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POLITICAL FRONT
CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS

DONNAHOE, of Asheville, has announced as a candidate for Congress from the district. Mr. Donnahoe's opponents Zebulon Weathers, Sam M. Cathey, and Robt. Jarrett, of Hillsboro.

formal announcements of candidates for the list to eleven, at week just before Easter.

Week brought forth announcements from R. T. Boyd, for a member of the commission; Clarence Ferguson, Jr., is the candidate for county commissioner, and G. M. Fish, for the office of clerk.

Boyd, conservative, practical farmer, has announced his candidacy for re-election to the county board of commissioners. Mr. Boyd has served on the board of county commissioners, and is familiar with the politics of the county. He is what is generally known as a "middle roader" in the politics and in conducting the affairs of the county. He is a new move nor accepts the "spur of the moment" but he has shown that he is better than the old guard. But once he is elected by his decisions.

Clarence Ferguson, Jr., known to the county as "Young Ferguson" who has taught in the schools for the past 12 years, and in the last four in the junior high school. He was elected to the North Carolina bar, and represents Haywood County at the next General Assembly. He is a graduate of the law, and has a student at heart, and has a lot of determination. If he can be elected, he should make an excellent clerk.

G. M. Fish, of Clyde, who has offered himself as a candidate for public office, has a lot of determination. He has watched with interest for many years the "game" of the great game played in Haywood, and is a graduate of the law.

New Registration Ordered For County

New Law Makes It Mandatory For Voters To Designate Party Affiliations

At the meeting held here on Saturday of the County Board of Elections it was decided to have a new registration in Haywood rather than have a re-listing of the voters. By having a complete registration of the voters, it was pointed out, the county would be saved at least one thousand dollars.

C. Gudger Bryson, Democrat, was elected chairman of the board on Saturday and Virge McClure, Republican, was elected secretary. John R. Hipps, Democrat, is the third member.

"Every person who intends to vote in Haywood County will be required to register, and we want to urge everybody eligible in the county to vote in 1940 to register," said Mr. Bryson yesterday to a representative of The Mountaineer.

"There will be no place for the independent voter to vote in Haywood County. All voters will have to confine their voting to one party or the other," continued Mr. Bryson. The meeting was held here on Saturday according to the law in the office of the clerk of the court. At this time the clerk delivered the books, poll books, election laws and old registration and poll books for the years 1936 and 1938 to the chairman of the board.

On April 6th the county board of elections will meet in the courthouse for the purpose of appointing registrars for the twenty-two voting precincts in the county and judges of the election, and for making other necessary arrangements for the conduct of the primary.

The registration books will be opened by the registrars at the polling places at 9 a. m. on Saturday, April 27, and on the two Saturdays following, May 4th and 11th. A person contacting the registrar during the week will be allowed to register, but the registrar will be required by law to be at the voting precinct in which he has been assigned from 9 a. m. until sundown only on the three days designated.

The local board attended the meeting held in Asheville on Monday, at which time W. A. Lucas, chairman of the State Board of Elections, presided and pointed out the new regulations governing the coming primary and the general election. Among the changes discussed were the following: The date of the primary is changed from the first Saturday in June to the last Saturday in May, with the date set this year on May 25th.

No absentee voting of any kind will be allowed in the Democratic primary. No markers will be permitted but any person unable because of physical incapacity to mark a ballot may receive help from a near relative, from a chosen voter from his precinct who has not previously helped anyone else mark a ballot, or from the judges and registrar. In cases where the voter is not physically disabled he or she may still receive help from a near relative.

The pay of the election officials has been increased from \$3 to \$4 for judges and from \$3 to \$5 for registrars for each day they serve. The filing fee for all county (or township offices) where fees are collected as a basis for pay shall be \$5 if the fees collected the previous year amounted to \$500 or less and if the fees amount to more than \$500, the filing fee shall be one per cent of the total fee collected.

Lake Dam Being Waterproofed

Lake Junaluska has been drained in order that workmen can check over the dam, which was rebuilt last spring, and to put on another coating of waterproofing. While the lake is drained, considerable cleaning of the lake bed will be done, it was learned.

Miss Squires, District Nursing Supervisor, Assumes Her Duties

Miss Margaret Squires, who has been appointed supervisor of nursing in the district health department, arrived this week and has taken over her duties. Miss Squires is making her home at the Hotel Gordon.

Band Fund Still Short Of \$1,800 Goal About \$346

Committee To Make Wind-Up Tuesday Night On Subscription Drive

Contributions came in rather slowly during the past week towards the \$1,800 campaign to uniform the band and to retain the director for four months during the summer.

Actual contributions amounted to \$28.25. But added to this is four dollars from last week, which was an error in reporting Richard Rogers as having given \$1, when it should have read \$5. Including this \$4 error in compiling, the total for the week was \$32.25, which leaves the fund \$346.25 short of the \$1,800 goal.

Those giving this week were:

Richard Rogers (additional)	\$ 4.00
Mrs. Bonner Ray	5.00
Jeffrey Freeman	1.00
Mrs. H. L. MacFadyen	1.00
Mrs. Will Medford	2.00
Mrs. W. T. Crawford	1.50
Bill Chambers	2.50
J. R. McClure	.25
Eagle Five and Ten	5.00
Ben Colkitt	10.00
	\$32.25
Previously acknowledged	\$1,421.50
Total to date	\$1,453.75

The band committee will meet next Tuesday night and make the final check-up on the campaign at that time. Contributions will be received until that date, it was announced. The committee plans to publish the complete list of contributors in next week's newspaper.

Chinese Engineers To Give Program Before Two Clubs

The Rotary and Lions Clubs will hold a joint meeting tonight at seven o'clock at the Welch Sunday School building, to hear seven Chinese engineers tell of road building in China.

The engineers, in this county to study study mountain road-building, will also show pictures of similar work in their native country.

The joint meeting will take the place of both regular weekly meetings of the clubs.

Special guests at the meeting will be Col. W. L. Lee, who is in charge of the Parkway location and construction in this district. Ben Cotterell, locating engineer for the Parkway, James Davidson and Howard Gourband associates, Arthur Connell, landscape engineer of the Park Service, and Dave Noland, project superintendent of Catalochee CCC camp. J. S. Hopkins is president of the Lions Club and Ben Colkitt president of the Rotary group.

Auditorium Of Baptist Church Is Made Larger

Approximately 1,000 additional square feet of floor space is being added to the auditorium of the First Baptist church this week.

Workmen have removed the partition which formerly divided the auditorium from the Sunday School rooms, and have elevated the floor and installed comfortable seats. The choir loft has been changed to the left side of the rostrum and the pulpit moved over several feet, until it is now in the center of the enlarged auditorium. Twenty-four seats will be provided for the choir.

Large congregations prompted the officials of the church to make the change. Since the installation of a central steam heating plant the new floor plans will help in giving a more desired ventilation of the auditorium, both in summer and winter.

CALL TO OXFORD

Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Hopkins and family left Tuesday morning for Oxford, where they were called on account of the serious illness of the latter's father. They expect to return Friday, pending his condition.

Main Street Landmark Coming Down



Workmen are tearing down this week one of the oldest and last of the landmarks on Main Street. This picture of the Felmet House was made the day workmen started tearing it away. The property was recently bought by Dewey Stovall, but he has not made public his plans.—Photo by Patsy Gwynn.

Resided In Same House For Over Fifty-Eight Years

Mrs. Felmet Leaves Noise And Lights Of Main Street For Quieter Place

Back in 1882 Mrs. Lula McElroy Felmet and her husband, the late Mark Felmet, moved into a small two room house on Main street. Last Thursday, Mrs. Felmet moved out of a 14-room house, two rooms of which were the original ones she first occupied fifty-eight years ago.

Mrs. Felmet has seen many changes come and go in the town. She has seen a red clay lane on which horses could hardly travel in rainy weather turn into a paved street, and from a county highway become U. S. 19, on which undreamed of traffic now travels.

New buildings have gone up, and Main street of 1940 with its neon signs and its glaring lights from which she moved last week is a stranger to that village street of 1882 over which hung complete darkness when night came on. There was no newspaper in the village then, and only by word of mouth did the news get about locally. A few persons took the Asheville Weekly News.

For more than fifty years Mrs. Felmet ran a boarding house adding from time to time to her residence. For years it was the stopping place for the judges and lawyers attending court here.

Many of the older business and professional men coming to Waynesville have lived at the Felmet House.

It was the favorite rendezvous for the country people, who came to town for the day. In those early years there were no cafes, no tea rooms, and Mrs. Felmet would find her dining room packed to overflowing.

"The country people always liked my pot roasts better than anything I ever served them. I guess they used to eat more pork in the country then," said Mrs. Felmet.

"It was quite a job for us to feed fifty people at one meal back in those early days when I first started taking boarders. But we often had that many on court week days," she continued.

Mrs. Felmet is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. David McElroy, and granddaughter of Wayne and Emeline Howell Battle, who had one of the first hotels in Waynesville, the old Battle House, the site of which is now occupied by the Hotel Waynesville. Wayne Battle was the son of William Battle, said to be the first white child born in Waynesville.

Mrs. Felmet took with her the old dinner bell that has summoned hundreds of guests to her table. (Continued on page 8)

Snow Kept Many An Easter Hat At Home Sunday

Many Easter bonnets were kept indoors Sunday, as a four-inch snow fell and dawn about 11 o'clock.

It was the first white Easter ever recalled in this section, and also one of the coldest, according to the older residents.

Following on the heels of the snow storm, the mercury tumbled to 16 Monday morning.

Despite the snow, and cold, the churches of the community were well filled for the morning services Sunday.

Cathey Wins Cup In Corn Contest Second Time

Haywood County Adult Corn Club Held Annual Banquet On Monday Night

John H. Allen was elected president of the Haywood County Adult Corn club, composed of demonstration farmers and sponsored by the Haywood Mutual Soil Conservation and Land Use Association, Inc., at its annual banquet, which was held on Monday night in the Welch Memorial building of the Baptist church.

Other officers chosen to serve with Mr. Allen were: vice president D. J. Boyd; secretary, Sam Ferguson, and treasurer, T. W. Cathey.

T. Weaver Cathey, of the Pigeon township was announced as winner in the corn club contest of 1939, having grown 116.3 bushels of corn to the acre. Mr. Cathey was presented a silver cup for this honor, and since this is the second year he has won this distinction he automatically gets to keep the trophy.

The presentation of the award was made by Sam Ferguson, of Fines Creek township, who is secretary of the Haywood County Mutual Soil Conservation and Land Use association.

Running Mr. Cathey a close race, and making second place in the contest was John H. Allen, who grew 113.1 bushels per acre and received for this a prize of \$2.00.

Third place in the contest was won by L. A. Cogburn, of Cruso, who grew 107.3 bushels per acre, and also received a prize of \$2.00.

Others growing high yields were Walker Brown, of Pigeon, with 102.53 bushels to the acre; John T. Rogers, of Crabtree, making 93.8; W. L. Messer, of White Oak, growing 96; Sam Ferguson, of Fines Creek, making 68; Geo. E. Plott, of Waynesville, 96 bushels to the acre.

Twenty-eight persons attend the banquet over which Mr. John H. Allen presided. Members of the club made talks on how they grew their prize acres of corn, which brought forth discussions relative to the method used in growing high yields obtained by some of the contestants. Several visitors also made talks.

The following were in charge of the program: John H. Allen, D. J. Boyd, Geo. E. Plott, and T. W. Cathey.

Those attending were: Wilfred Jackson, farm security supervisor, J. W. Killian, president of the Chamber of Commerce, N. W. Garrett, president of the merchants division; J. C. Brown, Jr., Frank Baird, Geo. A. Brown, Jr., R. T. Boyd, Frank M. Davis, T. W. Cathey, Tom Rainer, Claud Miller, J. E. Rogers, John Rogers, W. C. Kinsland, Walker Brown, Harrison Henson, Lowe Allen, Jim Page, Sam Ferguson, N. C. James, D. J. Boyd, Eck Cathey, Geo. E. Plott, J. H. Allen, Glenn C. Palmer, W. A. Corpening and J. L. Reitzel, assistant county agents, and J. C. Lynn, county agent.

Local Bank Buys Refunding Bonds Of Waynesville

Town of Waynesville refunding bonds amounting to \$26,000 were sold in Raleigh on Tuesday of this week before the local government commission.

The bonds were purchased by the First National Bank of Waynesville. They were bid off at par. The first \$6,000 maturities were bid at par with interest at five and three quarters.

The balance of \$20,000 were sold with interest at 6 per cent.

The Weather Report

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Mar.	Max	Min	7:30 a. m.	Precip
21	58	28	29	
22	56	29	46	
23	52	27	29	
24	43	26	28	
25	35	16	17	0.28
26	32	15	16	
27	50	16	43	
Mean maximum	43.7°			
Mean minimum	22.4°			
Mean for week	33.0°			
High for week	58.0°			
Low for week	15.0°			
Mean 7:30 a. m.	29.7°			
Precipitation for week	0.28"			
Precipitation for March	2.50"			
Below March normal	1.90"			
Precipitation since Jan. 1st	10.10"			
Deficiency for year	2.09"			

Workers Will Begin Taking 1940 Census Next Tuesday Morning

The 1940 census will get underway in Haywood County Tuesday morning, with probably 20 enumerators in the field.

Letters have been received by 20 Haywood people asking that they attend the two-day school in Asheville on Friday and Saturday of this week. At which time all details of taking the census, including the housing and agricultural census, will be explained and examinations given.

The final appointment of the enumerators will not be known until after the examinations, it was explained from the Asheville office yesterday.

Soco Dance Team Will Appear In Pittsburgh

Famous Local Dance Team Has Engagement To Dance At Carnegie Hall

The Soco Square Dance Dance team has an engagement to appear at Carnegie Music Hall, in Pittsburgh, under the auspices of the In-And-About Pittsburgh Music Educators Club.

Dr. Jacob Evanson, eminent educator, who is president of the club, recently visited Waynesville and saw the team perform. He visited the homes of many of the dancers and collected data on the local background of this type of folk lore.

An attractive 12-page folder containing numerous newspaper accounts of successful performances of the group, has been put out by the sponsoring organization.

Seats on the first floor of the hall will sell as high as \$2.00, while the lowest price in the gallery will be 75 cents.

About ten musicians and singers will accompany the team according to Sam Queen, caller. Bascom Lunsford, Asheville attorney, and an authority on mountain folk lore, is in charge of the arrangements.

Mr. Queen does not have his list of dancers complete. He is also uncertain as to the means of conveyance of the group, which usually travel by bus.

The girls will wear dresses fashioned after the same pattern, and the boys will dance in dark pants, white shirts, dark ties and white shoes.

Drain Pipes Being Put In On East Waynesville Road

Delayed one day because of weather, the contractors have made satisfactory progress in East Waynesville in widening the road to 36 feet, plus a 5-foot sidewalk.

A steam shovel is now digging the ditch for the 42-inch drain pipe, which will empty into Shelton Branch.

Linemen have been busy for the past few days moving telephone lines and cables to new poles.

Fifteen feet of the new addition will on the right side of the road, and three on the left. The creek will be piped from the top of the hill to Shelton Branch, crossing under the highway in front of Abel's Garage.

Subject Topics Of Services Held By Dr. G. F. Bell

Interest in the revival services being held this week at the Presbyterian church by Dr. G. F. Bell, of Black Mountain, continues to grow as evidenced by the increase in the daily congregations.

The meeting will continue throughout the week, closing Sunday night. The pastor, the Rev. R. P. Walker, has announced the following topics for the remaining services:

At the 7:30 o'clock service tonight, Dr. Bell will preach on "Christian Allegiance." On Friday morning at 10 o'clock his subject will be "The Spirit-filled Life." In the evening of the same day he will speak on "Spiritual Preparedness." On Saturday morning he will address the children and younger people on "Building a Life." In the evening he will talk on "The Three Vitalities." At the regular Tuesday morning chapel hour at the high school Dr. Bell addressed the students.

Leaves Main Street



For 58 years Mrs. Mark Felmet has lived on Main Street, taking boarders. This week she moved to her new bungalow on Walnut Street, away from the noise and lights.—Photo by Patsy Gwynn.

Merchants Will Hold Annual Meeting Monday

Officers For Coming Year Will Be Elected At Hotel Gordon

Merchants of Waynesville, Hazelwood and Lake Junaluska will hold their annual meeting on Monday evening, at the Hotel Gordon, at seven o'clock.

New officers for the coming year will be elected, according to President N. W. Garrett.

George A. Kunze, health officer, will make a report on the proposed rat extermination campaign for the community.

President Garrett has named W. H. Burgin, J. C. Galusha and L. E. Hudson as a committee on arrangements.

Jerry Rogers Is Named Policeman At Hazelwood

Jerry Rogers, well known in Haywood County, was named policeman of Hazelwood by the board of aldermen Tuesday night. Mr. Rogers will assume his new duties immediately, it was announced.

The new policeman was formerly on the Canton police force. He is a native of Clyde, and has been active in the Young Democratic organizations in this section of the state. He replaces Ed McClure.

Mrs. Mary Kirkpatrick Jones and small son have returned from a trip to Florida.