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 NINTH YEAR NO. 34 12 Pages WAYNESVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 1943 (One Day Nearer Victory) \$1.75 In Advance In Haywood and Jackson Counties

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County Chairman



ARTHUR OSBORNE

Labor Mobilization Board Organized, Osborne Chairman

The organization of the Labor Mobilization Board of Haywood county as authorized by the Governor's work or fight proclamation, was perfected this week with members of the committee appointed to represent the rural section throughout the county, according to H. Arthur Osborne, county chairman.

Members of the county committee included, Sam Robinson, mayor of Canton, J. H. Way, mayor of Waynesville, J. H. Woody, chairman of Civilian Defense Organization, J. M. Anderson, mayor of Clyde, Clyde Fisher, mayor of Hazelwood, Howard Clapp, county farm agent, Mrs. Sam L. Queen, county superintendent of Welfare, and Mrs. Edith P. Alley, manager of the U. S. Employment service.

The duty of this board is to enforce the North Carolina Emergency War Powers Proclamation, better known as "The Work or Fight Proclamation," to the end that every able bodied man between the ages of 18 to 55 shall be gainfully employed.

Law enforcement officials of the county will cooperate with the board in the enforcement of the proclamation by the Governor.

The initial meeting of the board was held in Waynesville on Tuesday of this week, when chairman Osborne outlined the purposes and duties of the board.

Haywood Officials Hear Plans For Post War Plans

Three Waynesville officials spent several days recently attending the North Carolina Municipal League meeting in Raleigh.

District Schools Open Monday At 8:45 A. M.

H. G. Hammett To Remain Here As Baptist Pastor

First Baptist Pastor Decides Against Immediate Leaving To Pursue Study.

Rev. H. G. Hammett told the congregation of the First Baptist Church here Sunday morning, that for the present, he would not accept the leave of absence recently granted him so he could attend the Bible Institute and receive his doctor's degree.

The church recently voted unanimously to give him a leave of absence of eight months, so that he could attend the institution in New Orleans.

In a formal statement Sunday morning, he thanked the congregation for their kindness, and said in part: "I feel impressed, after prayerful consideration and expressed desires of a host of people, that I not accept this leave of absence so graciously extended by the church. So at present, I shall remain here as pastor, subject to the wishes of the church as a whole, and subject, as of this date, to arrangements and disposition of my graduate credits and above all, the will of Almighty God."

Rev. Mr. Hammett requested the prayers and continued cooperation of the church, and support of the expansion program of the church.

In concluding his formal statement, he said: "I shall expect, while we remain together, that every member of this church be just as faithful and loyal to Christ and His Church as is expected of me."

11 Haywood Men Volunteer For Duty In Navy

Eleven Haywood men left here Monday for further examinations in Raleigh, after volunteering for duty in the Navy.

Those going were: Kenneth McClure and George Robert Gaddy, of Waynesville, Bruce Curtis, Hazelwood, Benjamin Hill, Jr., and Devere Keith Medford, of Clyde, and these six from Canton: William Arthur Franklin, Paul Baxter Moor, Glenn Emerson, Mayor-Duman Phillips, Chas. Cory Lowrey, Jr., and Thomas Jones, Jr.

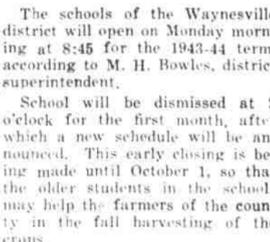
A representative of the district recruiting office will be at the court house again on Friday to interview those interested in volunteering in the Navy.

Rotarians Hear Address On Alaska

Bishop Bruce Baxter, of Oregon, addressed Rotarians last Friday on Alaska. His work frequently takes him to Alaska, and he has spent considerable time there working with the Methodist missions in that area.

"Alaska is more important to our national defense than most people believe," the bishop said. He pointed out that some islands belonging to the United States were only two miles from inhabited Russian islands.

Board Member



AARON PREVOST

Barber Resigns Rationing Board; Prevost Appointed

R. N. Barber, Jr., has resigned from the rationing board serving the Waynesville area. Aaron Prevost has been named to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation.

Mr. Barber was a member of the original board which has been functioning since January, 1942, and has given generously of his time to the work. His resignation was necessitated by the labor shortage as he was needed at the Barber Orchards of which he is manager during the harvesting season.

R. L. Gibson, Jr., Attending Tar Heel State This Week

Robert L. Gibson, Jr., son of R. L. Gibson, Chief Petty Officer in the U. S. Navy and Mrs. Gibson, of Waynesville, is attending "Tar Heel State" at the University of North Carolina this week.

Young Gibson made a record of perfect "A's" during his junior year at the local high school and was also president of the Junior class. He was active in other organizations of the school.

J. Colvin Brown, Jr., At Duke University

J. Colvin Brown, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brown, of Waynesville, is a student at Duke University. He entered as a civilian freshman at the beginning of the current semester in July. He is specializing in science and plans to study medicine after the first five semesters of regular college work.

Young Brown was a member of the 1942 graduating class from the local high school. At the time he left for college he was employed by the P. T. Dairy Products Company.

Local Masons To Hold Special Communications

A special communication has been called in the Waynesville Lodge for the purpose of conferring the Master Masons Degree on Monday night, the 30th, according to an announcement by C. B. Hosafloek, director, of the West Gate Club.

The West Gate Club will have charge of the second section, all members of the Waynesville Lodge and the West Gate Club are urged to be present. Visiting Masons are invited to attend.

Food Prices Drop 2%, Says Chairman Of Price Panel

The Cost Of Living Has Dropped .8% During Period Of June 15 To July 15.

Retail food prices dropped 2 per cent from June 15 to July 15, according to T. J. Cathey, chairman of the price panel of the local ration board here. The report is based on figures just released by the government following a rigid survey.

The same report pointed that the cost of living dropped .8 per cent during the same period.

These reductions in the cost of living are the direct result of a determined effort on the part of the government and local citizens to hold living costs in line with the income of the people.

Mr. Cathey requested the wholehearted cooperation of all merchants and consumers in the program to resist price increases.

It was pointed out that all reputable grocers were assisting in the campaign by posting their prices in accordance with the government requirements.

Cruso Electric To Hold Annual Meeting Saturday

The annual meeting of the Cruso Electric Membership Corporation which enters its fifth year of supplying electric service to the area, and other rural communities in the area, will be held at 2 o'clock in the auditorium of the Clyde high school on Saturday, the 28th, announced by James E. Moore, superintendent of the corporation.

Reports from officers and directors, the election of officers, and discussions of a number of amendments to the charter will take up the greater part of the afternoon.

Chas. R. McFarley, president, will preside.

Since the progress of the cooperative since its lines were first energized on August 22, 1939, Mr. Moore recalled that the system had only 127 customers at the end of its first month of operation.

Today the cooperative furnishes electric service to 955 consumers along 224 miles of distribution lines in Haywood and Buncombe counties.

Farm members of the cooperative have come to depend more and more on electric equipment to save labor and increase production of such vital foods as milk, eggs, poultry, and meats.

The 800 farms served by the cooperative consumed an average of 38 kilowatt hours in July, as compared with 31 KWH a year ago.

The Cruso Cooperative's program got underway on April 12, 1939, when the REA allocated \$42,000 of its first loan to the system. Construction started after a contract had been let on June 30, 1939, for the building of 34 miles of line at a cost of \$29,104. REA has advanced the cooperative a total of \$220,007 on its construction allotments as of June 30, 1943, according to Mr. Moore.

Land 'O The Sky Bean Pack Short 50 Per Cent

The bean pack by the Land 'O The Sky Association is about fifty per cent under normal, according to J. E. Barr, general manager here yesterday.

County Agent Says Sun Has Increased Quality By A Third In Two Weeks.

Quality Is Fine And Should Bring Excellent Price

Haywood's tobacco crop was estimated this week to be near the million pound mark, with the quality improving daily under the August sun, according to county agent Howard Clapp yesterday.

Haywood had an increase in acreage of about 15 per cent over last year, and while the production is slightly off, the gross will equal last year's tonnage, it is believed.

Mr. Clapp predicted the Haywood crop would bring about half a million dollars on the market, provided the prices hold up for burley in proportion to flue cured prices, and also barring OPA regulations.

Farmers in all sections of the county have started harvesting and will continue until frost. There is about a three-week difference in crops, between the early and late crops, due to the rains in the spring which prevented planting on schedule in some sections.

Mr. Clapp warned about packing tobacco too closely in barns. Since last year additional storage space has been built on many farms, in order to care for the increased crop.

The sun has brought out many crops of burley as much as one-third better quality, Mr. Clapp reported.

Art Department In High School To Be Expanded

The art department of the junior and senior high school is to be expanded, according to Mrs. Inez Brooks, in charge of the department.

A number of new courses are to be offered, and equipment will include the addition of new cabinets, drawing benches, easels and other necessary articles for the expanded courses to be given.

Pottery, basketry, outdoor sketching, stenciling, charcoal and block printing will be introduced this year.

Art is required in the junior high school and elective in the eighth through the twelfth grades.

A special course has been worked out for the benefit of Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. In the course planned for the Scouts those eligible for the work may receive credit in the state and school requirements, but may also win from twelve to twenty awards or badges in Scout work.

Large quantities of art material have been received and orders given in advance for the necessary supplies so that any delay may be avoided when school opens and classes start, it was learned from Mrs. Brooks.

Next Blackout Will Duplicate Raid Conditions

The next state-wide blackout test signal may be a little mixed, to simulate as nearly as possible actual raid conditions, it was announced here yesterday.

The plan is to train the public to recognize each of the signals heard, most has been named to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation. recognize each of the signal's meaning so that they will not depend upon the number of signals heard, rather for their different sounds.

Work Moving Fast On New Home For Bakery

Work is moving along satisfactorily on the new home for the Waynesville Bakery, according to Robt. B. Pearce, owner. The firm will soon move into larger quarters directly across the street from the present location. In the new building, Mr. Pearce plans to triple his production of "Pearce's Baked Goods."

Mrs. J. E. Whisenunt, of Asheville, spent Friday in Hazelwood with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lane.

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 Canton, 10,000
 Hazelwood, 16,000
 Hazelwood, 892,000
 Hazelwood, 609,000
 Hazelwood, 124,000
 Hazelwood, 391,000
 Hazelwood, 145,000
 Hazelwood, 255,000
 Hazelwood, 175,000
 Hazelwood, 271,000
 Hazelwood, 189,000
 Hazelwood, 432,000
 Hazelwood, 69,000

Bundles For Russia Being Collected By J. C. Brown

An appeal for garments for the Red Cross is being made by J. C. Brown, president of the American Legion Auxiliary, chairman of the welfare department of the Woman's Club, and in charge of the local collection.

The first garments to be sent here were shipped the first of this week, and those who wish to contribute to this worthy cause are asked to send all articles to the street between now and the opening, when the last shipment will be made.

The following articles are desired: wool shoes, socks, stockings, caps, felt hats, suits worn in the winter, blankets and sheets.

Mr. Brown points out the great need for an early shipment in order to reach Russia before the winter starts.

School Buses To Operate Under New DOT Regulations

The following list of bus drivers in the Waynesville school district for the coming school year have been announced as follows by Jack Osborne, county superintendent of education:

Allen's Creek and Camp Hill, W. Wyatt; for Saunook, W. Wyatt; for Lake Junaluska, W. Wyatt; for Rattcliff Cove, W. Wyatt; for Shorty Cove, W. Wyatt; for Mill Road and Plott, W. Wyatt; for Alney Mehaffey, Cove, W. Wyatt; for Waynesville, W. Wyatt; for Rock Hill, W. Wyatt; for Waynesville, W. Wyatt; for Caldwell, W. Wyatt; for Francis Cove and W. Wyatt; for Joe Boore, W. Wyatt.

New regulations relative to bus operation of students to and from school under orders from the Department of Defense Transportation are in effect this year. Superintendent Messer announced.

Extension Workers Meeting To Conference

Extension workers here, including Clapp, Wayne Franklin and Mrs. Margaret Smith, leave for a 3-day conference at Henderson.