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Through the Christmas
Edition Sunday Morning
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Howard Clapp Succeeds Colvard At Test Farm

Women Seek \$1,000 For Their Christmas Cheer and On Dime Board

Buy Clothing,
and Gifts
for Needy Children
this Christmas

A large individual contribution of \$25 boosted the total on the Club dime board here this week, but officials said that several hundred dollars yet needed to meet their goal.

The money will be used to procuring, toys and food for the needy of the community during the week. More than 25 young girls will be clothed with the money if a balance is left, it will be used by the club in promoting their conservation year the dime board netted about \$900.

Members of the club yesterday expressed the opinion that some business, or individuals, would make a substantial contribution towards the fund.

The club realized a profit of \$20 in sponsoring Birch, the first here last week. This just paid for the eye clinic re-held here.

The girls chorus of the Elementary School will give a program of Christmas for the club. The program charge of Claud Rogers.

Merchants Start Holiday Hours

Business places of the community started their holiday hours yesterday afternoon by remaining open until 5:30. For the rest of this week the stores will be open until 6:00 each afternoon.

The general plan is to remain open until 7:00 o'clock on Christmas Eve.

At a recent meeting of the Merchants Association, it was decided for the stores to close on the 25th and 26th.

Hearing Held On Getting Bank For Town Hazelwood

Decision Will Be
Made By Banking
Commission On
Jan. 23 At Hearing

No opposition was expressed at the special hearing held Tuesday night in Hazelwood before Gurney P. Hood, state bank commissioner when applicants presented their case for opening a bank in Hazelwood.

Schools Close Account Of Snowstorm

The schools in the county, including those of the Waynesville, closed Tuesday afternoon and will not reopen until December 23rd, according to an announcement by H. H. Bowles, county superintendent of education.

The original plan called for the closing of schools on Tuesday, but due to the heavy snows which fell on the schools were closed on account of the snowfall of the afternoon. The principals decided to continue through the week until Friday. In having this week the three days have been made up.

Decision to close the school on Tuesday afternoon after the snowfall of the afternoon made the roads hazardous in returning the children to their homes through the county.

Statement was made by Mr. Bowles as to when the time lost will be made up, which will, in the lengthening of the spring term.

Bernice and Miss Velma Johnson left Wednesday afternoon for Gulfport, Miss., where they will visit Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Johnson of Waynesville. They will be joined by Mr. and Mrs. W. Honnell and their son, who has recently been discharged from the service after being in the Pacific theater.

Rotarians To Exchange Gifts, —And Remarks

Members of the Rotary club will present each other with toys at their regular meeting here Friday. The toys will be gathered up and given to the Woman's club for their Christmas tree for the children on Christmas afternoon.

As each member is presented with a gift, the donor will make a one-minute talk about the member—being at liberty to say what he pleases without danger of libel.

The club contributed \$10 to the Salvation Army for their Christmas cheer fund. At last Friday's meeting, Rev. Paul H. Townsend told briefly, of some of his experiences as a chaplain aboard ships in both the Atlantic and Pacific.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tingen, of Fuquay Springs, have arrived to spend the Christmas holidays with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Killian.

Methodist Pastor



REV. PAUL TOWNSEND, pastor of the First Methodist church, who succeeds Rev. J. Clay Madison. He has recently been discharged from the navy, with the rank of commander, having served four years as a chaplain. He is a native of Waynesville and the son of the late Rev. Franklin Townsend at one time presiding elder of the Waynesville district. He also served as principal of the Waynesville high school for one year. He was appointed as pastor for the local church in October by the Western North Carolina conference, but was not out of the service at the time. He assumed his work here with the local church last week, preaching his first sermon on Sunday, the 16th.

Community Sing Will Be Held Sunday At 6, First Methodist Church

The community sing which was scheduled to be held at the Park Theater on Sunday evening at 8:00 o'clock has been changed to the First Methodist church and will take place at the same hour. Several hundred persons are expected to be present for the event, which ushers in Christmas week.

The event is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and Rev. M. R. Williamson, pastor of the Waynesville Presbyterian church, will preside. There will be no admission fee or collection taken and the public is invited to attend.

A choir made up of the members of the choirs of the churches of the community will be directed by Mrs. Henry MacFayden and will present several numbers of Christmas music. Mrs. W. L. Matney, organist of the First Methodist church, will serve as general accompanist.

The high school band will take part on the program with their numbers directed by Mr. Harvell, band master.

The school glee clubs under the direction of Miss Stephanie Moore, will also give several Christmas selections.

In addition to the numbers by these groups there will be general assembly singing of the old familiar carols.

The hour has been set at a time so that the program can be completed before regular Sunday evening services and those planning to attend church may go directly from the community sing.

Waynesville Tags Make Fine Gifts Says Mayor Way

"A new Waynesville tag will be just the thing to give as a Christmas present this year, for they are really a novelty now, being the first we have had to offer for sale in nearly three years," recommends Mayor J. H. Way, Jr.

The tags which sell for \$1 are the same colors as those of the state but have not been available since the early part of the war since they were made of metal needed for war priorities.

The tags are on sale at the Town Hall and all Waynesville citizens who own cars are urged to buy tags and place on their motor vehicles.

It is good publicity for the town, it was pointed out by Grayden Ferguson, town manager, for every car owner to use a tag on his motor.

Large Crowd Expected To Join In Community Wide Event For Christmas Music

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First National Bank Buys Crawford Building

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No immediate plans have been made for the use of the building. It was bought with the idea that it might be needed for further expansion purposes of the bank in the years ahead.

The directors on Monday of this week also declared the annual dividend of the bank, and voted a cash bonus for each employee.

The report of the bank, as outlined at the meeting of directors, showed the year had been an unusually good one, with resources of the bank now more than \$6,300,000.

In keeping with the state legal holidays, the bank will be closed on the 25th and 26th.

Following their custom of many years, the bank has a limited number of calendars for their depositors, and will give them out Friday and Saturday, with only one to a family.

Salvation Army Prepares To Give Cheer

The ringing of the bells around the red kettle of the Salvation Army has been a symbol of Christmas on Main street here for a number of years. It is the means of providing Christmas in seven of the isolated communities in the county by the Salvation Army.

Toys and candies for the children and baskets of necessary food for the needy are prepared by the Salvation Army who otherwise might be forgotten by Christmas.

Christmas programs will be given in the seven communities served by the Salvation Army which will include the singing of carols, the reading of the story of Christmas and plays.

A number of letters of appeal for assistance to carry out this Christmas program have been sent by the Salvation Army workers to the people of the county and the response has been most gratifying, according to Major Cecil Brown, who is head of the Mountain Division of the Salvation Army. Assisting Major Brown is Captain Lillian Blackburn and Lt. M. Morton.

Possibility Of Using It For Expansion Of The Bank; Dividend Is Declared

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Frank Kirkpatrick Joins Waynesville Police Force Here

Frank Kirkpatrick has joined the Waynesville police force. He assumed his duties here Tuesday morning, and at present, a member of the day crew.

He was recently discharged from the army after serving since 1942, and spending 23 months in Europe with an artillery outfit.

Before entering service he taught school at Fines Creek, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Kirkpatrick, of Fines Creek.

Mercury Slid Down To 2, As More Snow, Sleet Fell

Old Man Winter, and all his fury descended on this area again this week, as more snow fell, and the mercury in the official thermometer at the Test Farm slid down to two degrees.

Haywood was "mushing along" yesterday, from the four inch snow which fell Tuesday, followed by sleet later in the afternoon.

Protected places were still covered from the 3-inch snow of last Thursday night, and then an incl fell Saturday morning, while another inch fell early Sunday morning.

Schools closed Tuesday afternoon until December 31st, because of the icy streets and roads. School programs were nipped in the bud as plans were to remain open until Friday. Students and teachers had Christmas programs in the making, and these were called off. The lunch rooms were to feature roast turkey yesterday, but the birds will be waiting the students after the holidays. The turkeys have been put on cold storage.

Young people took to the steep hills with their sleighs as Tuesday's snow was the finest of the season for sledding. Police roped off East Street for them, and the crowds soon gathered for rides that took them at break-neck speed down the steep hill.

The official temperatures are as follows:

Date	High	Low
11	29	12
12	39	11
13	36	19
14	43	19
15	34	7
16	25	7
17	38	2

Ten Men Leave In December Draft Call

Ten men left here on Tuesday morning for induction in the armed forces under the selective service system making up the December call.

Gilbert Turner Ferguson was named leader of the group on the trip to Fort Bragg, induction center. Others in the group were: Roy Robert Ross, Jr., Walker Glenn Chambers, James Owen Franklin, Oliver Windell Arrington, Thomas Hoytt Cates, Samuel Perry Smathers, L. V. Hannah, Kenneth Earl Medford and Alvin Green.

Bakery To Get New Type Oven

A new modern oven is expected to arrive this week, and will be installed at Pearce's Bakery during the coming week, it was announced yesterday by W. H. Whitman, owner.

The oven is of the revolving type, and is automatic in every way. This special design has met with favor with all bakers everywhere.

Test Farm Head To Join Faculty



HOWARD CLAPP, for the past four years Haywood County Agent, will become assistant director of the State Test Farm here on January first.

To Join Faculty



DEAN COLVARD has resigned as head of the test farm here to take his doctor's degree and then join the faculty of State College.

County Agent To Assume Duties January First

Dean W. Colvard has resigned as assistant director in charge of the Mountain Experiment Station here and will be succeeded by Howard Clapp, present Haywood County Farm Agent. Mr. Clapp's resignation as county agent becomes effective January 1st, and Mr. Colvard will remain with the farm until February first. No successor has been named for the county agents office.

The dual announcement was made yesterday both here and in Raleigh of the changes. Mr. Colvard will enter Purdue University in March first for his doctor's degree in Animal Husbandry, and after receiving his degree will become a member of the faculty of State College, Raleigh.

W. Kerr Scott, commissioner of Agriculture in commenting on the resignation of Mr. Colvard, said, "while we hate to lose Colvard, it is gratifying to know that in connection with his work at State College, he will be closely associated with the livestock research program of our test farms."

Mr. Clapp pointed out that he considered the change an opportunity for larger services to the farmers of Western North Carolina. "I will still be in close contact with them, and helping work out their problems right here in the area I like best," he continued.

"I deeply appreciate the fine cooperation given me since I came here in February, 1941," Mr. Clapp said. "And I ask that the same cooperation be given my successor."

Mr. Colvard joined the Department of Agriculture staff in 1933 as assistant director in charge of the Mountain Station located at Swannanoa. He supervised the work of this station until the spring of 1941, at which time it was taken over by the United States War Department as a site for the Moore General Hospital. After this

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Woman's Club To Stage Annual Community Tree

The annual community Christmas tree which is held each year under the sponsorship of the Woman's club will be staged on Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the courtroom at the county courthouse, according to Mrs. J. C. Brown, chairman of the committee and Mrs. James W. Killian, president of the club.

Rev. Mr. Murray, pastor of the Hazelwood Baptist church will have charge of the devotional period, and there will be community singing of Christmas carols.

The public is invited to attend. Assisting Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Killian will be Mrs. John R. Hipps, Mrs. Jimmy Boyd, Mrs. A. E. Williamson, Mrs. John M. Queen and Mrs. T. L. Bramlette.

Making donations to the gift and candy fund for the tree are "The Town of Waynesville, Lions Club, Rotary Club, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Francis and Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Barber.

Haywood County Home Demonstration Officers



Margaret Smith, county home demonstration agent (reading from right to left): Mrs. Mark Ferguson, president of the Haywood County Council of Home Demonstration clubs, who presided over the meeting to the work of the home clubs at the annual Achievement Day program recently held at the county seat; Mrs. Mark Swain, retiring secretary of the county council; Mrs. Paul Robinson, member of the county council who has been elected as the new president of the county council; Mrs. L. J. Cannon, secretary of the Morning Star club, the newly-elected secretary of the county council.

Special Christmas Edition To Be Published Sunday Morning

Following a custom of many years, The Mountaineer will publish a special Christmas Edition on Sunday morning. This edition has been designed differently than any ever published.

Special Christmas features, with numerous illustrations will be carried throughout. The staff of the paper have been at work on some features for the past few weeks, in addition to some art work to brighten up the edition.

Christmas messages from many firms will be a little different this season, as by special arrangement with a firm of artists, some specially designed greetings will be used. Merchants and business firms wanting greetings in the issue should call the advertising department by noon Friday. The deadline for the Sunday edition, for both news and advertising will be eleven o'clock Saturday morning. The paper must be on the press early Saturday afternoon in order to make the mails for Sunday morning delivery.

Copies will be on sale at all newsstands by four o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Officers Of Haywood Demonstration Farmers



Shown here are the officers of Haywood Demonstration farmers just after their election of officers recently. From left to right, Howard Clapp, county agent; George Stamey, secretary; Albert J. McCracken, retiring president shaking hands with J. L. Westmoreland, newly elected president. In the background between them is Frank M. Davis, vice president, and on the right is C. R. Linder, re-elected treasurer. (A Mountaineer photograph by Wallace Marley)