

THE WAYNESVILLE MOUNTAINEER

Published In The County Seat of Haywood County At The Eastern Entrance of The Great Smoky Mountains National Park

SIXTH YEAR

NO. 20 Sixteen Pages Today

WAYNESVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY, MAY 16, 1940

\$1.50 In Advance In Haywood and Jackson Counties

POLITICAL FRONT



C. E. BROWN

Brown, who has led the state of Haywood as their political battles with the state an experienced war-scarred man was again chosen at the convention on Saturday to carry the banner for the predicted victory.

ing the week political news dived off front pages to give war news which held the at, but regardless of the in during the next week, in- will swing back to the "busi- home" and voters will catch the progress of the candi-

Wood Democrats are strong rovevelt for a third term, from the recent county con-

In fact it seems to be "big" for Franklin D., pro- wants to run. Daily, the carries news of added re- to the army of voters who only willing to support him third term but who are ur- at he run. With European in the critical state they are former lukewarm advocates, ten those bitterly opposed, for a continuation of the deal. They seem to feel that better policy not to change in the middle of the stream. seems little doubt left as to will happen at the Chicago

state gubernatorial cam- producing "a bumper crop ers." At any rate "the whether true or not, are up the campaign, and the ates all feel the urge to certain reports" with ex- ions. Chances in most cases sports that a candidate or tes are losing ground ord- with the supporters of the "fellow", which leaves the voter in the dark as to how and blows. But there seems general policy for the man- to feel sure of their man. At te the voters will not be a suspense much longer, for e is getting short.

Senator Lee Gravely, can- for governor, was a county this week. While making ech in Waynesville, he spent busy hours, so it is reported, glad smile and a cordial ke, rounding up as many ters as he could find about wn. Mr. Gravely is strong "human side" of govern-

Cathey, candidate for Con- from the 11th district, who to be making a steady race Congressman Weaver, will his cause to the Haywood on next Wednesday night the court house at 8 o'clock. he has a "convincing line" reported to be feeling much aged over the progress he ing toward his goal. But eaver, is a quiet conserva- campaigner, and the final vote only reliable way to tell who the victor.

Kerr Scott, candidate for re- as Commissioner of Agriculture, will bring his cam- to the voters of Haywood on ay afternoon, when he will here in the court house at ck. Known to hundreds of od Farmers as a practical gressive farmer, he is ask- citizens of the state to en- to him for another term the (Continued on page 5)

County WPA Groups To Hold Open House

Projects To Observe National Celebration of "This Pays Your Community"

The national celebration of "This work pays your community" week of May 20-25 will be observed locally as throughout the country, with open house on all professional and service division projects of the Works Projects Administration. The celebration is being sponsored by the county board of commissioners and the county board of education.

A dinner will be given on Monday night at the Hazelwood school cafeteria with W. G. Byers serving as toastmaster, which will officially open the celebration. Evander Preston will lead the assembly singing. The evening will close with a square dance led by Sam Queen.

R. T. Messer, chairman of the county board of education, will talk on "What WPA Has Meant to Our School System in Haywood County." Mrs. Eleanor Turner will give a reading, "Roosevelt the Man." Mrs. Leavie Smith Fowler, will discuss "The Nursery Project and what it has meant to me and my children." Geo. Brown will talk on "Four and one-half years of WPA in Haywood County." Clyde Fisher will speak on "My work with the operations divisions." Mrs. Bonita Garland will discuss "What my work in WPA sewing rooms has meant to me." White- ner Prevost, mayor of Hazelwood, will discuss "WPA contribution to Hazelwood."

Paul Murray, mayor of Canton, will discuss "WPA in Canton." Tom Rogers, alderman of Clyde, will talk on "Benefits from WPA in town of Clyde." J. H. Way, Jr., mayor of Waynesville, will talk on "Has WPA benefitted Waynesville as a tourist resort?" Musical numbers will be given by a trio from WPA music project, a duet, "God Bless America," by Mrs. Janie Love Taliaferro and Mrs. E. Turner, a solo by Ida Lou Gibson.

The steering committee for the (Continued on page 8)

Lt. Reed Promoted To Captain In U. S. Army Air Corps

Lieutenant Minthorn Reed, of the U. S. Army Air Corps, has recently been promoted to a captain in the corps.

Captain Reed, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Reed, is a native of Waynesville. He has been in the air corps for the past ten years and has to his credit a very fine record of service.

He is now stationed at Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Ala.

FRANK D. FERGUSON, JR. IS REPORTED IMPROVED

Frank D. Ferguson, Jr., candidate for representative from Haywood County in the coming primary, who has been confined to the Haywood County Hospital for the past several days by illness, is reported to be improved.

Mr. Ferguson, who has taught school for the past several years in the county schools, received his license during the year to practice law, and expects to take up his profession this summer.

National DAR Officers Dedicate Forest Area

50,000 Pines Being Planted By Organization In Sherwood National Forest

The dedication of the D. A. R. Jubilee Forest area, located in Sherwood National Forest to be planted in 50,000 pines, sponsored by the North Carolina society of the Daughters of the American Revolution took place with an impressive ceremony on Wednesday at noon with Mrs. Henry M. Robert, of Indianapolis, Md., president general of the National society of the D. A. R., taking part on the program.

Mrs. Hugh McAllister, of Lumberton, chairman of conservation of the National society and state chairman of conservation in the North Carolina society, presided over the dedication ceremonies.

Democrats In County Meeting Endorse 3rd Term

Delegates Elected To State Democratic Convention In Raleigh

Delegates to the county Democratic convention held here in the court house on Saturday afternoon, put aside any personal support of individual candidates and unanimously endorsed the local county, state and national Democratic administrations.

They went on record as being heartily in favor of Franklin D. Roosevelt for a third term as president.

C. E. Brown, of Canton, was re-elected chairman of the county Democrats.

The following delegates were elected to attend the state Democratic convention which will be held in Raleigh tomorrow: W. T. Lee, Judge Felix E. Alley, R. V. Welch, W. G. Byers, Chester A. Cogburn, J. F. Cabe, T. L. Gwyn, W. T. Crawford, W. R. Francis, David Underwood, Mrs. D. D. Alley.

Sam Queen, Roy Plott, W. H. McCracken, J. L. Walker, R. L. Prevost, Mrs. J. T. Bailey, Mrs. Ed Fincher, T. J. Cathey, Frank Wells, Mack Caldwell, C. W. Moody, Perry Allen, Joe Michael, Luther Pless, S. L. Woody, R. D. Coleman, Clyde R. Hoey, Jr., Dr. F. M. Davis, W. W. Pless, H. A. Osborne, Way Kinsland, G. C. Bryson.

H. V. Cagle, Floyd Woody, J. E. Henderson, Lee Ferguson, C. E. Brown, G. M. Fish, Jack West, Ennis Sentelle, R. T. Boyd, Frank Haynes, J. M. Ledford, Frank Ferguson, Jr., O. L. Yates, C. T. Noland, C. L. Hill, John Best, G. C. Palmer, Dr. E. C. Horton, G. H. McCrary, D. Reeves Noland, Faridy Green, A. G. Baldwin, J. R. Hipps, C. E. Cole, and Mrs. Fannie Johnson Reynolds.

While the foregoing were elected as delegates, any person desiring to attend is invited to join Haywood's delegation and go to the state convention.

Parkway Tunnel To Be Shortened By Almost Half

Three Shifts Are Working On Tunnel Near Beech Gap; Have Bored 312 Feet

After boring 312 feet in the tunnel on the Blue Ridge Parkway near Beech Gap, engineers have found that the proposed 660-foot tunnel will not be more than 320 feet when completed.

Three shifts are working in the tunnel, in order that work beyond can get under way during favorable weather. About fifty men are on the job. Those not engaged in the boring of the tunnel, are clearing right-of-ways.

The contract for the section of the Parkway near Beech Gap was awarded to Nello Teer Company, of Durham.

Mr. Pridden, who is in charge, reported this week that satisfactory progress was being made with their work.

Inter-City Rotary Meeting Will Be Held Here Friday

Dr. H. T. Hunter, Of Cullowhee, To Be Speaker; 100 Expected To Attend

Rotarians from Asheville, Sylva and Waynesville will hold an inter-city meeting here Friday night, at 7:30, with Dr. H. T. Hunter, president of Western Carolina Teachers College, as speaker.

Plans are being made to take care of about 100 at the meeting, which will be held at the Baptist Sunday school building.

The Sylva club has charge of the program, and in addition to Dr. Hunter, will bring a violinist and pianist from the college.

The Waynesville club, on last Friday, went on record as endorsing the operation of a "real educational" county fair. The resolution was sent to the board of commissioners.

The club heard a report from J. C. Brown, on the recent district conference.

Selects Waynesville



W. H. F. MILLAR, and family have moved to their new home near here.

Chicago Family To Reside Here Permanently

Climate, People and Scenery Of Section Bring Visitors Back For Residence

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. F. Millar, of Wheaton, Ill., a suburb of Chicago, arrived the first of the month to begin occupancy of the home which they had built this winter on Hyatt Creek road.

During 1927 and 1928, when the Millars temporarily resided here, they expressed their intention of eventually returning to Waynesville to live permanently. Thus their return to Waynesville to reside is the fulfillment of an ambition of many years.

Their son, Billy, who is a native of Waynesville, was born here in the spring of 1928. He will attend Junior high school in the fall. Many friends will recall their older son, Robert, who attended school here for a time, and is now a student at North Carolina State College in Raleigh. He has spent a week-end with the family since their arrival here.

Mr. Millar, a practicing lawyer of Chicago, has opened offices in the Masonic Temple here, and although he is admitted to practice (Continued on page 5)

Social Security Pays \$272,350 In County

Protect The Squirrels Asks Warden Plott

G. C. Plott, county game and fish warden, has been keeping an eagle eye on the maple tree, first to the right, facing the court house from the street. Last Thursday he placed a small house containing two squirrels in the tree keeping them locked in the house for the first day.

He is trying to get them to make their home on the court house square and is asking the public to co-operate with him. The squirrels are about two years old, were caught at Cruso and have been in captivity at the Faraday Green store on Cove Creek for the past year. When the present animals become accustomed to their new home, Mr. Plott plans to give them company with another couple of squirrels.

Local Red Cross Chapter Is Asked For \$300 Quota

National Headquarters Calling For \$10,000,000 For War Relief

The following telegram was received on Monday morning by L. N. Davis, chairman of the Haywood County chapter of the American Red Cross, from Norman H. Davis, national chairman:

"With the invasion of Holland, Belgium, and Luxembourg the war has entered a phase which will inevitably and at once bring widespread and appalling suffering to millions of helpless men, women and children. In order to inaugurate widespread relief measures, the American Red Cross is at once launching a campaign for a minimum war relief fund of ten million dollars. Your chapter quota is \$300. Please at once mobilize the entire leadership of your chapter and community in order that your quota may be raised and exceeded without delay. Chapters may retain fifteen per cent of collections to cover their local war relief expenses. Letter of instructions follows."

A preliminary meeting of the officers and chairmen of the local chapter was held on Wednesday morning and plans were made to hold a "Thank Offering" drive on Friday and Saturday of this week to raise the quota of \$300.

At five o'clock this afternoon a meeting is being held at the community center to organize workers who will make the drive for collections. Herbert K. Caskey, of Asheville, will address the meeting. Mr. Caskey has recently returned from the National meeting at the American Red Cross headquarters in Washington.

Miss Eileen Massie, who has been attending dramatic school in New York City for the past winter, has returned home for the summer months.

Civic Groups To Study Eastern Area Of Park

Inspection Trip To Be Made Sunday By Representative Group Of Citizens

Civic leaders of Waynesville, Asheville, Hendersonville, Canton, Brevard and other Western North Carolina towns, will gather here about ten o'clock Sunday for a trip into the eastern side of the park in order to personally familiarize themselves with the entrances and the proposed access roads for the eastern end of the North Carolina side.

The group will also study proper developments within the park as to roads, recreational and lodging facilities.

Among the points which will be visited, include, Cove Creek gap, Black Camp Gap, Flat Creek, Hein- (Continued on page 8)

Haywood County residents and communities have benefited about \$272,350 through operation of the Social Security program, it is estimated by Charles G. Powell, chairman of the North Carolina Unemployment Compensation commission.

Unemployment compensation, or benefits to workers temporarily out of jobs, is usually the largest item in the ten divisions of the program, in counties with fairly large industries. In the two years of benefit payments, 1938 and 1939, the distribution was \$88,339.37, included in 9,452 checks to county residents.

Old Age Assistance, help for the needy passed 65 years of age, in Haywood county in 31 months of distribution amounted to \$114,423.10. The January amount was \$4,815.60, going to 447 needy aged persons, an average of \$10.77 each, as compared with the state average of \$9.72 for the month.

Aid to dependent children, help in the support of children deprived of their natural breadwinners, amounted to \$33,754.50 in the same 31 months. The January amount was \$1,263.20, going to the support of 259 such children, an average of \$4.88 each, as compared with the state average of \$6.18 for the month.

Aid to the blind in Haywood county was \$10,031.52 for the same 31 months. In January \$378 went to 25 blind persons, average \$15.12 each; state average, \$14.90.

In old age assistance and aid to the blind, the funds are provided one-half by the federal government and one-fourth each by the state and county. In aid to dependent children funds have been furnished one-third by the federal, state and county governments. Now the federal government will furnish one-half, as in cases of the needy aged and the blind.

Old age benefits, now old age and survivors' insurance, is not available by counties, but a proration can be made to get a county (Continued on page 8)

M. T. Owen Will Be Buried Friday

Funeral services will be conducted on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the First Baptist church for Melvin Theodore Owen, 76, who died at 12:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the home of his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Owen, of the Dellwood road.

The Rev. J. S. Hopkins, pastor of the church, will officiate. Burial will be in Greenhill cemetery.

Mr. Owen is a native of Jackson county, but has spent the greater part of his life in Haywood.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Ruby Burton and Mrs. T. E. Black, both of Asheville; three sons, Homer Owen, of Waynesville, Roy Owen, of Greenville, S. C., and Sam Owen, of Asheville.

CAPT. CRAWFORD SENT TO CAMP BEAUREGARD

Captain Harry Crawford, U. S. Army, son of Mrs. W. T. Crawford, who has been stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., for the past several weeks, has been transferred to Camp Beauregard, La., with the 80th Field Artillery.

Fire Discovered In Time To Avoid Damage

What might have been a serious fire Monday morning had it not been discovered in its early stages, ended with no damage except the partial loss of a pile of coal in the basement of the "Tap Room" located in the Atkins building on Main street.

John Jones, operator of the Tap Room was met with smoke when he opened up his place for the day, around 5:30 Monday morning. Upon investigation, he found a pile of fuel in the basement on fire.

The fire department was called and the burning coal was soon reduced to a pile of charred embers.