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ALONG POLITICAL FRONTS

ree Haywood candidates toss their hats into the political ring for the first formal announcement of the 1940 campaign in the county. Although the May primary is twelve weeks off, the political heat is steadily rising, and indications are that some "early" campaigning in Haywood is being done between now and seven on Saturday, May 25th.

intimated in this column last week, Glenn C. Palmer, successful dairyman and business man, is making his formal announcement this week and is seeking the nomination for re-election as Representative. Palmer served Haywood County in 1930, and his sound judgment, and constructive legislation won for him many votes. He also served as a member of the board of commissioners in becoming representative.

second announced candidate to be a successful farmer and business man. J. Earl Ferguson, of Indian Creek, is seeking the nomination as tax collector and tax assessor. Besides being a farmer, Mr. Ferguson is manager of Jonathan Roller Mill, a closely identified with business of the county. He is no new to county affairs, as his many years of service on the school board and in close touch with all of county business.

George A. Brown, Jr., the third announced, is seeking re-election as chairman of the board of commissioners. He is another successful business man and farmer. Two years ago he was elected by the largest majority of any county commissioner in many years. Considering that this was his first year in politics, it was an unbelievable record. Mr. Brown is a progressive business man with a keen knowledge of county affairs.

Kerr Scott, a practical and progressive Alamance farmer and politician of Agriculture, announced last night he would seek nomination in the Democratic primary on his record as an impartial administrator and aggressive servant of the State. When he had served only one year as Commissioner of Agriculture he was selected as the "Man of the Year" in service to agriculture by the Progressive Farmers.

of the gubernatorial candidates gathering force. Now they are eight men strong instead of six, all hoping to spend the next four years in the gubernatorial campaign in Raleigh. The seven candidates to enter during the week was Bryan Thompson, a farmer. Now Mr. Thompson will be well known "down east," as he is here in the hills he is a farmer. He may be a fine upstart, but it is, to say the least, unusual for a "private citizen" to have been hiding his political services from the people of a state, to come out for high

eight candidate is Edwin Hale Leakville farmer, and a native of Virginia, who came to North Carolina in 1930. He was elected with the state health department in Virginia, and when he came to North Carolina he went to Raleigh and then to Surfer where he was engaged in a work. He moved to Rockwell county in 1937. He is running his platform a definite campaign for the advancement of the farmer. Mr. Hale, an adopted son of such short standing also has a chance on a "brief acquaintance."

are three now seeking the number two job—that of lieutenant-governor; namely, L. A. In, of Lexington, former state senator, R. L. Harris, of Roxboro, former of the House in 1933, and Erskine Smith, of Stanley, lieutenant pro tem of the 1939 legislature. From all appearances Martin seems to be the most aggressive, he was first to enter the race, and first to come out with a definite platform.

is no doubt that the Republican party in North Carolina, however, is picking up. It is estimated for 15 years they have been springing political show to carry on as they do, without any effort to claim the vote. They apparently realize

A Good Record Of "Good Deeds" For One Day

Monday afternoon found W. G. Byers, clerk of the Superior Court, completely "whipped down," but happy. He had to his credit, not the proverbial "one good deed for the day," but three.

Couples who contemplate separation or divorce proceedings who have children, often, before taking any legal steps consult Mr. Byers, as to the possible turn the court will take regarding the children, as it comes under his jurisdiction to decide which parent will have the custody of the offspring around which there is often so much heart ache and controversy.

On Monday, no less than three couples consulted Mr. Byers on this vital subject. He undertook to untangle the emotional threads of their lives, and was so successful, that when the sun went down on Monday, all three couples had "made up" and were back home happy with their children.

School Bands Gave Initial Concert Friday

Seven Hundred People Heard Concert In High School Auditorium

Approximately 700 persons heard the Waynesville high school band give its initial public concert on Friday night in the school auditorium.

The program was opened by the elementary band, the group having had their instruments for only two months. They gave a number of short pieces.

The high school group opened their program with the "Star Spangled Banner" and closed with the school Alma Mater, which was written some years ago by Miss Margaret Stringfield. The program consisted of several light concert numbers interspersed with snappy marches and melodic waltzes.

During the evening M. H. Bowles read a number of congratulatory messages to L. T. New, Jr., and the band from the following: president of the state band masters group, Mayor Way, and Mayor Prevost, other high school bands in the state and various civic organizations.

L. M. Richeson, chairman of the band committee, spoke briefly, stating that three steps had been completed by the band, namely: the first, by the school board in employing a band instructor; second, parents in buying \$5,000 worth of instruments; third, civic groups in purchasing base horns. The fourth step, he pointed out, was to buy uniforms for the group.

House Destroyed And School Bus Damaged By Fire

A seven room house located in the Mauney Cove section and owned by Fred Caldwell, was completely destroyed by fire and a school bus parked near the residence was considerably damaged around 11:30 o'clock on Friday night.

The house was unoccupied at the time and was reported to have contained very little furniture. The origin of the fire was unknown. The school bus, which was driven by Larry Caldwell, son of the owner of the house, will be replaced this week by another vehicle, it was learned.

Jack Messer, county superintendent of education got in touch with the state department of school transportation early Saturday morning, following the fire, and was assured of a replacement.

The bus, which carried the pupils to the Lake Junaluska school, was replaced with a temporary vehicle on Monday, so that the children might attend school regularly.

Major and Mrs. J. Harden Howell had as their guest during the week the latter's sister, Mrs. John W. Doran, of Key West, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bliss have as their guests at the Palmer House their daughter, Mrs. Walter Adolph and her husband, Mr. Walter Adolph, and his father, all of Chicago.

92-Year-Old Woman Helps With Family Wash, And Carries Wood 92, But Likes Work

"I enjoy coming to town to get my pension check, and it certainly does help out in these hard times," said Mrs. Martha White, now in her ninety-third year, wife of a veteran of the War Between the States, last Saturday morning, after she had visited the office of the clerk of the superior court, through whose hands the pensions are handled.

"I have been strong and I have worked hard all my life, and I know that it's the Lord's will for me to until my time comes to go, which seems to be longer than most folks," she said when asked to what she attributed the fact that she had lived longer than the average person.

In her black calico sun bonnet, that was so prevalent in another generation gone by, Mrs. White presents an interesting picture from the past. While she is slightly deaf, her eyes are keen with understanding. There is no feebleness in her voice, which rings clear and vigorous, as she discussed the days of yesterday.

She came into town with her granddaughter, Mrs. Pearl Crumpton. For the past nine years she has resided on Little East Fork of Pigeon with her son, William M. White and his family.

Mrs. Crumpton stated that her grandmother was so active and enjoyed helping with the work around the house and the farm that it was hard to keep her from doing too much.

The day before, Mrs. White said she had gotten in stove wood, and her granddaughter added, "And more than that, she helped me with the family washing the first of the week. I couldn't keep her from it. She said if I could do it all winter, she could help me now the weather was better."

She has always liked to sew, and like the women of her generation, before the day of the ready-made garments, she is handy with the needle. Today, with some small assistance she makes all her own clothes.

Mrs. White has lived in Haywood County all her life. She was born on Jonathan Creek, the daughter of Edna and Calvin Moore. Her husband, William Greenberry White served in the 25th North Carolina Regiment in the Army of the Confederate States of America.

He was a member of the second company to leave Haywood County,

92, But Likes Work



MRS. MARTHA WHITE, 92-year-old resident of Little East Fork, insists on doing house work, helping with the family washing and carrying in stove wood, despite her age. She is pictured here on the court house walk after getting her pension check. Photo by Pasty Gwyn.

ty, which was under the command of Captain Sam Bryson. He served the remainder of the war, fighting for the cause of the South.

Mrs. White remembers quite vividly the days of terror and privation of the War Between the States. Her family lived on the North Carolina-Tennessee state line.

"It wasn't the regular Yankee Army that gave us so much trouble in Haywood County, it was the raiders and scouters," said Mrs. White, as she recalled the years of her young womanhood.

Before the war was over she stated that her family were compelled to leave their farm and seek refuge in other sections of the county. The scouters became so lawless that the people in her section were afraid to go to bed at night.

A firm believer in the gospel that happiness comes from work well done, and with a steady faith in the Divine Power which marks our destiny, Mrs. White waits with calmness, but with interest in living, for the last task.

Leap Year Baby Arrived At Haywood Hospital

A gloomy prospect for birthday celebrations faces little Miss Mary Alice Rathbone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Rathbone, of Clyde, route one, who arrived on February the 29th at the Haywood County Hospital.

The first birthday cake she will be entitled to have will bear four candles instead of one, and she will no doubt wonder at her hard fate, as the other children have annual celebrations.

Park Visited By 11,091 Last Month

Visitors to the Park during February were from 45 states and the District of Columbia, according to the actual count made by Park officials.

The 11,091 people traveled in 4,244 vehicles, with 28 per cent coming from states other than Tennessee and North Carolina. This is the first time in many months that no foreign cars were recorded. Tennessee led the list with visitors, with North Carolina second, Illinois third and Michigan and Ohio tied for fourth place.

Travel for February represents a decrease of 16 per cent from travel for February 1939; however the travel year to date exceeds last year's travel through February by 2 1/2 per cent.

Mrs. C. L. Thompson, of Summit N. J., who has spent the winter with Mrs. Mary Saumenig, left Monday for St. Petersburg, Fla., where she will spend a month before returning to her home in the North.

Miss Betsy Lane Quinlan, who has spent sometime in Miami and other points in Florida, returned home during the week. She is with Miss Alice Quinlan until Prospect Hill is opened later in the spring.

Commissioners Spent Busy Day On First Monday

Final arrangements for the transfer of the property of the Waynesville Furniture Company to the Unagusta Manufacturing Company, were discussed at the meeting of the county board of commissioners held here on Monday. The transfer in expected to be made this week.

The terms of the contract and the agreement of the dispensation of the property, which the Unagusta has leased from the county for the past five years were made by a former board of commissioners, and the transfer will be a matter of routine.

The contract of W. Bowen Henderson for auditing the various offices that come under the county government was accepted by the board on Monday.

Approval was made of a road petition relative to the improvement of the Medford Cove road out of Clyde, during the day.

A large number of persons seeking relief from the county came before the board.

New Contracting Firm Opens Here

The latest firm to open in Waynesville, is the Paint and Plumbing Company. The company will do general contracting, and is owned and operated by three well-known local men.

Claude Medford, will be in charge of building and construction. Robert (Bob) Gibson will be in charge of all the painting and paper hanging.

The plumbing and heating will be under the supervision of Walter Underwood. All three have had years of experience in their particular fields. The office and sales room is on Depot street just across from the court house.

Jury Has Filed Report On Clyde School Property

The jury appointed last week by W. G. Byers, Clerk of the Superior Court, composed of W. P. Harris, of Beaverdam township, Frank Wells, of Pigeon, and Jarvis H. Allison, of Waynesville, met on Friday and filed their report on Saturday, in which they appraised the value of the proposed site of the new Clyde school building, owned by Mrs. Mary Morgan.

They valued the 8 acres at \$6,750. Mrs. Morgan has 20 days in which to file her answer, but it was generally understood that she did not intend to prolong the matter, but owing to the illness of her son-in-law, Patrolman E. W. Jones, had delayed taking the matter up this week.

Rev. O. C. Landrum Ends Pastorate At Hazelwood Sunday

Has Been Pastor For Eleven Years, Tenders Resignation To Congregation

The Sunday morning service will be the last which Rev. O. C. Landrum will hold at the Hazelwood Presbyterian church, where he has been pastor for eleven years.

Rev. Mr. Landrum resigned February 18th, effective March 31st. As to his future plans, he told The Mountaineer yesterday that he had no statement to make.

During his eleven years pastorate, the membership of the church has increased from 56 to 130 resident members, and about 10 non-resident members. One hundred and fifty-one members were received during that time.

The past year has marked the best year of his eleven, in that 45 have joined the church in the last six months, and the church completely re-organized, with an active Sunday school, young people's work, men of the church group, the auxiliary, the deacons and session. A vested choir has just been organized for the first time.

A building program was launched in the fall of 1936, and to date, \$7,000 has been raised on the new church, which is almost completed, and has been built on the "pay-as-you-go" plan. The building will represent an investment of about \$12,000 when completed.

Rev. Mr. Landrum attended the Seminary in Richmond, coming here after finishing there. For six months he served the College Avenue church in Danville, and prior to attending the Seminary, served the St. Helens and Battyville churches in Kentucky.

In addition to his Seminary work, he had three years of theological training at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles.

Besides being pastor of Hazelwood church, Rev. Mr. Landrum is also pastor of the White Oak church, preaching there on two Sunday afternoons a month. He will tender his resignation there on March 24, he said.

He has been active in the Haywood Ministerial Association since its organization ten years ago. He has served as president, vice president and secretary.

Mrs. Landrum has been active in church work. She is director of religious education of the church.

She is chairman of the Christian Education and Ministerial Relief committee of district No. 5 in the Asheville Presbytery. For two years she was president of the Hazelwood P. T. A., and it was through her leadership that the work was re-organized and a campaign for an enlarged school started.

Rev. and Mrs. Landrum have three children, Joy, Owen and Genevieve.

The work of the church will go forward every Sunday with a supply pastor, it was announced. Rev. R. D. Beddinger, of Asheville.

Mrs. J. C. Lynn and Mrs. J. L. Reitzel have returned from Greenville, S. C., where they spent the week-end with the former's family.

Mrs. James G. Huggin, Jr., and small daughter, Betsy, are spending a fortnight in Spartanburg, with the former's parents, while the Rev. Huggin is conducting a meeting in Petersburg, Va.

Stentz Withdraws Resignation, Takes Over C. Of C. Work

Reconsiders



J. DALE STENTZ last night at the urgent request of Chamber of Commerce directors, withdrew his resignation of a week ago, and accepted the office of secretary.

Bishop Purcell Will Preach Here Sunday

Will Deliver Two Sermons Sunday, And Another On Monday Night

Bishop Clare Purcell, of Charlottesville resident bishop of the Seventh Episcopal Area of the Methodist church, will preach at the First Methodist church at two services on Sunday.

In the absence of the pastor, the Rev. J. G. Huggin, Jr., who is conducting a revival service in Petersburg, Va., he will preach at the morning service, which formally concludes the Church Loyalty Crusade, which has been in progress since the first of the year. All the members are especially urged to attend the service.

Bishop Purcell will preach again at 3 o'clock in the Waynesville Methodist church in the afternoon at the county wide Methodist Advance service, to which all the Methodist ministers and their congregations of Haywood county are invited to attend.

There will be no night service in the church on Sunday.

On Monday night Bishop Purcell will address the annual Youth Crusade meeting, composed of young people from over the entire Waynesville district. Several hundred are expected to attend. George Swearingin, of Asheville, is the head of the group.

Porter Takes Over Sales Work For Standard Oil

W. S. Porter, for 20 years with Standard Oil Company, has just been named sales representative for the Waynesville district, succeeding G. F. Ball, who goes to Charlotte in the public relations department of the company.

Mr. Porter comes to Waynesville from Fayetteville. He and his sister, and only son, will move within a week into the McCracken house on Branner avenue.

He will have charge of the territory between Canton and Murphy. Mr. Ball came to the district in December.

Attention-Watch The Figures Rise

Interested citizens are asked to watch the thermometer, which is to be placed on the First National Bank building, rise, as the collections toward the uniform fund for members of the high school band, are tabulated from time to time. Five hard working committees are soliciting funds this week to raise the \$1,800 needed to "dress up the band" in the approved style of such groups.

Directors Urge Reconsideration And To Continue As Organization's Secretary

The board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce, last night, unanimously requested J. Dale Stentz to withdraw his week-old resignation and to continue as secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Stentz, in a brief statement, thanked the directors, and withdrew his resignation. He accepted the office.

The directors discussed numerous phases of the organization's work last night, and according to President J. W. Killian, the entire board is most enthusiastic over the outlook for the coming year.

Plans were discussed for the annual community dinner. In all probability, the dinner will be held early in April.

The publicity committee, under the direction of Dr. S. P. Gay, will meet in a special meeting this week, to make plans for publishing new folders and formulating advertising plans for 1940.

President Killian, in discussing the meeting, said: "I honestly believe that the way the board is going after things, that 1940 will mark a new high mark in Chamber of Commerce activities. It seems that every one is keyed up with renewed enthusiasm, and with a determination to put this community to the fore front."

Mr. Stentz is beginning his fifth year as secretary of the local organization.

224 Died From Flu During January

Pneumonia Deaths Totaled 327; While 142 Killed In Preventable Accidents.

The influenza epidemic that swept many sections of North Carolina took a toll of 224 lives in January, 1940, it was announced by the State Board of Health this week. This total compared with only 43 deaths from this cause reported in January, 1939.

There was also an increase in pneumonia deaths in January, the total having been 327, as compared with 315 the corresponding month a year ago, while deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis numbered 155, as compared with 146 the same month in 1939.

Deaths from preventable accidents also took an upward turn as 1940 got under way, the total for January having been 142, as compared with 119 a year ago. It was explained by the Vital Statistics Division, however, that the total "includes deaths occurring in 1939 but not reported until 1940."

Suicides jumped from 17 in January, 1939, to 30 in January, 1940, while there was a decrease of one in the number of homicides, the 1940 figure being 29, as compared with 30 for January a year ago.

There was an increase in both infant and maternal mortality. Deaths among children under a year old in January, 1940, totaled 453, as compared with 411 the corresponding month in 1939, throwing the monthly rate up from 64.7 to 67.8, while the number of maternal deaths this year in January was 53, against 30 the same month in 1939, making the rate

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The Weather Report

H. M. HALL, Official Observer

Feb. 29	Max	Min	7:30 a. m.	Prec
29	61	32	35	0.02
March 1	56	35	42	
2	64	34	36	
3	59	36	50	0.29
4	58	36	36	0.25
5	50	33	33	
6	46	25	25	
Mean maximum				56.3
Mean minimum				33.0
Mean for week				44.6
High for week				64.0
Low for week				25.0
Mean for 7:30 a. m.				36.7
Below March normal				1.9
Precipitation for week				0.56
Normal since March 1st				0.978
Deficiency for March				0.43
Precipitation since Jan. 1				8.16
Normal to March 6				0.61
Deficiency for year				0.61