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## Engineers Working On 150-Mile R.E.A. Line

### Work Started Monday On Project Which Will Serve 700 Families

#### Rotary President



CHAS. E. RAY, JR.

#### Ray Will Head Rotary Club

Chas. E. Ray, Jr., was elected president of the Rotary Club by the newly elected board of directors on Monday night, and will assume office on July first, succeeding Ben Colkitt.

The board of directors also named J. C. Brown as secretary and re-elected A. P. Ledbetter. The club on Friday named as directors for the coming year, Dr. J. R. McCracken, Aaron Prevost, J. C. Brown, Chas. E. Ray, Jr., Dr. Thomas Stringfield, and J. G. Huggin, Jr.

Ben Colkitt will serve as a member of the board and as vice president for the coming year.

#### Commissioners Trying To Get Rid Of 'Ten Cases'

The presentation to the board of county commissioners on Monday of ten cases of bottled and bonded whiskey, captured by officers of the law, broke the monotony of an otherwise uneventful day.

The responsibility of the disposal of the ten cases of first quality liquors rests with the county board. The law, so it is said, states that they can either turn the whiskey over to the hospital for medical purposes, or sell the confiscated beverages to a county that legally handles liquors.

The whiskey was sent to the hospital, but authorities there stated that they had an adequate supply on hand; so it was returned to the county commissioners, who will now have to make arrangements with some ABC store.

In the meantime, the whiskey is stored in the office of the county auditor under lock and key.

#### Campaign For Eradication Of Rats Launched

A movie with free admission, "No Good on Earth," showing the destruction caused by rats will be shown tonight at 7:45 in the Chamber of Commerce by J. D. Faulkner from the state Board of Health. The picture is the first feature of a rat eradication campaign to be sponsored here.

The campaign is being conducted by the health department in cooperation with the local merchants, the state Board of Health and the United States Biological Survey.

Mr. Faulkner is making a survey in town this week to ascertain the cost of the program, which will follow the Annual Clean Up week sponsored by the town officials on the week of May 6th.

Miss Mary Ruby Davis left Wednesday for a two weeks visit with friends in Newport News, Va.

#### Baltimore Engineers Staking Lines Through Eight Haywood Townships

The final location of the proposed extension lines of the Cruso Mutual Electric Company into additional sections of Haywood County including Iron Duff, Crabtree, Clyde, Fines Creek, White Oak, Jonathan Creek, Ivy Hill, and certain sections of Pigeon township, has been authorized by the engineering division of the Rural Electrification Administration of Washington.

When the construction of the nearly 150 miles of primary and secondary electrification lines which will become a part of the original Cruso Mutual Electric Company, there will be approximately 200 miles of rural electrification lines in Haywood County serving around 700 families.

However, official approval by the administration in Washington of the project cannot technically be made until the June allotments have been designated as funds for the project are not as yet allocated.

J. T. Moore, of Baltimore, chief engineer in charge and Brown Burner and Hubert Thomas, instrument men, arrived on Sunday night and are now actively engaged in the work of staking the lines.

The surveying party assisted by Joe Howell, superintendent of the Cruso Mutual Electric Company, has begun work in the Pigeon township this week. They will proceed as rapidly as possible through Clyde, Crabtree, Iron Duff, Fines Creek, White Oak, Jonathan Creek and Ivy Hill townships.

T. Lenoir Gwyn will be in charge of the office, which will be located on the third floor of the First National Bank.

Work on extending the Cruso Mutual Electric Company lines was started last fall by J. C. Lynn, county farm agent, who has spent much time in perfecting the project for presentation to the Rural Electrification Administration in Washington. He has been assisted by T. Lenoir Gwyn in the preliminary project activities.

The Cruso Mutual Electric Company was organized about two years ago, and on last August the 25th the lines were energized. The project was allotted \$42,000 for construction of the more than thirty miles up the Pigeon valley. Dewey Pless was president of the company, with E. B. Rickman secretary.

Shortly after the completion of the Cruso project, interest in rural electrification in other sections of the county developed and work was started to extend the Cruso lines into other areas of Haywood.

#### Ten Cases High Grade Whiskey Captured Monday

Hilliard Sanford made a \$300 bond and was bound over to the July term of court after having been found with ten cases of bottled and bonded liquor by an officer on Monday.

The arrest was made about 12 o'clock at the home of Sanford in the Henson Cove section, the officer having followed him to his home.

The ten cases of liquor were found in a '39 Ford coach, which was parked in front of Sanford's home. It was learned that the officer had followed Sanford to his home, and after he had parked and gone into the house, the officer followed and made the arrest.

The ten cases are said to have contained a number of different brands, among them the "Rocking Chair," which is said to be an uncommon brand in this section. There were also several cases of straight Bourbon.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**  
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Sloan announce the birth of a son, Benjamin Sloan, Jr., at the Haywood County Hospital on Wednesday, April 17th.

## Haywood Gets \$2,640,698 Federal Money

### Recent Projects Would Send Total Near 3 Millions

About Three-Fourths Of Total In Form Of Direct Grant To The County

Federal expenditures in Haywood County, since March, 1933, total \$2,640,698, as of June 30 last year, according to an itemized statement just made public.

Of the \$2,600,000, about three-fourths was a direct grant. Of the total, \$696,270 was in the form of loans, and the balance of \$1,944,228 was non-payable.

Several hundred thousand dollars have been added to the Haywood total since the above figures were compiled, which would probably run the total near the three million mark.

The itemized list of loans, showed \$60,000 from the Reconstruction Finance Corp., \$122,500 PWA loan; Land Bank Commissioner \$176,610; emergency crop and feed, \$32,996; rural rehabilitation \$25,838; farm tenant purchase \$20,891; REA loan \$42,000 and Home Owner's Loan corporation \$211,735, making a total of loans of \$696,270.

Expenditures for current program, include, PWA \$188,817; public works, completed, \$397,669; public roads, \$204; WPA projects, \$799,056.

Through the social security board, \$52,963 has been spent. For the AAA, \$85,620; Federal emergency relief, \$263,831; CWA, \$100,075; AAA rental \$57,193, making a total of non-payment expenditures of \$1,944,428.

Other benefits not included in the list above, modernization and improvement loans, amounting to \$102,206, and mortgages accepted for insurance, \$76,300, making a total for housing insurance of \$178,506.

### Elmer Hendrix Won In Speaking Contest In Sylva

Elmer Hendrix, a member of the Smoky Mountains National Park chapter Future Farmers of America and a senior in the local high school, won the public speaking contest for the federated chapters of this district, held in Sylva Saturday.

Young Hendrix spoke against four contestants. The speakers represented future farmer chapters in Bethel, Fines Creek, Hayesville and Waynesville.

Young Hendrix had won previously in his local chapter contest. He will next compete in the district contest which will be held in Henderson County on May the 11th, at which time the winners in the federations representing sixty-five schools in the western district take part.

The winner in the district will, after one more elimination contest, represent the western district at the state contest to be held in Raleigh in July. The ultimate goal is to represent the Southern region in the National speaking contest in Kansas City next October.

### Industrial Shop Of W.T.H.S. Will Stage Exhibits

The students of the industrial shop of the Waynesville Township High School under the direction of their teacher, Owen Corwin, will stage an exhibit of their work beginning on Monday morning, the 22nd, and lasting through Friday the 26th. The regular school hours of 9 to 3:15 will be observed.

The public is cordially invited to inspect the exhibit which will be on display in room 33 of the Junior High School building. A special invitation is extended by Mr. Corwin to the parents of the boys who will take up this work next year.

The exhibit will contain many types of furniture, electric light fixtures, in addition to a number of repairing jobs of old furniture, and slip covers.

### Soco Gap Dancers 'Make' Society With A Capital 'S'

Sam Queen, manager and his son, Richard Queen, who serves as master of ceremonies for the performances of the Soco Gap Dance Team and the members of the team were guests on Tuesday night of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Leiter, socialites, of Aiken and New York, at the estate of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hitchcock, in Aiken.

Mr. and Mrs. Leiter were hosts of a barbecue and dance at which time the local artists instructed the guests in the figures and step of the mountain folk dances.

Mr. and Mrs. Leiter were among the guests who attended the performance recently given by the Soco Gap Dance Team in Aiken Under the sponsorship of the home demonstration clubs of Aiken County. They were so captivated with the art of the local dancers that the invitation was extended for their party following the exhibition dances of the group last week in Aiken.

### Beef Cattlemen Of County Will Organize Monday

A meeting will be held on Monday night at 7:30 o'clock in the office of the county farm agent of the committee appointed at the recent meeting of the cattlemen of the county, with William Medford chairman.

The committee was appointed by J. C. Lynn, county agent, to formulate plans for the organization of a county beef breeders' association, the purpose of which will be to stimulate interest in improving the cattle industry in the county.

Others appointed to serve with Mr. Medford were: Tom Rainer, T. Lenoir Gwyn, Dewey Pless, Grover J. Abel, Claude Francis, Frank M. Davis, C. N. Allen and Glenn Boyd.

### Sam Queen And J. T. Bailey Are Horton Managers

Sam L. Queen, farmer and well known as the manager of the Soco Gap Square Dance Team, has been named as Haywood County manager for Wilkins P. Horton, Democratic candidate for Governor, with the exception of the Canton area. J. T. Bailey will be in charge of Canton.

The appointments were announced during the week by Mr. Horton's State campaign manager.

### County Candidates In Both Parties Are Announced By Election Board

#### There'll Be Apples Despite The Cold Wave

Despite the fact that the temperature dropped to 21 on last Saturday and the bitter cold of a January day crept into April, the apple orchards were not seriously hurt, it has been learned after a check up with the owners.

The Barber orchards on the Balsam road suffered some damage, but as the bloom was heavy, and the consistently cold weather had held back the growth, it was estimated that there would be a satisfactory crop for 1940 regardless, unless other climatic changes occurred.

Similar conditions were reported from the Robert Boone, Will Boone and McCracken orchards, as well as a number of other smaller ones in the county.

The cherries, plums and peaches, which had reached a fuller bloom, are said to have been killed outright in many cases, and damaged to such an extent in others that the crop will be very small this season.

### Democratic Executive Com. Met Saturday

At a meeting held here on Saturday of the Democratic executive committee of Haywood County, the date of the county convention was set for May the 11th at 3:00 o'clock in the court house.

The precinct meetings have been set for Saturday, May the 4th, at 2:30 o'clock.

C. E. Brown, chairman of the Democratic executive meeting, who presided on Saturday gave the following instructions relative to the precinct meeting: that at each meeting a committee of five is to be elected, one of which is to be a woman.

The committee of five will elect one of their number as chairman, and will also elect a vice chairman, which is to be a woman. The precincts will also be required to elect delegates to the county convention, each precinct being allowed one delegate for every twenty-five votes cast in the gubernatorial election.

Announcement was made at the meeting on Saturday of the state convention which will be held in Raleigh on May the 17th.

## Interest Grows In Annual Chamber Commerce Dinner Tuesday Night

WILL PRESIDE

Plans are underway for the annual party and dinner which is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce to be held on Tuesday evening at 7:15 in the building formerly occupied by the Citizens Bank and Trust Company, but now the headquarters of the Chamber of Commerce and the community center.

The affair gives promise of being the largest ever staged by the organization and interest continues to grow in the affair and in the large number of attractive prizes donated by the business firms of the town which will be given to lucky ticket holders during the evening.

A short interesting program which will include music by the high school band, a skit by Clarence Barnes, reported to be a sure cure of the "Blues," with other features will take up the evening.

J. W. Killian, president of the Chamber of Commerce, will preside. Dr. R. P. Walker will give the invocation, Jonathan Woody will act as master of ceremonies. J. Dale Stentz, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, will outline the plans for the community center.

N. W. Garrett, president of the



PRESIDENT J. W. KILLIAN

merchants division is serving as chairman of ticket sales, and the fifty cents asked includes dinner, entertainment, and a chance at one of the prizes. W. H. Massie, vice president, and chairman of ways

and means is serving as general chairman on arrangements for the dinner Tuesday.

A person must be present in order to be eligible for one of the prizes. The following is a partial list, as a number more are expected to be added before the dinner Tuesday night: Western Auto Associates, quart thermos, with four cups; Belk-Hudson, \$2.00 in trade; Massie Department Store, two pair Kayser hosiery; Smith Drug Store, Yardley toilet water; Spaulding Underwood (Sinclair) oil change; Shell (Charlie Balentine), wash and grease job; The Food Store, 24 pound sack of flour; The Toggery, \$5.00 in trade; Waynesville Laundry, \$5.00 in laundry and dry cleaning; Massie Hardware, 1 gallon paint; C. E. Ray's Sons, \$5.00 in trade; Waynesville Candy Company, a box of candy.

The Eagle Store, 1 framed picture, large; Alexander's Drugs, 1 box Nunnally candy; W. A. Bradley's Store, one print dress; Royle Pilkington, 1 piece of tapestry; Unagusta Furniture Company, 1 piece of furniture; C. N. Allen, \$1.00; Garrett Furniture, \$5.00 in trade; Burgin Brothers, 24 pound candy. (Continued on page 12)

### ALONG POLITICAL FRONTS

The sun went down on Saturday afternoon the 13th, it set time as far as those who to file for county office in 1940. It has grown surprisingly in the two weeks until the Democratic ticket is so strong and the Republican candidates number 8.

Hyatt, lumberman, who expresses it, has been "ac-Haywood County politics for forty years," is impatient to get back into the official circle of Haywood County. Hyatt is no stranger to the county. For four years he served as chairman of the county board of commissioners. In 1936 he was a member of the Haywood Hospital board, being elected during the years of the depression and establishment of the hospital. This time Mr. Hyatt wants to serve on the county board of education. He knows about Haywood and has acquaintance that covers the county. With background he will no doubt have a strong fight.

Theodore McCracken, a prisoner, as far as an elective office is concerned, is asking the county board to cast their vote. He wants to serve on the county commission. He has never had an active part in the political life of the county. He has always taken a keen interest in the affairs. For a number of years he has served as a member of the county welfare board, an appointment. Here he rendered a service. He was a member of the Waynesville town council board for eight years. In many years in the Baptist church, he has taken part in church and civic work related to half of Haywood. He stands to make a strong membership on the county commissioners.

Howell, prominent farmer-stock raiser, of Waynesville, is asking the county board to cast their vote. He has decided he is an onlooker any longer. He has announced his candidacy for collector. Mr. Howell, is an old school politician and is generally recognized to be all wool and a yard wide as his loyalty is very true. He takes his politics very seriously.

He has watched the in of county officials come and at one time for a few years joined the crowd of the county board members, to say nothing of everybody in Haywood.

C. Haynes, farmer, of Waynesville, is seeking a berth on the county board of education. He has had years of experience in various county offices. He has served the county for six years he was registered; a member of the board of commissioners for two years, and a deputy sheriff for 10 years. He has a book, and is never without it when he is riding in the county with other boys who are serving the county government. He has been mighty lucky in his elections about land offices he has sought, so he doubt make a formidable opponent in the board of education.

Donahoe, candidate for this district, will display his platform at the court house Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Candidate Donahoe will be the National Assn. of the New Townsend plan. A brief outline of the plan will be found in the columns of this newspaper.

Crawford, campaign for A. J. Maxwell, candidate for sheriff, is mentioned on page 12.