

Allen Tells Of Newspapering In Community

(Continued from page 1. See 1) ville at the time had in this first issue their business cards as advertisements. They were Alden Howell, James M. Moody, Garland S. Ferguson, B. M. Henry, George H. Smathers, and W. L. Tate. It was proper at that time for lawyers to run their business cards in newspapers without the danger of being called shysters. One news item, which is historically interesting, appeared: "The railroad is coming. Track laying from Pigeon River this way is advancing rapidly. Trains are expected to reach Waynesville by the middle of March."

So much for the first newspaper in Waynesville. Now let's see what follows in the sixty-two years since then. According to Tom Bridges, it was in 1892 that Jesse Boone and Z. V. Rogers began the publication of The Waynesville Courier, succeeding the Waynesville News, which had passed into the discard. So far as is known there is not a copy of this second first issue, the Waynesville Courier, now extant. Mr. Boone had come to Waynesville some years before as a painter and paper hanger, and now decided to go into newspaper work.

His connection with The Waynesville Courier and Mountaineer continued for nearly thirty-two years. But some of that time was like Flannagan's report, "off again, on again, gone again." Mr. Boone held a personal if not a financial interest in the paper all those years, some times the editor and owner and some other times as an observer ready to take hold if a quill-driver dropped out. His career in Waynesville was well known, successful, and useful.

About 1904, Mr. Boone sold the newspaper and the print shop connected with it to G. C. Briggs, who had been for many years a school teacher in Missouri. He came to Waynesville and began the operation of the plant, but was called back to Missouri to finish up his work and close up some business matters. He left the shop and paper in the hands of Tom Bridges and Horace Scintello.

Later, after Mr. Briggs had returned, while setting out regularly the weekly edition, The Courier embarked upon an enlargement program. The weekly was continued and a daily was undertaken as an experiment under the name of The Daily Waynesville Courier. The first issue appearing on July 30, 1906, with G. C. Briggs, editor and proprietor. The daily continued for several months, and the experiment being carried far enough, was suspended. The weekly and the plant became enlarged by the purchase of a Mergenthaler Linotype machine, the first one west of Asheville.

In 1908, the centennial year of Haywood county, The Courier sponsored the publication of a history of the county, entitled "The Centennial of Haywood County and the County Seat, Waynesville," paper bound with 192 pages, written by the writer of this article. The book was afterwards revised and enlarged in 1935 into a volume of 632 pages and renamed The Annals of Haywood County, bound in red cloth.

Mr. Briggs was editor and owner of The Courier until 1912 when he decided to return to school work. He sold The Courier to R. B. Wilson and Harry Hall and moved to Hendersonville, becoming the superintendent of the city schools of that city, where he died while he was in charge of the schools there.

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The Courier, now in the office of The Mountaineer, during the period of 1908 to 1917 the records are confusing because of the lack of care in filing the issues as they came from the press.

Wilson and Hall took over the publication of The Courier in the fall of 1912. About the first of January, 1914, Mr. Hall sold his interest to Mr. Wilson and became the editor and proprietor of the Carolina Enterprise, another newspaper which had begun publication in Waynesville shortly before that time with John W. Norwood as editor and owner. The paper was in bad shape financially, Mr. Hall said, and suspended publication in 1915. From that time, Mr. Hall was away from Waynesville until 1922, returning to other business relations.

In the meantime, The Courier also had fallen into financial difficulties. The issue of February 22, 1917, had this note near its headline: R. B. Wilson, owner, and W. Clark Medford, editor and manager. That organization continued only for a few months, for on October 11, 1917, an issue of the same paper now called the Carolina Mountaineer had the name of J. D. Boone, editor and manager. According to Tom Bridges, The Courier had fallen into financial straits and had been sold at public auction and bought by J. D. Boone for \$1,400. Thus the paper had come back home and Mr. Boone was again in charge.

For several issues, after Mr. Boone had retaken charge, there seemed to have been a search for a suitable name, appearing successively as The Carolina Mountaineer, Waynesville Courier and Mountaineer, Waynesville Mountaineer and Courier, and finally The Waynesville Mountaineer. During that hunt for a name, J. D. Boone had become the sole owner.

On November 8, 1917, another change in ownership took place. Tobias Larson bought an interest in the shop and became the business manager with J. D. Boone still the editor and proprietor; but on October 17, 1918, Mr. Larson gave up the position of business manager, and Mr. Boone continued to function as editor and owner. Evidently the paper had become by this time an unprofitable piece of property.

Still another change in ownership took place in 1924. Mr. Boone sold out, stock and barrel, both paper and print shop, to William A. Band. That was the last transaction in which Mr. Boone was the principal figure. Mr. Band held on until 1930 when he and Mrs. Band sold the plant to Thomas M. Seawell and Wilbur T. Betts. It was then moved, after its travels from pillar to post for a number of years, to its present location.

On July 1, 1931, another newspaper had come into the running. The Haywood News, no particular reference to the first newspaper, The Waynesville News of 1884, except a slight resemblance in name.

It was printed in West Asheville and circulated in Haywood county, edited and owned by James A. Goode and E. M. Hale. That incident brings to mind another related fact that another newspaper had come into existence to complete the picture of newspapers of a similar type, the Haywood Journal, a transient experiment, issued from 1922 to 1925 under the management of Horace Scintello. It was financed by a stock company, but in 1925 when the stockholders offered their stock for sale upon the open market and getting no purchasers, the plant was closed.

The Haywood News continued only for a short time. In November, 1931, Seawell and Betts leased The Mountaineer and print plant to W. Curtis Russ and Paul Deaton. About the same time The Waynesville Mountaineer and the Haywood News were consolidated under one management and ownership, the chief owners being W. Curtis Russ, Paul Deaton, James A. Goode, and E. M. Hale. Within a few months, Goode and Hale sold their interests to Russ and Deaton.

Another change in ownership occurred on July 1, 1932, when Messrs. Russ and Deaton purchased the plant from Seawell and Betts. Following that in June, 1933, Mr. Deaton sold his interests to Marion T. Bridges, thus forming the present partnership.

Expansion in the way of better equipment for the plant has become the policy of the present management. In June, 1938, the department of stationery and books was added occupying the front of what was intended for the offices. That venture has steadily grown until it has become necessary for enlarged quarters. It is in process of moving into the building on Main street occupied by the Massie Hardware company for a number of years. The Book Store, a joint ownership of the owners of The Mountaineer and J. C. Galusha.

In August, 1939, a large two revolution press was installed, and the size of the weekly was increased from six to seven columns. A modern linotype machine was also added to replace the one that had been installed by G. C. Briggs 35 years before. Another machine had been added in 1928. In March, 1945, a new Duplex press was installed. This press is automatic and prints from large rolls of paper. The Mountaineer was then increased from seven to eight columns.

In January, 1945, the plant suffered its greatest loss by fire bringing about the destruction of valuable machinery. Recovery, however, was rapid. A new linotype machine was added to take the place of one that was destroyed by fire.

With these additions and the present high type installations of machinery, the present owners can claim one of the largest commercial printing plants in Western North Carolina. The following equipment is now in perfect run-

ning order: two automatic presses, three hand-fed presses, one large press for printing books and doing color work, a power cutter, a power stitcher, a power drill, and one of the few Eroids in the state, and a power router.

The plant manufacturers all the type that is used from the smallest to type an inch high, making new type for every piece of printing, and for every advertisement and headline.

On the walls of the editorial office, are numerous awards that have been won by the newspaper under the present management. These include state awards for general excellence, and community service. The circulation is the largest in the history of Waynesville newspapers, and the size of the paper is far ahead of any ever published here.

The present editor uses more local pictures in an average edition than are used in six months in some newspapers published in towns larger than Waynesville.

The announcement last week that The Mountaineer would become a semi-weekly on May 20th did not come as a surprise to those of us who have watched the steady growth through the past 15 years.

On record in the newspaper files in the office of The Mountaineer office, there have been 14 editors of the newspapers that have been sent out from the post-office in Waynesville to subscribers in Haywood county. Their names have become a part of the records, as follows: W. S. Homby, J. P. Heron, J. D. Boone, Z. V. Rogers, G. C. Briggs, R. B. Wilson, Harry Hall, John W. Norwood, W. C. Medford, Thomas M. Seawell, Wilbur T. Betts, William A. Band, James A. Goode, and W. Curtis Russ.

Of the record, there are several other quill-drivers that might be mentioned, but as their names do not make a part of the record, their story must be a part of the untold history. Typesetters, pressmen, linotype operators, job printers, bookkeepers, et cetera, will remain untold.

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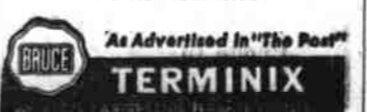
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Letters To Editor

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This is a plea for the people to rent to veterans, to make some small showing of appreciation of a boys went through for them. We did our share—don't you think it is time you did yours?

—A VETERAN.

CONGRATULATIONS

Editor The Mountaineer:
Let me congratulate you and your staff for the progressive step you are taking in becoming a semi-weekly. It is with sincere admiration that we offer you our congratulations. I am sure that this venture will prove successful and that The Mountaineer will even exceed its present excellency.

With kindest regards to you and the entire staff, I am
Cordially yours,
JAMES STORY,
The Marshall News-Record.

WANTS EVERY ISSUE

Editor T. Mountaineer:
I have read with interest the announcement that The Mountaineer is to be published twice a week. Please be sure to see that I receive each issue of The Mountaineer. Needless for me to say, I am most deeply interested and concerned in all that goes on in the community. I will gladly pay extra to get all the issues.

With the best of good wishes and good luck.

Yours truly,
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Editor's note: All subscribers will receive both issues each week, and without additional costs to them until their subscription expires. We appreciate the attitude and interest of the above reader.

Produce Caffeine

Most of the caffeine produced in this country is derived through theobromine, a substance contained in cacao beans and chocolate, which formerly was brought in from South America in considerable quantities but which is now provided here. Tea wastes are the largest single source of caffeine in domestic solvent extraction processes, being far more important than coffee, which provides the chemical through decaffeination.

USE THE CLASSIFIED ADS

"Soap Operas" Have Hit Japan

WASHINGTON—The American army seems determined that Japan too, shall have those pleasant little things that make life worth living in these United States. The latest export from America to Japan, is the "Soap Opera."

Beginning May 6th, a serial program called "The Ida Family" will be heard daily over the Japan broadcasting corporation network. The army says it portrays life in postwar Japan, and "it has all the elements of an American daytime serial, including the problems."

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