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Work Started On Theatre, 2 Stores

Corpening Again County Agent

Dr. Chas. Owens Starts Work On \$80,000 Project

Theatre Will Seat 750; Both Stores In Project Already Leased To Merchants

Excavating is under way, and the contract has been let by Dr. Charles Owens for the construction of a modern theater and two store buildings on Main street. The project will represent an expenditure in excess of \$80,000. Dr. Owens, of Canton, purchased the Jolly property several months ago. The lot faces 90 feet on Main street and extends back 139 feet. The theater will have a capacity of 750. Dr. Owens told The Mountaineer yesterday. The lobby entrance will be on Main street, with the auditorium in the back of the two stores on the front. One of the stores will have a 46-foot front, while the other will be 30 feet wide. Both stores will extend back 80 feet. A full size basement extends under the entire project. The building will be constructed of brick, tile, cinder blocks and concrete with modernistic glass fronts. For the present the structure will be one story, but so built that an additional story can be added later without too much additional cost. The contract was awarded to Dale Borden, of Asheville, who plans to use local labor on the project. Dr. Owens said he did not know how long it would take to complete the project, but felt it would be about September first before the building would be occupied. One of the stores have been leased by Harry Winner, well known merchant of Canton, who will operate a ready-to-wear store here. The other store was leased to Jack Barron. Dr. Owens said an announcement would be made later as to the operator of the theater.

Seeks Re-election



GLENN C. PALMER, who has represented Haywood County in the North Carolina legislature for four terms, this week announced he is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the post again in the May primary.

Former Agent To Resume Work Here Monday

Served in Army Since February, 1942; Started Here In June, 1936

LT. Col. Wayne Corpening will take over the duties of Haywood County agent Monday morning, a place he left in February, 1942 to enter service. The announcement was made yesterday by George A. Brown, Jr., county manager. Mr. Brown said, "needless to say, we are happy to have Mr. Corpening back with us as county agent. He did a fine piece of work while assistant county agent, and later as county agent. We welcome him back home, and back into the county as a citizen and worker with farmers and stock raisers."

Col. Corpening came here in June, 1936 as assistant county agent, and in September, 1941 was promoted to county agent. He and his co-workers were responsible for sponsoring many agricultural enterprises in Haywood that acclaimed south-wide recognition in work with erosion, soil improvement, better crop practices as well as work with livestock, including livestock shows. Col. Corpening entered service in February, 1942, as a first lieutenant, and nine months later landed with the American forces in North Africa, where he went through two campaigns before going to Sicily for the third campaign. (Continued on page 2)

County Agent



LT. COL. WAYNE CORPENING will assume his duties as county agent on Monday, a post he left in February, 1942 when he entered service.

Hazelwood Enters W.N.C. Industrial Ball League

Practice To Begin This Week At High School Stadium; 21 Games on Schedule

Hazelwood has joined the Western North Carolina Industrial baseball league, and plans are to begin practice this week end, according to George Bischoff, representative of the group at the organizational meeting. Mr. Bischoff said yesterday that a meeting would be held this week, and representatives of all groups would act as a board of directors for the team for the season. At the meeting, a manager and captain will be named. The schedule calls for 21 games, with the first game scheduled for May 4th. There will be about 10 or 11 home games for each team. The games will be played on Saturdays. The field at the high school is being prepared now for the team to begin their practices. Teams in the league besides Hazelwood include: Canton, Enka, Ecusta, Martel Mills, Sayles Blochery, Beacon Mills and Adams Mills.

New Warden



RUFUS RATCLIFF, veteran, who succeeded Lee Davis, who recently resigned as county game and fish warden.

Rufus Ratcliff Succeeds Davis As County Warden

Rufus Ratcliff, veteran of World War II, will assume his duties as Haywood County game and fish warden on April 1, according to an announcement this week. Mr. Ratcliff succeeds Lee Davis, who served for a few months. Mr. Davis resigned to return to college. Mr. Ratcliff was recently discharged from the army with the rank of sergeant. He entered the service in March 1942, and at the time was employed by the Waynesville Laundry. He served for 21 months in the European theater on duty in England, Normandy, France, Holland, Belgium and Germany. He was attached to the 7th Armored Division. He is entitled to wear the European theater ribbon with four battle stars, the American Defense medal, the Victory and Good Conduct medals. While Mr. Ratcliff will serve as county game and fish warden in Haywood county with headquarters here, he will also do part-time work in Transylvania and Jackson counties.

Outlook For Big Season Is Predicted

Chamber of Commerce Secretary Sees Banner Season Ahead For This Section

"America is on wheels again and people are going places. We here in this section will get our share. North Carolina is and has been spending a tremendous sum for advertising. Our Great Smoky Mountains National Park is one of the greatest attractions in the United States. Every town, through which America will be driving, and especially here in close proximity to the Park, will reap some benefit from these travelers," said Miss S. A. Jones, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce this week in discussing prospects for the coming season. Haywood county and Waynesville have every reason to expect a tourist summer this year that will surpass all others, according to Miss Jones. Since last fall all during the winter and with greater numbers now letters have been pouring into the office of the Chamber of Commerce from practically every state in the country and a number of (Continued from Page Two)

Condition Wright Child Critical

The condition of Linda Lou Wright, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wright who was seriously burned at the home of her parents on East street several days ago while playing with another child remains critical. She was first taken to the Haywood County hospital for treatment and remained there for a few days, later being removed to the Norburn hospital, Asheville, where she is now a patient. The five-year-old child and a playmate decided to build a fire while the mother had stepped out of the house and the former's clothes went up in flames and she was badly burned before the neighbors heard her scream and came to the rescue.

Red Cross Exceeds The Quota Here

Over \$3,400 Already Raised In Annual Red Cross Roll Call Drive

The last figures of the annual drive sponsored by the Haywood Chapter, American Red Cross released yesterday afternoon by Major H. L. Baughman, chairman, totaled \$3,400 with reports still to be brought in from some of the rural areas. In recognition of the splendid work of the local chairman and his associates in the drive, who have put the chapter over the quota of \$2,700 with such a large margin, placing it third in this area to reach its goal, Harvey D. Gibson, national chairman sent the following letter (in part) to Major Baughman: "Your achievement in exceeding your 1946 Red Cross Fund Campaign goal is most encouraging to all of us. This fine accomplishment is due to your devoted leadership, and to the untiring efforts of your campaign associates as well as the generous response of your members and contributors. Heartly congratulations. All of us at National Headquarters are most pleased over the success you have attained. Please extend my sincere congratulations to all of your co-workers." When the final contributions are tabulated, Major Baughman felt confident yesterday that the campaign fund would reach \$3,500.

Bus Damaged As Motor Blazes

Shortly after all passengers had been discharged from a new Twin-City bus Saturday afternoon, the motor caught on fire as the driver was turning around at the Court House driveway on Main Street. Tom Lee, Jr., owner of the company, said yesterday that no estimate had been made on the damage, but that all the ignition system, carburetor, fuel pump and belts on the motor would have to be replaced. He was consulting with a factory representative regarding new parts yesterday. The spare bus of the company was put into use and schedules were maintained without interruption. A large number of Saturday afternoon shoppers followed the fire truck to the scene.

Directors For C. of C. Are Named

New directors of the Chamber of Commerce were elected here Tuesday in the annual election of the organization. Printed ballots were mailed to all members two weeks ago, and the voting ended Tuesday afternoon. The nominating committee, also acting as a board of elections, yesterday announced the following results: Richard Barber, representing agriculture; Dan Watkins, representing automotive services; Paul Davis and William Medford, representing business and professional groups; Henry MacFayden and Paul Hyatt, representing hotels and boarding houses; R. B. Davenport and David Underwood, representing industry; Charles E. Ray, Richard Bradley and C. J. Reece, representing merchants. Members of the 1945 board carried over included Dr. R. Stuart Roberson, president last year, Howard Clapp, Ed Sims and Whitener Prevost. The directors will meet Tuesday, April 2, and elect officers, including a president, three vice presidents, treasurer and a secretary. All places, except secretary are filled from the board of directors. Miss S. A. Jones is secretary of the organization.

Former Hours Courthouse Offices Resumed

The offices of the Haywood county court house will be open from 9 to 5 o'clock, beginning on Monday, April 1, according to an announcement made this week by George A. Brown, Jr., county manager. The hours were from 8:30 to 4:30 during the winter months to conserve fuel and lights, it was pointed out by Mr. Brown, who is urging all the employees in the offices to cooperate with the change.

Weather Report

Date	Max.	Min.	Rainfall
March 20	55	37	.35
21	67	25	
22	69	30	
23	73	39	
24	69	41	.02
25	68	47	
26	67	54	.16

The official weather report here is made by the State Test Farm.

Parcel Post Is Increasing, Looks Like Christmas

Christmas in March! That is what you would think to look in one the daily arrival of parcel post at the post office. "The parcel post we are handling beats anything I've ever seen, even better times than Christmas." Packages for merchants and individuals seem to be on the increase.

Softball Group To Meet Friday

E. N. Davis, president of the Softball League here, is calling a meeting for this Friday of all sponsors and representatives of teams wanting to enter the league this season. The meeting will be held at 7:00 o'clock at the Building & Loan office, at which time definite plans, schedule and other details of the season will be completed. A survey made this week by officials of the league showed that eight teams will be in the league.

Declared Dead

SGT. FRANK R. WILLIAMS, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Williams, has been declared dead by the War Department in a message to his parents this week. See story on page two.

Community Needs Many Things—Ban On Spitting To Prohibition Suggested

Here is a partial list of things said to be needed in this community: Better hotel facilities. More housing. A modern hotel. A community center. A modern airport. Greater recreational facilities. Enforcement of law prohibiting spitting on sidewalks. Increase eating facilities. Return of prohibition. Supervised entertainment. There is the list—perhaps you'll agree with most of them, or you might have some to add.

North Carolina Symphony To Give Two Concerts Here Today



The North Carolina Symphony Orchestra will give a special concert for the high school students this afternoon at two o'clock, and then again tonight give another concert for adults at eight o'clock. Both concerts will be given at the high school auditorium. Tickets for the concert will be on sale at The Book Store, in The Mountaineer building until 5:30 this afternoon. Tickets can be had at the door tonight. The admission prices are \$1.20, including taxes.

The students of the high will be guests of the orchestra at the concert this afternoon, and tonight, children will be admitted free when accompanied by an adult, according to Mrs. Hugh A. Love, chairman of the Symphony Society here, sponsor of the appearance today. Dr. Benjamin J. Swalin is conductor, and for the afternoon program he will explain different instruments and features of the program which will include the following numbers:

Miniatures from Symphony No. 5 in B Flat Major—Schubert (Columbia-Set 366) a. Allegro; b. Andante con moto; c. Menuetto (Allegro molto); d. Allegro Vivace. Demonstration of Instruments: Percussion, brasses, woodwinds, strings; The School of the Fauns (Victor-4319), Pierre; Child's Play, Stix-Ormandy; The Whistler and His Dog (Columbia-36034), Pyron; Meadowland (Keystone 298 A), Knipper; Cripple Creek, Stringfield. The program for the evening concert follows: Symphony No. 5 in B Flat Major—Schubert; a. Allegro; b. Andante con moto; c. Menuetto (Allegro Molto); d. Allegro Vivace. Intermission. Deep Forest, Daniels; Romance, Weinawski; Child's Play, Stix-Ormandy; Waltz, "Vienna Life," Strauss, and Deep Purple. Users for the evening concert will be Jackie Sue Messer, Jean Hyatt, Theresa Hyatt, Nancy Jones, Jean Ann Bradley and Janet Abel.

Merchants Will Meet April 4th

The merchants association will meet Thursday night, April 4, at 7:30 in the Chamber of Commerce office, it was announced yesterday by Carl Munday, president. Mr. Munday said matters of store hours, holidays, and a clean-up campaign would be among the important matters discussed at the meeting.

Joe Carver Wins In Tobacco Crop Contest

Joe Carver of Route 2, won first prize of \$40 in the tobacco crop contest staged last fall by The First National Bank. Mr. Carver averaged \$56.91 for his entire crop, which was the best of all averages entered in the contest. The bank gave \$100 in prizes, and the second prize of \$30 went to W. Shook Ferguson, Route 2, with an average for his crop of \$55.92. Mrs. Daisy Penland, Route 2, received \$20 for this prize for having a crop average of \$55.62, while Joe McElroy, also of Route 2, won the \$10 prize for a crop average of \$53.14. Those farmers having good averages, and receiving honorable mention in the contest, included: St. J. H. Allen, Jr., Canton; 6th G. E. Roland, Route 3, Canton; 7th, John James, Route 1, Clyde; 8th, E. G. Robinson, Route 1, Clyde; and 9th, R. A. Justice, Route 1, Clyde. This is the second year the bank has made this offer to Haywood tobacco farmers, and much interest was shown, and many growers entered warehouse sale bills in the contest.



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