

707 Haywood Men Killed In Second World War

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Haywood Goes Wild Over Peace

Hotel Plans To Be Presented Friday

Formal presentation of plans for the construction of a modern hotel for this community will be presented by a special committee Friday night at the court house. Meeting will begin promptly at eight o'clock, according to Woody, chairman.

At least 300 business and civic leaders of this community are expected to attend the meeting, and hear the details for construction of the much-discussed hotel for this community.

This is the most important civic meeting held in this community in many years," one member of the committee compares with the meeting which created Lake Park, and the one that established the Park," the chairman said.

Mr. Woody pointed out yesterday that plans were to the effect that the project would be debt-free before one cent was spent.

Option has been secured on 177-feet on Main Street and details of the site will be among the things expected Friday night.

A number of summer visitors have contacted the committee seeking stock in the proposed hotel. Some wanted to purchase the stock to give them a priority in the purchase of stock during the summer time. One man wanted a large block of stock in the project.

A meeting is open to every person who is interested in the project for Waynesville a large, modern hotel. Mr. Woody pointed out.

Mr. Woody prepared a statement by the committee, said in part: "The presence at this meeting will express your approval of the need of a hotel. Your absence will mean that you do not think we need a hotel. If we don't get the hotel built, it is quit talking about it. This is not a promotional meeting but a combined effort to put into effect a long-felt need."

The committee is composed of Mr. Woody, chairman; Mr. Allen, George A. Brown, Jr., J. E. Massie, Charles J. W. Ray, R. L. Prevost, and W. Curtis Russ.

Three Men Caught For Robberies

Local officers have cleared up three robberies in Haywood, with the arrest of three men. Two have been turned over to the army as deserters, and the third was given a year on the roads.

The places entered were H. S. Ward Station at Lake Junaluska, Branson Motor Company, Canton, and The Texas Company in Waynesville. The arrests were made by the sheriff's department, and the men convicted upon evidence gathered by Sam Kelly with the use of finger prints taken from the places of robberies.

Wood Baptists Will Hold Two-Day Session

The Wednesday session will begin with a worship period conducted by Claude Gilstrap. The moderator will name committees and the following reports will be made: State Missions by W. H. Whitlock; Foreign Missions by Roy Young; and the Co-operative Program by Rev. Everett Murray.

The association will adjourn for lunch at 12:15 and convene at 1:30, with Cretch Johnson conducting the worship period. Rev. T. H. Parris will make the report for the executive committee, while Mrs. E. C. Horton will report on the Woman's Missionary Union.

Manuel Wyatt will discuss the orphanage, and N. Stevenson will talk on hospitals. Hobard Rogers will report on the ministers retirement plant, and Paul Shepherd will discuss temperance and morals. Following a musical period, Dr. I. G. Greer will speak.

Dr. I. G. Greer will speak at the session, Dr. I. G. Greer, moderator and will preside.

Three state leaders will hold the two-day program, starting at ten o'clock.

Dr. I. G. Greer, state secretary, will be the principal speaker at the two-day session. Rev. J. C. Elliott will preach the sermon at 11:35, and at the session, Dr. I. G. Greer, moderator and will preside.

Dr. I. G. Greer will deliver the sermon Thursday morning, and at the afternoon session, Dr. L. L. editor of The Biblical will speak.

Has Hotel Plans



JONATHAN W. WOODY, chairman of a committee which will report Friday night on plans for a large modern hotel here.

Millar Returns From Business Trip To England

W. H. F. Millar flew back from a two-week stay in London on business last Friday, leaving Ireland at eight o'clock Friday night and arriving in Knoxville at 11 o'clock Saturday night, covering the 4,000-mile trip in a little over 24 hours.

Mr. Millar, a local attorney, was accompanied by a business associate on the business trip.

In discussing the bombings of London, Mr. Millar said it was "spotted." Some places there were no buildings out in a block, and then for three or four blocks there were no signs of damage. "All around St. Paul's, there was considerable damage, but none to the cathedral itself," he said.

"The food was better than what we get in America. They have a rationing that calls for so much butter, bacon, sugar and the scarce items, and they get that amount, but no more. While food is plentiful, it is ample," he continued.

There are many American officers in London, he said, and the War Department is bringing thousands home as fast as they can. The ship Mr. Millar went across.

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Employers To Hold Conference Here Tuesday

An employers conference has been called for Tuesday, August 21st, at the U. S. Employment Service office here by Mrs. Edith P. Alley for the purpose of discussing labor problems for the past war era. The conference will begin at two o'clock.

All employers of this district are extended an invitation to attend this conference.

Guy Messer On Police Force

Guy Messer assumed his duties here yesterday as the fourth member of the Waynesville police force.

For the present, Mr. Messer will be on duty with Chief O. R. Roberts, while O. L. Noland and Herbert Ruff are on night duty. Plans are to alternate the work between day and night shifts.

Gas And Some Foods Taken Off Rationing List

OPA announced yesterday the discontinuance of rationing of gasoline, canned fruits, vegetables, fuel oil and oil stoves.

Haywood Fully Enjoys Celebrating Peace, As Highlights Well Prove

Some places of business that remain open 24-hours a day closed immediately upon hearing the peace news.

One visiting soldier wanted some extra gasoline and didn't have any coupons, so he swapped a shoe stamp for five gallons.

The weatherman took a big hand in the celebration. At 6:20 one of the year's heaviest rains fell—in fact, the official recording showed 1.31 inches fell in 40 minutes. Just as the whistles and bells started to peal forth the good news, the rain ceased.

One 8-year old boy found that he could make an unusually loud noise by hitting the hood of an old model truck. An adult suggested that he not tear the truck up, as it would be a long time before more were made. The youngster looked around, and said, "Mister, I gotta make a noise, my brother is in the Philippines."

"If I could just talk to my son over there tonight, I would call this a perfect day," said one mother, as her voice broke with mixed emotions.

Cars and trucks were running bumper-to-bumper up and down Main Street. One woman across the street wanted a Mountaineer extra and could not get across to a newsboy, nor could the boy get to her.

Special services in thanksgiving for peace were held at 6 o'clock in St. John's Parish, the feast of the Assumption.

Mothers wept with joy for the sons who would soon be returning home. To practically every one the great Victory had a personal meaning.

"Well, I won't get a chance to go now that it's all over. Of course I'm glad the war has stopped, but I sure would like to have been in it," said one sixteen year old.

Mack Stamey, Jr., 20, seaman second class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Stamey, of Canton, who was reported missing in action off Guadalcanal on August 8, 1942, has been officially declared dead according to the War Department. His parents were advised during the past week.

Seaman Stamey entered the navy in October, 1941, and had been at sea for some time when listed as missing the following August.

In addition to his parents he is survived by three brothers, J. B. Stamey, U. S. Navy; Mazielee, a twin, also in the navy; and T. A. Stamey of Canton; and two sisters, Miss Arhetta Stamey and Miss Junneane Stamey both of Canton.

Postmasters Of District Met Here Saturday

Postmasters of the 12th congressional district met here Saturday night at Green Tree Tea Room, and heard their state president, Mr. Darken, of Wilmington, discuss various matters confronting postal officials today.

J. H. Howell, local postmaster, was official host to the group, and W. T. Porter, of Franklin, is president of the association. There are 48 members in this district.

GOES TO ST. LOUIS

Charles E. Ray left Saturday for an extended buying trip in St. Louis. He will buy for Ray's Department Store.

Peace Extra Front Page Is Reprinted

Due to the unusual interest in the Peace Extra front page which The Mountaineer published a few minutes after President Truman gave out the news Tuesday, we are reprinting the page in its entirety as page two of the second section of this edition.

Hundreds of people wanted copies as souvenirs of the end of the war. Almost 1,500 copies were disposed of within a little more than an hour Tuesday night. Calls for more were still coming in yesterday morning.

To Boss Japs



GEN. DOUGLAS MACARTHUR has ordered the Japanese to send a competent representative to Manila to receive surrender terms.

As far as could be learned there was no damage to property or destruction of any kind during the hours of celebration.

While the crowds were noisy there was good will at every turn. No one was impatient over the traffic jam. They waited their turn behind the other fellow, actually got a big kick out of an excuse to blow their horn with all its power.

"Well, it may be a long time before my son gets home from the Pacific, but I can sleep at night now," said one mother, "for I have nothing to worry about, for I know he will get home in time."

Main Street was practically deserted between 7 and 7 o'clock Tuesday night but within a half hour it was a bedlam of cars and trucks filled with people joyfully celebrating the Great Victory.

Two summer visitors coming in around 8 o'clock from a fishing trip thought there was a big ball game on hand, and inquired the way to the stadium—and could hardly believe their eyes when they were shown the front page of the Peace Extra The Mountaineer that they had bought, and jammed in their pockets, not knowing what big news they could find in the local newspaper.

"I have cried more since the Victory has come than I did the day the message came from the War Department telling me my son was killed in action," said one mother on the street, who had joined the surging crowds, "as it seems so much more final now."

"Here give me six papers. I want one of those Mountaineer Extras for each of my children. I want them to keep 'em as souvenirs," said one man as he leaned far out of a truck, filled with children, part of the great stream moving on the street.

Members of the local committee, besides Mrs. Love is composed of Mrs. R. H. Stretcher, Miss Nancy Killian, G. C. Ferguson and W. Curtis Russ.

Former Pet Man Passes Away

Funeral and burial services were held Tuesday in Asheville for W. Ryan Woodall, former manager of Pet Dairy Products Company here.

Mr. Woodall died in his Norfolk home after a short illness. He is survived by his wife and daughter, Emily, and his mother, Mrs. L. R. Woodall.

Mr. Woodall was manager of the Western Carolina Creamery here in 1938, which later sold to Pet Dairy Products Company. He managed the local plant until promoted as manager of the Greensboro plant. Later he was an official of Coble Dairy Products Company, and at the time of his death was manager of Bircherts Dairy in Norfolk.

While a resident here he was active in civic affairs, and was a leader in promoting increased dairying in Haywood.

Haywood Casualty List

As of Today:	
Killed in action	107
Wounded	221
Prisoners	4
Missing in action	24
Liberated	22
Total	378

Largest Crowd In Town's History Jam Streets To Celebrate Peace News

The pent up emotions of the people which have grown daily more intense since the smoke rose over Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, were released Tuesday night on a burst of joy and gratitude as the news of peace was flashed around the world.

Tears were mingled with laughter in the reaction of relief from suspense of nearly four years, and the intensification of the past few days.

People who had been listening at the radio every spare moment of their time, since the first hint of peace negotiations, felt the urge Tuesday night after the great news to leave home and join the crowds giving public expression to their joy.

People came to Waynesville from every direction. All ages and sizes crowded Main Street. Cars moved slowly in the traffic jam and kept a constant stream down Main Street while pedestrians picked their way on the sidewalks.

Far into the night the cars traveled up and down the streets, but not an accident was reported by the police department, and according to the law enforcement officers only two drunks were at large and they were in the early stages of intoxication and must have taken to their homes before becoming a nuisance.

Wednesday morning all places of business were closed, with the exception of the drug stores and eating places that were open until afternoon for the convenience of the many visitors in town.

All manufacturing plants were closed, with most of them starting up again at midnight last night.

The employees of the Waynesville post office in keeping with government rulings are having a two days holiday Wednesday and today. The general delivery window will open from 12:30 to 1:30.

The First National Bank also closed its doors for the day, but will open this morning as usual for business.

All stores in the community will be open today after enjoying a holiday yesterday.

Main Street was quite a contrast Wednesday to the night before, for little traffic was noted yesterday with all filling stations closed, for most car owners had ridden out their gas on Tuesday night.

The telephone office was the busiest in their history. Starting at seven o'clock, the heavy toll of calls continued until the early hours, and then resumed about breakfast time Wednesday, and were heavy until noon. Long distance calls jammed circuits, and offices in other places were just as busy. It seemed that everyone wanted to talk at one time.

"The people were very nice, and seemed to understand why the delay," an official reported. "The past 24 hours exceeds anything we have ever experienced before."

Police estimated that between 5,000 and 7,000 people jammed Main Street here Tuesday night. Everyone was in a joyous mood, and as far as could be learned no accidents marred the celebrations. Cars and trucks were overloaded with people, laughing, yelling, blowing horns, and making every known means of noises. Police reported sane driving was the order of the night, and no one seemed to be in a hurry to get places.

Hazelwood police said "about everyone went to Waynesville to celebrate. It's been mighty quiet here. Of course, plenty of yelling, and blowing horns, but no trouble makers. Most of our folks went to church tonight, as every church door opened for thanksgiving services."

More Than 600 Attend Peace Union Services

A congregation of over 600 made up of local people and summer visitors attended the Peace union service at the First Methodist church here on Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock, which was marked by great solemnity and spiritual significance being toward a world and community of peace.

"The news flash of last night brought a flood of emotion unparalleled in the history of mankind. Today is the first day in years to greet us with a glorious dawn—full of hope, faith and peace. This is not a patriotic rally, but a religious service in which we may humbly express our gratitude to God for the peace that has come," said Rev. J. C. Madison, pastor of the church, in his opening remarks, which were followed by the singing of the Star Spangled Banner.

Rev. L. G. Elliott, pastor of the Baptist church, was the main speaker of the morning. Preced-

ing him in the service was Rev. M. R. Williamson, who offered a prayer for guidance and gratitude for peace. He asked that this nation not become a proud nation but humbled in the great victory, and forgiveness for the sins that may have been committed in trying to save the nation.

Rev. Robert G. Tatum, rector of Grace Episcopal church, led in the responsive reading, and Rev. J. Clay Madison read excerpts from the second chapter of Isaiah and the 5th chapter of Matthew. Following the address of Rev. Mr. Elliott, Rev. Walter B. West offered a prayer, pleading for consecration of the people, pointing out that God was ready to show a new full way of life to those who would follow after Him. Mrs. Fred Martin, accompanied by Mrs. W. L. Matney, sang, "How Beautiful Upon the Mountains."

With the attention of the congregation (Continued on Page Four)