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160,000 Being Spent On Haywood's Rural Roads

ALONG POLITICAL FRONTS

Weeks Re-election



CONGRESSMAN WEAVER

John Vance Weaver, with 22 years of service in Congress, and throughout the 11th district many friends as "Zeb," is the voters to send him back to Congress for another term. Weaver is among the so-called "old hands" of the nation. Mr. Weaver is 52 years of age and has 22 years of experience in the political arena. He is generally recognized as one of the ablest lawyers in the state. While thousands of voters in the 11th district agree with Mr. Weaver's claims, there are others who are sending a "new

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departure from the usual custom of selecting an active politician, was made during the time when Governor Hoyer named John Ramsey, general manager of the Asheville Citizen-Times, as the state convention which will meet in Raleigh on the 17th. While Mr. Ramsey is considered a good Democrat, he is said to have taken no active part in politics, but on the other hand has "never been known to scratch a ticket." Those who know Mr. Ramsey can vouch for his cracking good speech that will bring the old war horses and the new colts to a presidential campaign. The western counties also are assured that they will be represented by this adoption of "Old Virginia," when Ramsey raises his voice in the arena. Those supposed to be inside rings, feel that the son of Mr. Ramsey is another evidence of the Governor's attempt to stay neutral. If he had been an active politician he, no doubt, have already been

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Jury To Fix Price On Site For Clyde School

Three Appraisers Named By Court To Fix Price On Eight Acre Tract

Last week the Haywood County Board of Education filed a petition of condemnation of the eight acres of land, part of the D. I. L. Smathers property, owned by Mrs. Mary Morgan, which they contemplate buying for the proposed new Clyde School building, funds for which were recently approved by the WPA.

The petition grew out of a disagreement with the owners of the property and the board of education as to the value of the land.

The case was heard on Monday before W. G. Byers, clerk of the Superior Court. After failure of the board and the owners to come to an agreement Mr. Byers appointed W. P. Harris, of Beavertown Township; Frank Wells, of Pigeon Township; and Jarvis H. Allison, of Waynesville, to appraise the lands at what they consider a fair and just price.

While the jury of three men are allowed ten days in which to make the appraisal, it was thought that they would take up the matter at an early date, in order that the work of the building which has already been delayed, may start. School authorities are anxious to get the construction underway so that it will not interfere with the regular work of the school.

Application was made to the WPA for funds with which to erect a new school building at Clyde in September, following condemnation of the present school buildings by the state engineer of the educational department.

The wing of the building which will contain the 22 class rooms, will be constructed first, so that the school activities may suffer as little as possible by the building program.

The other part of the building will include a home economics, and vocational department, a cafeteria, a library, and two offices, will be added in time. Much of the material in the old class room building will be used in the construction of the new plant.

The present gymnasium will be retained, and kept in use, being conveniently located just across the street, while the remainder of the present school buildings will be torn down.

Local Bands To Give Concert On Friday Evening

56-Piece High Band, And 44-Piece Elementary Band To Give Free Concert

The 56-piece band of the Waynesville High School and the 44-piece elementary band, will give their first public concert Friday night, at the high school auditorium, with Bandmaster L. T. New, Jr., in charge.

There will be no admission charges. Neither will there be any offerings taken.

The committee in charge of the band work in the community, headed by L. M. Richeson, chairman, is anxious to fill the auditorium Friday evening.

"Come out and show by your presence that you are behind the children and the school authorities who are working hard to provide a band which is already proving a credit to the community," Mr. Richeson said.

"You cannot afford to miss this concert. The band is one of the community's greatest undertakings, and it is hoped that the auditorium will be filled to capacity Friday night," he continued.

"You will not only be furnished and enjoyable evening of free entertainment, but also your presence will prove your interest in the band."

Those serving on the committee, besides Mr. Richeson, are: Hugh Massie, Claad Allen, T. L. Bramlett, Geo. A. Brown, Jr., W. A. Bradley, Bill Prevost, Jack Messer, M. H. Bowles, and L. T. New, Jr.

Mrs. J. C. Lynn has returned from Greenville, S. C., where she has been the guest of relatives.

Tom Blalock, 48, To Observe His Twelfth Birthday

For the first time in four years and the twelfth time in his 48 years, Tom Blalock will today observe a birthday.

The question has arisen should Mr. Blalock do four times as much celebrating today and receive four times as many gifts as those celebrating a birthday each year.

Mr. Blalock is a son of Mrs. W. D. Blalock and the late W. D. Blalock.

He is operator of the Big Ridge Mica Mines.

Cruso Officials Hope For Prompt Action By REA

Cruso Electric One Of Smallest Rural Projects In The U. S.

No definite statement has been made as to when work will begin on the proposed extension lines of the Cruso Mutual Electric Company since the project will have to go through the usual routine of study and examination in all details by the various departments of the Rural Electrification Administration in Washington.

Headed by D. L. Pless, president of the Cruso Electric company, a group composed of J. C. Lynn, county farm agent, Joe Howell, project superintendent, Chester A. Cogburn, attorney, and T. L. Gwyn, took all the plans to Washington last week and submitted them to the administration.

They are asking for an appropriation of approximately \$150,000 to build the 140 miles of extension lines. They brought the matter before the legal, engineering and auditing departments of the Rural Electrification Administration, with favorable comments from each department relative to their presentation of the proposed work.

The Cruso project was referred to in Washington as one of the smallest rural electric projects in the United States, but one which was much needed. The average project which has been submitted to the administration has three subscribers to the mile, while the Cruso Mutual Extension lines project averages five to a mile, it was learned in Washington.

Those interested in putting the project through seem to feel that the final surveys will be started in about six weeks, and that the project will share in the fiscal year's appropriation to the Rural Electrification Administration.

Republicans Of 11th District To Meet In Brevard

Textile Selection Will Be Demonstration For Month

Miss Mary Margaret Smith, county home demonstration agent, has announced "Textile Selections" as the demonstration topic for the month of March in the club meetings.

The schedule for the meetings for March is as follows: The Jonathan Creek club will meet with Mrs. J. L. Palmer, at 2 o'clock on Friday, the first; the Beavertown club will meet with Mrs. Paul

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Stentz Resigns As C. Of C. Secretary

J. Dale Stentz, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce for the past four years, tendered his resignation to the board of directors, last night.

The resignation was accepted, and will become effective on March 31st.

To Be Honored By Local Masons



W. T. LEE



CAPTAIN ALDEN HOWELL

Waynesville Masons will bestow the veteran medal for fifty years of continuous service upon Captain Alden Howell and W. T. Lee here Friday night. Captain Howell has been a Mason over 66 years, and Mr. Lee for 52 years.

Captain Howell And W. T. Lee To Receive 50-Year Masonic Medals

Veteran medals for fifty years of continuous service in the Masonic order, will be presented to W. T. Lee and Captain Alden Howell, when the Waynesville Lodge, No. 259 A. F. and A. M. meet in regular communication on Friday night, March 1, at 7:30.

Captain Alden Howell, who is 99, has been a Mason more than 66 years. The medal will be forwarded to a Los Angeles lodge and presented to him there.

Past Master O. T. Alexander, will present the medal to Mr. Lee, who started his Masonic career in June, 1888.

Dr. J. R. McCracken will address the group on the legends and origins of Masonry.

C. B. Hosaflook is secretary, and in behalf of the program committee, urged full attendance Friday night.

Farmers To Buy And Sell Horses Here On Ninth

An old-time jockey trading sale day will be held by Haywood County horsemen on Saturday, March 9th, at Bramlett's sale stables here.

The morning will be taken up with horsemen swapping and selling animals in private.

Beginning at two o'clock, those who wish, may put their stock up for auction, Medford Leatherwood will be auctioneer.

There will not be any charges of any kind, it was said by those farmers who are promoting the event. And all those who wish to buy or sell work stock are invited to attend.

"The plan is to get all farmers who have extra work stock, or need work stock together at one time for convenience in trading and buying. Absolutely no charges of any kind will be made," a spokesman for the farmers said yesterday.

Tax Official To Assist In Making Returns On 7th

W. R. Palmer, deputy commissioner of State Revenue advises that he will be at the court house on March 7th for the purpose of assisting taxpayers in filing income tax and intangible personal property tax returns.

Any person subject to filing either or both of the state tax returns must file such returns with the Department of Revenue on or before March 15, 1940 and pay tax due thereon.

Any unmarried man or any woman, either married or unmarried having an income of \$1,000 or more during the year 1939, and any married man having an income of \$2,000 or more must file an income tax return.

244 Men Given Work Other Funds Sought

"Sick Wife" Yarn Gets Man And Girl Friend In Prison

A man, apparently in great distress, asked a friend in the Pigeon section of the county to lend him his car to take his sick wife to see the doctor, around 7 o'clock Tuesday morning. The ride ended around 1:30 on Wednesday morning in a cell of the Haywood County jail, for the borrower of the car and his girl friend, who was not his wife.

The owner of the car, is said, after several hours to have become alarmed about his car and notified the state patrolmen and the police departments of Waynesville and Canton.

Elmer Downs, of the Waynesville police force, located the "borrowed" car and the "borrower" and his friend around 1:15 on the Racon Creek road, between Francis and the Ratcliff. Both the "borrower" and his girl friend were brought into town and lodged on the top floor of the court house, and will be tried this morning in the magistrate's court for "stretching a loan."

Work Is Underway On Bethel WPA School Project

Excavations for the foundation of the vocational building of the Bethel school, a WPA project, was started last week. The total cost of the construction of the building will be approximately \$30,000, with Federal funds amounting to \$15,273 and the Haywood County board of commissioners, sponsors, contributing \$14,545.

Application for the grant was placed with the WPA officials last August, and the appropriation was recently approved.

Plans are to have the building completed by next September in time for the opening of the fall term of the schools. Fifty persons are employed on the project.

The building will contain the auditorium, the home economics and agricultural departments.

Lindsey M. Gudger, architect, of Asheville, who has designed the building, was employed by the county board of education. Mr. Gudger also designed the Hazelwood, junior high and Crabtree school buildings.

Dr. W. E. Gudger Is Honored By London Society

Dr. Eugene W. Gudger, honorary associate in ichthyology, American Museum of Natural History, New York, has recently been elected a corresponding member of the Zoological Society of London.

The Zoological Society is one of the leading scientific organizations in the world. Dr. Gudger, native of Waynesville, has long been recognized as an international authority on fishes, and this recent honor was accorded him because of his work.

Dr. Gudger was proposed for membership in this London society by J. R. Norman, keeper of fishes in the British Museum of Natural History.

In a letter to Dr. Gudger Mr. Norman said in part: "I regard this election as long overdue, and a fitting recognition of your valuable contributions to ichthyological science. I am delighted to have been able to play a small part in bringing this about. May you enjoy many more years of work, and may we see many more of your truly interesting papers in print."

Miss Betsy Lane Quinlan, who has spent sometime in Miami, is expected home this week.

The Weather Report

H. M. HALL, Official Observer

Feb.	Max	Min	7:30 a. m.	Prec
22	30	25	25	
23	31	19	19	
24	45	18	35	
25	42	32	32	0.02
26	34	12	12	
27	47	12	39	
28	44	33	35	0.91
Mean maximum				39.0°
Mean minimum				21.6°
High for week				47.0°
Low for week				12.0°
Mean 7:30 a. m.				28.0°
Below February normal				7.9°
Precipitation for week				0.93"
Normal for February				4.04"
Above February normal				1.04"
Precipitation since Jan. 1st				7.58"
Normal since Jan. 1st				7.79"
Deficiency for year				0.21"

Free Band Concert By High And Elementary Bands Friday Night--7:30 High School Auditorium