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COUNTY PAYS TRIBUTE TO HOMER FERGUSON

Receives Token of Esteem



During the program Wednesday morning in the court room, Homer L. Ferguson, pictured above at left, was presented a gold medallion by Jonathan Woody, representing the noted industrialist's home county. The gift was inscribed: "Homer L. Ferguson, November 20, 1946, Haywood County's Distinguished Son." This is a Mountaineer photograph by Ingram, Skyland Studio.

Tobacco Is Now Being Taken To Markets

Production Falls Off In Haywood With Bad Weather, Fewer Acres Planted

With the opening of tobacco warehouses to receive this year's Burley crop prior to the start of December sales, many of the growers in Haywood county have picked up their marketing cards and taken their crop over for the first days of sale.

Although little can be judged now as to what the price will be, other than government loan, assure the growers a certain minimum, the 1946 leaf crop will be one of Haywood county's lightest since 1943. Due to dry weather that held on in most of the county during the growing season, the pounds per acre produced will fall much lower than it was in 1945 when the average yield in Haywood was 1,788 pounds.

It is believed that the county average this year will fall near or below 1,500 pounds per acre.

This drop in production is increased because fewer acres were planted in tobacco this year than last. There were approximately 1,600 allotments awarded by the AAA on the basis of past plantings, but only 1,320 Haywood farmers actually planted a crop. The latest check made this year showed that only 1,111 acres were devoted to Burley.

Last year there were more than 200 growers who planted in excess of their authorized acreage. This year there were only 18. Penalties on the excess tobacco will be deducted when sales are made.

The farmers in the northwest part of the county, Crabtree, Jonathan Creek and nearby areas, received a few good rains this summer that missed the upper Pigeon section and will have a near-normal yield. But the section which dry weather hit hardest had several patches of tobacco that hardly were worth marketing.

The growers with small allotments usually market their tobacco early, while it takes a longer time for the larger producers to prepare their leaves for sale and a good number wait until January. Practically all Haywood tobacco is sold either at Asheville or the three nearest Tennessee markets, Johnson City, Morristown and Greenville.

With less acreage planted, and with average production down considerably, it appears that the income from tobacco will be much less for Haywood county this year. (Continued on page six)

The Fergusons Arrive at Court House

WELCOME
HOMER L. FERGUSON
MASTER SHIP BUILDER
HAYWOOD COUNTY IS PROUD OF YOU



Greeted by sunny weather and the cameraman, Mr. and Mrs. Homer L. Ferguson, center above, and the chairman in charge of Wednesday's celebration, pose briefly in front of the court house. Here Mr. Ferguson, greeted many of his childhood friends and relatives. Dr. Tom Stringfield, left, and Reuben B. Robertson, right, are close friends and admirers of the couple. This is a Mountaineer photograph by Ingram, Skyland Studio.

Home Folks Give Famed Shipbuilder Big Welcome

Events Of Youth Recalled By Native Son During Program At Court House

Hundreds of people from all walks of life joined in welcoming Homer L. Ferguson back to Haywood Wednesday. The all-day program, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, clicked to perfection, and the ideal weather added to the success of the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson arrived in Canton about ten o'clock, and there joined a motordade of 35 cars for Waynesville led by highway patrolmen and police. Due to last minute changes, the motordade went up Haywood street and paused briefly at the former Ferguson home, and then to Main Street, being escorted by the 55-piece Waynesville band. Enroute down Main Street the party was greeted by the 360 students of Central Elementary School. The several hundred school children at Clyde lined the highway as the motordade passed.

Business firms had their flags flying, and the banner across Main Street, and across the Court House door added to the occasion. The band lined both sides of the court house walk, and after greeting several score of friends as they got out their car, Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson walked into the court house as the band played and the huge crowd applauded.

Judge Zeb V. Nettles had adjourned superior court just as the motordade arrived at the court house, and the court room was quickly re-arranged for the formal program.

Dr. Tom Stringfield, general chairman, presented Reuben B. Robertson to the audience, who later introduced Mr. Ferguson. In his introductory remarks, Mr. Robertson said: "We have met here today to honor a friend and a neighbor. This friend has wandered a great deal through the years on many long journeys away from Haywood County. Always, he has remained a Haywood County man, and success has followed him. The success he has achieved has not changed him in spirit, because when you once get the spirit of the mountains in a man, you can't get it out."

"Mr. Ferguson is an outstanding shipbuilder of this country, because he insists on accuracy. He has a gift of getting along with people, of making friends, and a great builder of teams."

Mr. Ferguson began his remarks by reminding the audience that he had been away from Haywood 58 years. Seventeen of them in the Navy and 42 at Newport News. "I am pleased to find such a fine, clean town, with nice schools, and I know one thing, you have a splendid band."

Mr. Ferguson paid tribute to E. J. Robeson, Sr., by telling that it was "Prof. Robeson who coached him in his studies which enabled him to enter the Naval Academy after failing twice to make the grade."

"I made a pledge to my father and Mr. Robeson, that if I failed the third time I would not come home."

Then Mr. Ferguson threw in some advice to his listeners, "just keep your chin up, and keep trying. As the Salvation Army reminds us, 'a man may be down, but never out,'" he continued.

Mr. Ferguson spoke of his early life in Haywood county. He referred to his childhood home. (Continued on Page Six)

Franklin Indicted by Grand Jury; Case Brothers Given One Year Road Sentences

Judge Nettles Orders Weeping Willow Closed, Court Term Continues

Among the cases tried and the judgments handed down during the current term of Superior court, criminal session which convened here on Monday with Judge Z. B. Nettles, of Asheville, presiding, are as follows:

The grand jury brought in a true bill of indictment against James Wiley Franklin, for murder of Mrs. Mary Frady. The case grew out of an automobile accident which occurred on the Pigeon road this fall, in which Mrs. Frady suffered fatal injuries when she was alleged to have been knocked down by the car of which Franklin was the driver.

In the case of Andy Case, Jack Case, and Oscar Case, who were charged with assault with a deadly weapon and for forcible trespass, each man was given for the first case one year in the county jail to be assigned to work under the supervision of the S.H. and P.W.C.

On the second count, they were given two years which was suspended to five years, on good behavior. The Weeping Willow Service station on the Canton-Asheville highway where the affray in which the three were involved took place on the night of July 31, was ordered closed.

Ott Robinson, operator of the Weeping Willow service station, was charged with violation of the prohibition law as a result of the affray and had his licenses to sell beer and other intoxicants revoked during the present term of court. The case grew out of a shooting affray which took place at 11:40 at night when Robinson is alleged to have refused to sell the Case brothers beer at that time of the night. A battle in which pistols, rifles and shotguns were used took place, resulting in three persons suffering wounds.

Andy Case was wounded in the arm and head; Jack Case suffered pistol wounds in the back and gunshot wounds in arm and head; Andy L. (Bud) Parker was wounded in the arm; and Robinson, operator of the station, suffered scalp wounds.

In the case of James R. Jackson, charged with forgery, the defendant was given a jail sentence of 12 months and hard work on the highway.

In the case of the state versus James Banks, who was charged with breaking and entering the defendant was given 30 days in jail and his pistol ordered confiscated.

Earl Columbus Alexander, charged with carrying a concealed weapon, was fined \$50 and the costs, with pistol ordered confiscated. In the case of the state versus Alice Lanning and Willa Mae Teague, charged with assault, judgment was continued on condition that the defendants pay the costs. (Continued on Page Six)

Partial Sun Eclipse Here Saturday Afternoon

An approximate 25 per cent eclipse of the sun will be visible from Haywood county shortly before noon Saturday, according to information released by the Weather Bureau in Asheville.

The eclipse will vary in intensity throughout the United States, with the sun being about 60 per cent hidden when looked at from the northeastern states, and less than 10 per cent cut off as seen from Oregon.

Clark Funeral Pending Arrival Of Daughter

Seymour Nichols Clark, 66, native of Haywood county, retired furniture worker, died at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday at his home in Hazelwood. Mr. Nichols was a Veteran of the Spanish American War. Funeral arrangements were incomplete at the time The Mountaineer went to press, pending the arrival of a daughter from California. It was learned from Garrett funeral home in charge of the arrangements.

Pallbearers will be: Rufus Clark, Lee Grant Clark, Hugh Clark, Lonnie Clark, four nephews of Mr. Clark and Porter McClure and Bill Withers.

Mr. Clark is survived by his widow; five daughters, Mrs. Carrie Argenbright, of North Wilkesboro, Mrs. Mary Lou Westmoreland, of Canton, Mrs. Evelyn Ferguson of Burbank, Calif., and Miss Mattie K. Clark and Mrs. Ernestine Kronman, of Arlington, Va.; one son, Barron Clark, of Hazelwood; one brother, Fred Clark, of Kentucky, and six grandchildren.

Bishop Hughes Is To Conduct Week Of Services Here

Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes, senior bishop of the Methodist church, will conduct special services from Tuesday, Dec. 10 through the following Sunday at the First Methodist church.

In announcing the visiting speaker, Rev. Paul Townsend remarks that Bishop Hughes is recognized as one of the greatest preachers in America today. The bishop is well-known and has a special place in the hearts of North Carolinians who know him.

"He is a great Crusader for righteousness, and when you hear a sermon of his you never forget it. It is a great event for Waynesville to hear him for a week," states Rev. Townsend, "and a cordial invitation is extended to all churches and all the people of Waynesville and Haywood county to hear him throughout the week of December 10-15."

Boy Scout Honor Court Awards Are Announced

Pigeon River District Court Of Honor Is Held At Court House Monday

A number of awards were made at the Court of honor of the Pigeon River District Boy Scouts held at the court house on Monday evening, with W. P. Whitesides serving as advance chairman.

Roy Phillips, member of Waynesville Troop 2, served as court clerk. Jimmie Kuykendall and Mark Rogers, also of Troop 2, advanced the colors, with Phillip Ray Sutton of Troop 2, leading in the pledge to the flag.

Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson gave the invocation. Awarding the badges and various awards were: Bob Garner, assistant Scout executive in charge of the tenderfoot investiture ceremony; Hallett Ward, in charge of second class awards; James Kilpatrick merit badge.

Those receiving tenderfoot awards were: Robert D. Jones, and Joe B. Caldwell, of Troop 11 Crabtree; and Jack L. Edwards, Troop 16, of Canton.

Receiving second class awards were: Jerry Alexander, Troop 1, (Continued on Page Two)

Josephus Daniels Proposes That He And H.L. Ferguson Live In Haywood

"I'm going to write Josephus Daniels that I'll accept his proposition," Homer L. Ferguson told The Mountaineer yesterday, as he discussed a letter he had just received from Mr. Daniels, which read as follows:

"Dear Homer: As one Haywood county resident to a native, I welcome you home to the hills 'whence cometh our help.'"

Having spent much of our lives away from the towering mountains and the music of the streams of Old Haywood, I propose to you that before we begin to grow old we both plan to spend the years between labor and eternity near the everlasting hills and crystal streams and hospitable people of Haywood county.

Junaluska is nearer Heaven than Newport News and Raleigh.

With my high regards, faithfully Josephus Daniels."

Band Organizer Is Honored By Gift

A. C. Lawrence Leather company increased their donation from one to five new uniforms for the W.T.H.S. Band prior to the conclusion of the drive, and has dedicated this gift to the memory of the late L. M. Richeson.

Mr. Richeson, a former superintendent of the company, was one of the most active organizers of the school band when it was first formed.

Mass Meeting Is Called At Allen's Creek School

All Allen's Creek residents are urged to attend a mass meeting at the community school house Friday night, Nov. 29, at 8 o'clock. The possibilities of installing water and sewage lines is the main subject of discussion, according to W. H. Green, who announces the meeting.

Dr. Mary B. H. Michael, district health officer, and R. W. Livingstone, district sanitarian, will lead the discussion on safe water supply and sewage disposal.

Champion Employees Vote Down A. F. of L.

Overwhelming Vote Against Union Cast In Election This Week

Results of the vote to determine whether employees of the Canton division of the Champion Paper and Fibre company wanted the American Federation of Labor to serve as their bargaining agent showed an overwhelming rejection of the issue.

According to announcement after the plant election Tuesday and Wednesday, the vote was 2,104 against the union to 119 for the union. This showed an average of only one of every 200 employees favoring the A. F. of L.

It was stated that 98 per cent of eligible employees cast votes. Ten ballots were ruled as void and 38 were challenged. The election was supervised by Harold M. Deas of Winston-Salem, a representative of the national labor relations board.

The union was represented by Floyd Plemmons, Grady Duckett, Roy Waldrop and Howard Edwards, while company representatives were R. C. Looper, Marvin K. Smathers, J. E. Williams, and James M. Deaton.

Haywood Group Attends District Welfare Meeting

Mrs. Sam Queen, superintendent of public welfare in Haywood county, the county welfare board and the two Haywood state legislators attended the one-day session of the Western District Welfare meeting in Asheville, Thursday.

The meeting was one of six being held over North Carolina to acquaint the public with the aims and projects of the social welfare program in this state. There are 20 counties in the western district.

Accompanying Mrs. Queen to the meeting were the board members, J. R. Boyd, Jr., chairman; Arthur Osborn and Nathan Carver; Glenn Palmer, state representative; and William Medford, state senator.

Weather Report

(Furnished The Mountaineer by the U. S. Weather Bureau)

Thursday, Nov. 21—Cloudy with occasional rain today and tonight. Little change in temperature today and slightly warmer tonight.

Friday, Nov. 22—Cloudy and mild with occasional rain but becoming rather windy in the afternoon. Considerably colder by Saturday morning.

(Official Waynesville temperatures as recorded by the staff of the State Test Farm):

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