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Welch Portrait Gift Of Friends



Above portrait of the late Julius C. Welch, which now hangs in the room of the Haywood County Court House was presented to the county by W. G. Byers, clerk of the superior court, and accepted by the people by Judge F. E. Alley in an appropriate ceremony last summer. Mr. Welch was a dominate figure in political life of Haywood County for more than half a century, and was one of the loved men of his time. The expense of the oil portrait was entirely by his friends. Mr. Welch who was the father of Sheriff, Robt. V. Welch, also served the county as sheriff and tax collector. Photo by Sherrill's Studio.

Veteran Printer Rounds Out 50 Years Of Service On This Paper

By Hilda Way Gwyn.
"What are Mrs. Brown's initials?"
"I don't know. You must think I carry the mailing list around in my pocket. Ask Mr. Bridges."
"What year was it that the new court house was built? I can't for the life of me remember."
"Search me. Ask Mr. Bridges, he'll know."
"Who owned this paper after Jesse Daniel Boone sold it the last time?"
"You must think I came in with the early settlers. That was long before my day. Go ask Mr. Bridges."
"Who was the mayor of Waynesville when they first paved Main street?"
"Why that was before I was born. Ask Mr. Bridges he'll know."
"And so it goes in the office of The Waynesville Mountaineer, when a question of local interest comes up and there is any doubt about it. The answers are always the same, from Editor Russ to the janitor—'Go ask Mr. Bridges.'"
But no wonder, this month marks a half century of his connection with the paper. Fifty years ago, at the age of 18, "when the chestnuts were getting ripe," he had his first job with the paper.
He has seen it change hands a dozen times, from top floor to basement quarters, on and off Main street. He has seen it staggering under the weight of trying to pay for itself as well as support its owners. He has known it in prosperous days. He has seen it in times of peace and in the stirring times of war.
He has watched the paper grow from a four page hand set five column sheet to its present size, and in the passing of time has become an "institution" with The Mountaineer.
He has seen it change its name, as well as its ownership, but he has stayed on. It was generally understood that whoever took over the paper also employed Mr. Bridges. For with only a few short years out, he has worked continuously on the paper.
James Thomas Bridges was born in Transylvania County, four miles from Brevard, sixty-eight years ago. When he was young, he claims that his home was a long distance from Brevard, but that today it seems a short walk.
He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. Y. Bridges, of South Carolina. They came to Transylvania County where the former established a business to card wool to make thread for weaving jeans and linsey.
When the subject of this sketch was 13 years old his father moved to Waynesville, and formed a part-

On Job 50 Years



J. T. "Tom" BRIDGES, is this week, rounding out 50 years as a printer with The Mountaineer. For the past 35 years he has been a linotype operator, but knows the mechanical department like a book. Photo by Sherrill's Studio.

Highway Group Delay Work On Soco Gap Road

The highway and public works commission voted yesterday to postpone at least temporarily, the awarding of construction contracts for the extension of Highway No. 293 from Soco Gap to Cherokee.
Included in the same order with the similar project coming from special funds of building a highway across Lake Mattamuskeet.
Both of the projects are special ones approved by Governor Hoey with funds to defray their cost to come from special allotments of highway funds. Governor Hoey was not in Raleigh when the commission made its decision.
The commission designated Chairman Frank L. Duniap, Chief Engineer W. Vance Baise and Commissioner E. V. Webb as a special committee to consider the proposals and decide whether the bids received Tuesday should be accepted.
Several months ago Governor Hoey said that he was anxious that the two projects get underway at an early date.
Dr. C. N. Sisk, district health officer, has returned from a business trip to Raleigh.

Longs are Adding 25 Rooms, Country Club

Last Call Made To Farmers Under 1940 Program

Only two more days for the farmers of Haywood County to make applications for lime and phosphate under the 1940 farm program, which closes on the 5th.
To date Haywood County has made a splendid record, now standing third on the list of counties of the state to take advantage of this offer by the government, with a record of 8,523 tons having been ordered by the farmers.
Applications are also being received now in the county agent's office for the 1941 program. Deliveries, which are to be made direct to the farms this year, without cost, will start moving by November the first. Those signing up first will get the earliest deliveries.

Work Already Underway on Addition To Waynesville Country Club

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Long, owners of the Waynesville Country Club, are enlarging their facilities by one-third, with work already underway.
Plans are to complete an addition to the rock building of the club by April first, giving 75 rooms in all.
The new addition will be built of rock to match the present rock building, and will be four stories high, containing 25 bedrooms, all with private baths.
The new building is 48 by 70 feet, which will make the entire rock building 48 by 120 feet, four stories high.
Fifteen men are now at work excavating the grounds for pouring concrete, which Mr. Long estimates will be all poured within two months.
Six or eight utility rooms will be built in the basement, it was said.
The plans to enlarge the facilities at the club came after the best season Mr. and Mrs. Long have ever had. During part of July, most of August and in September, they turned away people daily—sometimes as many as 20 a day.
"This has been our best September by far," Mr. Long told The Mountaineer yesterday.
"The golf course is in the best condition it has ever been in," he continued. "The greens are extra fine this season."
Since the completion of the rock building of the Country Club, with 20 bed rooms, several years ago, an annex was built, with 24 bed rooms, and now the public demand for a place near the golf course, makes it necessary for the other enlargement.
The golf course is a drawing card for the community, with many people seeking accommodations right on the course.
Although work has started on the foundations, there are a few remaining details to be worked out by the owners and their architect, it was said, but the heavy work is being pushed in order to get ahead of cold weather. No statement was made as to the cost of the expansion program.

Commissioners Will Be Asked To Ban On Carnivals In County

Members bearing the signatures of hundreds of Haywood citizens, presented to the board of commissioners Monday, asking that a ban be granted carnivals to be held in this county, regardless of township.
Conditions set out that, according to the belief of the signers, carnivals and traveling units of circuses, have a bad influence on the citizenship of the county and should not be tolerated.
The signers urged the signing of resolutions from the pulpits of the churches Sunday.
At that time, several of the petitions have been circulated in the business districts.
A petition is at the Chamber of Commerce office for the convening of the public, while R. C. C. has another copy of it which has been circulating since the percentage of those who refuse to sign it is mighty.
Mr. McBride said.
Petitioners set out that their resolutions do not include traveling circuses which frequently stage at the theatres of the county.

Livestock Show To Be Held Today

The first annual livestock show in Haywood, gets underway this morning at nine o'clock with a parade. The animals will be on display at the high school stadium until late this afternoon.
Indications yesterday were that more than 100 of the choice animals of the county would be displayed. These will include beef and dairy cattle, hogs, sheep, and horses.
Featuring the day, will be exhibition jumping by horses owned by L. H. Bramlett, and the pulling contest, in which a large number of teams are to be entered.
No admission charges will be made at any time—everything is free.

Sarah Jane Walker President Of Music Club At Woman's College

Miss Sarah Jane Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Walker, student at the Women's College of the University of North Carolina, is serving as president of the Madrigal Club. The club includes students of public school music.
Miss Walker is a member of the senior class and is prominent in college activities.
Lt. James Davis, of Company H, of the North Carolina National Guard, stationed at Fort Jackson, visited his family over the weekend.

Wood Would Have About 125 To Answer First Draft

Alumni Of Counties Meet

Alumni of Duke University, Haywood and Jackson counties, the Rev. W. R. Kelly, of president of their organization, a dinner meeting held here at the Gordon Hotel on Tuesday.
H. G. Herring, of the unit was the chief speaker on the program. Invocation was given by W. L. Lanier, a welcome address by Mr. and Mrs. Thom-son, with a brief talk by J. G. Huggin, Jr. Motion pictures of the Duke-Carolina football game were shown during the evening.
The nominating committee selected the officers: Dr. W. A. Cline, of Canton, as president; C. D. Brown, of Lake Fork, as vice president; and Margaret

Haywood County's quota of conscriptionists under the federal law which will send 400,000 young American men to training camps between now and January, probably will be in the neighborhood of 125, it was calculated here yesterday.
Although no official information has been received in the county, it was a matter of guess work of whether or not the 109 Waynesville men and 151 Canton men, now serving in camp with the National Guards, would be credited against Haywood's quota, as volunteers are listed.
The figure of 125 was arrived at by using the war department methods of calculation. The department figures that men between 21 and 35 make up 14 per cent of the population. About one in forty, or 400,000 from the nation-wide estimated 16,000,000 registration are to be drafted this year. Taking this county population, 35,000, and determining 14 per cent and dividing by

Haywood Getting Politically Minded As Election Nears

AAA Committee-men To Be Selected In Near Future

The election of AAA committee-men of Haywood County will be held sometime during the next few days, it was learned from the county farm agent's office yesterday. Special consideration is stressed by the government in the selection of these committee-men.
Elections will be held in each township by secret ballot, instead of by letter as was the case for the 1940 program. Five committee-men will be elected from each township, as well as two delegates to the county election for the election of the five county committee-men.
Notices will be sent in the near future of the time, and balloting places in each township.
The burley referendum will also be announced in the near future, according to the county farmer agents.

Haywood Democrats, joining in with state officials, are completing plans for a state-wide rally in Waynesville, on Saturday, November 2, which will bring to a close, the 1940 campaign.
Clifford E. Brown, chairman of the Haywood executive committee, is preparing for a record breaking crowd.
In the meantime, the Haywood board of elections, will have in hand this week, all state and county ballots, and will begin their task of mailing out absentee ballots to those requesting them, as well as attending to the thousand and one things necessary in an election.
The county tickets, carries the following candidates:

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| Democratic | Republican |
| Senator | Representative |
| Otto Alexander | R. G. Snyder |
| Glenn C. Palmer | Walter G. Smathers |
| | Register of Deeds |
| C. C. Francis | J. Howard Shook |
| | Tax Collector |
| J. Earl Ferguson | No Candidate |
| | Chairman of Board |
| Gto. A. Brown, Jr. | No Candidate |
| | Commissioners |
| R. T. Boyd | L. O. Ferguson |
| D. L. Noland | Frank Enslley |
| | County Surveyor |
| H. B. Ledbetter | No Candidate |
| | Hospital Trustees |
| E. B. Rickman | No Candidate |

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Swift had as their guests during the week Mr. and Mrs. George Watson, of Kisco, N. Y. Mrs. Watson is the former Miss Dorothy Mussell, who at one time resided with her family here. The Mussells formerly owned "Fairhaven," home of W. T. Lee.

Jack Frost Seems To Rush Things Up This Season

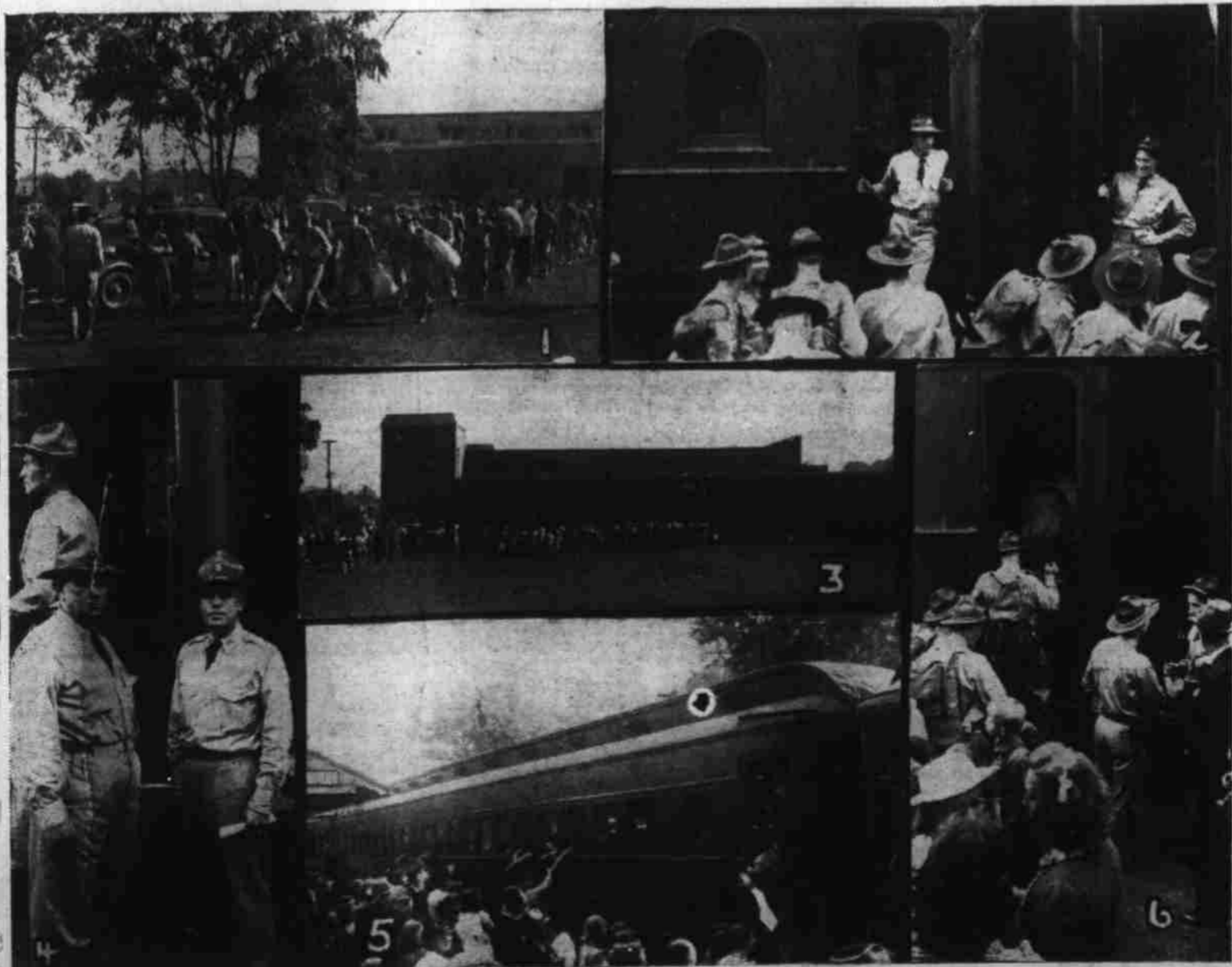
Jack Frost seemed to be in a great hurry to lay his icy and withering hand upon this section this year—the first "killing" effects were seen Friday, September the 27th—more than two weeks earlier than last year, according to the records kept by Harry M. Hall, local U. S. weather observer.
There was a light frost on the night of October 13th in 1939, and a "killing" one on the 15th.
Records for 1938 show the first frost as late as October the 2nd, while in 1937 the killing frost came on October the 15th.
Mrs. Reginald Arnold, of Bristol, Va., was the guest of relatives during the week.

Asheville Presbytery Will Meet Next Week With Hazelwood Church

The fall meeting of Asheville Presbytery will be held with the Hazelwood Presbyterian church on Tuesday and Wednesday, October

the 8th and 9th.
Dr. A. P. Hassell, a missionary to Japan, will speak at the evening service on Tuesday. Everyone is invited to attend the evening service and hear Dr. Hassell.
The Rev. C. Grier Davis, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, in Asheville, will preach the doctrinal sermon on a subject of his own choosing with the Rev. R. D. Bedinger as alternate.
Curry B. Hearn, of Nashville, Tenn., treasurer of Foreign Missions, will bring a message on Stewardship.
The Rev. Charles B. Chapin, D. D., pastor of the Oak Forest Presbyterian church, will moderate the meeting.
Lunch will be served at the church on Tuesday and Wednesday by members of the Woman's Auxiliary under the direction of Mrs. L. N. Davis.

The Camera Records Scenes Of Company "H" Leaving Waynesville



No. 1—here are members of Company "H" marching from the Armory to the train. No. 2—they lingered on the steps of the train and nearby, until the last minute. No. 3—this was taken from Depot Street, and shows the activity of the group on their drill grounds with the Armory in the background. No. 4—Captain George Platt and First Lieutenant Paul Martin checking everything OK and were the last two to board the special for Fort Jackson. No. 5—about 500 people were on hand to wave and wish them good-bye. No. 6—each man checks in as he boards the train with his pack. Photos by Paty Gwyn.

Mrs. Alley, State PTA Head, Attends District Meetings

Mrs. D. D. Alley, state president of the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers, returned on Tuesday from Blowing Rock where she attended the first of the ten district meetings which will be held in the state.
Important business at the meeting includes election of new directors in 9 out of 10 of the districts. Mrs. Alley, who will make the major address at each gathering, will speak on "The Responsibility of Parent-Teacher Associations in a Democracy."
Mrs. E. N. Howell, of Swannanoa, newly elected state-wide field representative, will also attend the meetings to instruct P. T. A. leaders in Congress approved methods of work and to assist with special problems of local units.
Others who will attend many of the fall meetings will be: J. H. Rose of Greenville, legislative chairman of the N. C. C. P. T. A., Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, state superintendent of public instruction, Mrs. Ruth Vick Everett, field secretary of the State Education Association.

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