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Waynesville Needs 61 To Have 3,000

POLITICAL FRONT

ALONG
question, the 1940 candi-
the most optimistic group
seekers who ever shook a
asked for a vote.

those wanting to be con-
to managers of the most
gubernatorial can-
prevailed in no
quality, but still, not
with any of them, but what
their efforts last night
home stretch today and to-

fateful "night-before-elec-
" has not come to the
at as much this campaign
years. Old timers were
opinion this week, that little
would be done "the night

same old timers in the po-
in Haywood predicted
election"—because there
little evidences of money
freely.

candidates in the county
have been passing out elec-
during the past few days,
any thousands of the cards
are thrust into the hands of
ers, with a sincere request,
that you can for me."

county candidate has passed
thousand copies of his
m. This is a new proced-
a county candidate.

only formal speaking sched-
the week was held last
at the courthouse, when
Sam Cathey told a good-
of his desire to rep-
the 11th district in Con-
The speaking started as
mountainer went to press,
having no advance copy
address, it was impossible
it.

has been a hard-fought cam-
now, and this newspaper
to find one candidate but
looks forward to 7 p. m. Sat-
-whether he be high or low
All are looking forward to
earned rest after a hard

se you are looking for a list
dates, you will find them
front page of the second

until 7:30 Saturday night,
The Mountaineer will begin
the returns of the day's vote
political column bids all a
VOTING."

inery To Start
Spinach Crop
An Early Date

was learned from officials that
Waywood County Mutual Can-
located at Hazelwood, would
starting operations in the
cannery.

ing to the lateness of the sea-
the operation of the cannery
been delayed at least two
weeks.

uch will be the first crop to
be harvested. Predictions are that if
the conditions are favorable, in
the next two weeks the vegetable
crop will be matured sufficiently for
marketing purposes.

Wagenfeld Better;
Killed In Auto Wreck

Corinne Wagenfeld, book-
keeper for The Mountaineer, was
killed in an auto wreck while
resting more com-
fortably and much improved yes-
terday from the injuries she sus-
tained in a car accident on Fri-
day night, when an
automobile in which she was rid-
ing struck a telephone pole. She
suffered cuts about the face, and
a fracture of the head, as she was
struck against the windshield.
She died at her home on the Bal-

Heavy Vote Predicted For Saturday's Primary

Close Observers Estimate 9,000 Or More Will Vote

Candidates Intensifying Campaigning As Eventful Day Draws Nearer

Experienced political observers here yesterday were of the opinion that with favorable weather Saturday, a record vote would be cast in the Democratic primary. Predictions ranged from 8,500 to 10,000.

The new registration was unusually heavy, it was said, although the election officials have made no statement as to the actual number on the books, it was believed there were at least 13,000 qualified voters registered.

Increased activity this week on the part of all the 21 of the county candidates, together with friends of the three congressional candidates, and the 19 state candidates is expected to account for a swell in total votes cast on Saturday between 7 a. m. and 7 p. m.

The greatest change in the election laws for this primary, deals with the old marker system, and the doing away of absentee ballots. Reprints of the ballots to be voted on Saturday, will be found on the front page of the second section of this newspaper.

The county board of elections of Haywood has been making an effort for the past few weeks to get the voters acquainted with the drastic changes made by the 1939 General Assembly in the use of markers in primaries.

They have pointed out that the law must be recognized and strictly adhered to in the marking of the ballots at the primary on Saturday.

The only voters who may be assisted in the marking of their ballots are those who cannot read and those who by reason of physical handicap, such as blindness, paralysis or other disabling defect, are unable to mark their ballot.

In an official opinion, the Attorney General ruled that only those illiterates registered under the Grandfather Clause of the Constitution were entitled to assistance by reason of their inability to read.

When a voter is entitled to assistance in the marking of the ballot, he must obtain the assistance from a near relative, (husband and wife; parent and child; brother and sister; or grandparent and grandchild) but if no such near relative is present, he may then

Mrs. Ferguson Is Claimed By Death In Washington

Wife Of Late James W. Ferguson, Prominent Attorney Of Waynesville

Mrs. Hester Cooper Ferguson, formerly of Waynesville, who has been residing in Washington, D. C., for the past two years, died on Saturday evening in a hospital in that city. Funeral services were conducted here at the First Methodist church on Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock, with the pastor, the Rev. J. G. Huggin, Jr., officiating. Burial was in Greenhill cemetery.

Active pallbearers were: W. G. Byers, W. A. Hyatt, R. L. Lee, W. T. Crawford, O. H. Shelton, and M. T. McCracken.

Serving as honorary pallbearers were: J. R. Boyd, General Harley B. Ferguson, Frank W. Miller, H. C. Lindsley, Harry M. Hall, T. L. Green, E. J. Robeson, W. L. Hardin, Jr., and W. T. Lee.

Mrs. Ferguson was the widow of the late James W. Ferguson, son of the late Judge G. S. and Sarah Norwood Ferguson, who was for many years a prominent attorney of the Haywood County bar and solicitor for the 20th judicial dis-

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F. E. Alley, Jr., Is Elector From The 11th District

Number Of Haywood Democrats Placed On District Organization Committees

F. E. Alley, Jr., was named elector from the 11th congressional district in Raleigh last week, when the district organization was effected, after the state Democratic convention.

Other Haywood Democrats on committees, included W. T. Lee on the state platform committee.

W. G. Byers is a member of the state executive committee, and Sam Queen is a member of the Congressional executive committee.

W. T. Crawford is a member of the judicial committee, and R. E. Sentelle is a member of the senatorial executive committee.

Delegates to the Democratic national convention in Chicago in July, from this district, include J. Y. Jordan, Jr., of Buncombe; H. E. Buchanan, Henderson, J. E. S. Thorpe, Macon, and T. Max Watson, of Rutherford.

Nathan Walker, Former Clerk Of Court, Passes

Well Known Crabtree Farmer Dies After Lingering Illness

Nathan P. Walker, 83, well known farmer, and member of an old Haywood County pioneer family, died at his home in the Crabtree section Sunday night after a lingering illness.

Last rites were conducted on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Parker's Chapel, Methodist church, with the Rev. W. H. Nease and the Rev. C. D. Brown officiating.

Active pallbearers included the following grandsons and nephews: Jean Russell, Fred Medford, Esthel Walker, Lawrence Jones, Babe Walker, and Paul Walker.

Mr. Walker was actively identified with the political affairs of

Dr. O. T. Alexander Assumes Charge Of Drug Store Here

Dr. O. T. Alexander, for 25 years a Waynesville druggist, assumed active charge of the drug store bearing his name, the first of this week. The store is located across the street from the new community center on Main street.

Dr. Alexander has associated with him, another registered druggist, Dr. C. E. Davis, who was at one time connected with the store several months ago.

"We are replenishing our stocks, and will have complete lines in every department," the new manager said.

Complete Returns Of Primary To Be Given By The Mountaineer

Following a custom of many years, The Mountaineer will again on Saturday night, provide for the public, the complete returns from Haywood County of the primary.

Plans have been completed to give the returns on a large bulletin board, which will be suspended in front of the court house. Large white printing on the board will make it easily read while strong spot lights will provide ample light.

A public address system will be used in giving out the vote of each candidate in each precinct, as well as well as the totals. Peppy band music will be played in between announcing the votes.

A special arrangement is being made to have a radio hook-up to

D. A. R. Officials Dedicate Forest



Reading, left to right—Mrs. W. H. Belk, Charlotte, past state regent and past vice president general of the national society; Mrs. Eugene Davis, Raleigh, vice president general of the national society; Miss Rosalie Steele, daughter of the state chaplain; Mrs. Henry M. Robert, Annapolis, Md., president general of the D. A. R.; Mrs. Joseph H. Silverstein, Brevard, state regent of the D. A. R.; and Mrs. Hugh McAllister, Wilmington, national chairman of conservation, who took part last week in the Golden Jubilee of the dedication of an area to be planted in 50,000 pines in Sherwood Forest. The distinguished visitors were luncheon guests of the local D. A. R. chapter at the Gordon hotel following the dedication ceremonies.—Photo by Patsy Gwynn.

Uniforms Of High School Band To Be Fitted Today

Fifty uniforms for the Waynesville Township school band arrived during the week and will be fitted on fifty of the students this morning, according to director L. T. New, Jr.

The uniform has a Royal blue coat trimmed in gold, with gold citation shoulder cord, with left shoulder bearing the name of Waynesville Township High School Band. The trousers are tan with Royal blue stripe and the cap is of corresponding blue and gold.

Soco Team Will Appear Twice In The Coming Week

The Soco Gap Dance Team will fill two important engagements next week, on successive nights, but 550 miles apart.

On Monday night they will give an exhibition at the North Wales Country Club at Warrenton, Va. This is promoted by Tommy Litter, for whom the team recently gave an exhibition at Aiken.

On Tuesday night, the team will appear on the program of the state postmasters in session in Asheville. Among those expected at the Asheville meeting includes James A. Farley, postmaster general.

Baby Drinks Lye, Dies In Few Hours

A tragic death occurred on Saturday afternoon at the Haywood County Hospital when little Barbara Ensley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ensley, of Balsam, died as the result of having taken lye.

Last Friday her mother had left some milky looking lye in a cup near a washtub and stepped near it for a few minutes. The fifteen months old baby toddled over to the tub and reached out her chubby hands and drank some of the lye.

One of the children screamed to the mother that the baby had swallowed the lye, but as the child did not cry out the mother making

Civic Leaders Visit Entrances Into Smoky Park

As Result, Effort Will Be Made To Improve Entrance Into Soco Gap Highway

A motorcade made up of a party of 25 civic leaders of Western North Carolina visited the four entrances into the Great Smoky Mountains National Park on Sunday.

The trip was sponsored by the Western Carolina Advisory committee of the Chamber of Commerce of which Chas. E. Ray, Jr., is chairman and the roads and park committee of the Chamber of Commerce of which L. N. Davis is chairman.

The group first visited the Cove Creek Gap entrance, then Black Creek Gap, after a ride through a portion of the Cherokee Indian Reservation, Wolf Laurel Cove entrance, ending the trip with a drive through Cherokee to Newfound Gap.

It is reported that the Asheville delegation considered the Black Creek Gap the most beautiful entrance visited, and that as a result those on the trip will lend their efforts to improving the road from the Soco Gap highway into the Park. This would place Asheville within an hour's ride of the park, it was pointed out.

The party enjoyed a chicken lunch atop Soco Gap, the courtesy of the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce.

1 Killed In Collision At Canton

Ben Wilson, 34, Died Tuesday Night From Injuries Receiver In Car Wreck

Ben Wilson, 34, of the Pigeon section of the county, was fatally injured as a result of the collision of two cars which occurred around 9:10 o'clock Tuesday night in the Highland Park section of Canton, near the Smathers dairy.

Wilson was taken to a Canton physician, who rushed him to the Haywood County Hospital, but died en route here. His death is said to have been caused by a skull fracture and chest injuries.

Vinson W. Shipman, 34, was the driver of the car in which Wilson was riding and Roy William Brown, 24, an employe of the Champton Paper and Fibre Company, was driving the other vehicle.

At a preliminary hearing Tuesday morning in Canton, Shipman was ordered held under superior court bond of \$2,000 and Brown was bound over under bond of \$500. Four witnesses were heard at the hearing.

Brown was said to have been driving southeast when he decided to make a left turn and gave the signal. A car, according to the witnesses, said to have been driven by William Donaldson, immediately behind Brown's machine stopped, but a second car, said to have been driven by Shipman, continued on, colliding with the Brown car, as it started to make the turn, causing the Shipman car to turn over.

There were no other injuries except that Mrs. Brown was treated for shock.

Wilson is survived by his wife and three small children.

Red Cross Drive For War Relief Goes 'Over Top'

The request from National headquarters of the American Red Cross for a quota of \$300 from the local chapter was met with with more than one hundred per cent response according to president L. N. Davis.

Mr. Davis had in hand the first of the week \$302. He mailed to headquarters a check for \$255, the remaining 15 per cent being kept as ordered by headquarters for local emergency relief work. Mr. Davis stated that there would be additional sums added, as a number of persons desiring to contribute had not sent in their money as yet.

Miss Betsy Lane Quinlan was in charge of the house to house canvass. The Rev. J. G. Huggin, Jr., pastor of the First Methodist church was in charge of the business section.

Mr. Davis was loud in his praise yesterday of enthusiastic work on the part of all those in the drive and the generosity of the citizens of the community.

Last Friday and Saturday were set apart for the "Thank Offering" drive, and the \$300 was raised during the two days.

Theo. M. McCracken Will Be Out Today

M. Theo McCracken, candidate for member of county board of commissioners, has been confined to his home on Hazel street for the better part of this week. Mr. McCracken has been kept in by injuries sustained in a fall a few weeks ago. He is expected to be out again today.

Revised Count Shows Town Now Has 2,939 People

Campaign Started To 'Find' The Needed 61 To Bring Total To 3,000 Mark

Waynesville just needs 61 more people in order to have a population of 3,000, according to a new preliminary count of the returns of the sixteenth census, as given out yesterday by Chas. Z. Flack, supervisor of this district.

The count gives Waynesville credit for 2,939. This is a gain of about 20 per cent over the 1930 census figures, which were 2,414.

Town officials, headed by Mayor J. H. Way, Jr., and the president of the Chamber of Commerce, joined forces yesterday in an effort to "find" the additional 61.

These two officials, made an urgent plea that any person within the city limits of Waynesville who had not been counted in the census, to call at the Chamber of Commerce or First National Bank, and leave their name and address, and an enumerator will call and get the necessary information.

The same invitation is made to all residents of Hazelwood. The preliminary figures for Hazelwood, were 1,512, or a gain of 22 per cent over the last census.

"It is a civic duty of every citizen of the community to co-operate in this movement, and let it be known if there are any who have not been counted in this census," Mr. Killian said, upon being notified by this newspaper that only 61 more people were needed for a population of 3,000.

Mayor Way said, "Surely there are 61 more that we can find. I urge that every one take it upon themselves to leave their names at the Bank or the Chamber of Commerce for the enumerators. To have a population of 3,000 in Waynesville will mean a lot to us. We would get recognition for many agencies that are now ignoring us," the mayor concluded.

The Bureau of Census believes that it has employed every possible means for including all persons in the 16th Decennial Census of Population which has just been taken in this community. However, in spite of all the care and effort exercised in the conducting of this tremendous task within the limited time provided by law, it is quite possible that a few persons have inadvertently been missed.

The Waynesville census enumerators, Mrs. Sam Kelly and Mr. Roy Campbell will make daily calls to the Chamber of Commerce and will be pleased to enumerate any who have inadvertently been missed.

Mrs. Kelly, and Mr. Campbell expressed themselves as appreciative of the co-operation given them in the work. Mrs. Kelly said, "I've never known people to be so nice, so co-operative. I enjoyed every minute of it."

Funeral For Wife Of Sheriff Welch To Be Held Today

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the court house for Mrs. Robert V. Welch, wife of Sheriff Welch, and infant son, who died at 2:15 Wednesday morning at the Haywood County Hospital. The Rev. O. C. Newell, pastor of the Dellwood Methodist church, will officiate. Burial will be in Greenhill cemetery.

Serving as active pallbearers will be: J. R. Hipps, T. Lenoir Gwynn, Noble Ferguson, W. G. Byers, James Thomas, and David Underwood.

Honorary pallbearers will be: Walter Ferguson, M. M. Noland, J. C. Kerley, L. H. Bramlett, John Boyd, Jack Messer, Tom Cathey, Weaver McCracken, Homer Cagle, R. T. Messer, H. A. Osborne, Dr. Dudley W. Smith, Dr. S. L. Stringfield, Dr. Thos. Stringfield, Spauldon Underwood, W. F. Swift, W. A. Bradley, W. A. Hyatt.

R. L. Frevost, L. M. Richeson, Hugh Leal herwood, C. G. Bryson, Glenn Palmer, Lee Ferguson, F. D.

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You Haven't Been Counted In The Census You Are Urged To Phone 433 At Once
Every Person In The Community Must Be Counted — Leave Your Name At Chamber Of Commerce — Important For The Future!