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Pisgah Road, Main Highways To Be Improved

Contract Is Let To Pave From Cruso To Parkway

Wider Road To Balsam Planned By State; Cut-Off To Be Finished By June

A contract has been let by the State Highway Commission to put rock on the road from Cruso up Pisgah mountain to Wagon Road Gap for a permanent paved surface.

The road was given a temporary one-inch coating of pavement last summer. J. C. Walker, of Asheville, engineer for the western district, announces that it will be improved by a new one-inch surface from Cruso to the Pisgah bridge, a distance of approximately five miles, and a three-inch surface will be placed from the bridge to the mountain top, a three-mile stretch of road.

This improvement has been desired for many years by the citizens of Haywood as a direct, all-weather route to Transylvania county and the south.

Mr. Walker reports that a new three-lane highway will be begun in June connecting Candler to the Haywood county line. A new, straighter route will be cut, with the work to start in June by the A. B. Burton company of Lynchburg, Va., on a contract let January 30.

This wide highway is part of a project, financed 50-50 by the state and federal governments, that eventually will make a new main route through Haywood, connecting with the Junaluska cut-off. It will follow the Southern Railway line, cutting through the main part of Canton and Cruso.

"We can only do this in small sections at a time," comments Mr. Walker, who adds that it will take more than a year to finish the highway.

Road Sentence, Fines Are Given In Mayor's Court

One road sentence was given in Mayor's court trials Monday, and several fines given for minor law violations.

Zeb Brackett received a 64-day sentence for his second offense on the charge of public drunkenness. Seven persons charged with the same were released with sentence suspended on payment of court costs.

On the charge of reckless driving, W. R. McClure was fined \$25 and costs. He had been given a ticket Friday when speeding down Main street taking his wife to the hospital.

Two persons charged with violation of the prohibition law were fined \$10 and costs each, and one man paid \$10 costs for failing to halt at a stop sign.

Town Officials Have Mosquito Meeting Tonight

A joint meeting of the town officials and aldermen of Waynesville, Hazelwood and Lake Junaluska will be held tonight, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the District Health Department, to formulate plans for a mosquito control program here this summer, announces Miss S. A. Jones, C. of C. secretary.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 p. m. in the health department office at the courthouse.

Highway Record For 1947 In Haywood

(To Date)
Killed - - 0
Injured - 10

Vehicles Checked 911
(This Information Compiled From Records of State Highway Patrol)

Lyda Motor Co. Moved To Depot

County's Loss Of Burley Can Be Prevented, Agent Says At Planning Meets

Attendance High At First Farm Planning Meets

Tonight's Farm Planning meeting at Beaverdam will conclude the first week of the series, which continues through next week and the following Monday.

Attendance has been excellent and much interest shown by those who were present. Each meeting has been enlivened by the drawing for prizes. Figures on attendance and prize winners at the meetings to date are:

Clyde: 213 attended; hybrid corn seed won by Ted Noland; subscription to The Mountaineer won by Richard Hannah. Mrs. H. A. McCracken drew the numbers.

Rock Hill: 415 attended; corn seed won by Tommy Morrow; subscription won by Bobby Smalley. Numbers drawn by Sylvia Newell.

Crabtree: 260 attended; corn seed won by Larry O. Ferguson; subscription won by Carroll Smith. Numbers drawn by John F. Rogers.

Corpening Stresses More Livestock, Hybrid Corn, In Talk To Farmers

Haywood county lost between \$350,000 and \$400,000 income last year because approximately 500 acres allotted to growing burley tobacco were not planted.

The shortage of tobacco plants, caused in many instances by Blue Mold attacking the plant beds, was a big factor in this loss. Although there is no "cure" for the disease once it hits a tobacco bed, said County Agent Wayne Corpening, there are means to protect the plants so that Blue Mold can never take hold on them.

Mr. Corpening was talking Farm Planning for 1947 at one of the community meetings being held in school auditoriums throughout the county. Farm Planning was something he defined as getting the most out of the farm with as little work as possible.

This can be done, he stated, by knowing the land well enough to decide which is the best crop to be planted, and which is the best fertilizer to make the land productive. No one knows all the answers, the county agent added, but there have been many experiments carried out on test farms in this area that help a lot in deciding many of the questions that farmers face when time for planning their year's work rolls around.

The meetings began with a half-hour concert by the Waynesville Township high school band, after which Mr. Corpening discussed the Farm Planning program. He was followed by Miss Theresa Alley, who gave her state-contest winning oration on "North Carolina's No. 1 Need—Good Health." Jonathan Woody, president of the First National Bank, followed with some pertinent comments on the need of an addition to the Haywood County Hospital.

At the conclusion of the meeting a movie was shown in sound and color, taken in the mountainous area of Virginia which pictured the application of TVA lime.

Bill To Enlarge Canton Area Sent To Assemblymen

The Town of Canton has forwarded a bill to Haywood county's state legislators which would enlarge the corporate limits to include West Cove, Snathers Hill, Green Hills, Phillippsville, and Wellstown.

In announcing the bill this week, Mayor Sam Robinson stated that any interested persons could contact the representative or senator to express their views in favor of or against the measure.

It has been prepared on the request of property owners of the outlying areas after the State Board of Health advised that people in the area must have proper sanitary facilities. Water and sewage extensions would be placed in the areas if they are incorporated.

Lyda Motor Co. Moves To Larger Quarters Here

Service Station Facilities Added By Motor Co. Owned By L. L. Lyda

The Lyda Motor Company is now occupying the large garage building near the Southern Railway station on Depot Street.

L. L. Lyda, owner-manager, announced yesterday that a complete service station would be operated in connection with the garage and the sales and service. The firm is agents here for the Frazer and Kaiser automobiles. In addition to the new cars, the firm also deals in used cars.

The shop has four experienced mechanics to do general repair work on all makes of cars.

Mr. Lyda said storage facilities will also be provided.

A large space in the 50 by 150 foot building will be devoted to display of new cars.

Truck Breaks Telephone Pole On Boyd Avenue

A Dodge 1½ ton truck, driven by R. D. Henderson of Waynesville, skidded into a telephone pole on Boyd avenue, about 12:45 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, breaking the pole and one of the two electric lines attached to it.

The driver was not injured. Damages to the truck were estimated by Chief Orville Noland at between \$100 and \$150.

Hospital Aid Petitions Will Be Sent To Raleigh This Week - End By Davis

Petitions requesting that the Haywood members of the General Assembly promote legislation that will enable the county hospital to receive financial aid from the state to expand will be mailed to Raleigh this week-end, states Joe Davis, president of the Lions Club.

Three civic organizations and one industry in Waynesville and Hazelwood have backed the petition, and three clubs and the Building and Loan officers at Canton signed the petition circulated there.

Mr. Davis reports that the Lions, Rotarians, and American Legion have voted their endorsement of the petition here, and that Unagusta Manufacturing company also will sign it. There is the possibility of getting the Chamber of Com-

merce and Hazelwood Boosters on the papers before they are forwarded to Senator William Medford and Rep. Glenn Palmer.

In Canton the Lions, Civitans, and Y's Men club as well as the Building and Loan officers signed the petition.

They request that a law be introduced asking hospitals be classified as a necessity, which would give county commissioners freer use of their funds for hospital maintenance; that if the above law failed to pass, a local measure be introduced increasing the tax rate for hospital support; and that the legislators back the state-wide good health program in all respects except the construction of a medical center at Chapel Hill.

Couple Arrested Here In Murder Case



A young couple, in custody of two Chattanooga detectives, paused long enough early Tuesday morning for this photograph to be made, as they were leaving the Haywood county jail to return to Chattanooga to face charges growing out of the death of a 45-year old woman. The couple was arrested here Monday morning, and lodged in jail pending the arrival of the Chattanooga officers. Left to right: Capt. J. C. Carson, of the Chattanooga police department, Nellie Sue Smith, 18, Paul James Williams, 25, Detective E. E. Smith, of the Chattanooga department, and Chief Orville Noland, of the Waynesville police department. A Mountaineer photograph, by Ingram, Skyland Studio. Details of story on page six.

Clevewill Apartments Are Sold To Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Howell

Capt. Alden Howell Was 106 Monday

Only Surviving Confederate Soldier Wins Battle With Age At Los Angeles

Captain John Alden Howell, native of Haywood county, observed his 106th birthday anniversary in Los Angeles, Calif., on Tuesday the 18th, where he makes his home with his daughter, Mrs. J. R. Johnson.

The "Captain's" birthday has always been a great occasion for a celebration by the friends of his daughter and the numerous ones he has made in his adopted home in Los Angeles, but this year the family found it necessary to confine the event to a family gathering, as the Confederate veteran is now under the care of a full-time nurse.

During the past few months he has not been so well and every consideration is given him to conserve his strength.

Captain Howell was born on Jonathan Creek on February 13, 1841, the son of D. Collins and Mourning Garret Howell. He was for years a leader in the business and civic life of this section of the state. He was the organizer of the first bank west of Asheville, The

Congressional Committee Plans To Visit Park At Request Of Rep. Redden

WASHINGTON — Members of the congressional committee on public lands including Rep. Monroe M. Redden of the 12th North Carolina district, will visit the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and other public lands in North Carolina before adjournment of the present session of congress, Richard J. Welch, chairman, of California, who was elected as the nominee of the Democratic and Republican parties of his district, said here today.

The visit will be made in response to a request by Representative Redden, who said he wished to have committee members see first-hand the needs for further and immediate developments of the Smokies.

Ten-Unit Apartment House Is Purchased For More Than \$30,000

One of the largest real estate deals transacted in this area for some months was closed this week when Mr. and Mrs. Thad N. Howell purchased the Clevewill Apartments from C. F. Kirkpatrick and his brother, Dr. W. L. Kirkpatrick, owners of the property.

The purchase price of the building was not disclosed, but it was understood that it was in excess of \$30,000.

The Clevewill, constructed of brick, was built in 1928 by Mr. Kirkpatrick who is a pioneer in the creation and operation of apartments in this section having built and operated the first housing project of this type west of Asheville. Mr. Kirkpatrick also built, owns and operates the Kirkpatrick Apartments across the street from the Clevewill.

The building purchased this week and located on Walnut Street, is three stories high and contains apartments with units of four rooms which include living, bedrooms, bath and kitchen, and in some cases a sun room, with each equipped with all electrical appliances.

Since the erection of the apartment building has been a popular addition to the housing facilities of the community and there

Post Office To Close Saturday For Holiday

The Waynesville post office will close Saturday for Washington's birthday anniversary, following their regular Sunday schedule. Neither the stores nor the First National Bank will be closed, however.

Haywood Covered With 4-Inch Blanket Of Snow

The first snow of the season fell at the rate of an inch an hour Wednesday morning, but stopped just as suddenly as it started in two hours. The first flakes began falling about eleven o'clock, and by one, the clouds broke and distant mountain peaks could be seen.

The Wednesday 2-inch snow melted slowly during the afternoon and early part of the night, and early Thursday morning, a light sleet fell. By eight o'clock the sleet had turned to snow, which fell heavily until eleven o'clock, for a four-inch fall. Cars without chains were un-

Committees For C. Of C. Start Work

President C. J. Reece Names Committees To Carry Out Program Of Organization

The board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce discussed general community projects at length at their meeting here Tuesday night, and an over-all program for the organization to sponsor during the coming year.

President C. J. Reece named committees for the year, and outlined the general year's work.

Plans were made for the annual banquet in late spring, with the following committee in charge: C. N. Allen, Charles E. Ray, J. E. Sims, Massie, Howard Clapp, L. E. Sims, Whitener Prevoost, David Felmet and Richard Bradley.

Other committees named for the year by President Reece included: Finance-Membership — M. D. Watkins, chairman, Jas. L. Kilpatrick, Richard Bradley, L. E. Sims, David Underwood.

Industrial relations — W. H. Prevoost, chairman, Leo Weill, William

County Medical Society To Meet Next Thursday

The Haywood County Medical Society will hold its regular meeting Thursday evening at 8 p. m., Feb. 20, at the nurses' home, announces Dr. V. H. Duckett, secretary. Papers will be presented by Dr. J. L. Westmoreland and Dr. Roy Moore of Canton.

Strikes Again On Main Street Wednesday, Damages Set At \$8,000

Building Occupied By Billiard Parlor Partially Destroyed In Blaze

Estimated at \$8,000 damage in Waynesville's third fire this year when the billiard parlor on Main Street was destroyed Wednesday afternoon.

The fire broke out between 2 p. m. and 3 p. m. Heat from the stove, at the back of the parlor, ran from the floor, into the second floor into the fireplace caused which was reported to the fire department about 4:25 p. m.

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