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Best Of Brevard Road To Be Widened And Surfaced

ALONG POLITICAL FRONTS

Maxwell Manager



W. T. CRAWFORD, county manager for A. J. Maxwell, gubernatorial candidate.

W. T. Crawford, county manager, said yesterday that national politics were being gotten in Haywood in the stirring county-wide campaign that is now warming up. The same condition existed in the past. At this stage of the campaign there are many "cross sections" in the general pattern of politics. The possible team of "running mates" for the gubernatorial campaign will be decided in a few weeks. These "partnerships" are power factors in the last lap before the polls. "Old ties" may be broken in some cases, advantages of new affiliations apparent, for the sake of a date reaching his destination. County managers for state have to pick their way very cautiously, less they get their way, and the same to the county candidate.

C. Francis, for four years county manager, has been re-elected to continue in that office for another term. Mr. Francis, who has no claim to political office, is a straight shooter, makes an honest approach to his work. He believes in an off-the-record approach to the affairs entrusted to him. He has served with the best of his ability, and feels that the public will recognize in return the services rendered. Standing 6 feet 6 inches in his socks, he is a "tall" opponent for any gubernatorial candidate.

W. M. Davis has thrown his hat into the thick of the county fight, as the opponent of A. J. Brown, Jr., for the chairmanship of the county commissioners. Frank, who is not exactly an old timer at the post of political intrigue, having his first public office in a county commissioner, has cut his eye teeth in the county and knows his way about. He has served a total of four years on the board to which he aspires to be chairman—1932-34—and then 1938-40. A great crusader and has a habit of perseverance once he gets to a fight.

A. D. Medford, one of the good farmers, has decided to run to serve the county as a member of the board of county commissioners. Mr. Medford, a war veteran, having served in the famous 30th Division, is in public life in the county since his discharge from the U. S. Army. He has served on the board of both Waynesville and Haywood, and has been a deputy tax collector. Mr. Medford is a cheerful candidate and is counting on the voters to elect him to the office of the registrar for the next two years.

J. Noland, Crabtree farmer, is the first to announce in the county commissioner. Mr. Noland is a superintendent of the county road department.

Work Started On New Clyde School

Ground Broken Monday Morning; Using Old Site

Plans Are To Have New Building Ready For Opening Of School In Fall

Ground was broken on Monday morning for the new Clyde school building, which is to be erected on the site of the present building, contrary to the first plans of the county board of education. The building will cost approximately \$100,000.

For sometime the board had hoped to erect the new building, which it is claimed will be one of the finest school structures in the county, on the property across the highway from the present site, but satisfactory agreement with property owners could not be reached.

The board took a voluntary non-suit Thursday morning in the case against Mrs. Mary S. Morgan, and her husband John H. Morgan, of Clyde, for condemnation of eight acres which comprised the site for the proposed high school building.

A petition of condemnation was filed several days ago by the board of education for the eight acres, after they had failed to come to an agreement as to the value of the land with the owners.

The case was tried before W. G. Byers, clerk of the Superior Court, and after failure to come to an agreement as to a fair price, Mr. Byers appointed W. P. Harris, of Beaverdam township; Frank Wells, of Pigeon township, and Jarvis Allison, of Waynesville, to appraise the land at what they felt to be a just price.

Since Mrs. Morgan failed to accept the valuation of \$6,750, which had been set by the jury of three men in what the county board of education (Continued on page 8)

W. T. Crawford Named Maxwell's County Manager

Walter Crawford, local attorney, has been appointed campaign manager of Haywood County by A. J. Maxwell, gubernatorial candidate.

"Without reflecting on any of the other candidates, I feel that Mr. Maxwell is the best qualified man for the high office of governor of North Carolina, now in the race," said Mr. Crawford, a representative of The Mountaineer yesterday.

"Even if Mr. Maxwell were not qualified through his experience in state governmental affairs, he deserves to be rewarded for his long and faithful service to the Democratic party in North Carolina," continued Mr. Crawford.

"One point that should impress voters in this section, is the fact that his state campaign manager, Burgin Pennell, is from Asheville, and that Mr. Maxwell recognizes that a considerable part of North Carolina lies west of Salisbury," said manager Crawford.

Aids will be appointed in all the precincts of the county according to Mr. Crawford.

Carload Of Choice Hereford Breeding Stock Brought Here

A carload of choice Hereford cattle, believed to be the most outstanding carload of breeding stock ever brought into Western North Carolina will be shown at Bramlett's Stables on Tuesday, March 19th, it was learned this week from the office of the county farm agents.

There are twenty-one bulls and thirteen heifers in the shipment which was purchased by the county farm agents and L. I. Case, head of animal industry of the state extension service, on a recent trip to Kansas.

Twenty-five of these cattle were bought from John M. Lewis and Sons, at Larned, Kan. Mr. Lewis is the leading polled Hereford breeder in the United States. He has sold breeding stock in all sections of the United States and many foreign countries. In a case where the animal is (Continued on page 8)

Committee Needs \$519 To Get Band Uniforms

Band Director



L. T. NEW, JR.

L. T. New, Jr., bandmaster of the local band, will remain on the job 12 months out of the year directing the band, provided the \$1,800 now sought by the band committee is raised before April first. The amount includes salary for Mr. New for the four months during the summer.

Miss Squires Will Head Nurses In Health Dept.

New Supervisor Was In Charge Of Health Work In Cherokee Past Two Years

Miss Margaret Squires has been appointed supervisor of public health nurses in the district health department of which Haywood County is a part. The appointment was made by the state board of health.

Miss Squires is filling the vacancy caused some months ago by the resignation of Miss Theodosia Flud, who is now supervisor of (Continued on page 8)

Legion Will Observe 21st Anniversary

The local post of the American Legion and the Auxiliary will hold a special meeting on Tuesday evening the 19th in commemoration of the twenty-first anniversary of the organization.

A special program of interesting features is being prepared for the event, including a birthday cake ceremony. All members are urged to attend.

Hostesses of the social hour will be Mrs. Frank Worthington, Mrs. George A. Kunze, Mrs. Roy Phillips, Mrs. J. Colvin Brown, and Mrs. J. Harden Howell.

Review Board To Hear Taxpayers From 18th to 22nd

All Adjustments In Tax Assessments Must Be Made During That Time

The county commissioners will sit as a board of equalization and review, beginning Monday, March 18, and continue through March 22, it was announced this week.

All tax complaints will be heard during the four days, with special days set aside for each township. All adjustments in tax assessments must be made while the board is in session these four days, according to the state law.

The schedule calls for all complaints from Waynesville township to be heard on the 18th. Taxpayers from Ivey Hill, Jonathan Creek, White Oak and Cataloochee will be heard on the 19th. On the 20th, Beaverdam will be heard.

Clyde, Crabtree, Iron Duff and Fines Creek townships will be heard on Thursday the 21st, while Pigeon, East Fork and Cecil will be heard on Friday. Several days will be required by the board to investigate all adjustments after Friday, it was said. (Continued on page 8)

Over \$1,280 Raised Towards \$1,800 Fund To Outfit High School Band

Contributions totaling \$1,280.50 for outfitting the high school band, were turned in by five committees Tuesday night.

The committees renewed their work yesterday to raise the additional \$519 which will be needed to completely outfit the band and to retain L. T. New, Jr., bandmaster throughout the summer months.

A contract was also put into effect for the band to give six concerts at Lake Junaluska this summer. This is pending the band being in uniform, it was stated.

The committee responsible for raising the necessary \$1,800, is making special appeal on page one of section two of today's issue, for contributions, large or small. All such contributions should be brought or mailed to The Mountaineer. Every contribution will be acknowledged in the columns of this newspaper, L. M. Richeson, stated, as he handed in the list of contributors of the \$1,280 Tuesday night.

"The response has been splendid, and we are optimistic over getting the remaining \$519, but it means that we must have a lot of money given this week," the chairman stated.

Several companies have asked to bid on the uniforms, and the material which is being considered, will last for ten years. Allowances are made in each garment for refitting each year, it was explained.

Plans are for the band to give a number of free concerts throughout the year, and to work into the general summer program of the community.

The committee that has been sponsoring the band since its organization last September, is composed of L. M. Richeson, chairman, W. A. Bradley, C. N. Allen, L. T. New, Jr., M. H. Bowles, George A. Brown, Jr., T. L. Bramlett, Jack Messer, Bill Prevost and Hugh Massie.

Special invited guests for the meeting Tuesday night at the Gordon, were R. L. Prevost, C. E. Weatherly and W. Curtis Russ.

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Funds Ready For Finishing Annex At Canton School

A \$1,600 WPA project was approved yesterday for the completion of the Canton high school annex, it was learned last night.

Included in the work, will be the building of walkways, and finishing the annex, it was said.

To Hold Revival



REV. J. S. HOPKINS, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will begin a week's revival Sunday morning, and continue each evening, starting at 7:30.

Baptist Revival Will Begin Here Sunday Morning

Rev. J. S. Hopkins, Pastor, Will Bring Special Sermons Each Night

Special revival services will begin Sunday morning at the First Baptist church, and continue for one week with J. S. Hopkins, pastor, doing the preaching.

The singing and music will be under the direction of Evander Preston. Hymns will be featured during the services, it was said.

There will be only one service a day—at 7:30 each evening. This week, several scores are enrolled in a special study course, of "soul winning."

Last Sunday members of the congregation made a religious survey in preparation for the revival meeting.

"The special services will be a fitting climax to the loyalty crusade which has just ended," the pastor said.

Electric Service Company To Open

Fred Ratcliff and Leon Killian, Jr., have formed a partnership, and will do general electrical contracting and repair work under the name of Electric Service Company.

The new firm will open next week in the building formerly occupied by Chandler and Company on Main street.

Both young men have been in the electrical business for a number of years.

Plans for a formal opening will be completed later.

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Reed, who have spent the past several weeks in Florida, returned home Tuesday, and are guests at the Gordon Hotel.

Transportation For Haywood's School Children Costs \$4.85 Each

The cost of transportation of school children in Haywood County, for the year 1938, according to the February issue of the "State School Facts," published monthly by the State Department of Public Instruction was only \$4.85 per pupil, which at the time was third from the bottom.

Yadkin county had the lowest cost of \$4.75 per child, with Lincoln county coming second with an average of \$4.80. While Warren county had the highest rate, totaling \$18.84 per child.

A check up was made for the figures with Jack Messer, county superintendent of education, who stated that when the figures were compiled there were 26 buses in the county whereas there are now 34 in Haywood.

The article states that North Carolina leads the nation in the

300 Men To Start To Work Monday Morn. On \$186,000 Project

Carolina Power And Light Build New Substation

The Carolina Power and Light Company is installing a new substation in Waynesville. It is located across from the Southern Railway station on the right hand side leading to Smathers street.

The new station will furnish the town of Waynesville with three 250 kw transformers. The two extra ones will be put into operation Sunday afternoon while the electric current will be cut off. It was necessary to make this change due to the fact of the increase of the use of power in the town.

The city light department has been doing a considerable amount of rebuilding and repairing of lines during the past few months.

In the next few days the department will relocate the line from the Pet Dairy Products Company to the Haywood County Hospital, which has been made necessary by the widening of the highway.

Cannery Plans Expansion For 1940 Operation

Plans To Double Canning And To Increase Green Vegetable Market Output

Instead of canning 10,000 cases, the output of the plant last year, the Haywood County Mutual Cannery, at Hazelwood, plans a canning extension that will include the canning of 20,000 cases, and a larger green vegetable market, according to Frank M. Davis, manager.

There will be an increase in acreage, both in beans and spinach contracted with the Haywood County growers, Mr. Davis states. This increase is attributed to the fact that tobacco acreages are being reduced in the county under the farm program.

A large number of the larger farmers of the county are reported to be signing up to grow both beans and spinach.

The increase in canning operations will, in no way interfere with the green vegetable market, which feature of the plant will also be enlarged.

This week, it was reported that a number of produce dealers from other sections, were in the county checking up on the prospects for the vegetable market for the coming season, with a view to making their plans accordingly.

Spinach planted this month will mature in May. The crop usually lasts until the blackberry season starts. This year, Mr. Davis states, the cannery plans to buy blackberries, exclusively from Haywood County pickers. Formerly they have also purchased berries from Jackson County.

Seven To Eight Months Will Be Required To Complete 7-Mile Section Of Road

Three hundred men will begin work Monday morning widening and surfacing the 7-mile stretch of road between Cruso and Wagon Road Gap on the Waynesville-Brevard highway.

This is a \$186,000 project of the WPA and sponsored by the State Highway Commission, who are putting up twenty-five per cent of the funds.

Between seven and eight months will be required to complete the job, according to A. F. Weaver, Jr., district manager of WPA, in a telephone conversation from his Waynesville home last night.

The road bed will be widened to 24 feet over all. Eighteen feet will be surfaced treated, it was explained, thus giving a paved road from Waynesville to Brevard. About half of the seven miles are up the mountain to Wagon Road Gap.

Included in the project, is a 300-foot bridge over the East Fork of Pigeon river at the foot of the mountain. The bridge will be of steel and concrete with a wooden floor.

The old road bed will be used over the entire 7 miles, but in widening will take out a lot of present blind curves, and hairpin loops.

Work is going forward on the road from here to Bethel in widening the same road. This work was started several weeks ago.

The only part of Highway No. 284 from here to Brevard that is now hard surfaced, is the 7-mile stretch between Cruso and Wagon Road Gap.

Civic leaders here and in Brevard for many months have urged the surfacing of this road in order to care for travel out of South Carolina via Casars Head and Brevard.

Arc Lighting System On Main After April 1st

Waynesville is to have a new lighting system for Main street, it was learned this week from Robert Hugh Clark, city superintendent of lights.

The small lights on the poles on Main street will be removed and a new arc system, similar to that used in Canton and Asheville will be installed.

Where the street has been lighted with a 100 candle power, at intervals, 600 candle power will shed light on Main street.

This change is being effected from the Waynesville Sanatorium extending to the Gordon Hotel, as a result of the new system.

The former arrangement with business houses on Main street regarding the window lights and the neon signs will be discontinued. They have heretofore been having a flat rate for this type of lighting, which was automatically turned off near midnight, when the smaller light of the poles on the street will now be on the regular rate given their firms for other light and power. This goes into effect on April the first.

The Weather Report

H. M. HALL, Official Observer

Mar.	Max	Min	7:30 a. m.	Prec
7	38	21	22	
8	53	22	23	
9	34	24	24	
10	37	21	27	
11	57	27	42	
12	66	39	39	0.35
13	41	35	35	0.08
Mean maximum	45.1°			
Mean minimum	27.0°			
Mean for week	36.0°			
High for week	57.0°			
Low for week	21.0°			
Mean 7:30 a. m.	31.7°			
Below March normal	70.5°			
Precipitation for week	.043"			
Precipitation since Jan. 1st	.857"			
Normal to March 13th	.991"			
Deficiency for year	1.34"			