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5,500 People  
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## To Surface Soco-Cherokee Road In Spring

Asphalt Top Will  
Be Put On 11 1-2  
Mile Section

Asheville Firm  
Submits Low Bid  
On Project;  
Would Take About  
60 Days For Job

Surfacing of the Soco Gap-Cherokee highway, No. 293, is scheduled to start in early spring, if the state highway commission accepts the low bid of \$115,013 as made by Asheville Contracting company in Raleigh this week.

The road was built and graveled four years ago, and plans were to put on the asphalt surface at the time the war broke out and created a shortage of materials and labor.

The road is eleven and one-half miles, and is about half through a rolling bottom country and the upper half on the mountain.

An official of the company said yesterday they had not been officially notified that their bid had been accepted, but inasmuch as theirs was the low bid, it was believed they would get to do the work.

About 30 to 40 men would be put on the project, and it would take about 60 days to complete the job, it was said.

This same firm completed a street project here in Waynesville, and are well known here for pushing projects to completion within time limits.

The surfacing of the Soco Gap-Cherokee road has long been one of the main projects of civic organizations here. The road has been maintained by the highway department as an all-weather road since the grading was completed, and traffic on the highway has shown a steady increase. The highway from here to Soco Gap was surfaced several years ago.

## Bank Is Sought For Hazelwood

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Commissioner of Banks To Hold Hearing On 18th

Propose \$25,000 Capital Stock, and \$12,500 Surplus

Application has been filed with the State Banking Commission for the establishment of a bank to be known as The State Bank, located at Hazelwood, according to an announcement given in this newspaper by P. Hood, commissioner of the state.

Application sets out the bank will have a capital stock of \$25,000 and a surplus of \$12,500, to be in cash. The proposed incorporators, Mr. Hood said, were: Allen, R. L. Prevost, Sr., Massey, Jonathan Woody, and Davis.

Notice is being published today by Mr. Hood, setting a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 18, at the school, before Mr. Hood where all interested parties will be heard.

At the hearing, the commissioner will prepare a report on the facts, and present the State Banking Commission's regular quarterly meeting on Wednesday, January 23, at 10 o'clock, in Raleigh. All interested will also be heard at that meeting.

It was learned here yesterday that Hazelwood business men proposed to build a bank for the institution should be organized.

Some of the incorporators are of the First National Bank.

Agency To Sell Tractors And Farm Equipment

Mountain Supply Company announcing their appointment of authorized agents in Haywood County for Ford Tractors and other known line of Ferguson implements and equipment.

James, Haywood farmer, is general manager of the firm. For the present, display of equipment is being held at the W. T. Shelton home on Pigeon Street. Other names will be announced soon.

James recently took a special course under factory supervision in the use and mechanism of the piece of equipment made. Stock is now being carried, and taken for anything made by two firms.

Director Of First National Bank

Prevost, secretary and manager of Unagusta Manufacturing Company, has just been named director of The First National Bank, succeeding Joe E. Prevost.

Prevost recently received his discharge from the navy where he served for several years.

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In preparation for the coming season a clean-up drive for all unpaid memberships to the Chamber of Commerce for 1945 will be conducted with eight teams soliciting funds under the direction of R. N. Barber, Jr., vice president of the organization, it has been announced this week by the secretary, Miss S. A. Jones.

As the coming year will offer new opportunities of service, the board wishes to start with a clean slate and have all past obligations met in full.

The past year has been an active one as is revealed in the following report compiled by the secretary of the various projects of interest to the community and county in cooperation and financially in the betterment programs of the area.

At the banquet last year 300 people attended, with representatives and speakers from all neighboring towns, as well as from our own organizations here. This medium is always good advertising for our town.

The Chamber of Commerce had 50 benches made for the benefit and comfort of the towns people and the tourists. Fifty more were ordered this year, but due to lack of manpower and lumber it was impossible to secure them for this season. However, they will be (Continued on Page Four)

### Mothers Urged To Bring Babies To Clinic Tuesday

The regular monthly clinic conducted by the Haywood county health department for mothers and babies will be held in the health department on Tuesday, December 4th, according to an announcement by Dr. C. N. Sisk, county health officer.

All mothers with pre-school age children who are needing attention are asked to bring their babies to the clinic. Since there are a number of cases of diphtheria in the county, the health officer is urging that all pre-school children who have not been vaccinated for this disease be brought in at the clinic on Tuesday.

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A shop to handle all types of shop work will soon be ready, it was announced. The building is 50 by 72 feet. In addition to the shop, an office and storage plant, 40 by 150 feet is being completed on the same site.

Additional warehouse space is being used at the Underwood Supply Company, and a full line of materials will be carried.

### All Clerks In Stores Alerted To Conditions; Suspects Are Being Watched Carefully

The merchants of the community who have lost thousands of dollars worth of merchandise through shoplifting, which is reported to be on a decided increase during the past few months, announced yesterday that with the aid of the police department they are clamping down on such thefts and all clerks in the stores have been alerted to be on the watch.

The police department is in close touch with the managers and active owners of all the stores in the community, who are exchanging information on all persons who have been known to have taken articles from various shops, so that the noose is tightening up for law enforcement.

The merchants at a meeting this week made definite plans to carry through a program that will combine the cooperation of all the clerks in the shops and the city police force to the extent that any person caught shoplifting will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

As a result of this affiliated observation of the store personnel (Continued on Page Four)

### Seventeen In Pre-Induction November Call

Seventeen men left here Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock for Fort Jackson, for pre-induction physical examinations, making up the November quota called under the selective service system.

Bennie James Morrow served as leader of the group to the camp, and other members of the quota were: Marvin Reeves Brown, James Robert Cutshaw, Ernest Shuford Cochran, George Jerome Bradley, Henry Soby James, Roy Ralph Wood, Billy Carol McHaffey, Kenneth Charles Rhinehart, Yoder Lee Crayne.

Alvin Green, Leon Neal Sanford, James Edgar Williams, Earl Jefferson Smith, Paul Ledford, James Abraham Suttles and Ronnie West.

### Two Cars Monthly To Come In For Veterans Relief

Captain John S. Williams, Service Officer, Made Application For Relief Here

The first of 20 cars of coal designated for veterans use in Haywood County, was received here this week, and single ton units are now being issued in cases where proof reveals a dire need for the fuel.

Haywood will receive two cars a month, according to a letter from the Solid Fuels Administrator to Capt. John S. Williams, local service officer. One car monthly will go to Canton and the other one will come here. The Waynesville Coal Company will handle the coal in this end of the county, and Champion Employees Store in Canton.

The coal is 6-inch block, and retails for \$9.50 per ton. In cases of long drayage haul, there are additional charges.

The cars will average about 50 tons each, and only veterans that have been certified, will be able to get the coal, it was said.

There are about 300 veterans in Haywood that will be eligible to get the coal, it was announced. Coal yards reported no stocks at all, and shipments were almost at a standstill. Some hope is being held that more coal will start coming in after December first, when shipments to the Lake regions is scheduled to cease. Many people have been out of coal for several months, and have resorted to the use of wood or other fuels.

One coal dealer reported that he had unfilled orders from last April, and were only selling coal in one ton units or less. Drivers have been instructed not to unload coal where the price is as much as 500 pounds on hand.

### Four Stores To Be Erected On Allen Property

On the property now occupied by the Shell Filling Station, Mrs. Rufus L. Allen, owner, plans to erect a building as soon as the present lease expires which will be some time in 1946, it was learned yesterday.

The building will contain four stores and plans have already been drawn and construction is expected to start as soon as present renters give up the property.

Mrs. Allen also plans to erect a duplex cottage on the back of the lot which faces Montgomery Street.

### AAA Election Will Be Held On November 30th

### Court Adjourns After Disposing Of Many Cases

From Wednesday morning through Thursday afternoon a number of cases were tried in Superior court which was in session here four days last week in addition to those reported in last week's issue. Five more divorces were granted after the 11 reported through Tuesday afternoon, making the total of 16 for this term of court.

With Judge J. A. Rousseau, of Wilkesboro, presiding the following cases were disposed of in the last two days of court:

In the case of the State versus Woodrow Gordon Smith and Thomas E. Dotson for illegal possession and transporting of liquor, the former was given two years suspended sentence on condition that he not violate the laws of the state, and that he not possess or handle or drink any kind of liquor. Dotson was given a similar sentence with instructions that the condition of his heart be observed by a medical examiner.

The case of John McCracken was continued on condition that the defendant pay the costs to the clerk and the sum of \$500 per month on a farm on which AAA payments, either in the form of cash, services, or conservation materials, have been or may be made under the 1945 AAA program, or if you (Continued on Page Four)

### New Bus Will Be Added To Twin-City Fleet Soon

A new 27-passenger bus is expected to be added to the Twin-City fleet here within a few days, it was learned from Tom Lee, Jr., owner, yesterday.

The factory has promised delivery this week. The new bus is gray and just like some now being used by the firm.

Mr. Lee has recently extended his bus services to outlying areas including Cove Creek, Hemphill Francis Cove and the Pigeon road.

The firm now operates two buses with a capacity of 27 passengers a 41-passenger, two of the 21-passenger type, and also a 31-passenger bus.

### Car Crashes Into Power Pole

A car crashed into a power pole on Brown Avenue late Tuesday afternoon, breaking the pole about ten feet from the ground, throwing that section in darkness.

A repair crew was soon on the scene and worked through the rain until four o'clock Wednesday morning getting power restored.

Police of Hazelwood when contacted, had not learned the name of the driver of the car.

## Annual Achievement Day Will Be Held Here Saturday, Dec. 8

With the restriction of gasoline lifted the attendance at the annual Achievement Day of Haywood farm groups to be held at the courthouse here on Saturday, December 8th, is expected to be the largest since the war, according to the county farm and home agents.

Dean I. O. Schaub, director of the North Carolina Extension Service will make the main address of the meeting, it was learned from Howard R. Clapp, farm agent. He will be introduced by A. J. McCracken.

The program will feature the annual reports of the Haywood County Demonstration farmers; the Haywood County home demonstration clubs and the Haywood County 4-H clubs.

The meeting will be divided into three sessions, with Mark Ferguson president of the Haywood County Council in charge of the Home Demonstration club period; A. J. McCracken, president of the Haywood County Demonstration farm-

ers organization in charge of the session of his group; and Miss Nancy Poston, president of the Haywood County Council, 4-H club, presiding.

The meeting is scheduled to start at 11:00 o'clock and will open with the singing of "God Bless America," followed by the invocation given by Rev. L. G. Elliott, pastor of the First Baptist church of Waynesville.

The Collect will be given by the Home Demonstration club members followed by the 4-H club pledge, led by club members.

### Christmas Season Has Started Here, Stores Displaying Many Gifts

The approach of the Christmas season is much in evidence in the business section of Waynesville, with most stores displaying gifts.

Shopping has already started, and because of the large stores, and the "above-average" stocks carried, gift hunters from a large area have been noticed in town. While many items are still scarce,

the stores as a rule, have gathered together assortments comparable to much larger cities. In fact, some things are reported available here that have long been exhausted from larger places.

Shopping started earlier this season, and the general idea seemed to prevail "by shopping early, I will enjoy the holidays more."

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A special meeting of the Merchants Association will be held at the Chamber of Commerce Friday night at 7:30, to discuss current problems which have arisen within the past few weeks, according to Carl Munday, president of the organization.

One of the main topics for discussion will be some new angles to the program to curb shoplifting.

Other matters to be discussed will be a report by a committee on Christmas activities and a holiday schedule.

"Several other things of importance will be brought before the meeting by some civic leaders that needs our immediate attention," Mr. Munday said.

### Lots Of Haywood Tobacco Goes To Early Markets

Thousands of pounds of Haywood tobacco has already gone to market, and will be on the floor of warehouses for the first sales on Monday.

Tobacco from here has gone to Asheville, Greenville, Morristown, and Knoxville warehouses.

With the same ceiling prices in effect as 1944, the prediction is that farmers will get about the same as last year, which was in the neighborhood of \$50 per hundred.

According to AAA figures given out here several weeks ago, Haywood has well over two million pounds of tobacco, which is estimated will bring about \$1,132,000.

### County Teachers Hold Second Meet Of Year

A county-wide meeting of the teachers in the Haywood schools was held yesterday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock in the auditorium of the Waynesville Township high school, with W. P. Whitesides, principal of the Bethel schools, and president of the Haywood unit of the NECA, presiding.

The meeting was the second of the current school year and the program was centered on the New Language Art Bulletin study which the group is featuring this year.

Plans were outlined for the Victory Loan drive and how it is to be carried forward in the schools. Plans for the Christmas vacation were also discussed, led by M. H. Dowles, county superintendent of schools.

## 4 Bears Killed In 2-Day Hunt By Waynesville Men In Sherwood Forest

One of the most exciting bear hunts in years, was staged Friday and Saturday by 25 Waynesville hunters in the Sherwood Forest, with four large bears being bagged.

Friday was the banner day, with three bears being killed in races that sounded like fiction when the hunters tell of their experiences.

The hunt was one of the annual hunts in the forest, and was won by Sam Potts, local sportsman. Leaders in the two-day hunt besides Mr. Potts, included Felix Stovall, Dr. N. M. Medford, Harry

### Phones Damaged By Electrical Storm Tuesday

A freakish electrical and rain storm about 8:30 Tuesday night damaged more than 50 telephones in the community, and knocked out electrical switches on some main lines.

A special repair crew from Asheville came over shortly after the storm and started making repairs. By noon yesterday they had restored service to more than 75 per cent of the damaged lines.

Most of the damage seemed to be confined to Hazelwood and Love Lane.

Telephone officials said it was the first time they could recall of so much damage by a winter electrical storm. Heavy rains and hard thunder accompanied the brief storm.

### Rungs Sell Green Tree Tea Room

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rung plan to leave early next week for California. They have sold the Green Tree Tea Room to James A. Waycaster, of Florida, who has already started extensive expansions of the place.

Mr. and Mrs. Rung will be accompanied to Manhattan Beach by their granddaughter and grandson, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Robbins.

Rayford Cullin, who has been with the Rungs for many years, will also make the trip.

### Clay, W. A. Bradley, Floyd Rippeotte and other well-known bear hunters

The hunters reported the dogs worked perfectly in the races, and two bears were killed in trees one while running and the fourth as it jumped over a fallen tree. The largest bear weighed 275 pounds, and the others averaged 150 to 175 pounds each.

W. A. Bradley, Alonzo St. Gaha and Frank McGaha got bears on Friday, and the only bear killed Saturday was bagged by Vester McGaha.