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Polio Quota Is In Sight For County

Dime Board Nets \$813, Several Committees Due To Make Reports Today

The goal of the Infantile Paralysis Drive is in sight for Haywood, with a quota of \$3,575, according to Jonathan Woody, county chairman.

Several schools are yet to make a report, and one or two industrial plant committees are to report this morning.

"Every indication is that we will get near, if not reach the quota," the chairman said.

Last week-end the dime board was operated by members of the Rotary club, and \$813.15 was raised. Members of the club also made a canvass of the business districts for funds.

"The cooperation has been splendid, and everyone has come through with their assignment," Mr. Woody continued, as he praised the work of Rotarians, school teachers, and others who helped put on the campaign.

The Waynesville and Canton areas divided the quota, and each section was to raise half the \$3,575.

W. H. F. Millar And William Medford Open Law Offices

Two Well Known Waynesville Lawyers Will Do General Practice of Civil Law

Announcement was made this week of the opening of a new law firm here, Millar and Medford, as two well-known and prominent lawyers opened their joint offices on the second floor above Curtis Drug Store.

W. H. F. Millar and William Medford will do a general practice of civil law.

Mr. Millar was admitted to the Illinois bar in 1912, and had a successful practice there when he moved to Waynesville in 1939. Mr. Millar is a veteran of World War I, and active in the American Legion, civic affairs, and the church. At present, Mr. and Mrs. Millar are on their vacation in Florida and expect to return about the 15th.

Mr. Medford opened his law offices here in 1933. He entered the Navy as Lieutenant in October, 1942, and served for three years. He returned here late last October and re-opened his offices. Mr. Medford is also active in civic and church affairs of the community, and has held several offices in the Democratic organization of the district and state.

New Officers Masonic Lodge Take Over

The Waynesville Lodge, A. F. and A. M. Ancient Rites, held their regular meeting Friday night, with the newly installed officers in charge. W. A. Coble made the main address.

Those who will serve the lodge during the coming year and were recently installed are: S. E. Conner, Worshipful Master, R. C. McBride, Senior Warden, Hallett Ward, Junior Warden, and C. B. Hossain, secretary.

Tomorrow night the Waynesville lodge will confer the degree of Entered Apprentice, with Hallett Ward in charge of the program. All Master Masons and interested apprentices are invited to attend.

New Buses Bought For Newport-Brevard Route

Orders for three modern 33-passenger buses of the twin-motor Flexible Flyer type, have been ordered by the Parkway Bus company to be used in the operation of a bus route from Brevard to Newport, Tenn., via Pisgah Forest and through the park, according to Tom Lee, Jr., manager of the new firm.

The State Utilities Commission granted the Waynesville firm a franchise last week to operate over the 88-mile route, with Waynesville as headquarters. Other officers of the company are Jonathan Woody and W. Roy Francis.

Mr. Lee said yesterday he expected the new buses here in time to begin operation by July first,



MISS CATHERINE JONES is all smiles when she's writing war bonds, and during the past three years, she has done a lot of smiling, as a check-up yesterday showed she had prepared bonds totaling \$4,638,161.88. She has answered thousands of questions, and helped count pennies from scores of piggy banks where the contents went into bonds. She is still happy, because she writes more bonds daily at her desk at the First National Bank than the redemption window cashes, and that is staying ahead. This Mountaineer photograph of Miss Jones was made by Wallace Marley as she started to work on another bond.

Writes \$4,638,161 In War Bonds

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Bank Secretary Writes Over 4 1-2 Millions In Bonds

Getting People To Give Their Full Names Among Hardest Part of Job

"I want to buy a war bond," is a familiar statement to Miss Catherine Jones, secretary at the First National Bank.

In fact, she has heard the statement to the tune of \$4,638,161.88, for that is the amount of war bonds she has written since the first of February, 1942, to date.

Needless to say, the experiences in handling that much money have varied from the ridiculous to the sublime, and even some have had romantic angles, although Miss Jones did not play a part in the latter category.

She has handled checks from \$185,000 down to helping count pennies from children's piggy banks. On several occasions she had \$50,000 checks to convert into war bonds.

Miss Jones has had many regular customers for bonds. Some come every month, others every two weeks, and others weekly. One mother of several sons in service bought bonds with her allotment, check as long as the boys were overseas, and when they landed back in the States she did not buy any more—at least for the bank.

One young father buys bonds regularly for his child's education (Continued on Page Eight)

United War Fund Drive Goes Over Top Of Quota

More Than \$11,500 Raised In Haywood County For United War Fund Drive

Haywood has gone over the quota on the United War Fund drive, according to a final report made yesterday by A. P. Ledbetter, county chairman for the drive.

The county has a quota of \$11,500, and a check for the whole amount has been forwarded to the state chairman.

The delay was caused by the inability of several large contributors to get their checks in before this date.

Morris Brooks, of Canton, served as chairman for that area, and the county quota was equally divided between Canton and Waynesville, and each one raised their part of the \$11,500, Mr. Ledbetter reported.

Jimmy Reid, personnel manager for Welco Shoe corporation, led all other committee chairmen in the Waynesville area for the total raised.

C. J. Reece is county treasurer for the fund.

Howard Choate To Erect Modern Tourist Court

Howard W. Choate, of Humboldt, Tenn., has purchased the Massie property near the Medford farm and plans to build a modern tourist court on the location at an early date. The construction will consist of a number of DeLuxe units with kitchenettes and all modern conveniences.

Mr. Choate has formerly held the position of inspection foreman at the Proctor and Gamble Defense Corporation at the Wolf Creek Ordnance where all types of bolts, Tenn., where all types of munitions and bombs were assembled and shipped out during the war.

Mr. and Mrs. Choate and their three children arrived several weeks ago and will remain here permanently. Mrs. Choate is the former Miss Hazel Massie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Massie.

Ground Hog Hits 50 pc. Correct On Weather Forecast

The Ground Hog saw his shadow Saturday, and the wise little rascal darted back into his den for a snooze of six more weeks.

On Sunday, it appeared that Mr. Ground Hog has missed his calculations, as the day was "perfect spring."

Then broke the dawn of Monday and the little weather forecaster began to laugh to himself, as the elements broke loose with all their fury, and made Monday as miserable as weather can make a day.

On Tuesday, the laugh was on Mr. Ground Hog again, as it turned spring and another "perfect day."

But lo, and behold, before the break of day Wednesday, the little animal was all smiles again, as the high winds, and cold, hard rains removed from even the greatest imagination, that there was anything like spring days.

Charles Ray Is Director Of State Travel Council

Charles Ray, Jr., was named a director of the North Carolina Travel Council, Inc., at a recent meeting in Raleigh, in the offices of former Governor J. M. Broughton.

The purpose of the Council is to promote better travel accommodations in the state, create larger recreational facilities and encourage increased tourist travel. The Council will supplement the activities of other agencies now in operation in the state, such as the State News department and the State Planning Board.

Other members of the board include: Richard Tuff, D. Hiden Ramsey, J. M. Broughton, Haywood Duke, Coleman W. Roberts, E. L. Ward, and J. Laurens Wright.

BOOSTERS TO MEET 14TH

The Hazelwood Boosters club will meet on Thursday the 14th in the Presbyterian dining room. Rev. S. R. Crockett is president of the club.

'Hidden' License Tags Fail To Keep Motorists From Being Stopped

"It is as much of an offense to fail to properly display your automobile license as it is not to buy one," said Patrolman R. O. Roberts, this week.

The license was not intended to put above the back seat window in your car and not on windshield either," continued Patrolman Roberts.

"I have stopped car after car all week with no license, or if they had one it was not displayed properly," he further complained about the public.

"One man told me he had

Mrs. Grover Davis Talks To Nephew Over In Europe

"It is 2:00 o'clock in the morning over here, but I guess it is around 8:00 o'clock at night over there," said Pfc. William Charles McCrary, of the AAF, to his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Davis, last Saturday night, as he spoke to them over the phone from a station in Rome, Italy.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis had been notified by the overseas telephone service that Pfc. McCrary would put in his call around 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon and they had his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. B. McCrary, of Fines Creek to come into town to receive the call.

Mr. and Mrs. McCrary waited around until after 7:00 in the evening and then decided there was a mistake in the day and returned home, but around 8:45 the Davis phone rang and the call came through from Italy.

Many Cases Disposed Of In Court

Judge Zeb V. Nettles, Of Asheville, Presiding Over February Term Of Superior Court

The Haywood County February Superior Court, criminal term, convened here on Monday morning with Judge Zeb V. Nettles, of Asheville, presiding. Judge Nettles had made an exchange with Judge J. A. Rousseau, of Wilkesboro, who was scheduled to preside.

The following cases had been disposed of by Wednesday noon:

Grady Kinsland, charged with drunkenness, with two cases against consolidated for trial, was sentenced to six months in jail, with two months to be put into effect and the balance suspended for two years on good behavior.

Jack Wyatt, charged with driving drunk, was fined \$50 and the costs of the action.

Sybil Price, pleaded guilty of affray charges and judgment was continued with no costs taxed.

In the case of W. C. Price, charged with affray, judgment was continued for three years on condition of good behavior and payment of half of the costs.

Jack Curtis Stevens, charged with forgery, on three counts, was given not less than three months nor more than three years in State Prison, for the first count and on the last two, judgment was continued for ten years with the power of the court to pronounce judgment any time during the period.

Ora Lee Reynolds, charged with driving drunk was given a three years suspended sentence and fined \$100 and the costs.

Norman Green, charged with gambling was fined \$25 and the costs of the court and given two years suspended sentence.

Melton Cordell, charged with (Continued on Page Eight)

Thirteen 18 Year Olds Register In January

Thirteen boys who became 18 years of age registered with the local draft board during the month of January in compliance with the rules of the Selective Service System. They are now eligible for service in the armed forces.

In the group were the following: Willis Frisby, of Dellwood; Joseph Blalock Compton, of Hazelwood; Lawrence Hugh Carver, of Waynesville, Route 2; Carl Douglas Smith, of Hazelwood; Walter H. Leming, of Waynesville.

Walter Revis, of Clyde Route 1; Charles Dowe West, of Waynesville, Route 1; James Dean Kirkpatrick, of Clyde Route 1; Richard Hall Taylor, of Waynesville, Route 1; T. L. Moore, of Clyde, Route 1. David Wilford Green, of Waynesville, Route 1; George D. Long, of Cove Creek; and Ernest Dee Chambers, of Waynesville, Route 1.

Pigeon River District Scout Leaders To Meet

The Pigeon River District Committee of Boy Scouts will hold a meeting at the Presbyterian church here on Monday, the 11th at 7:30 o'clock, with Hallett Ward, district chairman, presiding. The meeting will be featured by various reports from commissioners on the activities of their work.

William Medford, district commissioner, Rev. Malcolm Williamson, and others will give reports on the recent training course which was sponsored by the organization committee, senior scouting, cubbing, and interracial groups.

Cpl. Jack Edwards Calls Wife Over Phone From Rome

"It was just as clear and we could hear each other perfectly, and little Frank was so excited, but he had nothing on me," said Mrs. Jack Edwards Monday morning, when she told of a phone call her husband had made to her and her young son from Rome, Italy, on Sunday night.

Mrs. Edwards had been notified around 10 o'clock Friday night by the overseas operator in the New York office that her husband would call her at 7:00 o'clock Sunday night. He had written her in December that he would call Christmas day, but later that he was unable to get his call through.

"I never thought I would speak over the phone to my husband in Italy," said Mrs. Edwards.

Tax Listing Time Is Extended To Feb. 20th

Out Of Navy



JACK MESSER, who was recently discharged from the Navy, has resumed his work as superintendent of education.

Jack Messer, Veteran, Returns To School Work

Jack Messer, former county superintendent of education in Haywood county, and more recently, lieutenant in the U. S. Navy, assumed his duties here with the board of education on Friday, February 1st.

"I am happy to be back on the job, though I will always be glad to have served during the war," said Mr. Messer in speaking of the time he had spent out of Haywood county since November, 1943.

The close of the war found Lt. Messer serving on the CVE-104 Munday, aircraft carrier, in Tokyo Bay. He volunteered in July of 1943 and received his commission as lieutenant junior grade, but was not called into active service until the following November.

Lt. Messer was ordered to report to Quonset Point, R. I., and from there to Charleston Naval Air Station, and then to Pearl Harbor. From the latter he was assigned to sea duty and served for more than seven months in Northern Pacific theater.

The Japs were unbelievably friendly, following their surrender, according to Lt. Messer, who also stated that they are "completely whipped."

"There are new problems in the work here as superintendent of education that have been the results of conditions brought on by the war, which I did not have to cope with when I left. Maybe I have been away at a good time," he concluded with a smile.

Lt. Messer is entitled to wear the American Defense, Pacific theater, with three battle stars, and the Victory Medal of World War II.

Stringfields Are Having Offices Renovated Here

Workmen have started a large renovation program on the offices of Dr. Sam Stringfield and Dr. Tom Stringfield on Main street here.

Dr. Thomas Stringfield is expected to be released from active duty from the Naval Reserve within a short time and will resume his practice here with his father, Dr. Sam Stringfield.

A renovated front, and extensive interior improvements are in the program.

Almost Inch Of Rain Falls Here

From 5:30 Tuesday until 1 o'clock Wednesday, this area had .85 inches of rain, according to the official weather observer at the State Test Farm here.

20,000 Pieces Clothing Collected During Drive

Approximately 20,000 garments were collected here during the second Victory Clothing drive, headed in this area by James B. Neal, it was learned yesterday.

The clothing has been packed in 51 large boxes furnished by Welco Shoe Corporation, and the 5,000 pounds will be shipped some time this week, together with Canton's collection.

The campaign was waged throughout the county, with collection centers established in churches, schools, and in numerous

Extreme Bad Weather During January Causes Commissioners To Extend Time

The period for listing taxes in Haywood county has been extended to February 20th, according to action taken by the county board of commissioners at their meeting held here on Monday.

Due to the bad weather during the month of January, people throughout the county were hindered from listing their taxes on time, it was pointed out to the board by Earle Ferguson, county tax collector.

"Outside of extending the tax listing period, the entire day's meeting was made up mostly of complaints about roads. They came from all over the county wanting something done to their roads," said George A. Brown, Jr., in speaking of the first Monday of the month routine meeting of the board.

Both Mr. Brown and Mr. Ferguson are urging the tax payers to make all listings between now and the 20th as there will be no other extension of time.

The listing of taxes started off with an all high record, but after the heavy snows and rains, there was a decided drop, according to Mr. Ferguson.

Sgt. Constantin Reported Missing Declared Dead

Staff Sergeant Edward T. Constantin, who was reported missing on December 30, 1943, has been officially declared dead by the War Department, according to information received by his widow, Mrs. Martha Moody Constantin, of Oody Farm, on Monday of this week.

Sgt. Constantin volunteered in the Army Air Corps July 6, 1942. He was trained at a number of fields prior to being sent overseas in March, 1943. He served in the Pacific theater, and was attached to the Fifth Air Corps.

Sgt. Constantin was taken a prisoner by the Japs in January, 1944, it was learned sometime after he was reported missing. It was seen once after he was in a Jap prison camp by Colonel Unruh, his pilot, who also stated when he was released that the other members of the crew were also with Sgt. Constantin.

Colonel Unruh was released in Japan in September, 1945, but none of the other crew of the B-24 have been heard of since. It was learned unofficially from a returned veteran by Mrs. Constantin recently that after an investigation following the surrender of the Japs, the enemy confessed that Sgt. Constantin, with 19 other prisoners, were aboard a Jap vessel which was bombed, and was killed at that time.

Sgt. Constantin was a graduate of Manual high school of Brooklyn, N. Y., and attended Deal Conservatory in Asbury Park, N. J. At the time he volunteered in the air corps he was employed as a salesman for the National Biscuit company of Jamaica, N. Y.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. W. A. Nay, of Philadelphia, Pa., and one sister, Mrs. Johnny Mason, of New York.

American Legion And Auxiliary To Meet On Friday

The Waynesville Post of the American Legion and Auxiliary will hold their regular meeting on Friday night at the Legion Home. J. C. Patrick will preside over the Legion business session and Mrs. Hurst Burgin over the Auxiliary group.

At the conclusion of the separate meetings a joint social hour will be held of the two groups.

Members of the Rotary club packed the thousands of garments, which included many pairs of shoes, and a quantity of bedding.

The national quota was one garment to be given by each resident in the area. Yesterday Mr. Neal said he felt this area had exceeded the national quota.

Students of St. John's school collected 662 pieces, that weighed 242 pounds.

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