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WAYNESVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1942 (One Day Nearer Victory)

\$1.75 In Advance In Haywood and Jackson Counties

U. S. Planes Blast Jap Ships



A U. S. plane, silhouetted against the morning sun, flies past four burning Jap ships beached at Tassafroga Island in the Solomons. The enemy vessels were part of a huge force of transport and combat vessels that was blasted by American planes as it headed toward Guadalcanal with reinforcements. The Jap armada was caught and scattered before it reached its objective. This is an official U. S. Navy photo.

Watkins Resigns From Rationing Board

7 Year-Old Boy Accidently Killed

Successor Not Named; Served As Chairman

Maggie Boy Shot In Accident By Older Brother

Boys Were Visiting On Jonathan Creek When Fatal Accident Took Place.

Joseph Kyle Sutton, seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Sutton, of the Maggie section, was accidentally shot late Saturday afternoon at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Hessie Sutton on Jonathan Creek, where he was visiting.

His older brother, Billy Sutton, age 10, who was also visiting in the home, had gone hunting with his uncle Jack Sutton, age 12. The two boys had stopped by the barn to feed the stock upon their return. Joseph Kyle, seeing his uncle and brother return started down to the barn to meet them as they came toward the house.

Billy, not seeing his brother in the gathering dark, is reported to have taken his gun from his shoulder. In the process it fired, hitting the fatal blow in the chest of Joseph Kyle, who died instantly it was reported.

The boys are said to have carefully lifted the body over the fence into the garden before they went to the house for help, so that nothing would bother it. The body was brought immediately afterwards to the Massie Funeral Home here, where the undertaker notified the sheriff's department. The officials stated that there would be no inquest.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Maggie Baptist Church, with the Rev. John Finger, officiating. Burial was in the Hemphill cemetery.

Surviving are the parents; three sisters, Betty Ruth, Martha Jean, and Peggy Ann; two brothers, Billy and Thomas Eugene, all of the Maggie section; two grandmothers, Mrs. Hessie Sutton, of Jonathan Creek and Mrs. Ida White of Maggie.

Aided Giraud Escape



This is an official U. S. Navy photo of Capt. Gerald Wright, 44, of Washington, D. C., who brought Gen. Henri Honore Giraud from France to North Africa in an Allied submarine. The sub in which Giraud escaped was the same that carried Lieut. Gen. Mark Clark on his spectacular mission west of Algiers in advance of the American invasion. Capt. Wright was a passenger in that operation. (Central Press)

Post Office Has Record-Breaking Christmas Rush

Although Short Of Help, Local Office Cleared Off Of All Mails On Christmas Eve.

Christmas business at the post office here broke all records this season, according to Postmaster J. H. Howell. Records were shattered as to both outgoing and incoming mails.

Although handicapped by shortage of experienced help, every piece of mail was cleared out by the time the office closed on Christmas eve, the postmaster reported.

Christmas business really started back in November when packages were sent to men overseas. The rush continued on up until the last day, with the heaviest business coming on the 22nd.

Listing Of County Taxes Will Start January the First

Beginning on Friday the first day of the year, tax listers of the county will start their work and continue throughout the month, it was learned from Earl Ferguson, Haywood County tax collector.

All county taxes, real and personal property must be listed during the month, according to Mr. Ferguson. Violators will be subject to fines.

The listers for each township in the county were appointed the first Monday in December by the county board of commissioners as follows: J. S. Black in Waynesville township; Lloyd Teague in White Oak; Mack Caldwell in Cataloochee; Miss Lucy Green in Fines Creek; Frank Medford in Crabtree.

Roy Medford in Iron Duff; Mrs. C. E. Brown in Clyde; E. A. Burnett in Pigeon; Ken Burnett in East Fork; Ed Moody in Cecil; Mrs. Dave Platt in Ivy Hill; Mrs. Troy Leatherwood in Jonathan Creek; and Mrs. James Henderson in Beaverdam, where she will maintain offices in the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

The city police department and the sheriff's department report a dull Christmas from the standpoint of activity in their line. Only a few drunks who had too much Christmas were locked over the week-end.

The highway patrolmen report a quiet and uneventful Christmas on the highways, with no serious traffic jams.

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Three hundred bags of candy, Watch-Prayer Service To Be Held Tonight At Paresbyterian Church

A Watch-Night Prayer service will be held at the Presbyterian church tonight—New Year's eve—at 11:30. The service will be conducted by the Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson, pastor of the church, and will consist of songs and prayers with special petitions for peace.

At the stroke of 12 the service will close with the singing of the doxology and the ringing of the church bell to welcome the New Year. The service is open to the public. (Continued on page 12)

Rush Made For License Tabs As Dead-Line Nears

No Extension Of Time Will Be Given Motorists; Must Have Tabs Friday To Operate Vehicles.

The sale of license tabs showed a large increase the first three days of this week, according to J. C. Galusha, manager-owner of Western Auto Store, where the tabs are on sale.

Up to Wednesday noon, approximately 1,400 tabs had been sold here. This is less than half the average for the local office.

Officers reminded motorists that there would not be any extension of time, and all vehicles on the streets and highways on and after January first would be required to have a 1943 tab or be liable to arrest.

Before any tabs can be issued, the 1942 pocket card must accompany the 1943 series of cards mailed out from Raleigh.

The tabs are small corner pieces that fit over the figure 42 on the rear plate. The tabs are black with an orange A and 43, which is in contrast to the 1942 tags.

20 18-Year-Olds Register During The Past Week

Twenty youths whose birthdays occurred during the months of September and October were registered during the past week in the draft board office. They are now subject to call under the selective service system.

The total of 18-year-olds in the Waynesville areas under the current registration is now 44. From December 26 through Friday, January 1st, those becoming 18 years of age during the months of November and December are to register.

Those registering during the past week were as follows: Pless White, Kenneth LeRoy Harrell, Herman Hall, John Harley Hyatt, Jr., Bill Edd Mathis, Raymond Kenneth Forga, James Wallace Burnette, Alfred William Fowler.

Vonno Ray George Warren, Henry Sutton, Vance Milton Spivey, James Dennis Dee Crawford, Frank Wayne Caldwell, Alvin Justice, David Arthur James, Wallace Jackson Anders, Phil Best, Junior Dedford, John Howell Robinson and Leonard Lewis Nichols.

Suits For Damages From Explosion Here Last Summer Scheduled To Be Tried In Civil Court Next Week

Total Resources Of First National Nearly Two Million

When the First National Bank closed its doors Wednesday noon the total resources of the institution were \$1,990,585, the largest in the history of the bank.

The bank will be closed to the public on New Year's Day, it was learned from the officials, but not for vacation purposes.

The object of the closing for the day is that the employees may catch up with the extra heavy work and get out the monthly statements, as the employees will work all day.

The bank is minus two regular employees, Glenn Cuthbertson and Norman Pless, who have joined the armed services during the past two weeks.

Urgent Need For More Women To Roll Dressings

The surgical dressings headquarters of the Haywood Red Cross Chapter which were reopened on Monday afternoon after being closed for the Christmas holidays, will be closed for the remainder of the remainder of the week, it was learned from Mrs. Ben Colkitt, chairman of the committee in supervision of

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Scout Leader



M. H. BOWLES has been re-elected chairman of the Haywood District of Boy Scout work. The committee which Mr. Bowles heads is composed of men interested in Scout work from all parts of the county.

Bowles Heads Scout Work In Haywood District

Annual Meeting Held Here and Organization Completed For Carrying On In 1943.

M. H. Bowles was re-elected chairman of the district Boy Scout committee of the Daniel Boone Council, in the annual meeting here last Tuesday. W. P. Lawrence, of Canton, was named vice chairman for the year.

Leo Radeker of Waynesville was named commissioner, and Ben Colkitt was elected vice commissioner. Members of the district council are: Dr. C. N. Sisk, L. N. Davis, Stanley Brading, Howard Clapp, H. G. Hammett, Dr. S. P. Gay, R. B. Davenport, W. H. F. Millar and C. A. George, all of Waynesville.

Bill Chambers and George Bischoff, of Hazelwood, and W. J. Whitesides of Bethel.

Members from Canton are: Dr. H. V. Duckett, W. N. Freel, Marvin Alexander J. E. Henderson, W. L. Ricard, Douglas Walker, Paul Murray, Fred Ferguson, Lewis Gates, Charles Hawkins, Glenn Williams, W. S. Edwards and Glenn Howell.

The committee discussed plans for the coming year after hearing reports of the work for 1942.

Call Orders For January Quota To Be Sent Saturday

The call orders for men in the January quota of the selective service system will be sent out Saturday of this week, it was learned from the draft board.

The original order called for 115 men, fifteen of whom were to be taken from the colored population of the community. The latter order has been recalled leaving one hundred white men in the quota.

The group will leave here on January the 14th, for physical examinations at Camp Croft, and those accepted will be allowed the usual one week furlough before taking up active duty.

Dr. Owens Elected President County Medical Group

Dr. Robert H. Owens, of Canton, was elected president of the Haywood Medical Society at the annual meeting held in the nurses home of the Haywood County Hospital last week.

Elected to serve with Dr. Owens were: vice president, Dr. Thomas Stringfield, of Waynesville, and secretary, Dr. V. H. Duckett, of Canton.

Following the election of the officers Dr. Owens read a paper on "The Morbidity and Mortality Statistics of major surgery in private practice."

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Babson Sees Many Changes In Business During Coming Year

BABSON PARK, Mass.—Events are moving at breath-taking speed. Never before has the world been in the midst of such a far-reaching turmoil. Within the next hour news might break that will change the whole course of history. Nevertheless, it is vitally important to keep your perspective. To change your business or investment program with every piece of war news is almost folly. A good example of this was portrayed when the United States opened up a second front in North Africa. That morning many thousands of self-appointed commentators were convinced that the war was going to last at least five years. Yet by midnight of that same day these same commentators could see nothing but a short war and a quick victory. Let us now, therefore, confine this Outlook to probabilities.

Sale Of War Bonds Drop

There was a definite drop in the sale of war bonds in Haywood during the first 15 days of December, and the committee working on the sale of bonds fear the county will go below the quota for the first time, unless many a Christmas check is invested in bonds.

A little more than half of the December quota of \$79,400 was invested up to December 15, according to Charlie Ray, county chairman.

Haywood Schools Reopen After Brief Christmas Holidays

Haywood County schools, with the exception of the Bethel school resumed work Wednesday morning after the Christmas holidays. The Bethel school is scheduled to open this morning.

The heavy rains damaged the roads leading to the Bethel school on many routes for the buses to get to the school on time for the day's work. The Bethel school serves a wide territory, the students in some instances reside 12 miles from the school.

The attendance at the schools was reported to be below average, according to Jack Messer, county superintendent of education, who attributed weather conditions as the major cause for the poor attendance.

The schools had the shortest Christmas vacation in many years. In actual count the students missed only seven school days, the closing date being on the 18th.

Christmas Holidays Were Quietest In Years Throughout The County

Waynesville and Haywood County had one of the quietest Christmases in many years. Most people spent the day at home with their families.

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RETAIL TRADE

The first quarter of 1943 should equal the first quarter of 1942; considering the entire year, a decline of 12% is probable. Just what will happen depends on two things: first, upon the quantity of goods; and second, to what extent consumers are willing to take substitutes. Washington talks about 300,000 retailers being put out of business; but I believe this is entirely unnecessary. If landlords will be easy on rents, as sensible ones should be, practically all retailers can run on a skeleton force and keep alive until the war is over when business again should be good.

The hope of America lies not with big concerns, but with small businessmen. These small businessmen must be protected in order to preserve democracy. I go further and say that the preservation of democracy depends on small and so-called inefficient manufacturers and retailers to "clutter up" the economic situation.

COMMODITY PRICES AND LIVING COSTS

Prices of practically all commodities are at their low with the exception of certain ones that are now imported from India, the Far East and Africa. As we are shipping loads of men and supplies to these points, ships may bring back supplies of cocoa, coffee, olive oil, dried fruits, cork, antimony, lead, manganese, hides and skins, merchandise. (Continued on page 5)

Chas. Dunn Arrives From Dutch Harbor

Chas. Dunn arrived on Christmas Eve from Alaska, to visit his mother, Mrs. C. B. Atkinson. Mr. Dunn has been located in Dutch Harbor for the past two years. He has been employed on government construction work and was in Dutch Harbor when the Japs made their attack.

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