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New Catholic Church Under Construction



Architect's drawing of St. John's Catholic Church, Waynesville. Construction of the church will begin this week by Contractor August J. Durner, Asheville. The architect is Lindsay Gudger, also of Asheville.

Work To Start On St. John's Church Here

Has Valentine Day Lost It's Magic Charm?

Valentine Day has lost its magic, according to Chas. C. Francis, register of deeds. Mr. Francis offers as proof, the fact that he did not sell but four marriage licenses in the month of February. This is the lowest record ever made in the office. Has the day been too much commercialized until romance has lost its subtle meaning in the avalanche of gifts of candy and flowers, or is it mostly due to the easy marriage laws of the neighboring states of Georgia and South Carolina? Mr. Francis seems of the opinion that it may be a combination of the two, that has decreased the number of marriages and sent others fleeing out of the state to a speedy entrance into the Holy state.

February Travel In Park Shows Heavy Increase

The opportunity to participate in winter sports in the park, attributed to part of the record breaking crowds of 18,594 persons who visited the park in February. The total number of visitors represents an increase of 68 per cent over travel for last February, actual counts showed. Seventy per cent of the visitors were from the local states of North Carolina and Tennessee, 58 per cent of the total number of visitors being from the state of Tennessee alone. The visitors came from 47 states, the District of Columbia, and Hawaii, with those from Tennessee leading the list, followed in order by North Carolina, Ohio and Michigan. Travel for the travel year to date exceeds last travel year through February, 1940, by 22 per cent. The greatest amount of travel for any one day during the month was on Sunday, February 16, when 4,280 persons, in 1,190 vehicles, visited the park.

Medford Appointed To Collect Taxes From 1927 to 1938

William Medford, local attorney, has been appointed by the Haywood county board of commissioners to collect all delinquent taxes due the county from 1927 to 1938, in an effort to clear up all back taxes.

The county board has turned over all tax collections during the given period to Mr. Medford, giving him full power and authority to represent the county in collections, including the power to bring suit in the name and behalf of the county and to foreclose the lien of the delinquent taxes for the stated years.

The contract with the attorney provides that he in turn is to make every effort to collect the taxes without resorting to foreclosure, if possible. In the event he cannot collect the taxes without foreclosure of the lien in suit, he is to start suit so that all uncontested cases can be foreclosed and the sale of property completed before December 1, 1943, the date set for completion of collections.

In all contested suits Mr. Medford will prepare the case on behalf of the county and appear in the Superior court and represent the county in the trial of the suit.

The contract further provides that Mr. Medford is to search the records of the county prior to bringing suit to foreclosure and make all persons, firms or corporation, having an interest in the land to be foreclosed, so that the purchaser will secure a clear title.

Since the work must be completed by December 1, 1943, Mr. Medford is to devote sufficient time to collections so that by the date set there will be no collectable taxes on the tax records of Haywood county for the years 1927 and 1938 inclusive.

The attorney is to receive a per cent of the collections for his work. He is to handle no money, however, as the terms of the contract call for all money to be paid into the office of the tax collector and supervisor.

Judge And Mrs. Smathers To Visit Ambassador And Mrs. Josephus Daniels

Judge and Mrs. Frank Smathers, who have been spending the winter in Phoenix and Tuscon, Arizona, are leaving this week for Mexico City, where they will visit Ambassador and Mrs. Josephus Daniels. From Mexico City they will go to their winter home in Miami, and return here in the spring for the summer months at their residence here.

10 Free Theatre Tickets Are Offered By Advertisers Today - See Page 7

Another Blind Man Helped To Enter Business

Frederic Vaughn, well known local man, who recently lost his sight, has opened a general grocery store on Boyd Avenue, under the sponsorship of the Lions Club and under the supervision of the State Commission for Blind.

Mr. Vaughn is the fourth person in Waynesville township who has been "set up" in business by the Commission for Blind.

Mr. Vaughn served as night watchman at the laundry until his sight failed him.

Review Board To Hear Complaints Week Of 17 - 21

County Board Of Commissioners Will Serve As Board Of Equalization And Review

The Haywood county board of commissioners will sit as a board of equalization and review, beginning Monday, March the 17th, and continue through the 21st, it was announced this week.

All tax complaints will be heard during the five days, with special days set aside for each township. All adjustments in tax assessments must be made while the board is in session on the five days designated, according to the law.

The complaints for Waynesville township will be heard on Friday the 21st.

The schedule for the other townships is as follows: Monday, March 17, Ivy Hill, Jonathan Creek, White Oak, Cataloochee townships.

Tuesday the 18th, Fines Creek, Crabtree, and Iron Duff townships.

Wednesday the 19th, Pigeon, East Fork and Cecil townships.

Friday 21st, Beaverdam and Clyde townships.

Construction Of Boyd Building On Main Underway

Construction on the John Boyd building on Main street located on the Willis property was started last Thursday. The building will have a frontage of 43 feet and extend 125 feet.

The first floor will be used for the Boyd Furniture Company. The second floor will be made into offices and apartments.

The basement quarters will be occupied by the Service Cleaners, owned and operated by Mr. Boyd. It will have an entrance and small checking office on the first floor, so that customers will not have to go downstairs.

The Boyd Furniture Company was established about fifteen years ago and has been located on Depot street.

The Service Cleaners is the oldest dry cleaning establishment in town. It was started some twenty years ago by James Thomas and Gaither Briggs, who sold out to John Boyd 16 years ago.

Defense Program Will Be Held Here Friday

Post Office Has Good Increase In Business

Business last month at the Waynesville post office showed an increase of \$362 over February of last year, according to J. H. Howell, postmaster.

For December, January and February, the local office showed a net gain over the same months last year of over \$1,288. A general increase in business was attributed to the nice gain, Postmaster Howell explained.

Jim Milner Will Represent School At Music Event

Jim Milner and L. T. New, Jr., left yesterday for Charlotte, where the latter will sing in the Southern High School chorus, which is sponsored by the Southern Conference of the Music Educators National Conference and attended by leading musicians all over the United States.

Students singing in the chorus will come from all the Southern states from Maryland to Florida. It is considered quite an honor to be selected to sing in the 250 students who make up the chorus.

Young Milner, who sings bass, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Milner, of Hazelwood, a member of the senior class of the high school, and is prominently identified with the various athletic events of the school. He was selected to represent the local school because of the natural quality of his voice.

The students who will take part in the chorus started rehearsals yesterday afternoon and will work each day until Saturday when they will appear in a concert. There is a possibility that the concert will be broadcast around 8 o'clock.

8 Contractors Asked To Submit Bids On Rubber Plant Here

Game Specialist



R. O. STEVENS

Bird Hunters To Meet With Land Owners Tonight

State Game Specialist To Discuss Problems Confronting Both Groups

Tonight at 8:00, a meeting to which the public is invited, will be held at the court house to discuss the quail situation in Haywood county. Farmers, bird hunters, and all persons interested in any type of native small game are invited to be present.

The meeting is sponsored by the Haywood county chapter of the Hunters' and Fishers' Association of which Felix Stovall is president, and Alvin Ward secretary. The Lions and Rotary Clubs are joint sponsors.

Arrangements to have present (Continued on page 12)

Contract Scheduled To Be Awarded Within Ten Days, According To Dayton Rubber Officials

The Dayton Rubber Manufacturing Company mailed blue prints and specifications to eight contractors asking for bids on their plant on last Saturday night, according to a letter received here this week from an official of the company.

The Rubber Company officials stated that the bids will be opened in ten days, and the contract for the large and modern building would be awarded at that time.

A copy of the blue prints were received here. From a reliable source, it was said that "dirt would be flying" by March 20th.

Letters from interested contractors who will bid on the project have been received during the past week, relative to the local supply of sand, crush stone and other building materials which will be needed for the construction of the plant just south of Hazelwood.

One Day Welfare Institute Held Here On Tuesday

Welfare workers from thirteen counties attended a one day welfare institute conducted here in the court room on Tuesday by Miss Anna Cassatt, case work supervisor of the state department of public welfare.

The program centered around discussions and remedial measures on "Nutritional Defects Among Relief Clients" and the "Value of Case Records."

The meeting here on Tuesday was one of a series that is being sponsored by the state department over the state.

Around fifty persons attended the institute, including the county superintendents from the thirteen western counties and a number of workers from each county.

Workers from the following counties were present: Polk, Yancey, Mitchell, Madison, Buncombe, Haywood, Swain, Jackson, Cherokee, Macon, Graham, Clay and Transylvania.

Three Fires During Week, But Only Slight Damages

The city fire department was called out 3 times during the week, with only slight damages in the three instances.

The first call was around 10:35 on Monday morning from the Alden Howell residence on Woolsey Heights occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ferguson. Sparks from the kitchen flu started a blaze on the roof. It was discovered almost immediately by a small boy in the neighborhood and the alarm was turned in.

The second fire occurred around 1:20 on the lot where construction of the Boyd building on Main street is underway, and caught from a piece of machinery.

The third call came around 1:30 Wednesday the Boyd building again and the fire caught from the same piece of machinery.

Haywood Baptists To Hold Sunday School Conference

There will be a special Sunday school conference at the First Baptist church of Waynesville, Monday, March 10.

According to Rev. H. G. Hammett, pastor of the First Baptist church, this is one of seventy such meetings in North Carolina and one of 910 scheduled for the Southern Baptist Convention. This meeting is being promoted by the Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Nashville Tennessee, Executive Secretary, and the Sunday School Department of the North Carolina Baptist Convention Board, Mr. L. L. Morgan, Raleigh, North Carolina, Secretary, and the associational Sunday school organization of the Haywood Association, R. E. Sentelle, superintendent.

The purpose of this meeting is to map out plans for the expansion of Sunday school work in all

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