

ALONG POLITICAL FRONT

Marwell, commissioner of and candidate for gov- ernment, will bring his campaign to County voters here at a house on Monday night. Manager Walter Crawford has urged the voters to hear Maxwell, who is not considered a serious contender, but is said to have a lot of meat on his bones.

County board of elections is these days getting things in motion for the new registration law. A good crowd gathered at the house on that eventful day in which voters make their choice of candidates. It seems that a number of changes in the election laws by the General Assembly that Hipps and McClure are to install in the judges, so the elections will be carried out "letter of the law." The usual marking of the ballot to be a thing of the old checking another's vote grave and complicated surrounded with certain rules.

Democrats about town are peddling tickets all over the grand rally to be held Saturday night by the Democrats of the 11th district. It is reported a number of candidates for office, including J. M. Brown, gubernatorial aspirant, will be on hand to revive the spirit of Democracy with the voters. A number of County political leaders are going to gather with the district voters.

Maxwell and Dewey are taking in their party ranks as they roll around. From counts President Roosevelt is unable to get his party's nomination if he so desires. The week confirmed the fact that E. Dewey is emerging as the "popular choice" for the Republican presidential berth. In some of the Republican quarters it was felt that the power in 1932 and kept here with increased majority in 1936 had so softened as to give Republicans a fighting chance to recapture White House in November. A general thing the Republicans are not so optimistic.

In the meantime political leaders are crowning on a third term beginning of the talk some ago are waiting up to expect as no candidate as appeared on the horizon, to the Roosevelt popularity. Lee of Oklahoma, is taking stand that Roosevelt has finished his work, and that Democrats should not wait for a third term, but should urge that he run, and that the people want felt and will not be satisfied with some other candidate on the platform.

In the meantime the president announced that he may take while the Republicans meet, all thereby stage a "special sidishow" for the Republican Convention, as he tries to keep up with his rivals. Included in the tour would be a visit to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, which would dedicate which great Carolinians have been looking forward to for many months.

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thousands Have Been Added to the Subscription Lists of This Newspaper.

A record unheard in the history of high-pressure campaign methods.

J. Wilford Ray Buys Large Tract For Development

Sixteen Acres On Highway In Hazelwood Bought By Waynesville Business Man

Engineers are now working out final details of streets and platting lots in the development of the Weil property on the left of Highway No. 19, just beyond the Waynesville city limit in Hazelwood, which was recently purchased by J. Wilford Ray. The property fronts the highway for about 1,000 feet, and extends back about 700 feet, in a well elevated grove. Mr. Ray said that the tract would be divided into about 20 large lots. Tentative plans are to have a modern street to circle the interior of the property. "My plans are to make the lots much larger than the average development lot. I love the wide-open spaces, and plan to develop this tract that way." The property is usually spoken of as the Bass property. It was bought by Mr. Weil, of Goldsboro, in 1916. The transaction was handled by Henry Gaddy.

Mrs. Harry Hall Dies From Heart Attack Saturday

Last rites were conducted at 3 o'clock on Monday afternoon at the Garrett Funeral Home for Mrs. Anna Elise Hall, wife of Harry M. Hall, who died at her home on Hazel street at 12:55 o'clock on Saturday morning. The Rev. W. Herbert Mayers, rector of Grace Episcopal church, officiated. Burial was in Green Hill cemetery.

Active pallbearers were: T. Le-noir Gwyn, James W. Reed, Quinby Kipp, E. L. Withers, William Medford, and Paul Martin. Honorary pallbearers included: W. T. Lee, J. R. Boyd, Dr. N. F. Lancaster, Dr. S. P. Gay, W. W. Blackwell, T. L. Green, S. H. Bushnell, Dr. C. N. Sisk, J. H. Way, Jr., J. L. Stringfield, C. H. Ray, C. H. Ray, Jr., Thomas M. Seawell, W. P. Brooks, Joe Mormino, M. T. McCracken, Dr. W. H. Liner, W. R. Francis, E. N. Wood, W. L. Hardin, Jr., Dr. R. H. Stretcher, J. M. Palmer, Walter T. Crawford, E. C. Moody, H. C. Lindsley, W. C. Allen, Felix Stovall, R. L. Lee, W. L. Lampkin, W. Curtis Russ, and Jack Messer.

Mrs. Hall is the daughter of the late Anna Elise and William H. (Continued on page 12)

Inspectors Are Vaccinating Dogs For Rabies

The rabies inspectors for this county started their work of vaccinating the dogs of the county, around April the first, and according to the laws of the state, the work must be completed within 90 days. The appointments are made by Dr. C. N. Sisk, health officer, and the county commissioners. The inspectors are required to use a vaccine approved by the department of agriculture and furnish a certificate of vaccination and a metal tag to the dog owners. They are allowed to collect fifty cents from the owner for each dog vaccinated and the owner can receive credit on dog tax by presenting the certificate to the tax collector.

During the year previous to this (Continued on page 12)

D. Hidden Ramsey Will Address FFA Banquet Group Here Tonight



D. HIDDEN RAMSEY

\$62,000 Fire Loss At Lake Junaluska Sunday



Blackened and cracked walls were all that remained of the well-stocked, two-story general merchandise store of Junaluska Supply Company Sunday afternoon. The extreme left is the shell of the supply company, while the gutted building at the right was where the Carolina Hill-Billies operated. This photograph, made by The Mountaineer Monday morning, shows the ruins still smoking, and in some sections still ablaze.

Rebuilding Store



JERRY LINER, Owner

Road Committee Optimistic Over Highway No. 293

"We have every reason to believe that satisfactory progress is being made as to the Blue Ridge Parkway, and feel that the right-of-way will be cleared within 12 months. "It is also our belief that actual construction of the state highway from Suco Gap to Cherokee will be underway by this time next year," was the joint opinion of Chas. E. Ray, Jr., and L. N. Davis, members of the park road committee of the Chamber of Commerce, after they had received word from Washington that the Senate Committee had given unanimous approval of the bill which would remove all obstacles for the granting of a right-of-way for the Blue Ridge Parkway across the Cherokee Indian Reservation. A re-survey of the mountain end of the Suco-Cherokee road will have to be made, as the present plans call for a higher standard of curves than the original route. This, however, would not hold up (Continued on page 7)



So terrific was the heat that the heavy steel girders were twisted into shapeless forms in the blaze at the Lake Sunday. A picture of the building, made from the same spot some time ago, will be found on page 12. All photographs made by The Mountaineer.

Big Crew Rebuilding Junaluska Supply Co.

Jerry Liner Expects To Occupy New Building Within Next Sixty Days

Thirty men were at work yesterday clearing away the ruins of Sunday's \$62,000 fire, in preparation to rebuilding a modern home for the Junaluska Supply Company, at Lake Junaluska.

Jerry Liner, owner, said yesterday that he plans to be in the new building within sixty days. A temporary store was open for business yesterday, and an office of the Junaluska Supply Company and the Carolina Hill Billies was set up in the recently completed planning mill building, which was not damaged by Sunday's destructive blaze which completely destroyed the buildings and contents of the Supply Company and the Hill Billies.

Harry Lee Liner, and two sons, owners of the Hill Billies novelty wood manufacturers, had no statement to make yesterday regarding their future plans. Mr. Liner was out of town until Tuesday, loading a band mill, and the owners were in conference regarding future plans yesterday. Their loss was set at \$25,000 for stock and machinery, with \$5,000 insurance. The Junaluska Supply stock loss was set at \$25,000, with \$12,000 on buildings. No insurance was carried by Jerry Liner.

The fire was discovered about 9:30 Sunday morning by one of the four men who were working in the Hill Billies building. The blaze started in the finishing room, which was a separate building from the other group. No one had been working in the finishing room since two o'clock Saturday afternoon. How the fire started is not known. The blaze spread rapidly in the finishing room among the lacquer which is used for finishing the wood products. A number of fire extinguishers were exhausted in an effort to get the blaze under control, but exploding barrels of lacquer only added to the flames, which quickly spread into the rear of the Junaluska Supply store (Continued on page 7)

\$1,835 Pledged To C. Of C. Work At Tuesday's Meeting

Local Scenes In New Publication

The new edition of "North Carolina Vacationland," features the front cover in four colors, of a scene taken from a point near Pie Top, in this county. Another similar picture, taken from the same point, was featured this past Sunday in the New York Times. Several pictures on the inside of the booklet are of Waynesville and Lake Junaluska.

M. J. McCracken Passes After Extended Illness

For Many Years He Was One Of The Leading Farmers In County

Manson J. McCracken, 75, who had been in ill health for some time, died at 7 o'clock on Wednesday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Charles B. McCrary on Fines Creek. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the Crabtree Baptist church, with the Rev. R. P. McCracken officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Serving as active pallbearers will be Robert Welch, Johnny Ferguson, and the following nephews: Ted Walker, Paul Walker, Clayton Walker, and Howell McCracken. Mr. McCracken, at one time the largest individual taxpayer in the county, was born in Crabtree township on April the 11th, 1865, the son of Hiram and Mary Howell McCracken.

For many years he was one of the leading stock raisers in the county. For a number of years Mr. McCracken was one of the largest stockholders and a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank. He is survived by eight daughters; Mrs. Charles B. McCrary, of Fines, Creek, Mrs. Frank Williams, (Continued on page 7)

Slot Machine Receipts Given To Band Fund

Interest in the band fund continues to grow. Yesterday L. M. Richeson received a donation from an unexpected source. The police department of Waynesville seized four slot machines, from which they took \$55.02, and presented the entire amount to Mr. Richeson.

The law says that the officers may keep half the money derived from such types of confiscated property, but in this case the interest in the band was such that they all agreed to give the entire amount to the fund. The machines, said by the police to be owned by Vaughn Cannon, of Asheville, were located in four business places in town. The trial is set for Friday afternoon in police court.

54 Gallons Of Liquor And One Man Captured

Fifty-four gallons of no-tax paid corn liquor said to have been brought from Tennessee, was captured around 9 o'clock on Wednesday morning in the Iron Duff section of the county by deputies Bill Hill, Bob Jenkins, and Carter Bryson.

The whiskey was taken from a Ford V-8 '37 with a trailer attached. The unknown driver of the car and the man in the trailer both ran, but the latter, Doyle Pressley, was caught, and with the whiskey was brought into town. Pressley was lodged in jail and the liquor was turned over to the sheriff's department. The beverage in the popular half gallon glass jar containers was reported to have been poured out by Noble Ferguson, deputy, shortly after it was brought in.

Candidate Maxwell Will Address Haywood County Voters Monday



A. J. MAXWELL

Attendance At New Community Center Largest In Years Despite Rain

Enthusiasm, optimism and generosity with pledges prevailed at the annual Chamber of Commerce gathering Tuesday night when more than 250 interested citizens attended despite a steady downpour. Pledges and money collected Tuesday night amounted to \$1,835.16. This was received in just a little over an hour, with Jonathan Woody, as master of ceremonies, in charge of getting pledges. The 1940 budget calls for \$4,000. So forceful was the plea from Mr. Woody, that Mayor Holmes Bryson, of Asheville, a visitor, gave a Biltmore homespun suit, and then joined R. P. Booth, president, and Malcom Wainworth, manager of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, in giving \$10 to the Waynesville organization.

During the course of the evening, President J. W. Killian recognized, besides the Asheville visitors, Mayor and Mrs. Gibson, of Sylva, Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson, of the Sylva Chamber of Commerce, and Mayor Paul Murray, or Canton. Dr. J. R. McCracken introduced Mayor and Mrs. Holmes Bryson. County and town officials were introduced along with the presidents of all the civic club of the community.

Clarence Barnes gave a short humorous skit as a "red-headed" country boy on his first visit to town.

R. L. Prevost outlined the need for completing the community center, after stating that plans (Continued on page 12)

Will M. Ray Dies At Home Here On Tuesday Morning

William Medford Ray, 73, retired contractor, died at his home on Meadow street at 4:45 a. m. Tuesday. Funeral services were held at the First Baptist church at 3 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, with the pastor, the Rev. J. S. Hopkins, officiating. Burial was in Green Hill cemetery.

Serving as active pallbearers were: J. C. Brown, Henry Davis, J. R. Morgan, John L. Davis, J. T. Bridges, and W. H. Burgin.

Honorary pallbearers included: Dr. N. F. Lancaster, W. G. Byers, W. C. Allen, Frank Albright, A. C. Arrington, Otis Burgin, Clarence Barnes, Jeff Cochran, Gus Cochran, Eston Caldwell, Carmen Fincher, H. B. Freeman, Carpenter Gilliland, J. R. Green, Charles Gibson, Robert Gaddy, A. G. Hollifield, F. B. Ledford, Jarvis McCracken, V. V. Price, J. T. Russell, O. S. Rhymer, Joe Tate, R. L. Wilson, and H. C. Wilburn. Mr. Ray was born in Newport, Tenn., on March the 10th, 1867, the son of Lucile Fields and Wilburn Ray. He came to this section when sixteen years of age. (Continued on page 12)

Mattress Program Will Be Promoted In This County

Under a co-operative agreement between the Surplus Commodity Corporation, the Extension Service, the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, Farm Security Administration, and National Youth Administration, mattresses will be made and distributed to rural families in Haywood County.

The plan has several purposes, some of which are: (1) to use surplus cotton; (2) to furnish less fortunate families with a mattress, and (3) to teach rural people how to make a mattress. The work will be under the direct supervision of the home demonstration agent, Miss Mary Margaret Smith. Applications will be approved by the county AAA committee. The county commissioners will co-operate with the program by furnishing a building for storage and a place to work. Present plans call for a central storage and work shop; however, if sufficient interest is shown, the work may be conducted in each community. To qualify for a mattress the gross income for 1939 must have (Continued on page 7)