

# THE WAYNESVILLE MOUNTAINEER

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FIFTH YEAR NO. 48 WAYNESVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1939 \$1.50 In Advance In Haywood and Jackson Counties

**Rich Is Sentenced To State Prison**  
Jesse Rich, 34, was sentenced to ten years at the North Carolina State Penitentiary for the murder of a woman here last Friday.

**Wine And Beer "Short Stop", Closed**  
The owners of the "Short Stop" here and Canton, Mrs. Odell McCall, were each sentenced to four months in jail for conducting a disorderly connection with the operation of their wine and beer shop.

**Padlock Placed On Beer Shop**  
The well known beer shop here and Canton, Mrs. Odell McCall, was padlocked by the sheriff for conducting a disorderly connection with the operation of their wine and beer shop.

**Franklin, for violation of law, was suspended**  
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**Boys In Fair**  
The boys are participating in the annual fair staged by the chapter of the Future Teachers of America.

**Firms Lending Place**  
The firms lending place for the exhibits which show the work that is being done by the boys, as they were in the windows of various firms yesterday and will be on Saturday, with few

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## WINGS OVER HAYWOOD

The first contract for purchase of an airplane in Haywood County, was filed yesterday with the register of deeds. The purchaser is Felmet M. Wilson, of Pisgah Drive, Canton. The contract states that the plane is a "piper cub" make with a continental engine.

## 1940 Board Of Directors For C. of C. Named

Officers Will Be Named At Early Date, To Come From New Board

Sixteen members of the Chamber of Commerce were elected yesterday afternoon as directors for 1940. Balloting has been underway for the past week, and the tabulation made yesterday showed the following results:  
Representing industry, J. W. Killian, Harry Lee Liner and R. L. Prevost.  
Representing merchants, W. A. Bradley, Chas. E. Ray, Jr., and W. Hugh Massie.  
Representing agriculture: C. N. Allen and Geo. A. Brown, Jr.  
Representing business and professional groups: M. H. Bowles, L. N. Davis, Dr. S. P. Gay and W. L. Hardin, Jr.  
Representing hotels and boarding houses: Paul Hyatt and Mrs. J. M. Long.  
Representing automotive service: M. D. Watkins and Clayton C. Walker.  
From this group will be the president and all other officers for the coming year.  
Dr. S. P. Gay has served as president during the past year and is expected to call the new board together within a week for the election of the officers.

## Woman Killed Early Sunday In Auto Crash

Enka Woman Instantly Killed, Others Injured On Howell Mill Road

Mrs. Annie Wilson, of Enka, was instantly killed around 12:30 o'clock on Sunday morning, when the automobile in which she was riding, with three others, went over an embankment on the Howell Mill road, about a quarter of a mile out of town, and around 150 yards from the Alec Rogers home.  
J. Delvin, 22, of Candler, driver of the car, charged with manslaughter, was first lodged in the county jail, after receiving medical attention following the accident. During the day on Sunday, after developing certain symptoms of internal injuries, he was removed to the Haywood County Hospital.  
Miss Vernie Johnson, 17, of Enka, and Miss Mary Johnson, 18, other occupants of the car received slight injuries, and were brought into the hospital after the wreck for treatment, but were able to go to their homes that night.  
Delvin, it is reported, claims that he had just wiped the windshield, on account of the snow, making it difficult to drive. Others who were called to the scene of the wreck, stated that it was not snowing at that hour, but that a heavy fog hung over the section.  
One of the girls, it was learned, stated that Delvin thought someone was following them, and turned to look back to see whether or not another car was on the road, and when he did, the car rolled down the embankment, and turned over.  
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## IN LOOKING OVER THE COUNTY—

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

Waynesville Township School Authorities.  
Gentlemen:—  
An almost unbelievable thing happened last Friday evening during an excellent performance staged by the Lions Club. No less than five people, mostly boys in their teens, openly smoked in the

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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HAVE COMPLETED ALL MY PLANS HERE AND WILL ARRIVE IN WAYNESVILLE SATURDAY MORNING ON THE 10:33 TRAIN STOP MY MOTOR SLEIGH HAS ALREADY ARRIVED THERE AND WILL BE ON HAND AT THE DEPOT TO MEET ME

I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THE PARADE THROUGH HAZELWOOD AND WAYNESVILLE SATURDAY MORNING AND AFTER THE PARADE I WILL GIVE EVERY GIRL AND BOY SOME CANDY FROM MY IGLOO WHICH I UNDERSTAND WILL BE IN FRONT OF THE COURT HOUSE AGAIN THIS YEAR

MAYOR JACK WAY WIRED ME THAT THE TOWN WAS BEING DECORATED FOR MY ARRIVAL, I SHALL THANK THE TOWN OFFICIALS PERSONALLY WHEN I GET THERE

PLEASE NOTIFY BANDMASTER NEW THAT I HAVE NO SPECIAL SELECTIONS FOR HIS HIGH SCHOOL BAND TO PLAY FOR ME AS I LIKE ALL BAND MUSIC

THE DATES AND HOURS TO VISIT ALL THE SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTY ARE SATISFACTORY TO ME

SANTA CLAUS

## Arrival Of Santa Saturday Morning To Formally Open Christmas Season

### Welfare Officer Makes Appeal For Household Goods

Mrs. Sam Queen, county welfare superintendent, has announced contemplated plans for the removal of three families from the county home, that owing to the fact that the wage earners had no jobs had been placed in the institution temporarily.  
Mrs. Queen stated to a representative of The Mountaineer, that the county can finance part of the expense of moving the families, and that they are eligible for certain government aid for food and clothing, but that they have no household furnishings, and unless this need can be supplied by the generosity of individuals or organizations, it will be impossible to get the families with several children out of the county home at this time.  
There are at present 26 children in the county home, if the four families under consideration are removed it would take a total of ten children from the home, as that number is distributed among the four groups.  
In making this appeal to the

### 55-Piece High School Band To Give Concert At Depot And Court House

SANTA TO GIVE BOYS AND GIRLS CANDY  
When Santa Claus arrives in Waynesville on the 10:33 train Saturday morning, he will find a community completely decorated, and a warm welcome awaiting him.  
Indications yesterday were that probably several thousand would be at the station to greet Santa. The 55-piece high school band, under the direction of L. T. New, Jr., will be among the greeters and will play several Christmas selections at the depot, and then later in the morning from the steps of the court house.  
Santa's motor sleigh is already in Waynesville, and is all prepared for his arrival, and his 23-day stay in this community.  
The snow-white igloo will again be erected Friday morning in front of the court house, and the 2,500 colored light already strung over the streets, will be turned on Saturday night, according to Robert Hugh Clark, light superintendent.  
One thousand yards of evergreen festooning will also be draped between poles and along special wires on the principal streets of the community.  
Town officials have given orders to the town crews to "thoroughly decorate Waynesville," and the work is fast nearing completion.  
Practically every store in town will be completely decorated by Friday night. A majority have already trimmed their windows with Christmas decorations, and all holiday goods will be displayed in the stores by Friday.  
After Santa's arrival here Saturday morning, he will lead a parade from the depot out to Hazelwood, through the principal streets there, and then back down Main street in Waynesville to his igloo, and from there he will give candy to every girl and boy.  
Later in the afternoon, he will make an informal tour of the town, recognizing girls and boys, and reading letters which he is expect-

### Farmers Will Go On Out Of State Cattle Trip

An out of the state trip is being sponsored for the cattle buyers of the county by the county farm agent's office, for the purpose of buying some purebred bulls and heifers.  
The farmers plan to leave the county on Wednesday, December 6th, at 7 o'clock a. m., and no definite time for their return has been set. They will take the necessary time in which to see and complete their purchases.  
They will visit outstanding beef cattle farms in West Virginia, Virginia and Northeastern Carolina in their search for the high type of pure bred cattle desired.  
Mrs. C. L. Dixon, of Durham, who has been the guest of her mother, Mrs. John K. Boone, has returned home.  
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## Power Company Lines In Haywood Guarded

### Refund Sought On Unused 8-Year-Old Marriage License

"I'd like to get a refund on my marriage license," said a man last week to Chas. C. Francis, register of deeds.  
"What's the matter, what do you mean?" asked Mr. Francis.  
"Well, back in 1931 I bought myself a marriage license. I carried the thing around in my pocket for a long time, but I never did use it, and I figured that maybe I could get my money back," continued the man.  
Mr. Francis explained how the money paid for his license back in 1931 was gone "with the wind," and long since spent, the state of North Carolina getting three dollars, Haywood County two dollars, and the register of deeds one dollar.  
But the man still held to the hope that by some means he might get back at least part of his money, since he had not used the license. So Mr. Francis decided to send him around to call on Weaver H. McCracken, county tax collector, who was register of deeds at the time the man bought his license.  
Having whetted his argumentative powers on Mr. Francis, it was learned from the collector's office, that there was a lively word contest over the matter, before the man left—without any refund.

### Towns In Haywood Left Without Power Early Wednesday As Workers Strike

The Hazelwood sub station of the Carolina Power and Light Company, and main lines, were kept under guard all day Wednesday and last night, as a precaution against further "blackouts" by power being cut off, following a general strike in the Asheville district of 75 linemen, meter men, and ground crews.  
Power at Hazelwood, Lake Junaluska, Clyde, Canton, and outlying districts served by Carolina Power and Light Company, was cut off about 12:30 Wednesday morning. Normal service was restored on all local lines of the company by 9:30.  
Waynesville did not have an interruption of service.  
Officials of the power company had 80 extra men brought in from other sections late Tuesday night to take over the work.  
No damage was reported in Haywood to any of the lines, as main switches were thrown and fuses removed. In Asheville, some damage to lines was reported.  
Officials of the company said that the big Waterville hydro-electrical plant in the northern part of this county, was still in service, although some of the men there were members of the union.  
Officials of Local No. 907B International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers in Asheville, said that any property damage or picketing or uproar procedure which takes place in connection with the strike is without the endorsement of the brotherhood, locally or internationally. They stressed that the public interest had been kept in mind, pointing out that men were dispatched to proper power distribution centers to make certain that hospitals receive electrical service throughout the night.  
The union is asking for a closed shop for the membership of employees.  
An official of the power company said:  
"The company cannot agree to the closed shop in practice or as a matter of principle and we have found it necessary to refuse to grant it. The closed shop requires that before any person can be permanently employed by us, he must become a member of that union whether he wishes to affiliate with that union or not."  
All the industrial plants at Hazelwood and Lake Junaluska were affected by the strike. All of them resumed operations by noon.  
Three men, two from Asheville, and one from South Carolina, arrived here shortly after nine o'clock, and in company with officials and Hazelwood police, restored service. They said they would be on 24-hour duty to maintain constant service for this section.  
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### Work On Proposed REA Extension Is Making Progress

Time Is Short For Completion If Project Is Filed In Washington Before 1940  
The rural electrification committee appointed a few weeks ago to complete the right of way agreements and the applications for electricity for the proposed extensions of the lines of the Cruso Mutual Electric Company, are doing an excellent job in contacting the farmers in the area, according to J. C. Lynn, county agent.  
The new project, which is to extend the Cruso rural electrification lines into the townships of Iron Duff, Jonathan Creek, Clyde, Crabtree, Fines Creek and White Oak, will give about a hundred miles of electricity in these areas. The Rural Electrification Administration in Washington requires that there must be at least 3 users per mile in the project set up.  
In the six townships, there have been secured to date 247 right of way agreements, and 220 applications for lights. In view of the fact that there are 1,700 farmers—  
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### Thanksgiving As It Is Being Observed Here

The local observance of Thanksgiving started this morning with services held at 8 o'clock in the First Methodist church with the Rev. W. Herbert Mayers, rector of Grace Episcopal church delivering the sermon. The other ministers of the town also took part in the service.  
This afternoon the football game at 2:30 between Waynesville and Canton will bring a large number of people from the neighboring town to Waynesville and will likewise be attended by hundreds from here.  
The day will be climaxed tonight when the Gridiron Ball is staged at the Waynesville Armory, with the presentation of a friendship trophy from the captain of the local football team to the Canton High school football captain.  
The business firms, the post office and the First National Bank are observing the usual Thanksgiving holiday.  
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### "My Blindness Is Not A Handicap, But Merely An Obstacle," Says R. Moseman

By Hilda Way Gwyn.  
"Go out and find me a real Thanksgiving story in this town, right here among the people we all know. Write about some person who has had great cause for suffering, or who has had some tough break, but has beat the fates in solving their troubles," said the editor last week. As a result of the above assignment, we offer the following:  
"After I recovered from the desperate feeling of the first shock, I have felt that I did not have a handicap, as most of you seeing people think, but that I merely had an obstacle to overcome," said Roy Moseman, who has been blind for nearly four and a half years, but who has never stopped going about making a living as any other normal person.  
"I decided that when the Lord put us on this earth he meant to provide a living for us, and that it

is up to us to work out how we are to get it for nothing in life is perfect, and we all have some battle to fight. Of course the way we get our living may not suit us, but it is up to us to take what we can get, with an aim for something better," continued Mr. Moseman.  
"I realized pretty soon that my stomach did not know that my eyes could not see. So after my first recovery from shock, that I was going blind. I made up my mind to stop thinking about what was happening to me, but to plan ahead, so that when the loss of sight came, I would be prepared to meet the emergency. So when the doctors gave their final verdict and said, 'There is nothing more we can do, I was ready to take it,' he said.  
"But really there are no blind people as you seeing people think. We see, we visualize everything in our mind's eye. Much as it may surprise you, one of the hardest things I ever had to learn was to provide a living for us, and that it

SURE TO MEET SANTA CLAUS IN WAYNESVILLE SATURDAY MORNING---10:33