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## Storm Puts Out 85 Inches Rain

Severe electrical and rain struck the community Tuesday night and lasted for several hours. Shortly before midnight the storm put out 85 to 40 telephones in commission. Most of them were in Hazwood. Lightning struck the Brown Avenue cable, L. Lemkin said. He had a crew at the job at three o'clock Tuesday morning, and they were at work night restoring service as fast as possible. He said he expected the storm to be working sometime Tuesday night.

## Civilian Service Block Leaders Announced

Block leaders of the women for the Waynesville area who will be responsible for the execution of all programs under the Citizens Service Corps of which E. L. Withers, local chairman, have been announced by Miss Mary Margaret Smith, chairman of food preservation, as follows:

Waynesville, Mrs. Frank Ferguson, Mrs. Henry Gaddy, Mrs. G. Platt, Mrs. Theodore McCracken, Mrs. R. L. Lee, Mrs. Robert L. Smith, Mrs. Dwight Beatty, Mrs. M. M. Queen, Mrs. Grover C. Ross, Mrs. N. M. Medford, Mrs. Emma Babatime, Mrs. Hugh Wright, Mrs. Mildred Ferguson, Mrs. A. McLaughlin, Mrs. Rhymer, Mrs. C. M. Peltier, Mrs. Lee Bramlett, Mrs. J. M. Mook, Mrs. H. G. Mook, Mrs. Lucius Bramlett, Mrs. Jay Mook, Mrs. Scott Engler, Mrs. J. W. Killian, Mrs. J. S. Gay, Mrs. G. S. Sarty, Mrs. Horace Sarty, Mrs. Helen C. Orr, Mrs. J. W. Wicks, Mrs. Clark Medford, Mrs. W. F. Strange, Mrs. Henry Sarty, Mrs. Zeb Curtis, Mrs. Anna McDowell and Elsie Osborne will be in charge of the block women in the community.

Named for the Citizens Service Corps in Hazwood are: Mrs. J. B. Biscoff, Mrs. Clyde Fish, Mrs. Letha Knight, Mrs. Elsie Adell, Mrs. Roy Robinson, Mrs. Roy Hyatt, Mrs. Raymond Stoen, Mrs. J. E. Shields, Mrs. E. Wagonfield, Mrs. Fred Allison, Mrs. R. S. Roberson.

## Two WAAC Booths Set Up To Give Information

Third Officer Ruth Merryloves of main recruiting and induction station of the WAAC's in Asheville was here last week completing details for staging an active campaign in Haywood to enroll between 21 and 44 in the WAAC.

The information booth has been set up at Missie's Department Store here and at Hudson's Department Store in Canton, where all literature, blanks and data may be secured.

Arrangements have been made for the Girl Scouts to be stationed at the booth daily and give information to all women.

## G. Boineau, Jr. Takes Talk To Boosters Club

G. Boineau, Jr., gunners mate, and class 1, U. S. Navy, was the speaker at the regular dinner meeting of the Boosters Club here last Thursday night. Boineau, president, presided over the meeting.

Boineau was on the U. S. S. S. S. S. when it was attacked by Japanese torpedoes January 10, the story of which was not released by the navy department until February 16.

The speaker told as much as is known by the war department of interesting experiences since that time when the ship was a member of a force patrolling south of Guadalcanal was attacked by 24 Japanese torpedoes.

## HAS OPERATION

John L. Davis underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Mountain Hospital, Asheville, yesterday morning.

## Her 105th Birthday



All set to cut the cake is Mrs. Anna Marie Oswald Haber as she celebrates her 105th birthday at her home in Harrison, N. Y. She has two children, eight grandchildren, thirteen great grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. Happy returns.

## School For Food Preservation To Be Held Here

A school for the purpose of giving uniform instruction in safe methods of food preservation to all agencies that are responsible for food preservation programs will be held in the Welch Memorial Sunday school building of the First Baptist church here on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. The school will start each day at 10 o'clock.

Miss Anna C. Rowe, western district home demonstration agent, will conduct the school. The program comes under the county is under the Citizens Service Corps nutrition committee which in turn of the county defense program, according to Miss Mary Margaret Smith, county home agent, chairman of food conservation and utilization.

On Tuesday home economics teachers, F.S.A. home management supervisors, home agents and any other women who have had college home economics training are urged to attend the meeting.

On Wednesday all the block leaders for the Waynesville area and also Canton, all nutrition and health and food preservation leaders of home demonstration clubs and neighborhood leaders from all over the county are expected to attend the school.

The program is designed to help the women who live in the town and the rural sections. The discussion will center around home drying of fruits and vegetables, preservation by salting and brining, and home food storage.

## Rose's Cattle Make Fine Show At Georgia Sale

The five yearlings from the Balsam Aberdeen Angus farm, owned and operated by Joe E. Rose, made an excellent showing at the large sale and show in Moultrie, Ga., last week-end.

Mr. Rose's animals averaged \$317 each. The top price of the sale was \$1,000 with the average for 60 head being \$359.

Plans are underway to organize a southeastern breeders association of the Aberdeen-Angus raisers, with the initial meeting being held in Birmingham on April 6th. Mr. Rose is heading a Tar Heel group to the meeting.

## Mrs. Edith Lewis Ordered To Report To Orglethorpe

Mrs. Edith M. Lewis, who volunteered for service in the Woman's Army Auxiliary Corps last week at Charlotte, has been ordered to report for duty at Fort Argylethorpe, Ga., on Wednesday the 24th.

Mrs. Lewis is the daughter of Mrs. Ora Platt Mehaffey and at the time she volunteered was employed at the Champion Paper and Fibre Company. She is the mother of two daughters, Miss Joyce Lewis, 17, radio technician at Fort Monmouth, N. J., and Rose May, 15, student at the Warren H. Wilson Vocational Junior College.

Mrs. Gerald West, of Marietta, Ga., has returned to her home after a brief visit here with her sister, Mrs. Maria Love Mitchell.

## Two Groups March Reservists To Leave This Week

Two groups of reservists who left here last week in the March quota under the selective service system will report to camps for active service the last of this week.

Twenty-four men are scheduled to leave here on Friday for Fort Jackson. Glenn E. Greep has been named leader of the group.

The men are asked to report promptly at 8:15 at the office of the draft board for final instructions. After which they will be the guests at the W. W. N. C. Cafe of Chrest George, owner and manager, and Robert Pearce of the Waynesville Bakery for coffee and doughnuts.

A committee from the Dorcas Bell Love chapter will present the men with cigarettes as they board the bus.

Those scheduled to leave are: Walter E. Sutton, Charles J. Justice, Cecil R. Rathbone, Louis Chandler, Lawrence K. Howell, William Phillips, Lewis Kirkpatrick, Raymond M. Silvers, Ernest M. Messer.

Clyde L. Smith, Sikes Ledford, Ernest M. Sutton, Raymond Henry, Erastus H. Crawford, Hilliard B. Sutton, James R. Boone, Thomas J. Ingram, Robert L. Downs, Robert W. Sutton, Robert L. Jordan, Jr., Samuel H. Sherrill, Edward W. McClure, Jr., and Francis M. Fie.

On Saturday a group will report to Spartanburg for duty in the U. S. Navy. They will be transferred to Bainbridge, Md., for boat training.

The group who will serve in navy leaving Saturday at 6:30 a. m. with Raymond Lester Wilson, Jr., as leader, will be: James Oliver Carver, William Teague Williams, Ted Hargrove Chambers, Sam Dewey West, Jesse Jenkins, James Kerr Boone, Charles Roper Leatherwood, and Elmer Coleman Haynes.

This group will also be guests of Chrest George and Robert Pearce, of the Waynesville Bakery at the W. W. N. C. Cafe, owned by the former, for doughnuts and coffee, just before they board their bus.

Among those who are entering the navy and did not return for their week's furlough, but took up active duty at once were: Mark Eugene Carswell, Thomas Calhoun Davis, James Wallace Burnette, A. J. Garrison, Wallace Bryant McCull, Jack Hancey and Grover Hogan Fullbright.

Walter Lewis Hyatt, who has entered the U. S. Marines, will report for training at Parris Island on March 29th.

## \$3,500 Of Red Cross War Fund Quota Now In Hand

With a goal set at \$4,000 for the Haywood chapter in the Red Cross war fund drive, workers have secured in the two weeks time of the campaign, a total of \$3,500, it was announced yesterday by Rev. M. R. Williamson in charge.

Contributions are still coming in and the committee members are urging that all reports be in by the last of this week.

"We realize," said Mr. Williamson, chairman, "that the largest contributions have already been received, but we believe that we can reach our original goal with a little extra effort when the final reports are in, and we expect to continue until our goal is reached."

"In comparison with other chapters in nearby towns and cities, our folks have done remarkably well. Some who have already contributed generously, have told us that they will do more if necessary to reach our quota. We do not believe that it will be necessary to call upon those who have made contributions, but rather that people will volunteer in order that the remainder will be secured," he continued. "Anticipating this, we would like to announce that volunteer contributions can be turned in to L. N. Davis, chairman of the local chapter, to Hilliard Atkins, treasurer, or may be mailed in directly to me, as war fund chairman. All volunteer contributions will be promptly acknowledged," Mr. Williamson further commented.

## Miss Sara Queen Placed on Dean's List At Women's College

Miss Sara Queen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam L. Queen, was recently selected for the Dean's list at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina.

Only seniors and second semester juniors who make a certain scholastic average are eligible for this honor and those who are placed on it are granted special privileges. Miss Queen is a senior home economics major and will graduate in June.

Flight Officer and Mrs. A. J. Davis are spending a few days with the latter's grandmother, Mrs. D. V. Phillips. Mrs. Davis is the former Miss Margaret McRorie.

## County-Wide Nutrition Programs Are Set Up Under Dr. C. N. Sisk

A county wide nutrition program has been set up with Dr. C. N. Sisk, county health officer, as chairman. The object of this work, which is state wide, is for each county to work to improve and maintain the health and morale of every inhabitant of the area through better nutrition.

The plan is under the Civilian Defense program and is being sponsored by the State Board of Health. Objectives of the work will include the promotion of better dietary habits of the people; insurance of the productive and conservation of a food supply adequate to meet the nutritional needs; the conservation and economical use of available native foods, left overs and surplus commodities.

The county nutrition committee in each county will consist of representatives from all organized groups in the county whose work and interest can be utilized in a nutrition program.

Jonathan Woody, chairman of Civilian Defense, of the county has named Dr. Sisk as chairman, and the planning committee of which the latter is head will be composed of Mrs. Sam Queen, Jack Messer, and Howard Clapp.

Dr. Sisk has appointed the following chairmen of the committees:

## To Supreme Court



ASSOCIATE JUSTICE WILEY BLOUNT RUTLEDGE, JR., is shown in his office in the United States Supreme Court Building, Washington, D. C. He replaces Justice James F. Byrnes, who resigned to become economic stabilization chief.

## Rev. William Baker Goes To Murphy As Supply Rector

Rev. and Mrs. William Baker have gone to Murphy, where the former will serve the Episcopal church there as a supply rector for the next three months.

Rev. Baker, who is a retired Episcopal rector, served "Grace Church in the Mountains" here as a supply rector for three months, the period of time a retired rector is allowed to supply a church according to the church regulations.

## Will A. Mitchell Buried Yesterday

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Richland church for William Austin Mitchell, 67, well known carpenter, who died at his home on Dellwood road at 4 o'clock a. m. Tuesday. The Rev. Jarvis Underwood officiated. Burial was in the Turpin Chapel cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers were: David Underwood, E. B. McClure, John Gaddis, Melvin Ferguson, John Underwood, and Charlie Edwards.

Mr. Mitchell was a native of Haywood county and since early manhood had been engaged in construction work.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Gertrude Mitchell; two daughters, Mrs. Russell Gilliland, and Mrs. Carl Ledford, of Waynesville; four sons, Branner, Bonard, and Johnny Mitchell, all of Waynesville, and Pink Mitchell, veteran of World War, Number One, who is a patient at the government hospital in Johnson City, Tenn.

The Massie Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

## Mrs. Alley Heard By Rotarians

Mrs. Doyle D. Alley explained the organization and work of the United States Employment Service to the Rotary Club here last Friday. She went into detail in explaining how the service was being of value in securing needed workers for war plants throughout the nation.

Under the regulations of the Federal Manpower Commission, it was explained that the services will be more important than ever.

## Red Cross Worker Speaks At Rally Tonight At 8

A large crowd is expected tonight at the Red Cross rally, at which time Miss Jane Hashagen, the first woman to represent the American Red Cross in Australia, will be the chief speaker. The rally will be held in the court room of the court house, tonight at 8 o'clock, with Rev. M. R. Williamson, who is active in the work of the Haywood Red Cross chapter.

The Waynesville township high school band will render several numbers, under the direction of Chas. Isley, band leader, while the audience is assembling.

The Rev. H. G. Hammett, pastor of the First Baptist church, will give the invocation. The presentation of the work of the Haywood chapter will be given under supervision of L. N. Davis, executive chairman.

There will be no solicitation of funds or admission fees, as the meeting is merely to acquaint the people of the community with the great war program of the Red Cross both at home and overseas.

There will be special seats reserved for the colored people in the community, who are cordially invited to attend the meeting and hear Miss Hashagen tell of her experiences with the Red Cross in Australia and New Caledonia.

## American Legion Observes 24th Anniversary

The Waynesville Post of the American Legion held a dinner meeting here on Friday evening in observance of the 24th anniversary of the founding of the American Legion in Paris, with Major J. Harold Howell, veteran of World War Number One, as the main speaker.

Major Howell reviewed the history of the American Legion since its organization and traced its growth and influence. He was introduced by W. H. F. Millie, adjutant of the post.

Robert H. Gibson, commander of the post, presided. Rev. S. R. Crockett, chaplain, gave the invocation. The assembly singing of patriotic songs, including many of the favorites of the First World War, was led by Miss Ida Jean Brown.

Special guests of the evening included the members of the Legion Auxiliary and Lt. Page and Lt. Mervylee, of the WAAC recruiting station in Asheville, who spoke briefly of the duties of the women in the armed forces.

Others who were presented by Adjutant Miller and who also made short talks during the evening were: Mrs. J. Calvin Brown, president of the Legion Auxiliary, and Mrs. S. H. Keller, veteran army nurse of World War Number One.

## 4 Fires In Two Days Keep Firemen Busy

### Flying Preacher



CADET HAROLD C. RENE-GAR, of Fort Worth, Tex., is a licensed Baptist minister. He was called to a Dallas church a short time ago for a ministerial post, but he had already been appointed as a cadet. "The idea of leaving," he said, "isn't appealing, but I like to consider it in the light of American lives I might help to save."

### Test Blackout Termed Perfect

The test blackout staged here Tuesday night was termed by officials as 99 per cent perfect.

Two lights were reported in the community: one on Main street and one in a residential. Occupants of the places and not forgotten and left them burning.

Officials here were gratified at the splendid cooperation and thorough understanding on the part of the public, since reports from all sections of the state had come in stating considerable confusion had resulted in applying the new rules. Such was not the case here.

### Industrial Salvage Committees Are Named This Week

The organization which will supervise collection of salvage material in Haywood county industrial plants was announced this week by H. R. Clapp, of Waynesville, county chairman.

Members of the Haywood county group, he said, are cooperating in a "permanent, continuing effort by industry to keep the steel mills going."

W. M. Parsley, of Charlotte, state industrial salvage manager for the War Production Board, pointed out that materials frequently considered waste in one industry may be an original source of raw materials in another.

"In this case," Mr. Parsley said, "the industry benefiting by this salvage collection is the steel business, the backbone of the munitions industry."

B. B. Gossett, of Charlotte, is the state chairman of the salvage committee set up by the industrial division of the WPB. H. E. Buchanan, of Hendersonville, is chairman of the Twelfth district of which Haywood county is a part.

"With this setup in Haywood county," Mr. Parsley said, "it appears that the salvage organization in this area is in competent hands."

Plant salvage managers in Haywood county who will supervise the collection of materials in their respective areas have been named as follows: Waynesville, Dayton Rubber Mfg. Co., R. L. Hendricks, Welles Shoe Corp., Ott Ledbetter, Hazelwood, Royle and Pilkington Co., George Bischoff; Unagusta Manufacturing Company, Bill Prevost; A. C. Lawrence Leather Company, W. B. Winchester; Canton, Champion Paper and Fibre Company, William J. Battison.

### Public Asked To Let 'Firemen Fight Fires'

Due to the fact that the fires which occurred in the community during the week were attended by large numbers of persons, who in their zeal to see what was happening interfered with work of the firemen, the town officials have asked the policemen to enforce the laws relative to this matter.

A notice signed by Mayor J. H. Way was seen elsewhere in this issue setting forth certain rules and regulations which the public is asked to observe.

The firemen stated that two cars were driven over the hose and that in one case it was almost impossible to fight the fire for the number of people crowding about.

Robert H. Clark stated that prior to the explosion last July, the public had been careful to observe the rules of staying away from fires and allowing the firemen to take charge, but since that disaster the citizens of the community had apparently forgotten the rules.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Tyson A. Cathey announce the birth of a son, Tyson Moore Cathey, at the Emory University Hospital, Atlanta, on Thursday, March 11. Mother and son are doing nicely. Mr. Cathey is principal of the Hazelwood school.

### Water Damaged Unagusta Tuesday Night and Fire At Sims' Home Monday Afternoon

The old superstition regarding the occurrence of "three fires in succession, if there is one in a community" failed to hold true this week, as the fire department answered four calls from Sunday night to midnight Tuesday.

Officials of Unagusta Manufacturing Company are still checking damages sustained about midnight Tuesday, when fire broke out in one of the five spraying booths of the finishing department at Plant No. One. The damage was from water, which poured through from the second floor to the storage room on the first floor, where a large stock of furniture was awaiting shipment.

It has not been determined how the fire started. The base set off the sprinkler system in the plant, and that water together with the many gallons from firemen's hose flooded the stock room. The fire did not do any damage, an official said.

A nightwatchman checked the station at the booth exactly 15 minutes before the fire was discovered by a workman at the Tannery. All factory whistles sounded the alarm, and hundreds of people went to the scene in the hard downpour of rain.

Aaron Prevost, secretary-treasurer of the firm, said this was the heaviest loss caused by fire the company had ever had.

Since the fire did not do any damage to the plant, work will proceed as usual. Yesterday was spent in moving the furniture.

The first of the series of four fires was Sunday night about eight o'clock, when a Ford coupe parked near Fuller's Repair Shop on North Main street was discovered enveloped in a cloud of smoke.

The fire was put out, and the car found to be minus a license plate and the firemen were unable to find the owner. The car was taken to Abel's Garage and stored.

A damaging fire late Monday afternoon practically ruined the front interior of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sims on Pigeon street.

The blaze spread rapidly from a defect in the furnace pipe, it was said, and ran up between the walls to the attic. When discovered the basement, first floor and attic were on fire. No estimate of the damage has been made.

New floors, walls and partitions will have to be built, it was said, and much of their new furniture was ruined.

Mr. and Mrs. Sims have moved to the Cleveville until their home can be repaired. Mr. Sims is owner-manager of the Waynesville-Gulf Service and Tire Recapping Company.

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### Mrs. J. B. Henry Is Reported Improving

The condition of Mrs. J. B. Henry, who has been quite ill at her home on the Dellwood road, was reported to be much better yesterday afternoon.