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ALONG POLITICAL FRONTS

Congressional Candidate



JUDGE SAM CATHEY

According to local political observers, Congressman Zebulon Weaver wishes to retain his big job in Haywood county had get on his fighting clothes and go to the rural sections of the county, since Sam Cathey recently announced this week he is running against him in the coming election. This, they say, is in no way a criticism of Congressman Weaver and his record is due to the fact that Cathey, Judge of the city court of Asheville, "can kick" with half the county's relatives feel the ties of the mountain people often will give Mr. Weaver a sea. His grandmother was of Fines Creek, his mother Cracken of Crabtree, his father a Cathey of Pigeon. He is connected with the Baldwins, the Oaks, the Ferguson clan and the Redmonds.

Democrats will be certain to "hot time" in Chicago for at James Farley has set the date 2 weeks after the P. conclave in Philadelphia, as the date July 15th. The three weeks interval between the G. O. P. meet, there time to get ammunition to meet the opposing lines, which, of course, is Mr. X's object. In the meantime they will have a longer time to get their own party differentiated by all set for harmony, hot July weather, or else "fight it out on the floor." Many years up until 1936 Democrats held their convention, but since that time they found it advantageous to the custom. It gives them a study the enemy's camp, the other hand it means work afterward, for it leaves weeks and no doubt the campaign will be streamlined and snappy speed.

Resignation of State Democratic chairman, Mrs. W. B. of Snow Hill, to head up a campaign among the ladies for the Governor, seems to be somewhat of a relief to the politicians. She is Maxwell's responsibility, vice chairman usually gets a plum as reward, she was threatening to run for office and since Mrs. Helen on Wohl polled 100,000 against Treasurer Charlie, it is said the men have to have more respect and a lady candidate. Now Murphy is at least for the big out of the picture, since she has lost with Mr. Maxwell. He makes the Governor's job, it will be up to him to job for Mrs. Murphy, for she wants to be on the state. If he will be out of luck, members of the state executive committee and particularly Mrs. make an effort to stay conflicts within the party their energy to getting a vote at the elections in Mr. Murphy sure of her man that she look ahead or consider conditions.

Mr. Roosevelt may have set a style for the women, and now courage to enter the ring of the fight. At any rate, Robert Taft, an able and said to be a "good" man, is starting an active campaign. His husband for president is said to be the first man on back page.

\$10,000 Fire Hits Apartment House On Sloan Estate

Four Families Escape Midnight Fire In Stringfield Apartments Here

The Stringfield apartments located on the B. J. Sloan Estate property, valued at \$10,000 containing six apartments which included a total of twenty-two rooms and six baths, was burned shortly after midnight on Thursday. No lives were lost, but one person was reported as injured in making escape from the burning building.

The apartment was partially covered by insurance. The fire is reported to have started in a closet under the stairway leading to the second floor. The building burned in varying degrees. On the right wing it burned in places from the roof through the first floor to the ground, while on the left side the top floor burned to the ceiling of the first floor, the greater damage being done to the top floor.

There were four families living in the building at the time of the fire. Three lost all their living room furniture, while most of them lost their clothes and various other household effects.

The building was originally the home of the late Major and Mrs. W. W. Stringfield and some years ago was added to and turned into an apartment.

The owners had no statement to make as to their plans regarding the rebuilding of the apartment.

Mrs. Leach Joins Faculty Of High School Here

Mrs. Esther Leach, of Franklin, is now heading the home economics department in the Waynesville High school, filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Louise Edwards, who is holding a similar position in the Mills Home in Thomasville.

Mrs. Leach, a native of this county, is the daughter of C. M. Moody. She is a graduate of the Women's College of the University of North Carolina, the Illinois Training School for Dieticians affiliated with the Chicago University, and has studied at Columbia University.

She has had a wide experience as teacher, dietitian and caterer, and is exceptionally well qualified for the work in the local school.

Mrs. Leach and small daughter are making their home with the former's sister, Miss Mattie Moody in the McCracken apartment.

Legion Plans To Aid Recreational Youth Program

During their joint meeting held on Tuesday night the members of the American Legion and the Auxiliary decided to co-operate with other civic organizations in working out a recreational program for the young people of the town.

A number of plans relative to the program were discussed. Announcement was made of the 21st observance of the organization of the group, which will be held at the next meeting. Special plans were made for the occasion.

Celebrating



CLAUD N. ALLEN is observing a dual celebration this week-end at his store on Main street in Hazelwood. The 18th anniversary of the store, and the recent expansion program in which the floor space was doubled and the entire store modernized. Mr. Allen is one of the most successful business men in Haywood County. The 12-page second section of today's edition is devoted to the C. N. Allen & Company. Photo by Sherrill's Studio.

Seek Federal Aid For Cherokee Indian Road Link

Congress is expected to provide the necessary additional appropriations and the authority for the Blue Ridge parkway across the right-of-way recently agreed upon by the Cherokee Indians reservation council, Charles Ross, general counsel of the highway commission, said in Raleigh recently.

Congress must repeal a statute requiring an Indian election to cross the land or grant the secretary of interior authority to establish a right-of-way, he explained.

With Indians, state and park service in agreement, Ross said he did not expect such a bill to meet any difficulty in congress. The right-of-way would extend along the ridge between Soco Gap and Ravensford, for about 15 miles. The Indians would be paid \$40,000, or \$30 an acre.

Present parkway appropriations have been allotted to sections east of the reservation, but Ross said new appropriations should be available before preliminaries for construction are complete. He estimated five years more would be required to complete the parkway.

The reservation right-of-way has been delayed since 1935 by Cherokee tribal councils. A new council favored the plan.

Demonstration Farmers Of Way. Township Meet

Fifteen demonstration farmers and their wives of Waynesville township, held a program planning meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Leopold on Monday night, with W. A. Corpening, assistant county farm agent, presiding.

As the plans were formulated, backed by a realization of the great progress made in the past year, and the knowledge that 1940 prospects offered a still better outlook interest was aroused among those present.

It was brought out that there was an increased interest in beef cattle, and the use of ground limestone, followed by further planting of legume cover crops had been practiced. There is more grain, hay, more improved pastures and untold numbers of additional supporting facts that could not be related during the time of the meeting.

Application For \$150,000 REA Funds Presented

Five representatives of the Cruso Mutual Electric Company made formal application to the Rural Electrification Administration in Washington for an appropriation of \$150,000 for extension of their lines in Haywood County.

The five men returned to Waynesville yesterday. The administration has the application under consideration, but have not indicated when they will reach a decision.

Those making the trip to the capital were: J. C. Lynn, Oral L. Yates, T. L. Gwyn, Chester A. Coghurn, and Joe Howell.

M. E. Davis Named Business Manager Of Hospital Here

A. P. Ledbetter Joins Massie Furniture Company And Funeral Home

M. E. (Tony) Davis has assumed the duties of business manager of the Haywood County Hospital, succeeding A. P. Ledbetter, who is now connected with Massie Furniture Company and Massie Funeral Home.

Mr. Davis has been connected with the retail establishments in Waynesville for a number of years, since his graduation at King College, in Bristol, Tenn. He is also a graduate of the Waynesville High school.

Mr. and Mrs. Ledbetter have moved into the Massie Funeral Home on Miller street. Mr. Ledbetter is a graduate of the Gup-ton-Jones School of Embalming, of Nashville. He has had many years experience in both the furniture and undertaking business.

Heating Plant Is Being Installed In Bank Here

Modernization Of Building Also Includes Other Improvements

A number of improvements and renovations are being made on the First National Bank building, which includes a heating plant with radiation extending over the entire three floors and the basement quarters. The changes are being made for better service to the customers of the bank, the tenants and the employees of the institution.

The modernization will be welcomed by the public and the occupants of the building. Instead of having eight fires to build each morning the janitor will soon have only one for which to account.

The heating plant which is being installed by Ben Sloan, contractor of Sylva and Waynesville, is scheduled to be completed for operation by March the 15th.

The improvements also include a number of changes and redecorating on the first floor occupier by the bank. The room in which the board of directors meet will also be rearranged and redecorated. A new arrangement will be made in the teller's window.

A larger water main is being extended into the building from the main line to give a larger supply of water for the improved plumbing systems being installed.

Floridians Are Giving Good Will Tour Group Time Of Their Lives

Editor's Note—three Waynesville men are on the Mayor's good will tour through Florida. All indications are that they are having the time of their lives, according to this article, written in Fort Lauderdale Monday morning:

By J. Dale Stentz. (Written For The Mountaineer).

There is no such thing as a blue Monday in Fort Lauderdale. What a reception these folks are giving the good will tour from wonderful Western North Carolina. Left Miami at ten o'clock, and I fail to find words to describe the wonderful time we had there, and during the entire trip.

Clipper ships landing three at one time—Hialeah Park, the most beautiful layout we have seen anywhere—such grand Royal Palms, regular tropical verdure—flamingos, in pink and white—beautiful fast horses and incidentally the day we were there, twenty thousand people paid admission to the park. Hotels by the score and magnificent homes—and lavishly entertained by the city officials and Chamber of Commerce.

Beginning in Augusta, we have had the finest hospitality and friendliness shown us. City, county and chamber of commerce officials have outdone themselves. Outstanding programs were given us in Tampa, St. Petersburg, Clearwater and on down to Fort Myers. Then to Tarpon Springs with their sponge fishing, and Gainesville the home of the state university. Bradenton too, and now here in Fort Lauderdale. The Waynesville delegation, composed of Dr. J. R. McCracken, Noble Garrett, and the writer, were joined by our fellow townsmen "Uncle" Will Shelton for lunch. One of the biggest thrills of the trip has been meeting old friends.

Coming Here



BISHOP CLARE PURCELL will address two audiences here Sunday and another on Monday night.

Bishop Purcell Will Make Three Addresses Here

Sunday Morning, In The Afternoon At Three And Monday Night At Rally

Bishop Clare Purcell, of Charlotte, resident bishop of the Seventh Episcopal Area of the Methodist church, will preach at First Methodist church, Waynesville, at two services on Sunday, March 10th. In the morning he will preach at a service which formally concludes the Church Loyalty Crusade which has been in progress since the first of the calendar year. All the members of the church are especially urged to be present at this service. It is hoped by the pastor and church officials that the largest number of members of the church will be present at that service that have ever gathered together at one time.

Bishop Purcell will also speak at a service at three o'clock in the afternoon the same day. This will be a county-wide Methodist advance service, to which are invited all the Methodists of Haywood County, and all others interested.

Bishop Purcell will address the district-wide Methodist advance Youth rally on Monday night at the local Methodist church.

Census Shows An Increase Of 200 Firms In Haywood

Indication are that Haywood County will have about 200 more places of business in 1940 than were enumerated in the 1930 census, according to N. C. West, business enumerator for this county.

In 1930, Haywood listed 217 places. The census bureau figured a 30 per cent increase, or 267 for the 1940 census. Already 333 reports have been filed, by Mr. West, and he has approximately 100 more to complete.

"The people of Haywood are co-operating fine," he said, "and the 11th district of North Carolina was the first to report into the Washington office, which makes all of us proud," he continued.

Special broadcasts are being made over WWNC each week about the work of the census bureau.

True Bills Brought Against Twelve In Gambling Clean-Up

Five Passengers Locked In Bus Forced In Ditch

One Hour And 15 Minutes Passed Before Release Could Be Given

The driver and five passengers, three en route to Waynesville, were held one hour and 15 minutes locked in a bus of the Smoky Mountains Stages, Inc., bound for Chattanooga, this side of the Patton school, just out of Canton, on Monday morning, as the result of the bus being pushed off the highway by the driver of a car attempting to pass another car directly in front of the bus.

It was learned that the bus driver had seen one car coming toward him, and without warning another swept by passing both vehicles, and the driver of the bus had to either take to the ditch or crash the passing car. The bus, in landing in the ditch fell on the door side, and it took one hour and 15 minutes to get the bus up sufficiently to release the passengers from the vehicle.

Directly after the bus went into the ditch, W. A. Todd, said to have been the driver of the car which forced the bus off the highway, hurried into Canton for help, bringing the wrecker and a crew to the rescue.

The accident occurred around 9:05 in the morning. Those who were coming into Waynesville were W. C. Garrison, of Canton, Miss Kate Williamson, and Miss Nellie Mehaffey, the other two passengers were men, en route to other points.

Following the accident, it was reported, the passengers exonerated the driver of the bus from all blame, stating that had he not taken to the ditch the car and bus would no doubt have been demolished and the occupants of both vehicles been injured.

East Way. P. T. A. Hear Well Known S. C. Physician

Dr. James Albergott, baby specialist, of Orangeburg, S. C., addressed the members of the East Waynesville, P. T. A. at their meeting held on Monday night. He spoke on communicable diseases among children.

Mrs. H. T. Gohrban gave an interesting history of the national and state organizations of Parents and Teachers.

Mrs. George A. Brown, Jr., presided over the meeting. Following the business and the presentation of the program a social hour followed.

Uneventful, But Busy Day Spent By County Board

The county board of commissioners spent a busy day at "their third Monday" meeting held this week, listening to those seeking aid from the county. They attribute the increase in relief cases to the unusual weather of the past few weeks.

Four tax releases were granted during the day.

Herbert Braren Called North By Father's Death

Herbert Braren left Sunday for Jamaica, N. Y., where he was called on account of the death of his father, the Rev. J. S. Braren, Lutheran minister.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon at St. Mark's Lutheran church of Jamaica. Burial followed in a Jamaica cemetery.

Surviving are the following: his widow, Mrs. Emma Braren; one daughter, Mrs. George Lowe, of Seffner, Fla.; four sons, Ralph, of Jamaica, Walter, of Daytona Beach, George, of Seffner, and Herbert, of Waynesville.

Ten Bills Cite Men For Gambling; Two For Operating Slot Machines

True bills against twelve men, some among the leading citizens of the county, have been brought by the grand jury in the investigation of gambling places and persons said to be engaged in the sale of liquor.

The grand jury has completed true bills against ten for gambling and two for operating a slot machine. The investigation is being made on instruction of Judge Felix E. Alley, who presided at the February term of criminal court.

The grand jury is continuing their investigations it was learned, and other true bills may be brought if sufficient evidence is obtained in the cases.

In their regular report, they inspected all the two story building in the county, the county home, the Haywood County Hospital, the nurses home, offices in the court house, the county jail and the prison camp.

They reported 25 adults and 15 children, the latter from one to sixteen years of age, in the county home. They found everything in satisfactory condition at the home and a large stock of provisions from the farm.

In their inspection of the schools they found conditions good, except at the Bethel school, where a hand rail from the first floor to the second floor was needed. The roof at the Pine Creek school was in bad condition and the furnace needed to be enclosed.

Offices in the court house were found in good condition, and books and records appeared to be receiving the proper care. They commended the janitor service in the building.

The jail was reported to be in excellent condition, with the quarters clean, sanitation good, and no complaint from the prisoners. Sixty-two patients were in the hospital on the day of inspection. Of this number 34 were charity patients. Conditions both in hospital and nurses home were found to be satisfactory.

Thirteen Boys Enter Annual D. A. R. Contest

The thirty-first annual declamation contest held by the Dorcas Bell Love chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, will take place this morning at 10:40 in the auditorium of the Waynesville High school. Mrs. W. F. Swift, chairman of patriotic education, will preside.

Thirteen boys of the high school have entered the contest and are competing for the handsome gold medal which the chapter offers.

The thirty winners of past years include some of the outstanding citizens of Western North Carolina, and prominent members of various professions.

The public is cordially invited to attend the program this morning.

George A. Kunze Is Attending State Meet

George A. Kunze, sanitarian of Haywood County, left yesterday for Raleigh, where he will attend the annual conference which is being held this week for all state sanitary inspectors.

The Weather Report

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Feb.	Max	Min	7:30 a. m.	Prec
15	29	16	17	
16	43	17	23	
17	52	23	36	
18	46	29	33	1.42
19	40	32	34	1.20
20	47	29	29	.02
21	36	29	29	
Mean maximum	41.8°			
Mean minimum	25.0°			
Mean for week	33.4°			
High for week	52.0°			
Low for week	16.0°			
Mean 7:30 a. m.	29.0°			
Below February normal	4.8°			
Precipitation for week	2.64"			
Normal for week	1.01"			
Departure from normal	*1.63"			
Precipitation since Jan 1st	6.65"			