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Haywood Digging Out of Devastating Snow

Hundreds Expected For Achievement Day

Wood Farm Groups To Meet Saturday

State Leaders To Address Three Joint Groups at Court House Saturday Morning

Continues to grow in the achievement day program. Home Demonstration clubs, Extension Farmers and 4-H clubs of the county which will meet here at the courthouse Saturday morning, opening at 10 o'clock, according to the county agents.

The address to be given by Dean I. O. Schaub, director of the North Carolina Extension Service there is much in the exhibits which will be displayed at this time, and prizes to be offered in the various divisions.

There will be eight prizes given in the Home Demonstration club division, with a prize given in the best and most outstanding in the classification designating, including cookies, cakes, biscuits and bread.

There will be a collection of vegetable, suits, dresses, hats, and slippers.

There will be two prizes offered in the 4-H club group; one to the girl having the most outstanding exhibit on the table.

Some of the suggested exhibits are: Irish potato, plate of five; Sweet potato, plate of five; Apples, plate of five; Garden, display of what is in garden now or is now growing out of garden.

Three good hands of sewing, any garment for project, Canning, quart of fruit and quart of vegetable, Room improvement, any made for the room; Poultry, eggs; and Food preparation, one-half dozen biscuits.

Members of the 4-H clubs are requested to send in their exhibits at once if they have them, so they can receive certificate and their records of county championship projects.

Outstanding achievements of groups participating in the program will be given as follows: by H. R. Caldwell, Jr., demonstration clubs, by J. C. Calhoun, and Demonstrators by O. F. Burnette, Mark Edwards, Bob and Pink Francis.

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Main Speaker



DEAN I. O. SCHAUB, director of the North Carolina Extension Service, who will make the main address at the annual Achievement Day of the Haywood county farm groups.

Here Saturday



R. W. SHOFFNER, district county farm agent, who will attend the annual Achievement Day here to be held at the court house on December 8th.

Steve Nicholas Native Of Greece Buried Monday

Last rites were held on Monday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock at the First Baptist church here for Steve D. Nicholas, 58, native of Greece, who died at the Haywood County hospital at 12:30 P. M. Friday. Rev. Acemilanos Poulteropoulos, pastor of the Greek church of Greenville, S. C., assisted by Rev. L. R. Elliott, pastor of the First Baptist church officiated. The impressive burial service of the Orthodox Greek church was used. Interment was in Green Hill cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Jack McClure, Henry Francis, Robert McCracken, Mark Edwards, Bob and Pink Francis.

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Williamson Heads Ministerial Association

At the regular monthly meeting of the Haywood County Ministerial Association on last Monday the Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson was re-elected president to serve for the year 1946. Other officers elected were the Rev. T. H. Parris of Clyde, as vice president, and the Rev. Carl Judy, pastor of the Rockwood Methodist church, secretary-treasurer. Mr. Judy succeeds the Rev. R. T. Houts who has moved from the county.

Mr. Williamson has served the association as president for this year. The association has about 35 members representing the Baptist, Episcopal, Methodist, Presbyterian, and Universalist denominations as well as the Salvation Army. The association meets once each month and interests itself in the moral and spiritual welfare of the county. During the past year the association has provided a chaplain each week to visit the County hospital and has been instrumental in bringing about better social and moral conditions in the county.

The next meeting will be held the first Monday in January at Long's Chapel at which time the members of the county will be the guests of the association.

Merchants Set Holiday Closing Hours For Stores

The merchants in session here Friday night set holiday store hours, starting Wednesday, Dec. 19th, the stores will remain open all day, instead of observing the usual half holiday. On the 20th, 21st, and 22nd, the closing hours were set for six o'clock.

For Christmas eve, the stores will remain open until seven o'clock.

The merchants also declared a two-day holiday for Christmas, (Tuesday and Wednesday) in keeping with the general observance by the state as just proclaimed by Governor Cherry.

A number of matters were discussed, including that of lighting the streets, but it was found necessary materials were not available.

A committee was named to work with the Woman's Club in elaborately decorating the Christmas tree in front of the court house about two weeks before Christmas.

Not All Veterans Can Get Special Coal Allotments

Capt. John Williams, Haywood service officer, announced yesterday that in connection with the special shipments of coal for veterans, that only veterans who have set up housekeeping since their discharge are included on the list eligible for coal.

"It does not mean that a man who is living with his parents can get the coal, because the parent should have made application for coal months ago," Capt. Williams said.

"The 100 tons coming into Haywood earmarked for veterans, will be used for those men who are starting housekeeping since their discharge," he concluded.

J. C. Brown Promoted To Regional Office

J. C. Brown, a district officer of the Veterans Administration, has recently been promoted to Senior Training Officer in charge of all Agricultural phases of the work of the administration in the state. His new duties will include the organization and training of veterans in the state who are interested in agricultural pursuits and also institutional training.

Victory Bond Sales Are Lagging Far Behind In Haywood County

Tobacco Sells For Over \$52

The tobacco market opened Monday with sales averaging \$52.84 on the Asheville market. The first sales yesterday on the same market averaged \$53.37.

Sales were brisk, and Haywood tobacco was rated "a little above the floor average" according to some leaders from here attending the opening.

Haywood Baptists To Launch Year Campaign Friday

The Haywood Baptist Association mass meeting of Training Unions, will be held at the Clyde Baptist church Friday night at 7:30. This will be the launching of a century of Christ campaign, which is starting throughout the south on Friday.

Plans will be made for a 12-month campaign, and all units of the Training Union will hold separate conferences after the general meeting. It was announced by Rev. Gay Chambers, president of the Association.

Among the speakers will be Rev. Mr. Chambers and Rev. L. G. Elliott, pastor of the First Baptist church here.

Haywood Schools Will Have Two Weeks Vacation Christmas

The Christmas vacations will begin in the Waynesville township and county schools on Tuesday afternoon, following a regular scheduled day on the 18th, according to an announcement this week by M. H. Bowles, county superintendent of schools.

The holidays have been arranged so that the students and teachers will have one week before Christmas and one week following. Schools will open on Tuesday, January 2.

Mrs. George A. Brown Ill In Asheville

The condition of Mrs. George A. Brown, Jr., who is a patient in Aston Hospital in Asheville, was reported to be improving, it was learned yesterday.

Mrs. C. F. Kirkpatrick and Miss Robina Miller Spent the Past Week Visiting their Sister, Mrs. George A. Niles and her Family in Griffin, Ga., and their Brother and his Wife, Mr. and Mrs. David Miller, in Atlanta.

Eye Specialists From Duke To Conduct Clinic Here on 11th, Sponsored By Lions

Eye specialists from the Duke hospital, famous in their profession, will come to the Hazelwood school next Tuesday, December 11, to conduct a sight clinic for the benefit of school children and adults who need this attention. The clinic will open at 8:30 a. m.

This clinic is being sponsored by the Lions club of Waynesville as their chief civic activity. A considerable sum of money has been earmarked for this work out of the club funds. Mrs. Bryson from the county health department will supervise the clinic. Members of the Lions club will be on hand to assist in this work.

Assigned Here



CAPT. LILLIAN BLACKBURN, of the Salvation Army, has been transferred to the Mountain Division from the Jacksonville, Fla., area. She will assist Major Cecil Brown, and serve the Little Creek community, one of the seven churches in the Mountain Division of the Salvation Army.

Davis Becomes District Game- Fish Protector

Lee Davis, of Waynesville, who was named district game and fish protector by the State Department of Conservation and Development to succeed G. C. Plott, who resigned several weeks ago, assumed his duties on last Saturday, December 1.

The work schedule has been changed and instead of county protectors there will be district protectors who will be in charge of five counties. Mr. Davis will have headquarters for the work of the five western counties, including Haywood, in the courthouse here.

The appointment of Mr. Davis to the post was made by John D. Findley, head of the North Carolina State Department of Conservation and Development. There were 11 applicants for the position for which competitive examinations were held.

Mr. Davis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Davis of Jonathan Creek section and has been employed by the Champion Paper and Fibre company for the past 10 years.

"Heretofore a lot of people have tried to hunt and fish and then after they are caught will buy their license. They must realize that they have to face trial for breaking the law and will not be able to get their license before the trial is held," he said when speaking of the law enforcement angle of his work.

"I will appreciate the cooperation of the public in the work of the department, and I trust that I can count on the people of Haywood to aid me in conserving the natural resources of this area, so that everyone may enjoy them," he added.

Bank Offers \$100 To Farmers For Best Tobacco

The First National Bank is offering \$100 in prizes this year in a contest for Haywood tobacco growers who average the most for their entire tobacco crop.

In making the announcement, J. H. Woody, president of the bank, pointed out that four prizes would be given. The first prize will be \$40, the second \$30, the third \$20 and the fourth \$10. In case the winner is a tenant farmer, the prize will be divided between tenant and owner of the farm, the rules of the contest stated.

The warehouse bill and checks must be presented to the bank for official entry in the contest.

To Organize A Unit Of Veterans Of Foreign Wars

John W. Lewis announced yesterday that applications are being received each Tuesday night at the Armory for membership in the new chapter of Veterans of Foreign Wars which is being organized here.

Haywood Was Center Of Storm, Power And Phone Lines Heavily Damaged

Power and telephone repair crews were working around the clock in every section of Haywood yesterday in an effort to restore utility services by tonight after the snow storm of Tuesday had snapped hundreds of lines.

The snow, heavily laden with moisture, clung to everything it touched, and soon had wires covered as much as two inches. The fall was measured at five inches. The snow started falling about 11:00 o'clock and continued until after 6:00 Tuesday afternoon. The temperature averaged 40 degrees during the period.

Poles were twisted by the heavy coated wires and wind lashed wires together, either breaking them or shortening out the circuits.

Every section of the county was hit by the storm, and where power lines remained intact, citizens were given a display of fireworks seldom seen, even in an electrical storm, as blue flashes raced up and down the lines.

Up to 4:00 o'clock yesterday afternoon, no reports had been received of anyone being injured by broken wires.

Several minor accidents were reported, as cars going at a snail's pace, gently slid into each other on the glazed streets and roads. Details were not available, but a report was that a Mr. Grasty was slightly injured on the Dellwood road early Tuesday night when his truck was hit by a falling pole.

While hundreds of residents were without lights and telephone service, and others inconvenienced about getting to and from their work, the Southern Railroad depot here reported every train ran right on time Wednesday. The telephone lines of the road were down in several places from Balsam to Canton. Officials thought the repair crews would have service restored by last night.

Power Started Going Off Here Tuesday 2:30

Current began to go off in different sections as early as 2:30 Tuesday afternoon and from then on until long past midnight, hundreds of calls were received by the town electricians.

A large number of business places were noted in total darkness after nightfall on Main street and as fast as the electricians could work relief was given, in some only temporary so that business would not suffer.

Shortly after dark the Fire Department was called out to extinguish a fire on the hill overlooking the Waynesville Country club, where brush in the woods had caught from a broken wire. The fire truck answered the call and ran into the wire, but no one was hurt and the wire was soon repaired.

Hundreds of residences were in darkness and without electricity until late Wednesday afternoon when the majority of had been repaired.

Many persons who cook exclusively by electricity were at a loss as to how to manage to eat for a few hours.

The majority of furnaces were kept going by hand which did not heat homes adequately, but at least kept the hot water flowing in bath rooms and kitchens.

The lights were off at the Haywood County hospital from 10:30 to 1:30, but there were no emergency operations or work. Since the 35 patients had been put to bed, no inconvenience was reported from the institution.

Many Streets Of Town In Darkness Tuesday

Among the streets in almost total darkness for several hours Tuesday and Wednesday were Pigeon, Love Lane, Church, North Main, Killian, Boundary, Dellwood Road, and Balsam highway, and part of Haywood street.

Waynesville Cut Off From World By Phone

Late yesterday afternoon it was reported that there were 250 telephones out of order, and the circuits to Asheville were completely out by 4:36 Tuesday p. m. A few emergency messages were conveyed by way of Sylva until 8:00 o'clock and after that there was no outside connection.

It was thought yesterday afternoon by the local Southern Bell Telephone company officials that the wires would be open sometime late last night for emergency calls only.

People have been most considerate about the conditions of the telephones and patient about repairs, according to the local office.

Buses Continued to Run; Some Hours Late

All buses of the Trailway lines coming into Waynesville have made the regular trips through here with the exception of the bus leaving Knoxville at 10:00 o'clock Tuesday night which was reported to have been stalled somewhere in the Park area.

While some of the buses were as much as an hour late on Tuesday they made their scheduled trip, and by Wednesday the longest delay in arrival here was around one half hour.

Some of the drivers reported two and one half feet of snow at Newfound Gap, but after coming down the mountain and entering the state highway there was no snow reported.

Yesterday afternoon while the streets and highways here were still snow-banked, the streets in Sylva were reported to be perfectly dry and a bright winter sun was shining.

A number of motorists who had planned to make Asheville and other points Tuesday night decided due to the condition of the highways to remain in Waynesville and it is said that rooming places were taxed to capacity.

Schools Will Remain Closed Until Monday

All schools in the Waynesville district and throughout the county closed Tuesday afternoon, following the heavy snowfall and will not re-open until Monday morning, the 10th, according to an announcement yesterday afternoon by M. H. Bowles, county superintendent of education.

In the Waynesville Township schools, students are brought by bus from a radius of eight miles, and the conditions of the rural roads were such as to make travel hazardous, according to Mr. Bowles.

There are 3,327 students in Haywood county and Waynesville schools who are conveyed to school by the 40 buses operated by the county board of education for this purpose.

The time lost this week will have to be made up either in the spring or taken from the Christmas holidays.

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