

# THE WAYNESVILLE MOUNTAINEER



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FIFTH YEAR NO. 49 16 Pages WAYNESVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1944 (One Day Nearer Victory) \$1.75 In Advance In Haywood and Jackson Counties

## Revaluation Of Property Starts In January

## Big War Bond Rally Here Saturday 2:30

### Commissioners Order Property Revalued In Jan.

Routine Procedure Every Years; County Valuation Likely To Increase.

The revaluation of property in Haywood county which the law designates shall take place every four years will get underway the first of the year, according to George A. Brown, Jr., chairman of the county board of commissioners and county manager. The last revaluation of property in Haywood was made in 1941.

At a meeting during the week the commissioners named the listers in each township and also the appraisers of the property. The latter have been selected on account of their knowledge of prop-

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### Commissioners Fill Offices For Coming Year

The county board of commissioners made a number of appointments at their meeting held during the week.

The following were named members of the Haywood County Hospital board for a two year term by the county commissioners: L. H. Bramlett, M. Ferguson and Frank M. Byers.

A bill was passed during the 1943 term of the legislature providing for reducing the board of from seven members to three with the membership to be appointive, with the power of appointment given to the county board of commissioners. It was pointed out by Geo. A. Brown, chairman of the board, that the three named to serve on the board all sections of the county will be represented, it was pointed out by the board. Mr. Bramlett will represent the Waynesville section of the county, Mr. Ferguson the lower end, and Mr. Byers, of Canton, will represent the Pigeon, Clyde and Beaverdam areas.

The new board will assume their duties this month.

M. G. Stamey, county attorney, who was named in 1942 to fill out an unexpired term of Walter Crawford, who resigned to accept another position, was reappointed to serve another term as county attorney.

J. J. Ferguson and J. M. Fish, who have served as assistant tax collectors were also reappointed, as was J. S. Black, who has served for several years as clerk to the county tax collector.

### Non-Suit Taken By Taxi Owners In \$10,000 Suit

A non-suit was taken by the group of taxi operators in their \$10,000 suit against Tom Lee, owner of the Twin City Bus Service, and the Town of Waynesville. The decision was reached last Friday, when attorneys for both groups signed an agreement setting out specified bus stops on Main Street

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### Parts Made To Help E Bond In County

Duff Over-Subscribes Quota, Waynesville

A last-minute county-wide rally will be held at the house here Saturday afternoon in an effort to make Haywood bond quota in the Sixth Ward.

Francis, county chairman yesterday that "Haywood now behind on the E and unless extra heavy buying place between now and Saturday, when the rally, we might not make our

high school band, men from General, and the redistricting in Asheville will participate in the big rally. "Some that have an interesting tell will be on the program," Mr. Francis said.

Friday saw some activity in buying, as they put money into bonds. The results of this was in the Haywood township, which went an \$1,000 over their quota, and second township in the

Three people are credited with getting out in the snow and selling weather and selling. They were Thurman, township chairman; early Caldwell, co-chairman,

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### School Band Give Annual Concert On 20th

Waynesville high school will give their annual concert at the high school auditorium Tuesday evening, December 20, 8 o'clock, under the direction of Chas. Isley, band leader.

An annual affair to which is invited to attend. It is one of the few events for which money is made by the band.

Money derived from the concert is used each year to buy supplies.

The following program will be given: "Star Spangled Banner," by Sousa; "Morning, Noon and Night," by Suppe; "In the Garden," by Ketyby; "National Emblem," by

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### Death Of Mrs. Killed By Drunken Driver

Conley, 70, a frequent driver, was instantly killed last week when his automobile said to have been driven by a drunken driver.

Conley was a brother of V. Price of the Dellwood. Mr. and Mrs. Price attended funeral on Tuesday afternoon at Savannah.

### Seriously Wounded



PFC. JOHN R. ARRINGTON, son of Mrs. Claude Hill, who has been reported seriously wounded in action in Germany on November 25. Story on page four.

### Mercury Drops To 5 Degrees; Six Inch Snow Fall

Haywood was slowly, but gradually thawing out Wednesday from under a 6-inch blanket of snow, and a coating of ice resulting from five degree weather here Tuesday night. These were the official readings by Clem Fitzgerald, official weather observer.

Snow started falling early Monday morning, and continued throughout the day, and up into the night.

No severe accidents were reported, although several cars suffered dented fenders from skidding on the icy streets and highways. Snow plows and crews soon had the main streets and highways cleared or covered with sawdust.

### Early Tobacco Sales Bringing Close To \$50

Burley tobacco was bringing the predicted price, as markets opened Monday. The average was \$49.64 on the Asheville market.

The ice and snow covered roads prevented many farmers from attending opening sales, and yesterday one of the best sales to be made from the county that had been reported was the crop of Harley Bryson and Jack Chambers. They received an average of \$53.69 per hundred pounds for their crop from eight tenths of an acre.

Haywood tobacco ranked high on the markets, and in many instances brought premium prices.

### Doretta Balentine Buried Here On Monday Afternoon

Last rites were conducted Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the First Baptist Church for Doretta Joyce Balentine, 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett H. Balentine, who was fatally injured Sunday afternoon when struck by a taxicab as she crossed the street near her home on the Dellwood road.

Rev. L. G. Elliott, pastor of the church, officiated. Burial was in Greenhill cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers were: J. C. Patrick, Hurst Burgin, Ben Phillips, Lloyd Kirkpatrick, Frank Rogers and J. L. Carwile.

Young friends, including among the list a number of her classmates, had charge of the flowers as follows: Clara Sue Shuler, Alice Marie Burgin, Mary Jean West, Mary Chase Hall, Donna Joe Queen, Patsy Ezell, Dorothy Norris, Martha Mae Noland, Judy Roberts, Betty Hale, Elizabeth Elliott, Mary Dorcas Howell, Nancy Leatherwood, Annie Kerley, Virginia Wilson, Betty Brown, Sara Brown, Shirley Mae Connatser, and Nancy Francis.

Doretta had been visiting with friends and was returning home when the accident occurred. She had alighted from an automobile near her home a short time before being struck. She was taken to the Haywood County Hospital, where she died a few minutes later.

Dr. Frank Pate, Haywood county coroner, reported she died of a broken neck and no inquest was held.

Gene Wright, 33, of Waynesville, is alleged to have been the driver of the taxicab at the time of the accident.

Doretta, who was greatly beloved in the community, was a fifth grade student in the East Waynes-

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### Death Claims Mrs. J. R. Boyd; Buried On Monday

Funeral services were held at the First Methodist Church here on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock for Mrs. Sallie Campbell Boyd, 71, wife of James R. Boyd, who died at her home Sunday afternoon at 6:15. The pastor, Rev. J. Clay Madison, officiated, and was assisted by Rev. Walter B. West, superintendent of the Waynesville Methodist District, and Rev. T. A. Grooce, of Asheville, life long friend of the family. Burial was in Greenhill cemetery.

Part of the service was also in memory of Lt. Thad O. Chafin, Jr., 24, U. S. Infantry, grandson of Mrs. Boyd, who was reported killed in action in Germany on November 22, the message from

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### Lake Head



DR. FRANK S. LOVE, recently named superintendent of Lake Junaluska, to succeed Dr. W. A. Lambeth, who is now serving as superintendent of the Greensboro district.

### Dr. Love Now At Lake As Manager Of The Assembly

The Rev. Dr. Frank S. Love, one of the outstanding ministers and leaders of the Methodist church, recently elected superintendent of the Lake Junaluska Methodist Assembly, has moved from Durham to the Lake and taken over the duties of his new position. He succeeds in the position, Rev. Dr. W.

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### Schools To Have Two Days Off For Christmas Season

The Waynesville Township schools will close on Friday, December 22, and resume work on Wednesday, December 27, according to an announcement by M. H. Bowles, district superintendent. The same brief holiday period will also be observed in the county

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### Dime Board Will Be Placed On Main Street Here Saturday By Lions Club

The Lions Club will place their Christmas Cheer Dime Board on Main Street Saturday, and operate it daily from nine a. m. until nine p. m. through the 23rd.

The money raised by the board will be used in spreading Christmas cheer, and in the sight conservation program of the organization.

The 1943 board raised \$410. Of this amount \$171 was spent on Christmas baskets, and \$239 in helping a large number get examination and glasses.

### Sgt. Leatherwood Reported Killed In England

Staff Sergeant William Earl Leatherwood, 23, son of Mrs. Mattie Byers Leatherwood, of Clyde, and the late J. T. Leatherwood, was reported killed in action in England on November 21. He was serving as a gunner on a B-24 Liberator Bomber at the time he was reported missing.

The message from the War Department stated that a letter would follow giving more details.

S. Sgt. Leatherwood attended the Clyde high school and was graduated from Mars Hill College in 1940. He volunteered in the air corps and was called to active service on September 15, 1943. He received his training at Keesler Field, Miss., Tyndall Field, Fla., and Chatham Field, Ga., before being sent overseas, where he had served for the past five months.

At the time he entered the service Sgt. Leatherwood was employed by the Champion Paper and Fibre Company.

Surviving are his wife, the former Miss Harriett Chambers, of Waynesville and Clyde, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Chambers, of Clyde, his mother, Mrs. Mattie Leatherwood, of Clyde, one brother, Tom Leatherwood, and two sisters, Miss Evelyn Leatherwood, of Clyde and Mrs. Hugh Ratcliff, of Waynesville.

### J. D. Underwood Posthumously Given Purple Heart

Private Joseph D. Underwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Underwood, of Waynesville, who was killed in action in Germany on September 13, has been posthumously awarded the Purple Heart for bravery in action. His wife, the former Miss Evelyn Bramlett, of Canton, received the award this week.

Pvt. Underwood entered the service in June of 1943, and was sent to Fort McClellan for his basic training. From Fort McClellan he was sent to Fort George Meade, Md., before being sent overseas.

### Killed In Action



FIRST LT. THAD O. CHAFIN, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. Thad O. Chafin, of the Fairview Road, who was reported killed in action in Germany on November 22.

### Lt. Thad Chafin Reported Killed In Action, Nov. 22

First Lt. Thad O. Chafin, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Thad O. Chafin of Waynesville, Infantry officer of the U. S. First Army, was killed in action in Germany on November 22, according to a message from the War Department received by his parents Sunday.

Lt. Chafin volunteered in the service and left here with the Waynesville unit of the National Guard in September, 1940. He was stationed first at Fort Jackson, and from there was sent to Officers Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga. After receiving his commission he was retained at Fort Benning as an instructor for some months.

After being sent overseas he was stationed in North Ireland after which he was sent to London where he was given special training be-

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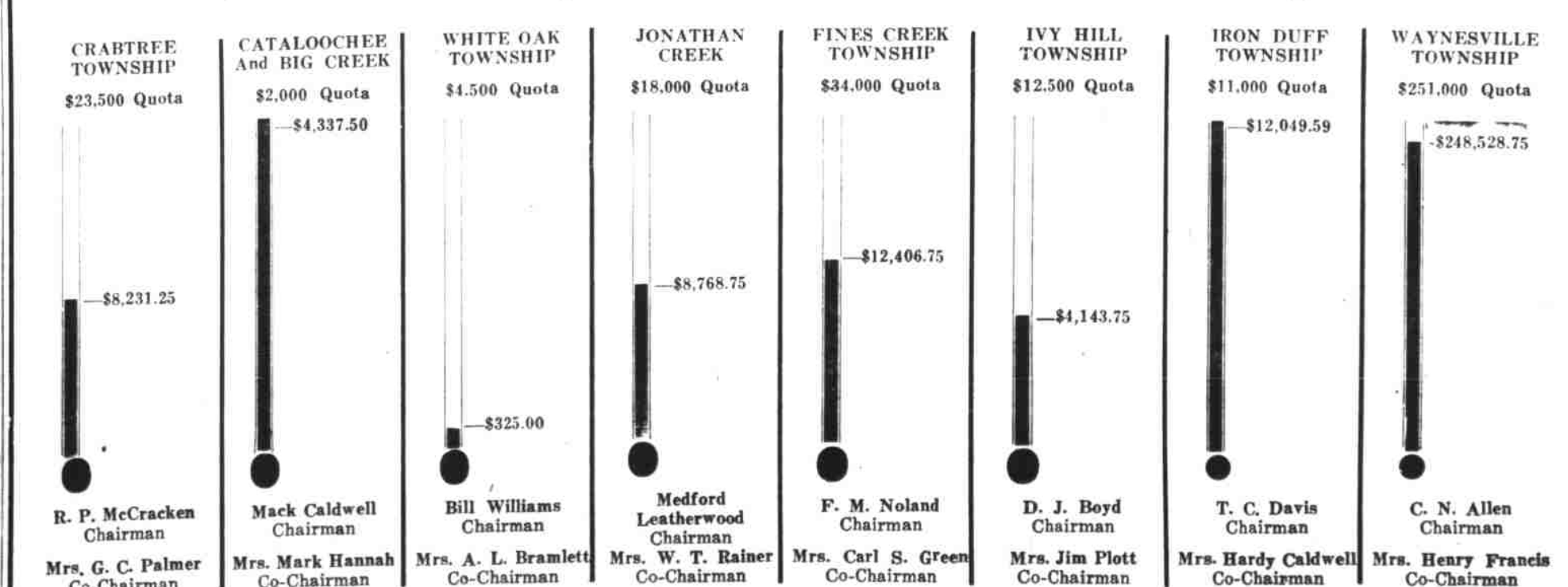
### Special Gift To Hitler Bears Name Of McCracken

There is one Christmas present that the world wants to see delivered on time—even ahead of time would be appreciated.

Staff Sgt. George McCracken just sent his parents a picture of a huge bomb which was being prepared on the airfield where he is a crew chief of a bomber. On the bomb Sgt. McCracken had painted "To Adolph et al, from Theo. M. McCracken."

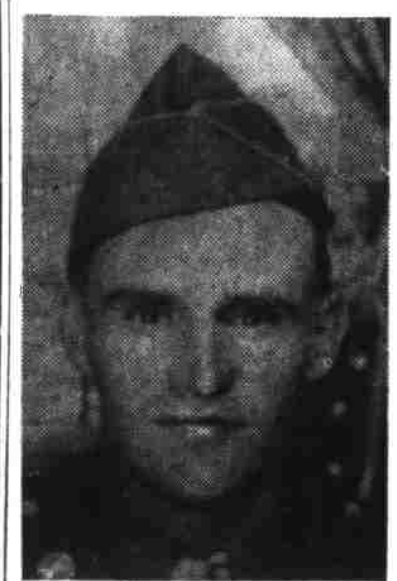
The world is anxiously awaiting news of the delivery of this very special gift to Hitler.

## War Bond Quotas For Eight Townships



When You Buy Bonds, Be Sure To Designate Your Township

### Missing In Action



PVT. ERNEST ROGERS has been reported missing in Holland on November 29, according to a message from the War Department to his wife, Mrs. Anna Bell Rogers, of Clyde, R.F.D. No. 1. PVT. Rogers was with an infantry division and has been overseas for the past nine months.



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