rainbow Trout Will Be Planted In Richland Creek Monday

Now since the towns of Hazelwood and Waynesville have removed the pollution of the sewerage from Richland Creek, the stream is again recognized by the state Department of Conservation and Development according to Game and Fish Protector G. C. Plott. On Monday morning Protector Plott states he will plant no less than 4,000 rainbow trout in Richland. The planting of the fish, which will be from four to six inches in length, will begin around the vicinity of Howell's Mill and will continue as far up as Allen's Creek.

Plants Running Full Capacity At Hazelwood

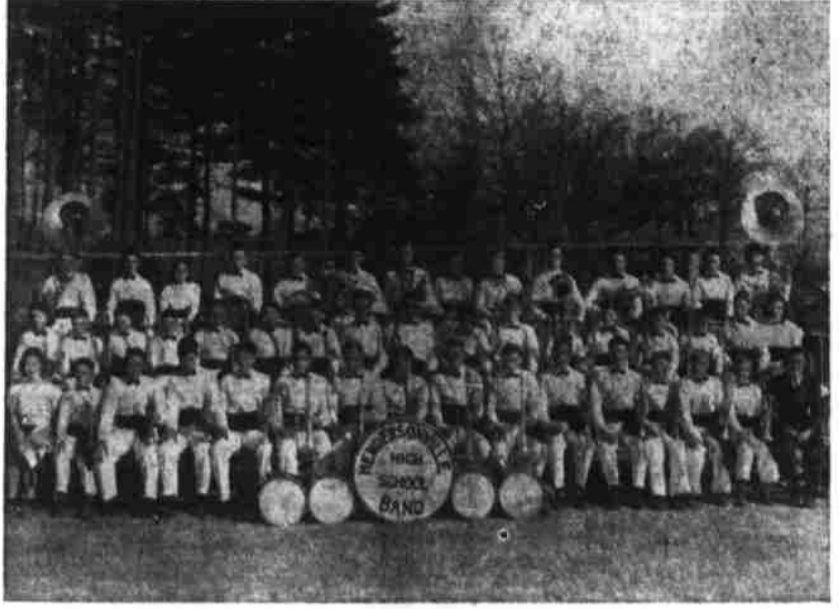
New Wage-Hour Law Makes But Little Change In Majority Of Local Plants

From the wage and hour law, which went into effect at midnight on Monday of this week, with its 42-hour work week maximum and its 30-cent hour minimum wage, little or no reaction was felt among local manufacturing industries, according to a survey conducted by The Mountaineer. It was learned that the plants at Hazelwood were all running at full capacity and that in some cases additional men had been put on during the recent months, with employment figures making an encouraging record. In cases where the work week had previously been at 44 hours, the manufacturers were philosophical about the change, but stated that in many instances the men would prefer to work 44 hours. However, they all seem to agree that the time and a half wage would be prohibitive for the extra 2 hours as it would take all the profit from the producer.

According to estimates issued by the Wage and Hour Division of the United States Department of Labor, wage increases for 60,000 workers in the industrial plants of North Carolina will be made. An estimated total of 71,100 workers in the state will have their hours reduced from 44 to 42 per week, or will receive overtime pay at the rate of time and one-half the regular wage-rate for hours in excess of that number. These North Carolina workers are part of an estimated 690,000 in the nation who get wage increases and 2,800,000 now working more than 42 hours, whose standard work week will be reduced to that figure.

The largest number of North Carolina workers to receive wage increases are employed in manufacturing, wholesale trade, and motor car industries. These three groups account for 90 per cent of all those in the country receiving less than 30 cents an hour, or working more than 42 hours weekly. Administration of the Wage and Hour Law during its first year contributed to the upswing in business, by wage increases for more than 300,000 of the most poorly-paid workers and reduction in the hours of work, or the receipt of overtime pay for some 1,375,000

Hendersonville Band To Play Here Friday



The 65-piece band from Hendersonville will lead a parade up Main Street about five o'clock Friday afternoon, and during the halves at the Hendersonville-Waynesville football game which will start at 7:30 at the stadium, will give a marching exhibition. The Hendersonville band was organized in the fall of 1938. Last spring they made an honor rating of first in the state music contest in Greensboro in the D classification (bands organized less than one year). This rating made them eligible for the regional contest which was held in Charlotte a month later. The band there made a first honor rating, being the only band in the 8th region to attain such an honor. The 8th region includes Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and parts of Tennessee. The Hendersonville band is directed by Julian W. Helms.

Haywood County Mutual Cannery Closed Oct. 1st.

Successful Season, With Profit To Growers Reported By Frank M. Davis, Mgr.

The Haywood County Mutual Cannery at Hazelwood closed down for the year 1939 the first of the month, following one of the most successful years since its establishment five years ago. The cannery started operation for the current season on May 15th, and with the exception of about two weeks between the spinach crop and the blackberry season, operated on full time from then until October the first, according to Frank M. Davis, manager of the cannery. A total of 11,905 cases, including spinach, beans, and blackberries, were canned during the season. A total of \$2,339 was paid out in labor during the canning season, and \$3,710.13 was paid to the farmers for their produce this year. The total number of cans used in the canning of the three products amounted to 589,358 and the number of pounds of vegetables and berries canned came to 367,709, while around 1,000,000 pounds of produce were handled, including that put on the green vegetable market. The Haywood County cannery stands today as a monument to the far sighted civic leaders and farmers who back in 1934 realized that the products of this section with the opening up of through highways, should and could compete with those of other sections. (Continued on back page)

Building Loan Officials At Canton Meeting

R. L. Prevost President Of District, Led Discussions Yesterday

Building and Loan officials from Murphy to Rutherfordton met in Canton yesterday for their district meeting, of which R. L. Prevost, president of the Haywood Home Building and Loan Association, is president. Prior to the opening session at 4 o'clock, those attending were guests of the Champion Paper and Fibre Company, and were escorted over the plant on a two-hour inspection tour. At the meeting which followed at four o'clock, round table discussions were held of the various problems now facing the Building and Loan groups throughout the state, and the ways in which an association can best serve its community. At seven o'clock, a banquet was held at the Imperial Hotel, which was attended by a number of directors of the Haywood Home Building and Loan. Clarence N. Walker, of Asheville, was the principle speaker of the evening. Among those attending were several of the officials of the state group, and representatives of the insurance companies which insure loans for the associations. I am glad to see the work start-

W. T. H. S. Band Provided With Necessary Instruments

10 Free Tickets To Game Given Sponsors Underwrite \$600 Worth Of Horns For Bass Section Of Band

Ten football tickets to the Waynesville Hendersonville game are waiting at The Mountaineer for the ten people whose names are listed in the want ad columns this week to come claim them by five o'clock Friday.

Smoky Chapter Of F.F.A. Wins High Honor At Meeting

The local chapter Future Farmers of America was accorded high honors at the National Convention held in Kansas City recently when the National organization presented the chapter with a certificate of honorable mention. This chapter was one of ten in the Southeastern region to receive such certificate, signed by the National president and the Chief of Agricultural Service for the United States. From the sixty-three hundred chapters in the United States and Hawaii, the Stamping Grounds Kentucky chapter was accorded first place. Chapters other than first are designated by honorable mention only to outstanding chapters. Waynesville came in for some free advertising at the National banquet when 1200 members from every state in the union and Hawaii gathered in the municipal auditorium. The local chapter furnished raspberry jam for the occasion and recognition was given on the program for the contribution. Mrs. Henry Francis made the jam and was accorded many compliments on the fine flavor of the product, some credit for which should go to the local cannery for sanitary and efficient methods used in canning.

Fire Raging Over 500 Acres In Plott Balsams

District Superintendent



Rev. Hutchins And Rev. Huggin Are Reappointed

Six Changes Are Made At Methodist Conference In Pastors In Waynesville District

The Rev. W. L. Hutchins, district superintendent of the Waynesville district of the Methodist church of the Western North Carolina conference for the past year, will return to his charge here, and the Rev. James G. Huggin, Jr., pastor of the First Methodist church, was re-appointed as local pastor for a third year. There were six changes in the Waynesville district of the Methodist churches, at the Western North Carolina conference, which was held during the past week in Greensboro. With the three Methodist denominations, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the Methodist Protestant church and the Methodist Episcopal church, united into one body the church faces a new year of high hope and spiritual inspiration for broadening its services. Bishop Clare Purcell, of Charlotte, Bishop Wallace E. Brown, of Portland, Oregon, and Bishop Straughn are completing the final step in the work of uniting the three groups. The appointments to the Waynesville district are as follows: W. L. Hutchins, district superintendent; Andrews, G. N. Dublin; Bethel, J. W. Blitch; Bryson City, A. L. Rayle; Central Canton, W. R. Kelly; First Canton, J. F. Wyatt; Clyde, G. E. Price; Crabtree, W. H. Neese. Cullowhee, W. L. Lanier; Dell-

Dr. N. M. Medford Has Returned From Hospital And Is Much Improved

Dr. N. M. Medford, who has been a patient in the Mission Hospital for three weeks, has returned home and is much improved. He plans to be in his office in the Masonic Temple the latter part of the week.

Special Crews Have Been Fighting Blaze Since Monday Morning

It was estimated yesterday afternoon that 500 acres of woodlands on the R. H. Plott estate lands had been burned over by one of the most disastrous forest fires in his section in sometime and was still raging at a late hour last night. Forty-one men were reported to be fighting the flames last night, headed by Jack Spratt, district forester of the North Carolina Forest Service; his assistant, Dan Blake; county fire warden Mark Hannah, and four county district wardens, J. R. Plott, of Ivy Hill township, Harve Beach, Clem Fitzgerald and George Plott, of Waynesville district. The fire was thought to have started between 9 and 10 o'clock Monday morning according to wardens from a skidder of a lumber operation on the property, on Briar Ridge on Little Balsam, and by late Tuesday afternoon the fire had reached the Mont Plott place on Plott's Creek. Chief Warden, Mark Hannah, took a crew of 10 to 12 men to the scene of the fire when it was first discovered and by late Monday afternoon it was thought that the fire was under control, and practically out. In the meantime Warden Hannah was called to Iron Duff township, where he and his men fought until four o'clock Tuesday morning. After the fire was under control he was called back to the scene of the first fire which was raging over a still larger area. He at once got in touch with the district foresters in Asheville and called for other help and since that time the large crew has been fighting the spreading flames on the Plott lands.

R. T. Underwood Will Be Buried At Green Hill

Last rites for Robert Taylor Underwood, 91-year-old Confederate veteran, who died Tuesday at his home in Asheville, will be held this afternoon at two o'clock at the Berryman-Cradock funeral home, with the Rev. H. A. Clark officiating. Burial will be made at Green Hill cemetery here. The deceased was a member of the Zeb Vance camp United Confederate Veterans and the Seventh Day Adventist church. He was a native of Waynesville, but for the past 20 years had resided in Asheville. Surviving are his widow; six daughters, Mrs. H. P. Parker, of Urbana, Ind., Mrs. Canie Foster, of Weldon, Mrs. J. S. Jones, of Elizabethton, Tenn., and Mrs. Byron Reeves, Mrs. G. C. Hawkins, and Mrs. Odell Rawls, of Asheville; three sons, James Underwood of Nashville, Tenn., Robert Underwood, of Gainesville, Ga., and Archie Underwood, of California; and a number of grandchildren and great grandchildren. Mr. Underwood was the sole survivor of Company A of the Thomas Confederate Legion in the War Between the States. He would have been 92 years of age next November 8. Two summers ago, he attended the joint reunion of the armies of the north and south at Gettysburg, Pa.

Some Advocate Observing Thanksgiving Twice; On Federal and State Days

With the exception of North Carolina and Kansas, all the states in the union, have agreed to fall in with President Roosevelt's "New" Thanksgiving date. In both states there will be many mix-ups, no doubt as groups and organizations work out their days for celebrating this great National holiday. Locally the observance of Thanksgiving still hangs in the balance with a number of groups about town. One will observe the day on the traditional and time honored last Thursday of November, as set forth by Governor Hoey, while those connected with Federal agencies state that they will in all probability have to abide by the deci-

IN LOOKING OVER THE COUNTY—

General Haywood

GETS A FEW THINGS OF COUNTY-WIDE INTEREST OFF HIS MIND WITH LETTERS

Waynesville Aldermen. Gentlemen:— I note with pride that your street department is making repairs on broken sidewalks on Main Street. There are but few things as aggravating as to try and walk on broken sidewalks, and not many things more dangerous to pedestrians. As long as the sidewalks remain in their present condition, the town is inviting a lawsuit from some unlucky person who might fall and suffer injuries because of the broken pavement. I am glad to see the work start-

ed, and hope that the entire sidewalk system can be put in apple pie order before you call a halt. Yours truly, GENERAL HAYWOOD. To All North Carolinians: Two weeks ago, a gasoline transport truck wrecked near Morganton, spilling over 3,800 gallons of flaming fluid on the highway, damaging public and private property, besides burning to death, the driver and helper on the tanker. Last week, another transport tanker, headed for Sylva, caught on fire just east of Hendersonville. (Continued on page 2)