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Community-Wide Sing Will Be Held Sunday, at Park Theatre

Dr. Williamson Is
In Charge of Special
Musical Program;

Will Start At 6 O'clock



DR. J. L. COBB, druggist, and assistant manager of Curtis Drug Store, which opens for business on Main Street this morning. Dr. Cobb is well known in Western North Carolina. Mrs. Cobb is also associated with the store. Details of the opening will be found in section two of this newspaper.

Weather Man Changes School Holidays

The snow of last week has upset the schedule of the Christmas holidays for the students of the Waynesville Township and county schools, it was learned from M. H. Bowles, county superintendent of education.

The Yuletide vacations were first announced to begin on Tuesday, the 18th, and to end on January 2. Due to the heavy snowfall that made it necessary on account of travel conditions to close the schools for a three-day period last week, the holidays will not begin officially until December 21st.

The time had to be made up and after a conference of Mr. Bowles and the principals of the schools, it was thought best to subtract from the Christmas vacations rather than prolong the school term in the spring.

The holidays will continue through the first of January as originally announced.

Mrs. E. Edwards Becomes Riding Instructor at V. I.

Mrs. Elsie Smathers Edwards has been named riding instructor to fill Virginia Intermont College, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Marion Hunt Stevens, who has been instructor for the last eight years at Sullins and Virginia Intermont, and at Camp Junaluska.

Mrs. Edwards, of Waynesville, sister of Mrs. Francis Massie, has been assistant to Miss Stevens. Mrs. Edwards has been at the college since her husband, Capt. Douglas Edwards has been in the armed forces in the Pacific theater.

Two Local Hunters Get Trapped By 18-Inch Snowfall While On Hunting Trip In Pisgah Forest

Right now it would be hard to get Guy Massie or W. H. Owens to say they ever wanted to see any more snow.

Both men felt they were destined for good luck as they left here early Tuesday a week ago for the early lodge on Pisgah. On his hunting week or so previously, Mr. trip had brought out a fine massie As they left they were in luck. As they brought back enough high hopes of bringing back enough venison to fill their lockers in the venison locker plant. The wind was blowing just right—the air had just enough moisture to help them get through the leaves without making too much noise. It was a perfect day.

As they neared the hunting site, a few flakes of snow began to drift earthward. But the wind inhibited this was just a few stray flakes, and Ol Sol would soon shine forth.

Baptist Church Has \$16,900 In Their 1946 Budget

Largest Budget In
History Of Church;
Carries \$2,535
For Reserve Fund
Next Year

The congregation of the First Baptist church adopted a budget of \$16,900 here Sunday morning. This represents an increase of \$1,500 over the 1945 budget, and the largest in the history of the church.

The budget calls for an expenditure of \$10,097 for administrative and operating funds, with \$395 going for associational programs for the Haywood Baptist Association, and \$3,873 for missions and benevolences. The budget also carries a 15 per cent reserve fund, or \$2,535 for the year.

The budget was prepared by a special budget committee, and approved by a joint session of the budget and finance committees together with the deacon board before going before the church last Sunday.

A special program will be held Sunday morning, at which time pledges will be turned in to the finance committee for the year. R. B. Davenport is chairman of the finance committee for next year.

Thos. Stringfield Promoted To Lt. Commander

Lt. Comander Thomas Stringfield, U. S. Navy medical corps, has been promoted from Lt. to his present rank, according to information received by his parents. Dr. and Mrs. Sam Stringfield. He is now stationed at the Naval Air Base, Edenton.

Commander Stringfield entered the service in March, 1943, after having served for one year with the British Ministry of Health under the American Red Cross before this country declared war. He has in his credit 18 months of sea duty in the Pacific theater.

At the time he volunteered for overseas duty with the American Red Cross Commander Stringfield was associated with his father and his uncle, Dr. Tom Stringfield in the practice of his profession.

Public Urged To Aid "Yanks Who Gave"

A campaign for "The Yanks Who Gave" is being sponsored locally by the American Legion Auxiliary. The drive is to secure Christmas cheer for the patients in government hospitals who served during the war.

The package may be either for a man or a woman, with the contents listed on the outside of the package, so that the hospital authorities may know to whom the gift would be acceptable.

The deadline for making contributions to this Christmas cheer fund has been set as Friday, the 21st. Anyone wishing to donate a Christmas box are asked to leave their package or packages, as the case may be at the store of W. A. Bradley in Hazelwood or the Massie Furniture Store in Waynesville.

The members of the Auxiliary are working hard to have a large collection of gifts from this section and every person in the community is urged to pack a box for "The Yanks Who Gave" so generously.

Winners In Reading Contest



The above were the winners in a Book Character contest sponsored by the County Library during National Book Week, the group named 26 out of 27 characters in the contest, and each one was presented with a book. They are reading from left to right, Vivian Watkins, Laura Woody, Julia Ann Stovall, Lane Prevost and Joan Morris.

Annual Achievement Day Was Successful; Much Progress Made

Three Agricultural Groups Met in Annual Session Here Last Saturday Morning

Haywood county farmers were urged to give consideration to the post-war problems in planning their production for next year by Dr. I. O. Schaub, farm extension director in an address at the annual Achievement Day program held here at the court house on Saturday morning, when the reports of the Demonstration farmers, home demonstration club women and 4-H groups of the county were reviewed.

"American farmers have worked hard in the last five years," Dr. Schaub said. "With less equipment, less labor and less fertilizer, the nation's farmers have increased production by 38 per cent. Now that the war is over, farmers want to get back to normal." But he added that he believed the so-called normal days were gone forever. The problems must be met in the light of present circumstances.

"There is bound to be some drop in farm prices. Labor will try to keep its gains and experience shows us that labor has never given up any wage gains made during war. Five million people left American farms during the war. Many of them will not return," he said.

"Increased efficiency of farm operations is the only way to bridge the gap between increased labor costs and the decreased farm prices," he pointed out.

"The American farm will be mechanized and this will bring about an increase in the size of farms. The small farmer will leave voluntarily or will be pushed off the land," he said.

Dr. Schaub suggested the farmers plan for longer periods in the future. "What kind of agriculture do you want in Haywood county in 1950, in 1960," he asked, "do you want a great dairy county? If so work to that end. The same of poultry, work to that end, or any other product."

The winners in the 4-H clubs as outstanding members were: Frances Williams, of Waynesville, for the girls who was given a box of candy presented by Smith's Drug Store. H. R. Caldwell was awarded

Lions Club Start Dime Board Here Saturday Morning

The Lions Club will start their annual dime board on Main street here Saturday, with the proceeds going to underprivileged children, in the annual Christmas cheer fund.

Members of the club will have charge of the board, and it will be maintained daily.

A hoe presented by Massie Hardware Store for the outstanding record of a 4-H club boy.

The awards given the 4-H club girl members presented by Miss Mary Margaret Smith were as follows: County champions — Food conservation, Betty Jo Gorrell; Dress revue, Frances Williams; Dairy products team demonstration, Nancy Poston and Betty Jo Gorrell.

Completion of four years 4-H work, Hilda Crawford, Peggy Noland and Frances Williams.

Completion of three years 4-H work: Stella Fisher, Betty Jo Gorrell; Nancy Mae Poston Madia Heatherly and Artie Brookshire.

Completion of two years 4-H work: Peggy Jo Biggs and Joyce Trull.

Completion of one year 4-H work: Charlotte Bonham, Margaret Noland, Alice Neal Medford, Benjie Lou Medford, Barbara Best, Hilda Massie, Louise Stamey, Mickey Lee Chastain, Jamey Russell, Pauline Clark, Lyda Rhidamer, Peggy Bradshaw, Beulah Medford, and Bervie Brown.

"I Dare You" book for leadership, award was won by Frances Williams in girls clubs, and L. J. Cannon, Jr., in boys 4-H clubs.

In the exhibits Miss Margaret Boyd, Jonathan Creek club, won the first prize of a table cloth, given by Massie Department Store for a white suit.

Others winning prizes were: Home furnishings, blanket given by Toggery, won by Mrs. Edgar Burnett, Cecil club; Garden, vases, given by Garrett's Furniture Store, by Mrs. Hazel Williams, of Junaluska; for canning, blanket, given

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Two Fires In Community During Week

Two fires occurred in the community during the past week, one of serious and the other slight damage.

The first fire which occurred at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Coin on Main street on Sunday morning around 7:00 o'clock damaged the entire inside of the house with considerable loss in furniture and in the building.

The fire which apparently broke out in a dressing room adjoining a bath on the first floor opening into the living room, was discovered soon after it started, but by the time the fire department could reach the scene the flames had extended over one entire side of the residence, with smoke damaging the other part.

No estimate has been made of the losses, but it was learned from the owners that the insurance adjuster would be here this week to go over the building.

The home which was built in 1880 by the parents of Mrs. Coin, the late Mr. and Mrs. R. Q. McCracken, had been completely done over by the present owners, who have resided in the house for the past three years.

The family were all sleeping upstairs and were awakened by the smoke pouring into their rooms, which in a short while were reached by the flames making their way upward from the first floor.

The second fire which occurred around 7:30 Tuesday night caught from an oil stove in the duplex house owned by Harry Lee Limer, but it was necessary to use only the extinguisher and the blaze was soon put out with no serious damage, according to the members of the city fire department, who answered the call.

ABC Club Will Give Fruit To Sick Christmas

The ABC club met at Scrogg's Cafe in Hazelwood Tuesday night for a steak supper and completed plans for giving fruit baskets to the patients in the hospital on Christmas.

Other community-wide activities were also planned for the holiday season.

Guests of the club included Leon Killian, Ed Sims and George Bischoff. The president is Clyde Fisher.

Sgt. H. W. Burnette Arrives In States After 22 Months In Europe

Sgt. H. W. Burnette, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Burnette, of Waynesville, arrived in the States this week from the European theater where he served for 22 months.

Sgt. Burnette is en route home, according to information received by his parents. He entered the service in January, 1943, and was inducted at Camp Croft. Before going overseas he received training at Camp Blanding, Fla., Jackson, Miss., and Camp Tyson, Tenn. He served in England, France, Belgium and Germany, and was attached to the 286th Ordnance group of Patton's army.

At the time he entered the service he was employed by Western Auto Company.

Central P.T.A. To Meet Monday

The Parent-Teachers Association of the Central Elementary school will meet Monday night in the school auditorium at 7:30 o'clock. A special Christmas program by the glee club of the school will be a feature of the program, in addition to other Christmas season events.

Several matters of business will be presented to the organization, in addition to the appointment of committees.

The attendance committee announced special door prizes for the patrons, and a half holiday for the grade having the most parents present.

Sgt. Sam McCracken Has Served With Army From Frozen Alaska To Sweltering, Humid India And Burma

Sgt. Sam McCracken arrived home last week from India and Burma, where he had been stationed with the medical corps since March of this year.

He is home on a 45-day furlough, and is spending the time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. McCracken on Fines Creek. He will go to Atlanta for reassignment.

O. R. Roberts Resigns As Chief Of Police Here, To Go Back To Patrol Work

Chief Resigns



O. R. ROBERTS has resigned as chief of police of Waynesville and will return as a member of the Highway Patrol, effective December 15th.

Stores Will Be Open Next Wednesday, 20th

Next Wednesday afternoon, the local stores will not observe their weekly half holiday, but will remain open the entire day for the benefit of the shopper.

The closing hours have also been set up and the stores will remain open to customers until 6:00 o'clock on the 20th, 21st and 22nd.

On Christmas Eve the shopping will be extended until 7:00 o'clock, with all stores remaining open until that hour.

All stores and places of business have declared a two-day holiday, and will remain closed during Christmas Day and the day following.

Two Whitman Men Get Discharges

Two sons of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Whitman have just received their discharges and are now at home with their parents.

Sgt. Fred Whitman served in the army for three years, and participated in many battles in Belgium, Germany and France.

Charles B. Whitman, was in the Naval Air Corps serving as a machinist mate in the Pacific area. He entered service in January, 1943.

Both sons will be associated with their father in the operation of Pearce's Bakery for the present.

John West, Jr., Returns From Service With Engineers On Azores

John West, Jr., son of Mr. West and the late Mrs. Lovell West and grandson of Mrs. H. G. West, arrived home Sunday from the Azores Islands where he has been employed under the Corps of U. S. Engineers on construction work. The Azores are around 800 miles this side of Portugal.

Mr. West spent thirteen and one-half months on the islands. At the time he was assigned to duty out of this country he was employed in the Charleston District U. S. Engineer office. He will remain here with his family until January 1st, when he plans to re-enter college.

RAY BACK FROM MARKET

Charles Ray returned Monday from St. Louis where he spent a week on the market buying for Ray's Department Store. He said St. Louis wholesale district had the largest number of buyers in history.

Orville Noland Succeeds Roberts As Head Of Waynesville Police Department

Orville Noland, who has been a member of the city police department since May, 1942, was named chief of police by the board of aldermen at a recent meeting to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Chief O. R. Roberts, it was announced yesterday by J. H. Way, mayor.

Mr. Roberts left the State Highway Patrol six months ago to accept the post of chief of police, and plans to return to the employment of the State, according to a statement from him last night.

No announcement was made as to who will take Mr. Noland's place in the department.

Mr. Roberts' resignation takes effect from December 15th at which time the newly appointed chief will assume his duties.

Rev. Townsend Methodist Pastor Arrives

Rev. Paul W. Townsend, pastor of the First Methodist church, who was appointed to succeed Rev. J. Clay Madison at the Western North Carolina Conference in October, has arrived this week and will fill the pulpit at the church on Sunday morning and evening.

Rev. Townsend, who has served four years as a chaplain in the navy was appointed while he was still in the service and his delay in arriving to take over his duties was due to the fact that he had not been discharged at the time of his appointment.

Rev. Townsend, who is a native of Waynesville, is the son of Mrs. Metta Folger Townsend, of Lenoir, and the late Rev. Franklin Townsend, who once served the Waynesville district as presiding elder.

Mr. Townsend also taught here in the local high school and served as principal in 1926. He joined the Western North Carolina Conference the following year and has served churches in Boone, Gastonia, and Belmont prior to volunteering in the U. S. navy.

He held the rank of Commander at the time of his discharge as a chaplain. He was first aboard the USS Samuel Chase, an attack transport on duty in the North African campaign and was later assigned to duty as chaplain on the USS General John Pope, serving in the Pacific theater.

Mr. Townsend was accompanied here by his wife and his daughter Ann, who will be a student in the Waynesville Township high school. Another daughter is a member of the sophomore class at the East Tennessee Teachers College, and will join the family for the holidays.

Rev. Townsend will have as his sermon subject at the 11:00 o'clock service on Sunday, "The Music of Inspiration."

Drivers' License Examiner To Be In Waynesville

John R. Brinkley, of the State Highway Division, license examiner will be in Waynesville two days a week according to an announcement made by the examiner, who will work in three counties. In the number served will be Transylvania and Jackson in addition to Haywood.

All road tests will be made if weather permits, but no tests will be made in rain or snow, it was learned from Mr. Brinkley.

Examinations will be made in the office of the judge in the courthouse and the hours will be from 9 to 5 o'clock.



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shopping center.

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Details of the one-time populus community sing will be given again this year by the Board of Commerce at the Park Theatre on Sunday, December 23.

Members of the community, together with the high school band, combined choirs of all the churches, will be featured in the sing, which is being headed by Dr. William Williamson.

The program is so arranged so that it will be over in time not to interfere with any churches having evening services planned, those which have Vesper services will also have an opportunity to participate in the service at the Park Theatre.

The committee appointed Mr. Williamson to arrange the program. He will be assisted by the school band under the direction of Mr. Harvell, a girls choir under the direction of Miss Moore and Mrs. Fred Moore, and a choir composed of members from all local churches under the direction of Mrs. Henry Henry.

In addition to the numbers all those present will be singing some of the Christmas carols.

Committee on arrangements consisted of Leo Weil, J. E. Whitener Prevost, Charles W. L. Matney will furnish the accompaniments for the service.

Members of the community are invited to attend the service. There is no admission and no collection will be taken.

Men In Induction Group Call

Men making up the Derwent pre-induction group under the new service system left for Fort Bragg where they will be given physical examinations to determine whether or not they are fit for active duty in the armed forces.

West was named leader of the group on the trip to Fort Bragg.

In the group were: Clyde Massie, Zimmary Floyd Messinger, Scates, Jr., James Wood, Manuel Hugh Messinger, and Jonathan Thomas Coward.

With Clinic Sponsored Due Weather

Regular monthly clinic sponsored by the Haywood County Department, which is held at the office of the department in Hazelwood, will not be conducted this month, according to Dr. Michael, assistant county officer.

The clinic was postponed on account of the inclement weather and the decision of some of the rural doctors to further notice is given in the next issue.

Arney P. Hood Hold Hearing Hazelwood

Arney P. Hood, State Commissioner of Banks will conduct a hearing at the Hazelwood school building on Monday evening, the 18th at 8 o'clock. The feasibility of a bank in Hazelwood will be discussed and it will be decided from the hearing as to whether or not the town is eligible for a bank.

Public is invited and the hearing of Hazelwood are expected to attend the hearing.

