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man's Club Will d Their Annual ristmas Contest

Are Offered For Best e And Home Ground Decorations

ouncement has been made of ing Christmas tree and decorations contest, held an- by the American Home de- nt of the Woman's Club.

prizes of $2.50 each are fered by the club this year; r the best decorated living mas tree, and another for st attractively decorated and grounds of any home elwood and Waynesville.

persons entering the contest quested to phone Mrs. Ben , at 194, by noon of De- the 23rd. Judging will place between 6 and 9 o'clock turday, December 23rd. No tant may win a prize in two ive years.

contests held by the club done much to stimulate out- decorations. When the con- were inaugurated a few years there were only twelve tants the first year, and last there were between fifty and homes decorated.

ing with Mrs. Ben Colkitt, man, are Mrs. Robert H. cher, and Mrs. S. P. Gay.

mittee Asks Revocation Of A Beer License

Brewers and North Caro- Beer Distributors committee ed the Haywood county of commissioners to revoke tail license of one Haywood dealer.

e H. Bain, of Goldsboro, director in charge of the beer "clean up or close up" in North Carolina, said the petition was based on liquor law violations of ler.

dealer's place of business en padlocked by court order, e committee seeks to have er license revoked in order t cannot be used elsewhere, el Bain explained.

nel Bain also announced that ywood county dealer, whose e the committee petitioned aywood board of commission- its November meeting de- action until its December g on the committee's peti- revoke the license of Myrtle ill. In the meantime, Su- Court Judge J. Will Pless, voked the license.

cago Visitors end Week-End n Route To Fla.

and Mrs. Walter D. Harris, cago, were the guests during ek of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas well, at the Hotel LeFaine. Harris is president of the Business College, and of odd-Harris School, also of . He and his wife were te to Florida for a stay of th or more. Upon their re- ome they will stop again he Seawells.

and Mrs. Harris were iastic over this section of ate and plan to make ex- visits here in the future.

E MAN LOSES LICENSE

r Mayes, of Clyde, had his license revoked in county Yadkinville, on charges of drunk, according to word the state highway depart- f safety.

Park Travel Is Still Gaining Over Last Year

Visitors continue to trek their way into the Great Smoky Mountains National Park area. In November they numbered 22,043 and were riding in 8,027 vehicles, and represented an increase of five per cent over travel for November of 1938.

The visitors came from 46 states, the District of Columbia, Canal Zone, and Ontario, Canada. Forty-five per cent of the visitors were from other than the local states of North Carolina and Tennessee.

States in number of visitors ranked as follows: (1) Tennessee, (2) North Carolina, (3) Illinois, (4) Ohio, (5) Georgia, (6) Michigan.

The increase in number of visitors noted were distributed through the three checking stations and were proportionate among local and out-of-state travel. Travel for the year to date exceeds last travel year through November, 1938 by seven per cent.

Son Of Local Man Wins In Popular Song Contest

John C. Murphy, Jr., Wins In Contest Conducted By Radio Guide Magazine

At 5:30 Saturday afternoon, Eastern Standard time, Del Courtney's Orchestra will premiere a new song, that bids to become a popular hit of the current season, "I'm Playing 'Hide and Seek' With a Dream."

The song was written by John Carpenter Murphy, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Murphy, of Waynesville, and has been declared as the winner of a first prize of $200 in a recent popular song contest, which was conducted by the Radio Guide Magazine, published in Chicago.

The song is to be put on the air, phonographed, and issued in sheet forms for bands and orchestras. The composer will receive royalties from these various forms in which the song is to be used.

The song is what musicians call an off-form song, in that it has a fifty-six bar chorus instead of the regular thirty-two bars. A famous example of such a composition is "Happy Days Are Here Again."

John Carpenter Murphy was born in Hickory on June 26, 1915. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina. At present he is arranger for the Johnnie Long Orchestra which is now playing at the William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh, Penn. The composer's sister, Miss Marguerite Murphy, who is a student at the Women's College of the University of North Carolina, suggested the name of the song.

The Radio Guide predicts that all listeners will get a big thrill from the song, which from all reports gives promise of a popularity run.

Singing Convention Will Meet Here On Sunday The Tenth

The Haywood County Singing convention will meet next Sunday at 10 o'clock at the court house here. H. A. Williams, chairman, has extended an invitation to all vocal groups in the county to attend and take part in the program of the day.

Mr. Williams hopes to make the Sunday meet the biggest affair of the entire year of the singing convention meetings.

Santa Claus Arrives In Town

"You better be good—you better not cry; better not pout, and I'm telling you why, Santa Claus is in town." (1) Mayor Way was down at the train to greet Santa as he stepped off last Saturday morning. Standing right behind the Mayor is Oscar L. Briggs, who had charge of erecting Santa's motor sleigh, which is shown in picture No. 3. In No. 2, is part of the crowd awaiting the train. The large horns in the center belong to members of the high school band. No. 4, is one of the many happy children, who received candy at the igloo. And No. 5 is Santa himself, looking from the window of his igloo to see that every child had received some candy. No. 6 shows part of the crowd working up to the igloo. No. 7 is a partial view of the igloo in front of the court house as the crowd thinned out. The front of the motor sleigh can be seen. No. 8 was taken from the sleigh just as Santa made his way to the igloo.

List Of Worthy And Needy Families Being Compiled

Complying with the request of readers of The Mountaineer, The paper will again sponsor Christmas cheer for the needy families of this section in cooperation with the county welfare department and Salvation Army.

As of last year, beginning next week, the paper will carry descriptions of the 30 neediest cases that have come under the supervision of the county welfare department and the Salvation Army, which may be taken by either individuals or groups to supply their Christmas needs.

The cases will be numbered, with no names, but number in family, location of home, distance from Waynesville, and ages of children. Anyone desiring to take care of a certain number is asked to call 137 and it will be checked off the list to avoid duplication.

Around thirty families were supplied with kith, not only Christmas cheer, but many of the necessiies of life, last year, and in some cases were tied over the worst of the winter by this method of reaching them through the generosity of others.

Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Mock had as their guests over the week-end at their apartment at Birchwood Hall their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mock, of Elizabethton, Tenn., and another son, Jack Mock, of Bristol.

Garbage Trucks Make Daily Trips

The street department has started a clean-up drive for the holidays, and the garbage trucks will make daily rounds, according to T. L. Bramlett, alderman in charge of streets.

All citizens are asked to place their garbage on the curb and the trucks will pick it up.

Mr. Bramlett also called attention to the need of raking all leaves up at this time as a precaution against fires.

Joe Liner Undergoes Operation At Haywood County Hospital

The condition of Joe Liner, who underwent an operation eary Wednesday morning, at the Haywood County Hospital, was reported last night as satisfactory. Mr. Liner had a fairly comfortably day yesterday, it was learned.

LEGION AND AUXILIARY WILL HOLD DECEMBER MEETING ON MONDAY

The Waynesville post of the American Legion and the Auxiliary will hold the regular monthly meetings on Monday night at 7:15 in their assembly rooms in the Legion home.

During the joint social hour Mrs. E. L. McGee and Mrs. Ada Palmer will serve as hostesses.

Santa Busy Here Visiting Schools; Mail Is Heavy

Will Visit All Schools In The County, Will Give Away Candy And Oranges

About the busiest man in all this section right now is Santa Claus.

Ever since his arrival last Saturday morning, via train, he has been as busy as could be, making his rounds to schools, to rural sections, and into Jackson County. Besides his personal visits, his mail is getting heavier, and he is required to spend considerable time poring over his letters, and completing his list.

A crowd of 500 were on hand Saturday morning to welcome him as he arrived on the train. His 25-foot red and white motor sleigh was parked nearby, and he lost no time after being greeted by Mayor Way in getting to his sleigh and joining a parade through the streets of Hazelwood and Waynesvile and out to East Waynesville. On his arrival at the igloo, he went straight to work, passing out candy.

Children and grown-ups greeted the red-suited old man all along the route of the parade.

Today at one o'clock Santa will appear at the Crabtree school, and at 2 o'clock, will go to Fines Creek.

On Friday he will make his first appearance at 12:45 at the Maggie school, then at 1:30 at the Dellwood school. At 2:15 he will be at Rock Hill, and at 3 o'cock, he will be at the Lake Junaluska

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J. J. Ferguson Re-Elected Tax Collector Aide

Commissioners Draw Jury For January Term Of Civil Court At Monday Session

J. J. Ferguson was re-elected for another term as assistant tax supervisor and collector, at the meeting of the county board of commissioners, which was held here on Monday. This will make the fourth term that Mr. Ferguson has served in this capacity.

Annual statements of the county affairs as prepared by Chas. C. Francis, register of deeds and clerk of the county board of commissioners, were ordered posted on the bulletin board in the main entrance of the court house.

A number of releases were granted in cases of tax penalties, and one county road project was approved.

A jury was drawn for the January term of civil court which will convene here on the 8th with Judge J. A. Rousseau presiding.

The following were drawn for the first week: Allen Rathbone, Waynesville; John Teague, Beaverdam; J. C. Burrell, Waynesville; Sheridan Coward, Waynesville; R. T. Green, Fines Creek; Ira H. Cogburn, East Fork; F. Frank Wells, Pigeon; Ben P. Walker, Waynesville; Thomas Yarborough, White Oak; Isaac M. Grogan, East Fork; Charlie A. Stamey, Beaverdam.

J. H. Cathey, Beaverdam; Phil Setzer, Beaverdam; Tom S. Freeman, Waynesville; William H. Blanton, Waynesville; O. Yorke, Beaverdam; Edward Green, Clyde; Lawrence Walker, Waynesville; Herman P. Pressley, Pigeon; Grover Hooks, Iron Duff; Avery Peek, Pigeon; J. N. Brookshire, Beaverdam; and Van C. Wells, of Pigeon.

For the second week the following were drawn: L. F. Birchfield, Cecil; Frank W. Cogburn, Beaverdam; W. F. Nix, Beaverdam; L. W. Curtis, Clyde; George M. West, Beaverdam; Ralph Kuykendall, Ivy Hill; Seth C. Wood, Beaverdam; Wallace W. Blackwell, Waynesville; Roy Rogers, Fines Creek; James B. Green, Fines Creek.

Asbury Bradley, Ivy Hill; Homer West, Clyde; W. F. Fender, Beaverdam; Spaulding Underwood, Waynesville; Gilbert Reeves, Waynesville; Will A. Hipps, Beaverdam; M. A. Jenkins, White Oak; S. Pink Reeves, Jonathan Creek.

Unusual Sale Of Auto Licenses Is Being Made

Sales for the new 1940 automobile license plates are ahead of last year, which was an usually heavy sales year, according to J. Dale Stentz, local manager of the Carolina Motor Club who is in charge of the sales, in the office of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Stentz is urging the public to buy their plates early and avoid the last minute rush which comes around the Christmas holidays.

Death, in December, rides top-speed on the nation's highways, although traffic volume decreases greatly, according to Mr. Stentz.

"While mileage figures for December are less that in any month from April until November, the traffic death total rises as much as 25 per cent," the motor club official declared.

Indicating that driving conditions are responsible for this increase, he pointed out that during December there are from three to four hours less daylight and pavements are often icy.

State Engineer Here Inspecting Parkway Survey

Crew Of 25 Making Excellent Progress On Survey From Soco Gap To Ravensford

R. Getty Browning, chief locating engineer of the state highway department, was here yesterday making an inspection of the parkway survey which is now underway from Soco Gap to Ravensford.

The excellent weather has enabled the engineering crew to make rapid progress on the survey, Mr. Browning said. At present 25 men are at work on the project, about half of whom are Indians.

The approximate distance from Soco Gap to Ravensford over the proposed parkway route is 15 miles.

Mr. Browning said he expected to see the work of the 2.6 mile section that is underway at Beech Gap and the 5-mile section at Wagon Road Gap while on this trip.

Canton Jail In Better Condition Than Was Charged

Canton Officials Point Out That Grand Jury Was Misinformed

Officials of the town of Canton, in a signed statement yesterday, formally denied that the city jail was in the condition as presented to the grand jury during their recent investigation.

The statement, which bore the signature of Mayor J. Paul Murray and Aldermen C. Guy Hipps, C. J. McCracken, and C. L. Westmoreland, is as follows:

"We would like to make some corrections through your paper as to the grand jury report which was delivered to Judge J. Will Pless, Jr., of the Superior Court in Waynesville, North Carolina, November 24, 1939 and which appeared in the Asheville papers November 28. The jury reported that the Town jail was condemned in the following particulars: dirty, bug infested, unsanitary, only two cells, both white and negroes, male and female are kept in same cells and no janitor service.

"We like to make the following corrections: as to the cells; there are four, two compartment cells; as to the negroes and white, male and female being put in cells at same time, this has never been done and there is a partition between the male and female cells; as to the janitor service, we have always had a full time janitor; as to the jail being infested with bugs, we beg to advise that there are no bugs in the jail other than cock-roaches and they are liable to be anywhere. We will admit that the jail is not what it should be, but we have always made desperate efforts to keep it in a sanitary condition. We regret very much that the grand jury has been misinformed as to the manner in which it has been kept. At the time the members of the grand jury made their investigation the jail was empty. All prisoners had just been removed and for this reason we feel sure that someone misrepresented to them the manner in which female and male, negroes and whites are kept. We would like for any citizen to come and inspect the jail at anytime they wish, as we feel it is not as bad as the report indicated.

"We will assure the public that it will be kept sanitary at all times as in the past."

Company "H" Fights Off Air Raid On Waynesville

A guard in a khaki uniform is marching up and down in front of the Waynesville Armory this week, with the erectness, steady tread, and vigilance of a soldier on wartime duty, but with a disarming expression that only a peace time guard could wear.

Company "H" of the 120th Infantry of the North Carolina National Guard are encamped at the Armory for one week beginning last Sunday and continuing through this Saturday.

Captain George Plott stated to a representative of The Mountaineer yesterday that all National Guards throughout the United States are engaged this week in similar regular field training.

It was pointed out that last summer instead of the usual month's encampment, the guards had only two weeks, and that military authorities considered the breaking up of the practice for the companies was more practical and beneficial from a standpoint of training than one long period.

Last night the company took part in an imaginary air raid, in which they had practice with the firing of 12 machine guns, return-

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LOOKING OVER THE COUNTY—

General Haywood

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

ners of Motor Vehicles:

s than three weeks, it will iolation of the law to ope- ur vehicle on the highways a 1940 license plate. Of you know that.

vidently many did not know ose tags can be bought for e price now as on Decem- none sold on the 31st this year. Year after year, I have noticed the long line that had to wait for tags during the last minute rush, and some even waited until the first week in January, but waiting for what, I have never been able to figure out.

There is less chance for a mistake, and certainly a time saver,

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