

## Haywood Leads Entire Nation With Largest Percentage Of Population In Armed Forces

### 40 Single Men Available In Sept. Group

Single Men Groups Have Been Exhausted And Board Has To Call In Married Men.

Twenty-five married men will be called for service to make up the September quota of 40 single men available for service on September 12th, the order is scheduled to be issued.

From July 31 through September 31 more than 200 men will be called for active duty under the selective system, as the calls have recently been increasing in number, according to the board.

The local board has not been able to call married men as early as planned, according to the board here. This has been due to a large number of volunteers. The October order call will be made up of married men who will be a few single men who have been deferred for various reasons, or in cases where examinations have not been completed.

On October, the local board will practically all the men leaving under the selective system will be married men. Married men who are registered by the draft to report the births of any children since they registered.

Local draft boards have been advised by the state director, to prepare meeting heavy calls and have been notified of the man-

### Dedicate New Church of Salvation Army On Sunday

New Salvation Army Chapel dedicated on Sunday afternoon with a number of officials from the Southern territory of the Salvation Army present, it has been announced by Adjutant Cecil Ray, who is in charge of the main division of the work in the county.

The chapel is located on Little Max Patch, seven miles from the Citadel at Maple Springs, headquarters of the Salvation Army, and the first mission built in the mountains of the South.

Among the leaders of the Salvation Army who will be present are: Commander Winfield, of Atlanta, in charge of the Southern territory, and Mrs. M. J. Col. and Mrs. Edmund, also of Atlanta; Col. Alfred Tyler and Major Frank Longino, from the headquarters of the Army in Char-

### 800 School Children In District To Resume Class Work On Monday

Summer vacations are over for students of the Waynesville district schools this week, for Monday at 9:15 they will return to their respective schools to begin the term of 1942-43.

Approximately 2,800 students are expected to be enrolled this year, based on the record of last year, it was learned from the office of Jack Messer, county superintendent of education.

At the present, the schools in the district will open at 9:15 in the morning and close at 3:45 in the afternoon, it was announced by H. Bowles, district super-

### Scrap Metals Needed, High Prices Being Paid

#### Haywood Coroner



DR. J. FRANK PATE, of Canton, has been named coroner to succeed Dr. J. K. Westmoreland, who recently entered the service.

### Lions Club To Aid Scrap Drive; Collecting Records

The members of the Lions Club have taken the collection of phonograph records as their part in the campaign to gather scrap materials in the community. The proceeds from the sale of the records will be used in the fund denoted to the extensive program of sight conservation of the club, and the old records will be made into new ones for use of the soldiers in camps.

The schools will co-operate in the collection of records, it was learned from Francis Massie, president of the Lions Club.

Jack Messer, county superintendent of education, stated that due to the service rendered the schools through the examination and purchase of glasses for the children by the Lions Club that he would pledge his support of the project.

The Chamber of Commerce office will serve as a central place in which to leave records, according to Mr. Massie.

Students in the schools are asked to bring records and give to their teachers, who will hand them over to the Lions Club.

Families having no children in school are asked to leave their records either at the Chamber of Commerce or get in touch with some member of the Lions Club who will gladly call for them.

Sergeant Samuel Morris, of Camp Croft, spent the week-end here with Mr. and Mrs. Thad Howell.

### Drive To Get Huge Tonnage In Haywood Underway; Places Buying Here and Canton.

Scrap metal of all kinds is expected to be brought into Waynesville and Canton this week-end, as the county-wide junk rally gets underway.

A buyer, paying highest market prices, has established a collection center in Waynesville next to the Waynesville Coal Company at the depot. All amount of metal and rubber will be purchased. No amount is too small, and never too large, Mr. Pressley, of Pressley Brothers, said.

The drive to get scrap, especially cast iron, was started two weeks ago here, as the steel mills only have enough on hand to last 20 days, and it is vital to the defense of the nation that scrap be turned in at once, it was pointed out.

There are hundreds of tons going to waste, that could be converted into war machines, which are so badly needed on several fronts right now.

Several churches are making a drive to collect the scrap in their neighborhoods and use the money for general church improvements.

The prices being paid yesterday were 35 cents a hundred for cast iron. This is higher than the average that has been paid.

Mr. Pressley has made arrangements to pay in cash, or in war bonds or stamps, just as the seller wishes. Payment is made immediately upon weighing the scrap.

### Haywood Passes Bond Quota, Campaign To Increase Sales Begun

#### Cattle Prices Continue High

Cattle prices crept up even higher last week, to continue the 15-year record breaking prices. Several hundred head were sold at the Clyde stockyard, with the following averages:

Cows \$7.50 to \$9.50; heifers \$9.00 to \$12.10; calves \$15.25; and hogs \$13.25.

Another group of Virginia buyers were in the county looking over the reserve stock of steers. The better steers of the county have not been placed on the market.

### Fannie J. Reynolds, Revenue Dept., Is Accepted By WAAC

Mrs. Fannie Johnson Reynolds, of Raleigh, left last week for Fort Des Moines, Iowa, to enter officers training school of the Woman's Auxiliary Army Corps.

Mrs. Reynolds is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Johnson, of Waynesville, and has held a responsible position with the state revenue department for the past several years.

### REA State Engineer Here On Business

D. D. Barber, Jr., of Raleigh, field engineer of the division of construction and design, spent several days here during the past week in conference with the Haywood Electric Membership Corporation in connection with their lines.

### Clyde Principal



HOMER HENRY will serve as principal of the Clyde school this term. The school opens on Monday.

### Clyde School To Open Monday

Homer Henry, former teacher of mathematics in the Waynesville district high school, has been elected to fill the vacancy caused by the recent resignation of C. C. Hanson.

Mr. Henry has had extensive experience in teaching. He holds an A. B. from Emory and Henry College and his M. A. from the University of North Carolina.

He has taught in the schools of Wilkesboro, Sylva, Cullowhee, and the Waynesville high and elementary schools. (Continued on page 5)

### Labor Day Program Is To Be Carried Out In Community As Usual

Everything Will Be Free, But Purchases Of Stamps Will Be Required For Admission.

A conservative, yet interesting Labor Day program is the general plan of the committee, recently named by Paul Davis, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and sponsor of the event.

R. E. Davenport is general chairman, and announced yesterday that plans had been completed for the occasion.

Tentative plans call for union services at one of the churches on Sunday evening, September 6th.

The annual parade, featuring floats and marching units will be held, starting at two o'clock at the Hotel Gordon, and going to the high school. There a short program will be held, followed by a softball game between the Dayton Rubber and Tannery teams.

Admission to the game will be the purchase of a 25-cent savings stamp for adults and a 10-cent stamp by children. The spectators keep the stamps.

The annual street dance on the Main street of Hazelwood will be held at night, with all dancers and spectators being expected to buy a 25-cent savings stamp. As in the case of the softball game, the spectator retains the stamps.

Prizes for the best entries in the parade will be paid in savings stamps. First prize will be ten dollars in stamps, and the other prizes smaller amounts in stamps.

The general committee assisting Mr. Davenport is composed of Felix Stovall, Bill Chambers, Jr., Leo Swail, Charles G. Miller, Howard Hyatt, Jonathan Woody, and Bill Prevost.

### Last Rites Held For Lawrence L. Kerley On Sunday

Seventh Of Explosion On July 14th Passed Away Friday Afternoon.

Last rites were held at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the First Baptist church for Lawrence L. Kerley, 36, chief of the fire department of the town of Waynesville, who died at 4:45 Friday afternoon at the Haywood County Hospital. Mr. Kerley's death was due to injuries he suffered in the explosion of the tanks at the bulk plant of the Standard Oil Company here on the morning of July 14th. He was the seventh person to die from the effects of injuries received at the time.

The Rev. H. G. Hammett, pastor of the church, officiated. (Continued on page 8)

### 85 Haywood Men Leave Today To Enter Service

The quota for the month of August for the local area under the selective draft system has been placed at 85, which is the largest number yet to be called in one quota from the Waynesville section.

The men are scheduled to leave here this morning at 7:30 for Camp Croft. They will go to camp for examination and those who pass will be returned home for a two week's furlough, if they desire and if they prefer they may start their active duty with the army at once. Those rejected will be returned within a few days.

Making up the order call for August are ten volunteers as follows: Vernon Hall, Charles

### Labor Day Head



R. E. DAVENPORT is general chairman of the Labor Day program of the community, which is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

### USO Drive Here Brings In \$700

More than \$700 of the quota of \$1,100 has been raised in this community for the USO, according to R. E. MacBlain, treasurer.

A drive is being staged in the business section to double the quota, and keep the Chamber of Commerce office open all year as a community center, Mr. MacBlain said yesterday. This would afford the young people a place to gather, play games and have recreation through the winter months.

The campaign is getting underway down at Canton, and \$1,100 is the quota there, according to Charlie Ray, county chairman.

The USO benefit party at St. John's auditorium last Thursday night drew an attendance of 206. The total sum accruing to the USO from the parties sponsored by St. John's School amounted to \$150.11.

### All Day Sewing To Be Held At Red Cross Rooms

An all day of sewing will be observed on Friday at the Red Cross rooms in Central Elementary school, starting at 10:00 o'clock, it has been announced by Mrs. Jack Messer, chairman of production of the Haywood Red Cross. (Continued on page 8)

### Population Ratio Gives Haywood A Substantial Lead

Out Of 3,070 Counties In Nation, Haywood Has More Men In Armed Forces.

Haywood county has the distinction of having more men in the armed forces of the country, than any of the 3,070 counties in the nation, in proportion to population, according to information given this newspaper yesterday by officers of different branches of service.

While the exact number from this county now serving in the several branches of service cannot be given, the figure is growing daily.

For nine months after the first draft, Haywood held the distinction with a few other counties of the nation, by not being required to send any draftees because of the high number of volunteers entering service.

When the first call came in July, 1941 to the local board, for 13 draftees, there were more than enough volunteers to fill the quota, but only ten could pass the examination. From Canton's board, on the same call, 8 of the 13 were volunteers.

In September, 1940, the National Guard companies from Haywood were mobilized and entered service.

Recruiting officers for the navy, often visiting in Haywood, have frequently remarked at the fine quality of men from this county. Not long ago, one pointed out that Haywood men learn quickly, and take their work seriously.

Army officers have made similar statements. The records of many Haywood men, and the promotions they are receiving, give proof of this. Almost every week, this newspaper receives accounts of promotions given Haywood men by the army.

The same holds true for the marine and air corps.

The state guardsmen, while not directly affiliated with the national armed forces, have been complimented by army officers for their ability and knowledge of their work.

The first thing this newspaper did after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, was to get dozens of expressions from citizens of Haywood in all walks of life, and the one thought prevailing was "We'll do our part."

The young men, middle age men, and even some in their forties did not wait until the draft boards had to call them. They (Continued on page 5)

### Pictures Of Men In Service Shown In REA Office

A display, which is increasing daily in interest, is that of the pictures of men in service from Haywood county shown in the windows of the County Electric Membership Corporation office on Main street.

James E. Moore, superintendent, is urging that all families cooperate in the display and bring in pictures of members of their groups in the service.

As Mr. Moore pointed out the men who are defending this country need every recognition that can be given them.

### Chairman Makes Appeal For More Red Cross Knitters

Mrs. Lou Silverthorne, who is in charge of Red Cross knitting, is making an appeal for more knitters in the community. The local chapter was assigned a knitting quota that as yet has not been completed.

All persons who have taken wool out and have finished garments are urged to bring them to Mrs. Silverthorne at the Aiken Gift Shop, so that a shipment may be sent at once to headquarters.