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SEVENTY-FIFTH YEAR NO. 52 WAYNESVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1939 \$1.50 In Advance In Haywood and Jackson Counties

Funeral Rites Are Held For Former Haywood Sheriff

Medford, Leader In County Affairs And Democratic Party Dies At Home

A large number of persons throughout this county and sections of the state attended the funeral services held on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at Rock Spring Methodist church in Crabtree township for former Sheriff W. R. Medford. The Rev. R. P. McCracken and the Rev. W. N. Cook officiated. Burial was in the Green Hill cemetery.

He died Friday noon. Serving as active pallbearers were the following: Medford, Jack Medford, Harry McCracken, Jr., Henry Carter, Jr., of Asheville, Paul Carter, Jr., Lawrence Medford, and Harry McCracken.

Honorary pallbearers were: W. Byers, Robt. V. Welch, T. J. Medford, Dr. N. F. Lancaster, Jack Medford, Johnnie Ferguson, C. B. Medford, T. B. Medford, A. C. Medford, E. V. McCracken, Chas. Medford, T. L. Bramlett, Dr. W. L. Medford, J. L. Walker, O. C. Medford, Chas. James, Theodore McCracken.

Chas. Medford, Albert McCracken, Robert Rogers, C. L. Hill, John Rogers, Pink Best, W. T. Lee, Boone Rogers, J. R. Boyd, A. T. Ward, J. Coman, Glenn Palmer, John Rogers, Jonathan Woody, John R. Rogers, Joe Mormino, John Cabe, Frank Davis, J. L. Stringfield, George P. E. Alley, John M. Queen, George A. Brown, Jr., R. T. Boyd, Frank Ferguson, W. L. McCracken, Zeb Price, Taylor Medford, Walter Crawford, and H. A. Osborn, Berry Platt and Carl Blaylock, all of Canton.

Medford had served Haywood county as sheriff, tax collector, county sheriff and in several other capacities. He was in public life for many years and had been a member in the Democratic party.

He was active in the Baptist church, a Sunday school teacher and officer, and he had served his community in many ways. Before his retirement he had been an outstanding farmer of the county.

He was born on December 24, 1861, in the Crabtree section and was the son of Lorenza Dow and George Fulbright Medford.

He was married twice, first to Laura Justice, who died in 1898. His second wife was Miss Laura Garrett, of Buncombe County, who survives him. He is also survived by the following children: Ralph Medford, Lenoir Medford, Frank Medford, of Lake Junaluska, Frank Medford, of Clyde, Mrs. Paul Medford, of Waynesville, Mrs. Harry McCracken, of Lake Junaluska, and Mrs. W. H. McCarter, of Asheville.

JAMES ROBERT SMITH DIED EARLY TUESDAY

James Robert Smith, 46, an employee of the Unagusta Manufacturing Co., died suddenly at his home in Hazelwood at 1:50 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Surviving Mr. Smith are his wife, Mrs. Nola Ruff Smith; one daughter, Mrs. Tom Frazier; two sons, Bobby and Joe Frazier; a granddaughter, Joyce Ann Frazier; his mother, Mrs. Laura Smith; and two brothers, G. C. Smith, an alderman of the town of Hazelwood, and Billy Smith, of Hazelwood.

Funeral services will be held at home on Thursday with the Rev. C. L. Allen in charge. Burial will be in Green Hill cemetery, Waynesville.

FORMER RESIDENTS HERE

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith, former residents, and now members of the Pearl River College faculty, will leave this week-end after spending a week here with friends and relatives. They spent a week in Orlando, Fla., prior to coming to a few days ago. They are accompanied by Miss Ussula Smith, student of the college.

FELLOWSHIP CLASS PLAN

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY The Fellowship class of the Hazelwood Presbyterian church of Rev. Herman Duckett is teacher, planning a wake party from 9 o'clock on New Year's Eve. The party will be in the Fellowship hall of the church. All members of the class and members of the Friendly Bible class are invited.

Rose Bowl Queen



Margaret Huntley Here is the Rose Bowl queen, Margaret Huntley, 18-year-old Pasadena, Cal., Junior College co-ed, selected to rule over the annual Tournament of Roses festival in Pasadena New Year's Day.

Mrs. Nancy Haynes Fire Victim Died Monday Afternoon

Widow Of Late Haywood Minister Was Victim Of Christmas Tragedy

Funeral services were held at 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning at the First Baptist church in Clyde for Mrs. Nancy Haynes, 91, of Clyde, who died in the Haywood County Hospital at 4:30 o'clock Monday afternoon. Her death was due to burns suffered at her home some three and a half hours earlier.

The Rev. R. P. McCracken, a former pastor, and the Rev. W. M. Gerald, the pastor of the church, and the Rev. E. C. Price, pastor of the Clyde Methodist church, officiated. Burial was in the Pleasant Hill cemetery, Clyde.

An ambulance was called and Mrs. Haynes, who had not recovered from an attack of pneumonia, was rushed to the Haywood County Hospital, where she died shortly after.

The victim of the Christmas tragedy, was the widow of the late Rev. Mont Haynes, who was a well known minister of this county, a generation ago.

When the accident occurred, Mrs. Haynes was standing near an open heater while winding a clock. Her clothing became ignited. Other members of the family were in an adjoining room and rushed in to her aid.

They made every effort to smother the flames, but were unable to extinguish them before her clothing was practically burned off. Her son, T. H. Haynes, suffered burns (Continued on page 5)

Death Claims Mrs. B. J. Sloan At Home Here

Prominent Waynesville Woman Succumbs To Brief Illness Of Pneumonia

Mrs. Sarah Springfield Sloan, prominently identified with the life of Waynesville for many years, and widow of the late Benjamin J. Sloan, died at her home "Blink Bonnie" at 4:30 o'clock Wednesday morning following a brief illness, her death due to pneumonia. She was taken ill on Sunday, but her condition did not become alarming until Tuesday night.

Last rites will be conducted this afternoon at three o'clock at the First Methodist church with the pastor, the Rev. James G. Huggin, Jr., officiating. Burial will be in the Greenhill cemetery. The following nephews will serve as pallbearers: Ben Atkins, Joe Jack Atkins, Dr. Thomas Stringfield, William Stringfield, Sam Stringfield, James Stringfield, and a step grandson, Joe Way.

Mrs. Sloan was the daughter of the late Major William W. Stringfield, hero of the War Between the States, and Mrs. Maria Love Stringfield. She is widely connected in this section where she has spent her life. She was educated in the Asheville Female College.

For years Mrs. Sloan had been identified with the social, civic and religious life of the community. She served for many years as an active member of the board of trustees of the Waynesville Public Library, and worked for its development.

She has been active in the work of the Dorcas Bell Love chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, having served as regent as well as holding other offices in the organization.

She had been a member of the First Methodist church for more than fifty years. Feeling strongly the ties of kinship, she was greatly beloved by her immediate family and a large circle of relatives.

Surviving are, one son, Andrew Sloan; one sister, Miss Margaret Stringfield; three brothers, Dr. Tom Stringfield, Dr. Sam L. Stringfield, and James L. Stringfield, and among others, the following nephews, who for many years made their home with her: Ben Sloan, of Sylva, Dr. William Sloan, of Wilson, Hugh J. Sloan, Jr., of Warsaw, and Joe and Robert L. Sloan, of Waynesville; a brother-in-law, Hugh J. Sloan, and a number of other relatives.

Judge Rousseau To Preside Over Civil Court Term

Thirty-six cases are on the docket for the January term of civil court which will convene here on Monday, January 8th, with Judge J. A. Rousseau presiding.

The motion docket, set for 9:30 o'clock on the 11th, has three cases listed.

The docket calendar, just issued, stated that all uncontested divorce cases will be heard at the convenience of the court.

IN LOOKING OVER THE COUNTY—

General Haywood

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

W. Roy Francis, first assistant United States District Attorney, Waynesville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Francis:— I was surprised to learn that Senator Reynolds had recommended Lamar Caudle, of Wadesboro, to succeed Marcus Erwin as district attorney instead of elevating you to the post.

Regardless of what has been done, you deserved the position, because you were next in line; you are qualified, and the mere fact that you have carried the brunt of the office for six years seems reason enough that you should have been given the place.

back home, I do want to commend you for your attitude throughout the entire series of events leading up to the recommendation.

You have spoken most highly of the man who got the place you deserved. You have offered your co-operation, and I am sure he will get continued valued assistance from you.

I do not know the 33-year-old Wadesboro solicitor, and I have every reason to believe he is qualified for the place, yet since you were next in line, I fail to understand Senator Reynolds' actions, and from those to whom I have talked, there is not any among them who do.

GENEARL HAYWOOD.

Just Before Nazi Suicide



This radio picture of Capt. Hans Langsdorf, Admiral Graf Spee commander who committed suicide at Buenos Aires, Argentina, was taken shortly before he shot himself in the naval arsenal in Buenos Aires. Capt. Langsdorf is talking to an Argentine officer.

Local Headlines of 1939

JANUARY 5

Postal business shows substantial increase over '37.

Community building needed here, says C. of C. head.

Funds transferred for completion of Hazelwood school.

Hazelwood lots bring good prices.

Local D. A. R. chapter observes 40th anniversary.

JANUARY 12

First National Bank has average year.

Work on sewer lines moving at fast pace.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Reece purchase Massie's Dept. Store.

Records indicate better business for coming year.

WPA approves city water system job.

Rev. Mayers succeeds Rev. Albert New as rector of Episcopal church.

Jury awards G. C. Bryson \$2,500 in civil damage suit.

JANUARY 19

Tax on meals hit by C. of C. as detriment to N. C.

Haywood Home Building and Loan has 20th annual meet.

Hazelwood buys modern fire truck, will enlarge local facilities for fighting fires.

Waynesville and Hazelwood will enter into agreement for mutual benefit.

Mt. Sterling CCC camp asked to be moved into Cataloochee area.

JANUARY 26

Rep. Glenn Palmer plans to make four changes in Haywood laws.

Hugh Massie plans to open new store within 60 days.

Abe Lyman, noted orchestra leader coming here for President's Ball.

Rotarians hear civic leader make plea for community building and recreational center.

Sale of tuberculosis seals largely ever made locally.

FEBRUARY 2

F. G. Rippetoe & Co. take over Burgin Dept. Store.

McKee assures widening of highway in East Waynesville.

Survey On 80 Miles Of Rural Electric Lines To Start 2nd

JUDGE SMATHERS ANSWERED APPEAL FOR YULE CHEER

The appeal for Christmas cheer as sought recently in the Mountaineer found response not only at home, but many miles from the boundaries of Haywood County. A generous check from Judge Frank Smathers of Miami was received, but too late to give Christmas cheer, but has been expended on needy cases, that will bring to the recipients not only seasonable greetings, but comfort for sometime to come.

Granddaughter Of Mrs. Turbyfill Is Killed In Wreck

Mrs. Francis Tate Barnett Instantly Met Death In Car Collision Christmas

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at the Mills River Presbyterian church for Mrs. Francis Tate Barnett, 26-year-old expectant mother, and wife of James Norman Barnett, of Mountain Home, who was fatally injured late Christmas afternoon in an automobile collision on Biltmore Avenue, Asheville. Mrs. Barnett was the granddaughter of Mrs. J. L. Turbyfill, of Waynesville.

Mrs. Barnett was rushed to the Biltmore Hospital where an unsuccessful attempt to save her unborn child was made.

Her husband and a negro, Roy McMillen, were also injured in the collision of the two cars. Mr. Barnett, who suffered a crushed leg is still in the Mission Hospital. The negro, who was taken to the hospital for treatment, was released, but has since been arrested and lodged in jail.

Eye witnesses told officers who investigated the wreck which occurred on Biltmore Avenue between Victoria road and Forest Hill Drive, that McMillen, driving toward Asheville, met the Barnett car and swerved straight across the road from right to left into its path.

It was reported that neither vehicle was traveling at an excessive rate of speed, but that the negro's machine swerved so swiftly that Barnett was unable to avoid running into it. Mrs. Barnett was thrown against the windshield, with such force that her head was smashed through the glass.

Mrs. Barnett is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Tate, her mother being the former Miss Annie Turbyfill, daughter of Mrs. P. L. Turbyfill, of Waynesville. She was born on May the 29th, 1913. She was married last spring to James Norman Barnett, of the Mountain Home, an employee Farmers Federation, of Asheville.

The Rev. W. S. Hutchinson, pastor of the Mills River church, will officiate and burial will be in the church cemetery.

Serving as active pallbearers will be Joe Britton, Earl Fowler, Bill Osborne, Richard Bryson, W. H. Cshett, Henry Bryson, all of Asheville.

Directors of the Farmers Federation of Asheville and employees will serve as honorary pallbearers.

Surviving are her husband, of Mountain Home, her parents, one sister, Miss Mildred Tate, one brother, Howard Tate, all of Asheville, her grandmother, Mrs. Turbyfill, of Waynesville; three aunts, Mrs. Garnett Henson, of Spindale, Mrs. Roy Martin, of Waynesville, and Mrs. Coffery Turner, of Woodstown, N. J., and two uncles, Chas. Turbyfill, of New York City, Pinkney Turbyfill, of Waynesville.

Mrs. Anna Cole remains very ill at her home in Hazelwood.

The Weather Report

H. M. HALL, Official Observer

	Dec.	Max	Min	7:30 a. m.	Prec.
21	39	25	31		
22	41	14	14		
23	40	14	29		
24	36	29	32	0.63	
25	37	15	16		
26	43	16	31		
27	38	31	37	0.49	
Mean maximum					39.1°
Mean minimum					20.6°
Mean for week					29.8°
Mean 7:30 a. m.					27.4°
High for week					43.0°
Low for week					14.0°
Below December normal					8.6°
Precipitation for week					1.12"
Precipitation since Dec. 1st					2.36"
Below December normal					1.67"
Precipitation since Jan. 1st					39.82"
Annual normal to date					45.75"
Deficiency for year					5.93"

The average yield of lint cotton this year has been reported as 235.9 pounds to the acre, practically the same as last year's average which was 235.8 pounds to the acre.

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