

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

By S. A. JONES, Secretary

During the past 1944 season the Chamber of Commerce has carefully spent and contributed its funds for running expenses and in behalf of worthy causes. Advertising literature was needed, and Waynesville and Haywood County folders of information have been sent to almost every State, from Oregon, Maine, California to Florida, and as far away as the Dutch East Indies and the West Indies, to people and Chambers of Commerce who have heard of this mountain section and our resorts through literature sent out before, or by having friends or themselves visited here. We have had many inquiries from some of these places and numbers of them who are definitely interested in making this their home eventually. We have many inquiries as to residences, property, farms, dairying, industry and manufacturing, and of course, constant inquiries for summer accommodations.

The active 1944 year, started off with an excellent banquet, in which all who were interested could share. Officials and speakers from our neighboring towns were present, as invited guests, and they realize the possibilities we have here of expanding and growing in industries, agriculture and as a vacation land. As stated sometime ago in our Mountaineer, "Waynesville has growing pains," but we have to have facilities in order to accommodate this growth and allow it to take place. Large contributions were made to our very fine high school band, than which there is none better; to the Hereford Cattle Show, that brought many farmers and cattlemen together. The Community Council also received a contribution for the Halloween party for the school children given by the

civic organizations, and the Chamber of Commerce has loaned their piano to the Recreation Center for their use in their entertainments and recreation periods, for an indefinite time.

Through the persistent efforts of the Chamber of Commerce, with the cooperation of our retail coal dealers, this community has been supplied extra coal through the Solid Fuels Administration for War. Meetings were held, long distance calls were made and many letters of information were sent from October 18th to the last meeting on January 18th, and to date, stating the current condition of the serious coal shortage and situation throughout this community. Though the coal received, and that yet to be received for distribution, is not of the highest grade, it has, nevertheless, relieved many homes from serious suffering and deprivation during the wholesale shortage of fuel supplies all over the country. Although through this work our people have been supplied with forty extra carloads of government relief coal, which has and will prevent many hardships during the extremely severe winter weather we have had, and will no doubt have more of.

For years our summer visitors and home folks have asked that we place benches on the streets, where all and sundry might rest and relax. This was done this past year, and fifty benches were placed in Waynesville, Hazelwood and vicinity. Numerous citizens and visitors expressed their gratitude. And having had so many requests for more, we will have an additional fifty for use, and the original fifty repaired and repainted to be placed by spring.

All of these things are made possible, to assist and add to our communities, by your interest, your cooperation and your contributions to the Chamber of Commerce. These are essential things, but along with them are many bigger and better projects and undertakings that we want and need that can be accomplished by all working together. Let's become more "Chamber of Commerce conscious" and contribute more time, effort, interest and support to it.



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Mrs. J. M. Long Had Charge Of DAR Program

The Dorcas Bell Love Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution held the February meeting with Mrs. R. N. Barber on Friday afternoon. Mrs. W. F. Swift, regent, presided.

Mrs. James M. Long was in charge of the program and presented Dr. McNair, supply pastor of the Canton Presbyterian church as the guest speaker. Dr. McNair spoke on Russian relations to the United States during and following World War III. He traced the history of Russia and told of trends toward religion in the country today.

Mrs. S. H. Bushnell, chairman of patriotic education, announced that the 36th annual declamation contest sponsored by the chapter would be held in the high school auditorium on February 22.

Mrs. W. A. Hyatt, announced that the dress contest sponsored by the chapter would take place in the annual Fashion Show to be staged by the home economics department of the school on Thursday morning. Mrs. J. Harden Howell, chairman on Indian work, announced that she had sent over 100 magazines to the Cherokee school recently.

Mrs. Swift read a letter from the state regent announcing that there would be neither state or national meetings held this year due to travel conditions. The chapter voted to send a cash donation to the Tamassee school on the occasion of the 25th founding of the

St. Johns To Face Fines Creek In Tourney

The first game for St. John's in the Haywood County basketball tournament will be played against Fines Creek on February 19 at 7:00 p. m. at the local armory. Fines Creek has been victorious in two doubleheader games with St. John's but there is every reason to believe that St. John's will afford much competition to Fines Creek since both the Rangers and Rangerettes have shown vast improvement.

St. John's cage quint met and conquered the Catamounts of Western Carolina Teachers college on February 8th at the armory. At the end of the first quarter St. John's was leading by 6 points but the Catamounts caught up with and passed the Rangers at the half with a 15-12 score. Despite determined play by the green and gold the margin was steadily widened and by the end of the third quarter it stood 21-16, but during the fourth quarter the Rangers slowly crept up to tie the Catamounts, 26-26. The tie was played off and the Rangers came out victorious with a 34-32 score. The Rangerettes fell before the powerful Waynesville High Mountaineers on the same night, losing to them 20-9.

St. John's took a doubleheader from Bryson City on Saturday, February 10; the boys' winning 45-28, and the girls' taking a 20-5 victory.

Box score, W.C.T.C. at St. John's, February 8:

Boys' lineup:
Rangers (34) Catamounts (32)
F. E. Dunbar (8) Claxton (19)
F. Resor (6) Franklin
C. B. Dunbar (14) Jaynes (10)
G. Mills (4) Reeves (1)
G. Ryan (1) Seals (1)
Subs: St. John's, Martin (2), Wilson, Cagle, Minett; Catamounts, Hamilton, Hughes (1), Madison, Burns.
Referee: Davis (Duke).
Box score, Waynesville high school at St. John's, February 8:
Girls' lineup:
St. John's (9) Waynesville (20)
F. Klutz (2) Trantham (13)
F. A. Ensley (4) Blankenship
F. Greer (2) Adams
G. Summerrow Davis
G. Furtado Messer
G. K. Ensley Evans
Subs: St. John's, Gaddis (1); Waynesville, Scates (2), Hampton (5), Revis, McClure, White, Crouser, Mehafeey.
Referee: Davis (Duke).

CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late Rev. Jarvis Smith give their sincere thanks to the neighbors, Dr. Strecher, Rev. Jarvis Underwood, for their many acts of kindness in his last illness and death.
The Family

Three Waynesville Boys Have Parts In Play At W.C.T.C.

Three students from Waynesville are playing in the Western Carolina Play production "Skin of Our Teeth," by Thornton Wilder, to be given in the college auditorium at Western Carolina Teachers College on Wednesday evening, February 21. They are Jack Allison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Allison, Bud Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith, and Wingate Hannah, son of Mrs. W. T. Hannah.

Smith and Allison are graduates of the Waynesville Township high school and Hannah is a graduate of St. John's. All three boys are members of the freshman class.

Willard E. Russell Spends Leave Here

Willard E. Russell, seaman second class, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wyatt, of Allen's Creek section, spent a 30-day leave recently here with his wife and three children. Seaman Russell has been serving overseas for the past five months and his assignments took him to Africa and other points in that war theatre.

During the social hour Mrs. Barber was assisted in serving by Mrs. Richard N. Barber, Jr., her daughter-in-law and granddaughter and Elizabeth Barber. Special guests of the afternoon were: Mrs. Stella Hall, of Hartford, Conn., and Mrs. L. G. Elliott.

Capt. Paul Jacobs To Address Local Club On China

Capt. Paul Jacobs, U. S. Medical Corps, recently returned from the China-Burma area, where he served with Merrill's Marauders, will be the guest speaker at the February meeting of the Woman's Club which will be held this afternoon at Oak Park. Capt. Jacobs is stationed in Asheville.

The speaker will be introduced by Mrs. William Hannah, who is in charge of the program. Mrs. James W. Killian, president, will preside. Hostesses of the afternoon will be Mrs. Charles E. Ray, Jr., Mrs. W. G. Francis and Mrs. Frank Feysgon.

Mr. and Mrs. John LeRoy Davis had as their guest during the week the latter's cousin, Mrs. George Jones, of Franklin, who was en route to Asheville to visit members of her family.

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