

COVERING HAYWOOD'S POLITICAL FRONTS

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principal address at the Haywood county Republican rally, which will be held in the Canton high school building Saturday afternoon at 2:30, according to an announcement by Harley E. Wright, county committee secretary.

Alvin T. Ward, local attorney, and chairman of the Haywood county Republican executive committee, will preside.

New officers of the organization are scheduled to be elected at this time, including chairman, vice chairman, and secretary. Mrs. J. Frank Mease, of Canton, is serving as vice president of the organization at the present time.

High School Band To Give Public Concert On 10th

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continue to keep the high standard only through co-operation of the public, it was pointed out by Mr. Bowles.

The band committee is planning to have the rehearsals of the group continue through the summer with the exception of the one month when Miss Walker will attend a band clinic at the State University.

The band will give one concert each week through the three months period when the group are rehearsing and will play on special occasions as in the past, it has been announced by Mr. Bowles.

A program of varied numbers will be presented at the concert Friday night. Tickets will be sold by band members, and for each ticket bought a free one will be given the purchaser.

C. M. Dicus Gets Patent On Wooden Automobile Tire

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It was natural for Mr. Dicus to turn to wood as a substitute, as his daily life is taken up with working with wood. He had created so many items out of pieces of wood fashioned together that he felt confident that in wood could be found at least one answer to the tire problem.

Mr. Dicus has had a wide experience in wood products. His company has filled individual orders as large as 40,000 boxes for one of the leading stationers of this country. He has designed and made boxes for candy firms as a Mother's Day special.

He has designed unusual trays and coasters that have sold on the markets in lots of thousands. He has created dozens of new articles that had not been made in wood before he conceived the idea.

But not until the tire shortage did he think of putting wood on wheels. When rumors began to circulate that rubber would be one of the products affected by the war, the idea of a substitute tire began to take hold in his mind. He figured it all out on paper, but, as is often the case, as it developed in actuality some features were discarded. Now he feels that he has the pattern for a product in the making that will prove practical.

When interviewed, Mr. Dicus was somewhat reluctant to release the story of his tire substitute which has been patented, as he stated that he was not yet ready to go into production and did not wish to create demands for the tire before the company had expanded and was ready to take care of orders.

Mr. Dicus was also emphatic regarding the fact that he makes no claims for the tire as a replacement of rubber permanently, but only as a substitute in an emergency. For the latter, he feels confident it will give reasonable service at a moderate price, until such time that rubber again is permitted on the market.

Mr. Dicus seemed optimistic, however, about the time when expansion of the company and procurement of all necessary materials in volume would allow the tires to be placed on the market.

The only metal parts in the tire consist of 15 feet of one-fourth inch wire cable, two small turn buckles, two small cable clamps, and one one-half inch by three and one-half inch bolt.

The tire itself consists of 34 wedge shaped blocks of wood. The bottoms are shaped to fit the rim of the automobile wheels. The blocks have an auger hole on each side, well down below the wearing surfaces of the block and lace on the two cables. The rim of the tire is drilled, permitting the cable to loop through from the bottom of the rims, which creates stationary ends for the two cables. The cables then are laced through the blocks and return back through the rims and fasten to a turn buckle by each side.

Tension Created

The tension of the cable is created by a simple turn of the turn buckle. The wedge shape of the

perfectly designed blocks creates a solidity when tension is placed on the cables. A composition of asphalt damp proof is used to create a coating between each block, which not only makes them moisture proof, but acts as a cement, sealing minute cracks, and as a cushion for preventing noise as well as giving the tire a black coat of paint.

The foregoing is a description of

the basic tire and the principle of the patent applied for, but the other and added equally important features are in the tread itself, which is separate. While the tire can be used as is, with no tread, getting maximum wear, the added tread can be used, making the tire more or less permanent.

The treads consist of eight sectional pieces that fit on to the top of the tire with screws, allowing

the tread to wear down to the top of the screws, after which the tread may be removed and replaced by any filling station operator possessing a screw driver.

Fastened To Rim

Mr. Dicus said that his patent broadens out and allows him to use either wood or a spiral cable. The cable would likewise be fastened to the rim from each end and tightened by the turn buckle. The

cable would have a continuous wrap of several plies, creating a solid cushion over the wood to act as a tread. When becoming worn or worn out, it could be removed and replacements made within a few minutes, it is claimed.

As to the commercial handling of the tire, Mr. Dicus feels that if the tire should prove thoroughly successful, as he is hoping, and is shown to give sufficient road wear

to justify service, that agents will be installed in each town within a few miles distance to give this particular service.

The agents would sell the tires and also the treads, giving service similar to that which is being offered by other tire concerns. The method of putting on the retreads will be a very simple matter, according to Mr. Dicus, and can be done by a filling station operator

in the course of a few minutes. It is rather a coincidence that the building in which the tires are being developed is located on the site where more than 20 years ago the late Tom Walls started his initial woodworking plant, ideas of which have extended over Western North Carolina and have been the impetus of a number of wood manufacturing companies.

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