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Plans Underway For President's Ball 25th

Enthusiastic Plans Being Launched For Annual President's Ball In Haywood

Plans for the President's Ball, which is scheduled to take place this county on Saturday the 25th, are well underway it was announced this week from James S. Queen, general chairman.

Chairman Queen, as well as all members of various working committees are elated over the music to be featured on the dance. Little Jack Little is the band, said to be the best group to ever play for a ball in Waynesville, have been secured for the occasion.

In view of the prestige of the ball, those in charge are optimistic over the prospective attendance. They feel that an unprecedented number of spectators as well as members will be attracted by this annual opportunity.

Two dances will be held at the time this year, one in the Haywood Armory and a square dance under the direction of Sammie at the Gordon Hotel. The dates of both are from 9 to 11 p. m.

The following committees have been appointed by Chairman Queen: music, W. S. Prevost, of Hazelwood, and C. C. Nichols, of Canton; advertising, Tom Camp-Hugh Snyder, Fred Ferguson, and Queen, and Dr. Thomas Stringfield; sponsors, Mrs. S. P. Wayneville, and Mrs. Daisy Nettie, Canton; publicity, Mrs. Benoir Gwyn, Waynesville, and Mrs. Wright, Canton.

Friendship and community chairmen have been named as follows: Waynesville, Bill Ray; Hazelwood, Ed Hyatt; Beaverdam, Char-king; Clyde, Lowery Cagle; Hill, Richard Queen; Lake Placid, Miss Pearl Johnson; than Creek, Medford Leather-

ton, John D. Cathey; Cecil, Grogan; East Fork, Mrs. Hips; Cruso, Roy Pless; tree, Hugh Rogers; Fines Creek, Miss Mildred Rogers; Big Mack, Mack Caldwell; Cataloochee, Noland; White Oak, Lonzi; Balsam, Leo Reiger.

Each township chairman will serve as ticket chairman in his community and will direct the tickets. Each will also direct their own committee.

In the campaign to raise money to "fight infantile paralysis" the week was given when the United States Public Health Service released the total figures of the 1940 epidemic of infantile paralysis.

Statistics revealed that 9,768 boys and girls, men and women were stricken during the year. Sponsors will be announced next week.

Davis, Well Known Farmer In Florida

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Methodist church, in the Duff section for Thomas J. Davis, 83, well known farmer of Haywood county, who died at 7:30 p. m. at the home of his daughters, Gordon Shook in Miami, where he was visiting.

Colton, of the Salvation Army Mountain Division, and the Rev. H. Neese, pastor of the Chapel charge, officiated. Burial was in the cemetery adjacent to the church.

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Davis was married twice, first to Miss Sarah McCracken. He was divorced by the following child: this marriage: E. F. and Mrs. Davis, of Iron Duff, V. R. Davis, of Canton, Tom Davis, of Texas, and Mrs. F. W. Davis, of Canton.

His second wife, who was Miss Mary, before her marriage, was with the following children: Mrs. Jim Davis, of Fines Creek, Mrs. Nancy Thomas, of Hill, and Mrs. Gordon Shook, of Hill.

He is survived by two brothers, F. M. Davis, of Canton, and J. C. Davis, of Rule, Tex. He is widely connected throughout the county, having nearly a hundred nephews, and more than twenty-five grandchildren.

C. Of C. President



W. S. Prevost, of Hazelwood, new president of the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce, elected by the board of directors at meeting on Friday night.

W. S. Prevost Heads Chamber Of Commerce For '41

W. S. Prevost, of Hazelwood, was elected president of the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce at the initial meeting of the new board of directors held Friday night.

Other officers elected at the same time were Paul Davis, treasurer, and J. Dale Stentz, secretary, was re-elected to the position he has held for the past several years.

The election of vice presidents was deferred until the next meeting. The vice presidents will head the several departments of the organization.

A number of matters pertaining to the coming season were discussed. It was decided to retain the present quarters in the Citizens Bank building, and operate the community center with a number of improvements.

Whether or not the Chamber of Commerce should participate in the two tours that are being suggested for commerce bodies in this section of the state was also discussed, with no definite action taken.

Defense Courses Open At Fines Creek School

Two courses in National Defense work for the vocational department of the Fines Creek school have recently been approved by the officials, according to B. G. O'Brien, vocational teacher.

The courses are: auto mechanics, including the operation, care and repair of autos, trucks, and tractors; and elementary electricity, including the operation, care and repair of all electrical equipment.

Charlie Rathbone will be in charge of the electrical course and Waldo Green will head the auto mechanics course. Approximately 45 boys have signed up to take the courses, all are required to be between 17 and 25 years, and out of school.

The courses are given without charge, and are scheduled for every school day of the week, with the classes being held in the vocational shop of the Fines Creek school.

Health Officers Re-elected To Serve For Next Two Years

Re-elected



Dr. C. N. Sisk, who was re-elected county health officer, at the meeting held Monday night of the county health board.

Home Guard To Be Organized Tomorrow Night

All men between the ages of 18 and 21 and 36 and 45 who are interested in organizing a home guard unit in Waynesville are requested to meet at the American Legion home on Friday night, the 17th, at 7:30 o'clock.

Major J. Harden Howell, World War veteran, will be in charge of the organization of the guard.

Dayton Rubber Company Officials Here During Week

Officials of the Dayton Rubber Manufacturing Company, with their engineer, architect, and personnel director spent Friday, Saturday and Sunday in town.

They were here in the interest of winding up some legal matters pertaining to the transfer of the Welch property on the Balsam Road, to the company, on which a plant will be located in the near future. Funds are already in the local bank for payment to the property owners, which is to be made during the week, it was learned yesterday.

It will in all probability be around 30 days before bids for the contracts for actual construction of the buildings will be opened.

In the meantime the final plans for the modern building, which is to be made of steel, brick and glass are being drawn. The plant lighting will be as near 100 per cent daylight as it is possible to make, with high ceilings and a free floor which means no supporting columns.

The personnel director, R. M. Weimer will come to town sometime during the next month to make a survey of local labor and to complete plans for receiving applications for jobs in the plant.

Large Gain Made In Post Office Receipts In 1940

There was an increase of \$2,848.07 in total postal receipts of the Waynesville post office for the year just closing over 1939, according to J. H. Howell, postmaster.

During the last quarter alone there was an increase of \$1,577.09 and in the month of December just past a gain of \$831.17 over December of 1939.

Since Postmaster Howell went into office six years ago, there has been a 58 per cent gain. The total receipts for the past year were \$28,019.40.

Mr. Howell attributes the large increase to a general improvement in business throughout the county.

Wm. Shoobred, Patient In Baltimore Hospital Reported Much Improved

William Shoobred, who has been confined to the Union Memorial Hospital in Baltimore for the past several weeks, is reported to be much improved.

Mr. Shoobred will be able to leave the hospital this week and be removed to the home of his sister, Mrs. Walter Taylor, in Baltimore.

Dr. Sisk, Health Officer, And Dr. Stringfield, County Physician, Named By Board

Dr. C. N. Sisk was re-elected county health officer for a term of two years at the annual meeting of the Haywood County board of health which was held in the health department offices on Monday night, with Mayor J. H. Way, Jr., presiding.

Dr. Sam Stringfield, county physician, was also named for a similar period to serve the county.

The board is composed of George A. Brown, Jr., chairman of the county commissioners, J. H. Way, Jr., mayor of Waynesville, and Jack Messer, county superintendent of education, ex officio members Dr. W. L. Kirkpatrick, Dr. J. L. Reeves and Dr. A. P. Kline, of Canton.

Following the election of the health officers, Dr. Sisk gave a detailed report of the work of the county health department, which will be carried in a condensed form in a later issue of The Mountaineer.

Represents Band



Photo by ratsy Gwyn.

Richard Bradley, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bradley, outstanding student in the local school band, who has been selected to play in the All-Star Band concert to be given tomorrow night in the city auditorium in Asheville, sponsored by the state school band directors.

Richard Bradley Will Play In All-State Band Concert

Richard Bradley, selected as the outstanding band student of the Waynesville high school band, will be one of the 80 members of the All-Star State Band which will give a concert in the city auditorium in Asheville on Friday night.

The band is being sponsored by the North Carolina Bandmasters' association of which H. A. McDougal, of Greenville, is president.

The 80 students from over the state will be entertained in the homes of the Asheville band students, and will be given a banquet at 6:30 before the concert.

L. T. New, Jr., local band director, will also attend. A number of instructors of high school bands, as well as directors and supervisors of college bands are expected to attend.

Commissioners Draw Jury For February Court

The jury for the February term of criminal court, which will convene here on February the 3rd, with Judge Zeb V. Nettles, of Asheville, presiding, has been drawn by the county board of commissioners.

Members of the jury for the first week include: J. Howard Myers, Beaverdam; E. W. Fisher, Fines Creek; W. H. Kuykendall, Waynesville; Chas. H. Burnett, East Fork; R. W. Miller, Beaverdam; Arthur Hendrix, Waynesville; N. C. Underwood, Waynesville; J. Albert Sharp, Beaverdam; H. Homer Platt, Waynesville.

Jasper N. Henline, Clyde; Medford Leatherwood, Jonathan Creek; Oscar T. Arrington, Waynesville; Jack Smathers, Beaverdam; T. L. Gwyn, Waynesville; Nelson Curtis, Waynesville; T. Walter Ferguson, Waynesville; Rufus A. Buff, Ivy Hill; P. V. Phillips, Waynesville; James Boyd, Jr., Waynesville; D. P. Jaynes, Ivy Hill.

Henry H. Garner, Pigeon; Horace Bryson, Iron Duff; Jess Fulbright, Iron Duff; Lowery C. Ferguson, Crabtree; Charlie C. Palmer, Waynesville; Wm. Williamson, Beaverdam; W. W. Pless, Beaverdam; Charles Hugh Rogers, Clyde.

J. Mack Caldwell, Cataloochee; Norman Penland, Clyde; Lawson Teague, White Oak; L. C. Messer, Fines Creek; Emmett Tranthan, Fines Creek; L. B. Leatherwood, Jonathan Creek; John T. Vance, Pigeon; Mark L. Shipman, Pigeon; C. M. Moody, Cecil; Ellis F. Burnett, Pigeon; C. T. Noland, Crabtree; Fred Trull, Pigeon; and Lon J. Rogers, Cecil.

Drawn for the second week were: J. Walter Underwood, Waynesville; Paul Lauer, Beaverdam; Wesley H. Mehaffey, Pigeon; C. A. Campbell, Ivy Hill; Ray Miller, Waynesville; J. H. Page, Waynesville; H. G. Crawford, Iron Duff; L. C. Waddell, Waynesville; William C. Man, Beaverdam.

Stonewall Rathbone, Fines Creek; James G. Kuykendall, East Fork; Wayne M. Smathers, Beaverdam; Robert H. Cogburn, East Fork; J. P. Green, Iron Duff; Frank Albright, Waynesville; Orion Davis, Waynesville; Jack T. Cabe, Beaverdam; Thurman Robinson, Beaverdam.

Flu Closes Some Of Schools In County

Milas M. Noland Prominent Citizen Claimed By Death

Funeral Services Held At Fines Creek Baptist Church On Saturday Afternoon

Milas M. Noland, 72, prominent Haywood County citizen, died at his home here on Friday morning, following an extended illness.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at the Fines Creek Baptist church, with the Rev. H. G. Hammett, pastor of the First Baptist church of Waynesville, and the Rev. A. H. Phibbs, former pastor of the Fines Creek Methodist church, officiating. Burial was in the cemetery near the church.

Serving as pallbearers were Lyle Noland, John W. Boyd, Furman Noland, Noble Ferguson, Milas Ferguson, Glenn Noland, Mark Ferguson and Steve Ferguson.

Nieces were in charge of the flowers.

Honorary pallbearers were John M. Queen, Dr. S. L. Stringfield, Dr. Tom Stringfield, J. M. Palmer, John R. Hips, E. B. McClure, W. J. Campbell, Asbury Howell, Grady Boyd, R. T. Messer, E. K. Herman, W. H. McCracken, Grayden Ferguson, Forest Messer, Joe Tate, D. J. Noland, N. C. James, R. V. Welch, T. L. Gwyn, Verlin Campbell, T. L. Green, Jarvis Allison, Oliver H. Shelton, G. M. Fish.

Mr. Noland had been identified with the business and political affairs of the county for many years. For a number of years he was one of the largest stockholders in the First National Bank of Waynesville, and for 10 years was a director of the institution. He also had mercantile and extensive farming interests.

Politically, he had been prominent in both county and city affairs, having served on the board of county commissioners 32 years. He was first elected in 1894 and served consecutively until 1926, 20 years of the years being chairman of the board, the latter being the longest service of its kind on record in Haywood County. He was also a member of the board of aldermen of Waynesville.

Mr. Noland was a member of the First Baptist church of Waynesville, and took an interest in the work of the church, having at one time been a member of the board of deacons.

Mr. Noland is survived by his widow, Mrs. Kittie B. Noland, of Waynesville; three daughters, Mrs. Marion Kirkpatrick, of Fines Creek, and Mrs. Millard Ferguson and Mrs. Henry Davis, of Waynesville; eight grandchildren; four brothers, W. B. Noland, Wiley Noland, Charlie Noland, and Lee Noland, all of Fines Creek.

Others include five sisters, Mrs. D. B. Duckett, of Hot Springs, Mrs. Addie Coward, of Trust, Mrs. C. Plemmons, of Orlando, Fla., Mrs. Sarah Green, of Clyde, and Mrs. H. C. Ferguson, of Waynesville.

Three Courses In Defense Offered At High School

Three courses for defense training have been organized and are being held in the shop and garage of the Waynesville high school, it was learned this week from J. C. Brown.

Forty boys, from 17 to 25, all out of school, have enrolled in the classes which meet in the evenings for a three hour period on each Monday and Friday night.

There is one course offered in electricity, and two in automobile, truck, tractor repair and operation. The electrical course starts at 7:30 and the mechanical classes meet at 6:30.

The courses are under the general supervision of J. C. Brown, agriculture vocational teacher, with Fred Ratcliff electrical instructor and Lewis Jones in auto mechanics.

As the need is brought to the attention of the supervisor other courses will be offered.

Mrs. G. C. Boston left Tuesday for Cairo, West Va., where she will spend a month visiting relatives. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. W. M. Cowell, of Cairo, who has spent the past few days here with her. While in West Virginia she will also visit a sister-in-law, Mrs. Edgar Wilson.

Attendance Is Holding Up Well In Waynesville District Schools

The influenza epidemic, which is so prevalent over the entire country, has made it necessary to close some of the schools in the county, according to Jack Messer, county superintendent of education.

The Fines Creek school, with 500 students, was closed Monday morning. Plans now are to re-open on Monday the 20th, pending an improvement in conditions.

The Clyde high school was closed on Monday and Tuesday of this week due to the fact that practically all the teachers were sick, and it was impossible to get enough substitutes. Classes were resumed yesterday.

In the Clyde elementary school more than 100 students were absent yesterday. Mr. Messer stated that the school would continue throughout this week, but would not open on Monday unless the attendance had improved.

In Bethel 30 per cent of the students were confined to their homes with influenza yesterday. School will continue through Friday, but unless conditions improve, will not open on Monday, it was learned.

The attendance was holding up better in the Waynesville district schools by a check up yesterday than in any other in the county, and the authorities felt that it would not be necessary to close them.

Shareholders Of Bank Hold 39th Annual Meeting

J. T. Noland Promoted To Cashier, And ... Vice President

The 39th annual meeting of the shareholders of the First National Bank was held in the offices of the institution on Tuesday morning, at which time a satisfactory report by the management was made of the past year's earnings.

J. R. Boyd, chairman of the board of directors, stated that while the prospects for 1941 looked encouraging he felt that caution and a close watch on developments should be maintained during the year.

The following directors were elected to serve during the coming year: J. R. Boyd, Jonathan Woody, J. H. Way, Jr., J. E. Massie, J. W. Ray, Glenn Palmer, and L. N. Davis.

After adjournment of the shareholders, the directors met and the following officers were named for 1941: chairman of the board, J. R. Boyd, president, Jonathan Woody; vice president, J. H. Way, Jr.; cashier, J. T. Noland, who well deserves the recognition given him at this time.

Mr. Noland, who has been employed with bank for the past seven years, is widely connected in the county. He is the son of Mrs. J. M. Noland and the late Jim Noland. He is married and has four children.

Mr. Way who becomes vice president, has the longest record with the bank of any officer. He has been connected with the institution since 1910 and served as cashier for the past 22 years.

Local Draft Board Office Has Visit From Army Officer

Major J. C. Donald, 377th Engineers, chief liaison officer between the assistant secretary of War and the office of J. Van B. Metts, adjutant general, N. C., visited the office of Haywood local draft board No. 1, here on Monday.

Major Donald, according to Dr. Tom Stringfield, of the draft board, stated that the local board was most fortunate in having such large and comfortable quarters on the third floor of the court house.

Major Donald has been visiting draft boards in the western part of the state since the first of the year. His visits are more for the purpose of contacts at this time than for inspections.

He checked with the board of uniform classifications as well as other matters of general interest in co-ordinating the actions of all military, governmental, and civilian efforts toward the common goal of effective national defense.