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Area Goes Over Top In Raising Red Cross Quota

Candidate



R. E. SENTELLE, Waynesville attorney, has formally announced that he is a candidate for the nomination for the Legislature in the May Primary.

Two Symphony Concerts Will Be Given Here

Children's Concert In Afternoon, and Evening Concert At 8

Plans are being completed for the forthcoming appearance of the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra, which will give a concert at the high school in Waynesville on March 28 at 8 p. m., it was announced today by Mrs. Hugh A. Love, chairman of the local campaign committee.

Thos. L. Blalock Mining Engineer Claimed By Death

Last rites were conducted at 2:30 Saturday afternoon at the Hazelwood Baptist church for Thomas Lee Blalock, 54, native of Yancey county, who died at 8:10 a. m. Thursday at his home in Hazelwood, after an illness of several weeks.

Lt. W. Ray Returns From Overseas, Now On Leave

Lt. William Ray who entered the service in November, 1941, is on terminal leave until sometime in May. He arrived last week and plans after his discharge becomes effective to resume his position with his brothers in the firm of C. E. Ray's Sons.

New Neon Sign Put On Main St.

A large, modernistic neon sign has been erected on Main street by Curtis Drug store. It is one of the largest signs in town, and displays several colors of neon light. The sign weighs over 650 pounds.

Chamber Of Commerce Election Closes 26th

Ballots for the annual Chamber of Commerce election have been mailed to members, and are due to be mailed back to the office of the organization before four o'clock Tuesday, March 26th.

Quota Of \$2,750 Over-Subscribed By This End Of The County

The Haywood Chapter of the American Red Cross has gone over the top of its quota of \$2,750 in the annual drive for membership, according to Major Baughman, who has served as chairman of the 1946 campaign.

The chapter covering this area is the third one in the Western North Carolina group of 26 counties to complete their quota, according to W. D. Debril, field representative of the Southeastern Division, who reported the status of the local chapter yesterday afternoon to Rev. M. R. Williamson, chairman of the chapter.

The quota was set by national headquarters at \$2,750, and while all the figures have not been tabulated, the amount now stands something over \$3,000.

"I wish to congratulate the chairman and workers in the chapter, especially Grayden Ferguson, of the business group, who exceeded his quota more than 160 per cent. I wish also to commend the citizens of the community, covered by the Haywood Chapter who have given so liberally to the worthy cause," said Major Baughman yesterday in making his report.

The drive is not yet complete, although the quota has been reached, it was pointed out by Major Baughman, who stated that a number of persons who had not been contacted, had expressed a desire to contribute. Those who have not handed in their donations are asked to send it in to the chapter, mailing checks to the (Continued on page six)

Heads Softball



L. N. DAVIS, president of the local softball league, announced yesterday that this community would have an active softball league again this season, after suspending for two years due to war conditions.

18-Inch Street Drain Being Put In By Hazelwood

1,100-Foot Drain Will Cost Town About \$2,000; Will Take Care Of Surface Water

Excavations are almost complete for the 1,100-foot trench for the 18-inch drain on Brown Avenue. The Town of Hazelwood is doing the work and Mayor Clyde Fisher estimates the cost will be approximately \$2,000.

The drain will extend from a point above Carolina Avenue to Georgia Avenue, and into Farmer Branch just below Georgia Avenue. The surface water coming down Brown Avenue from Main Street has caused considerable damage after heavy rains.

A power shovel is being used to open the ditch, and large quantities of solid rock have been encountered all along the route. Considerable blasting will have to be done near the Hazelwood Lumber Company mill, it was explained.

Patrick's Start Building 10-Unit Tourist Court

Excavations have started on a 10-unit tourist court just off Walnut street and on Vance street by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Patrick. The new center will be completed in time for the summer season, they said, as all materials are on hand for the construction.

The units are of the latest design, similar to those that have proven popular in other resort centers. The units have garages.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick will move from their home on Love Lane to their Walnut street home in order to operate the court this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kamos of Fayetteville, spent a few days here last week with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Blalock.

Softball Will Be Revived This Season

Return Of Many Star Players Assures An Active League For This Season

The community is assured of an active softball league this summer, it was learned yesterday from L. N. Davis, president of the league which operated successfully here for several years, before suspending play in 1944.

Definite plans are to have leaders of several groups meet sometime this week and work out final details for the season. A number of industrial plants and other groups have expressed a desire to enter teams in the league.

The games proved popular for several seasons, with hundreds of fans attending every game, which were held at night in the high school stadium.

Mr. Davis said that with the return of so many players who were former stars in the league, that there is every prospect for the league being even better than ever before.

Equalization Board Has Few Requests

Time has hung heavy on the hands of the Haywood County Board of Equalization and Review, composed of the county board of commissioners and the tax collector, which has been in session since Monday morning and will continue through tomorrow.

Less than a dozen property owners during the three days have been in to ask that their property be revalued, according to George A. Brown, Jr., county chairman of the board. This week set aside in compliance with the laws of the state, is the only time the county commissioners have the authority to change the valuation of real estate.

On Monday the citizens from Ivy Hill, Jonathan Creek, White Oak and Cataochee townships were privileged to bring in their complaints. Property owners from Fines Creek, Crabtree and Iron Duff were heard on Tuesday, with East Fork, Pigeon and Cecil yesterday.

Today property owners from Waynesville township area will be heard. Tomorrow Beaverdam and Clyde complaints, if there are any, will be taken up.

"People in the county realize that instead of real estate values going down since last revaluation of property they have gone up," said Mr. Brown in discussing the small number of complaints being brought before the board.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Vaughn, of Waynesville, announce the birth of a daughter, at the Haywood County Hospital on March 7.

Heads Welfare



DR. ELLEN BLACK WINSTON, state commissioner of welfare, was the speaker at Rotary here last Friday, when this photograph was taken by Wallace Marley for The Mountaineer. An account of her address is printed elsewhere on this page.

P. T. A. Group To Hear Leaders At School On Monday

District and State Leaders Will Conduct School Of Instruction At East Waynesville

A school of instruction for officers and patrons of Parent Teacher Associations of this area, will be held at the East Waynesville school Monday, starting at 10:30, according to Mrs. Albert Abel, president of the host association. Mrs. Abel will preside, and Frank Rogers, principal of the school, will make the address of welcome.

Mrs. J. S. Blair, field representative of the North Carolina Congress of Parent Teachers, will be in charge of the meeting, and will be assisted by Mrs. T. Allen Luther, director of district one.

Mrs. Abel said yesterday that between 30 and 50 representatives from 11 schools in this end of the county were expected to attend. Representatives are expected from Sanoak, Hazelwood, Maggie, Delwood, Fines Creek, Crabtree, Iron Duff, Bethel, Lake Junaluska, and Central schools.

Hyatt Brothers Return Here To Enter Business

Lauchlan and David Hyatt, who have recently returned to Waynesville to reside after more than ten years' absence, plan to open a plumbing and heating business, which will also offer a large stock of electrical supplies for sale.

The business will be operated in the building next door to that formerly occupied by Martin Electric company on Church street, which the Hyatt brothers have recently purchased from Dr. John H. Smathers.

No definite date has been announced for the opening of the new firm, but as soon as the orders for stock are filled, which is expected in the near future, the owners (Continued on Page Eight)

Editor Of State On Visit Here

Carl Goerch, editor of The State, Raleigh, was a Waynesville visitor Tuesday. Mr. Goerch was gathering material for an article on places to visit in Western North Carolina. He plans to have numerous illustrations of scenic points of interest in this area.

Haywood Below State On Welfare Payments

"Haywood county is paying less than the state average for aid to the aged and to dependent children," Dr. Ellen Black Winston, commissioner of state welfare, told Rotarians here last Friday.

"Approximately \$8,000 a month is being paid by the Haywood office to these two agencies, Dr. Winston said, as she pointed out the county paid a fourth, the state a fourth and the remainder by the federal government.

Shortages Of Teachers Is Alarming; Low Salary Chief Cause Of Situation

Sugar Stamp 9 Good For 5 Pounds

Spare sugar stamp number nine is now good for five pounds of sugar for use in home canning, according to information received here. The stamp will be good through October 31, it was said. It is expected that housewives may be able to get a little more sugar for canning this year than last season.

The OPA office here said another sugar stamp for five pounds good for general use would become valid May first. Another home canning stamp may become valid in June or July, according to reports.

Modern Coal Yard Is Being Built In Hazelwood

Modern Equipment Will Be Used For Loading and Unloading Coal in New Yard

Construction is moving along rapidly on the new and modern coal yard of the Community Coal company at Hazelwood, just off Brown avenue, and next to the Southern Railway tracks. The owners, C. N. Allen and Aaron Prevost, said yesterday that the project should be completed within thirty days.

The yard will have a concrete unloading pit for every size and type of coal. Special electrical unloading equipment will be installed on the yard, and two new trucks will be operated.

New type scales will be installed, and an office and residence for the manager are part of the building plans.

The coal yard has a privately owned side track, and is on a lot 225 by 300 feet.

The company was organized some six years ago.

Gill Farm Sold To John James And Glen James

John James, and son, Glen C. James, well known Haywood farmers and stockraisers, have purchased the Walnut Cove Farm, on Jonathan Creek, owned by Mrs. Joe Gill.

The new owners will get possession immediately of the farm, and move there to begin spring operations.

Mrs. Evelyn Heinz Now Operator Of Beauty Shop

Mrs. Evelyn Heinz, who has been with the Personality Beauty shop for the past two years has taken over the management of Sulton's Beauty shop, and will have with her a number of experienced operators.

Mrs. Heinz is a graduate of the Asheville Beauty academy and has complete instruction in all beauty care. She is specializing in cold waves, facials, scalp treatments, hair styling, manicuring and permanent waves.

The shop is located on Main street above the Sanitary Barber shop.

School Authorities Point To Decrease Of School Standards Due To Conditions

The present status of North Carolina's school system is nothing short of alarming, due to the low salary scale now being paid teachers, maintenance men and bus drivers, was the conclusion reached at the Hazelwood Boosters Club Thursday night, when a general discussion of the situation was held with civic leaders, teachers and school board members participating.

"To my knowledge, there is not a single person from Haywood who will graduate this year and become a teacher next fall," M. H. Bowles, superintendent of the Waynesville district, pointed out. "The number of teachers in the state is far less than the positions open. Countless scores of former teachers are entering new fields, largely because of the low salary scale offered by North Carolina.

"If some changes are not made at an early date, we are going to find many class rooms without teachers," he continued.

"The only way we were able to keep going even this year, was to draft former teachers back into the jobs. These people could not begin to live on the salary paid teachers alone, and had it not been that most of them were married, and not dependent on the money earned from teaching, we would have been up against a critical situation this year.

"The school standards cannot be improved as long as one fourth of our teachers do not have even standard certificates. But with the scarcity of people with even the slightest teaching experience, we were forced to take all comers, and even then, fell short of the teacher quota.

"Neither teacher or student can do their best in the crowded conditions of so many classrooms. The situation is deplorable," Mr. Bowles concluded.

C. N. Allen, chairman of the district school board, pointed out that ten years ago the board had several good applicants for every teaching opening. That condition has reversed itself, Mr. Allen explained, and said, "for the coming season, we don't have an extra applicant on hand. We are not getting them, and all other school boards are up against the same proposition."

"North Carolina has invested millions in buildings and buses and other equipment, yet they have overlooked the first essential in giving the students a good education." (Continued on page six)

Dr. V. H. Duckett To Address County Nurses

Dr. V. H. Duckett will address the members of the Haywood County Nurses club at their regular monthly meeting to be held at the Nurses Home of the County Hospital at 7 o'clock on Monday evening, March 25, according to an announcement by the president.

Dr. Duckett will speak on "Varicose Veins," a field in which he has done outstanding work.

Miss Frances Thompson, president, will preside and all members of the club as well as all registered nurses in the county are urged to be present.

Weather Report

DATE	Max.	Min.	Inches Rainfall
March 13	61	49	
14	60	52	.74
15	71	51	
16	63	45	.63
17	67	37	
18	61	40	.10
19	56	35	1.0

"Church Page Increases Attendance"

That is the statement made this week by Rev. Cecil L. Heckard, pastor of The Methodist Church at Lake Junaluska. In a letter to the editor, he said:

"Your 'church page' is a good idea. I think it helped increase my attendance at church yesterday."



Spring is officially opened today. The Weather Man and Mother Nature may not have agreed on the time and may not be in harmony, but nevertheless the calendar designates today as the first day of one of four seasons of the year.

Sometimes the Weather Man seems to have a grudge against Mother Nature and holds her back and makes her wear her drab winter clothes past the season. Then again she defies him and comes out too early and gets a setback in the end. For the Weather Man is just as likely to spread a mantle of snow over her tender green finery as he is to send sunshine to filter through the first signs of Spring.

It's Spring time once again. It is time to start on that January-February fireside dream garden. At least to do the ground work. It's time to take stock of the growing things about you. It's time to plant that pink dogwood you have been planning to do to your collection of shrubbery. It's time to get that trimming done.

It's time to see about those rusty screens that have had to be patched during the war.

It's time to think of mothballs—and putting away those heaviest clothes, though you may need them a month longer, despite it is Spring.

It's time to hunt up your garden tools and see what you need, for your equipment is bound to be at low ebb after the diminishing supplies of the past four years.

It's time to stop worrying over that fuel shortage—for your needs will be less as the days become warmer.

It's time to plant, to paint, and clean up.

It's time above all to take a new lease on life. It's time to cast off the gloom of winter in your soul and take a lesson from nature and let all the sunshine and warmth into your heart.

It's Spring time once again—with the joys of another growing season ahead of us—that makes us know that life is good.