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Many New Buildings Constructed In Waynesville

53 Homes Are Built In Town Last Year

New Construction And Repairs Totaled At Least \$264,000 During 1946

New construction and repairs to business and dwelling places was conservatively estimated at \$264,000 during 1946 by T. Henry Gaddy on the basis of permits let last year for construction in Waynesville's town limits.

Mr. Gaddy has issued a number of permits this year that make him believe 1947 will be even better than last. "If lumber gets any cheaper," he remarks, "I believe that several good homes, costing from \$10,000 to \$30,000 will be built."

Permits for five business buildings issued last year totaled \$89,000. One of these was the new theater on Main street, expected to cost \$60,000, which probably will be completed this spring.

There were 34 permits for new dwellings, to have been built at a cost of \$8,500. Mr. Gaddy, after surveying the town, counted 15 new dwellings which were built without permits, estimated to cost at least \$27,700.

Five permits were given to property owners for a total of \$23,500 of building repairs, including the alteration of the First National Bank building.

This makes a total of 53 new dwellings and five new businesses begun during the year in Waynesville. Just outside the town limits there was great construction activity as well.

An indication of the extent of this can be obtained in the record of light and water connections made by the town. According to G. C. Ferguson, town manager, there were 17 new customers who took both lights and water, 37 who connected water only, and 6 who installed lights only.

New customers inside the town limits were 32 for lights and water, 36 for lights, and 6 for water. The total number of buildings installing one or both services was 134—an average of more than 11 per month.

Postponed DAR Contest To Be Held Today

The annual 39th declamation contest which is sponsored by the Dorcas Bell Love Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution which was scheduled to have been held the first of the week, was postponed on account of the inclement weather.

The contest will be held this morning at 10:00 o'clock in the auditorium of the high school, with Mrs. W. A. Hyatt, chairman of patriotic education presiding.

Mrs. W. F. Swift, regent, will present the medal and make the announcements. The public is invited to attend.

Waiting Room Set Afire At Depot Here Wed.

The blow-torch method of thawing out frozen water pipes at the Southern Railway depot here started a fire in the colored waiting room about 11 o'clock Wednesday morning. It was extinguished quickly by the fire department, using the water from the tank on the truck. Only minor damage was done.

Highway Record For 1947 In Haywood

(To Date)
Killed - - 0
Injured - 10

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

For Service—Lyda Motor Co.

Heavy Loss In Sawmill Fire

Blaze Hits Waynesville Lumber Co. Mon. Night

M. O. Galloway Estimates Loss At Between \$15,000 And \$20,000

Fire of undetermined origin started in the sawmill at the Waynesville Lumber Company yard Monday night and destroyed between \$15,000 and \$20,000 in buildings, machinery and equipment before being extinguished in a two-hour long fight.

The fire was discovered shortly after 10 o'clock by Ralph Leonard, night watchman at the yard, while making his rounds. It began in the eastern side of the sawmill building, and quickly spread over the frame and tin covered structure.

Chief Clem Fitzgerald brought a fire truck to the site and sounded the alarm which brought volunteer firemen and a large number of spectators. Two hoses were connected to a nearby hydrant, and water was sprayed on the blaze from both ends of the building, which was blazing brightly and shooting sparks into the air to fall on the snow.

The streams of water dampened the fire and confined it to the immediate buildings, which were practically destroyed by 11 o'clock, according to M. O. Galloway, owner of the concern. Fire continued to burn, but was under control by 12 o'clock. Due to the amount of combustible material in the area, the hoses were left connected and small outbursts of flame were extinguished by persons who remained on watch throughout the night.

Mr. Galloway praised the firemen for doing "a fine job" in controlling the fire under the weather conditions which existed, with the

Two Men Found Guilty Of Drunkenness After Car Smashes Monday

Marcus B. Corne, 61, and his son, Everett M. Corne, 28, of Whiteville, were tried for public drunkenness Tuesday after being arrested the previous night following the smash-up of an automobile owned by the latter on highway 19-23 just this side of the Haywood-Buncombe county line. Both were found guilty and paid court costs when brought before Magistrate Sam Justice in Canton by Patrolman O. R. Roberts.

The car, a 1947 Pontiac sedan, was traveling west from Asheville, skidded into the embankment on both sides of the road, being considerably damaged. Both occupants alleged that another person had been driving at the time of the accident when it was being investigated by the patrolman.

Mrs. Everett Camp Patient In Hospital, Reported Improving

The condition of Mrs. Everett Camp, patient at the Haywood County Hospital, was reported improving yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Camp underwent a major operation a few days ago.

Civic Group Urges Town To Build New Street Off Main To Back Alley

Recommendation Asks "Break" In Building Frontage As Safety Measure

The executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon passed a resolution recommending to the mayor and board of aldermen that the town purchase the property of Mrs. M. H. Reeves, on Main Street, and construct a street to connect with Main Street and the alley in the rear of the buildings on the east side of Main Street.

The property the committee had in mind is the site where a two-story brick building was damaged by fire last week, and has been condemned by the town.

The resolution also carried the recommendation that the town buy an adjoining eight-foot strip from D. Reeves Noland, making a 32-foot street, including adequate sidewalks.

The executive committee pointed out the need of a connecting street, since there is none between the Pure Oil Station and East Street, a distance of more than 1,000 feet.

The committee pointed out the additional accessible parking space in the rear of the buildings, and as a fire measure, both from having a "break" in the solid row of buildings, and a means for a fire truck into the alley area.

As a further recommendation, the committee urged the city officials to construct several fire hydrants along the alley.

The executive committee is composed of C. J. Reece, president, R. N. Barber, Jr., M. D. Watkins, James Kilpatrick, L. E. Sims and Charles Ray.

Farm Meetings Are Resumed With Better Weather

Farm Planning meetings are now being resumed in community schools over the county, with relief from the bad weather which caused four of them to be postponed.

Tonight the meeting will be at Cecil. Next week the schedule is announced as: Monday at Fines Creek, Tuesday at the Courthouse for Waynesville township farmers, and Wednesday at Bethel.

More than 100 persons were present Wednesday night for the program at Maggie. The Waynesville band played a half-hour concert, after which County Agent Wayne Corpening discussed farm planning. Miss Theresa Allen and Jonathan Woody were other speakers.

Prize winners at Maggie were James R. Carpenter, who won the hybrid seed corn, and Ken Bradley, who won a year's subscription to The Mountaineer. C. A. Campbell drew the winning tickets. Last night the meeting was held at Cruso.

Dr. Alexander Describes Conditions Of Germany

The most important reform that is expected to emerge from the educational laws now being written by the State Legislatures in Germany is the abolition of class discrimination in German schooling, according to Dr. Thomas Alexander, a Columbia University educator and founder and educational director of Springdale School, who is now serving the zonal Military Government in Germany.

At the age of eleven, German children have hitherto been separated into those who could afford to attend a gymnasium, leading to a university, and those who con-

tinued in the Volkshochschule and quit school at 14. Here it is thought, begins the division of German into socially superior caste of leaders and a mass of inferior followers, points out Dr. Alexander.

No law that does not include reform along these lines or permit free schooling from the first grade to the university will be approved by the Military government, Dr. Alexander declares.

Even more important in Dr. Alexander's opinion are the plans to send German teachers abroad for training. To fill the places of

Polio Drive Goes Over County Goal By 40 P. C.

More Than \$5,000 Is Collected, Report Of General Chairman Shows

Haywood county exceeded its goal by 40 per cent in the annual polio campaign. The final report of General Chairman Jonathan Woody showed \$5,100 raised, or \$1,450 more than the Haywood quota of \$3,650.

The drive this year was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Waynesville, with M. D. Watkins in charge of this area, and Lorenzo Smathers and Jack Woody in charge of the Canton area.

Collections totaled \$3,054 here, a large share having been raised by the sale of a new automobile. Each school in the district added to the total through contributions of students, with this phase of the drive organized by Supt. Jack Messer, and several communities raised funds through community sings.

Gifts from students and the general public raised a total of \$2,046 in Canton.

According to an announcement from Chapel Hill early this week, with 21 counties yet to report, North Carolina appeared certain to go over its quota. Figures given by Dr. Ralph McDonald, state chairman were that this year's quota was \$363,411 as compared to \$330,000 last year, when \$433,000 was raised.

County Bond Sales Total \$72,206 During January

January sales of U. S. savings bonds in Haywood county amounted to \$72,206.25, according to an announcement by Allison James, state savings bonds director in Greensboro, issued through the county chairman, J. E. Massie.

Sales in North Carolina were \$13,738,547.50 for the month, exceeding any previous month's sales since the Victory Loan in 1945. Of this amount \$8,570,770 was in Series E bonds, \$862,377.50 in Series F, and \$4,305,400 in Series G bonds.

All bonds bought in Haywood during the month were the Series E type. January is normally a month in which many investors acquire the annual limit early in the year.

Mr. Massie urged all employees in manufacturing plants to avail themselves of the payroll savings plan for regular and systematic investments in savings bonds, even if they can have only a few dollars a week allotted to bond savings. Farmers, business and professional men and women and all others will be doing themselves as well as their state and nation a good favor, by regularly investing in savings bonds in 1947, and holding on to them.

Sun Returns To County; Snow Is On Its Way Out

The heavy snowfall of last week, and supplemented by another inch Tuesday night, was melting fast Thursday afternoon, as the mercury steadily rose.

The snow remained several inches in shaded and protected areas. The streets and sidewalks, as well as highways, were clear and dry, with the

exception of where snowfalls had piled it in deep deposits. Cold weather was experienced each night, with the mercury slipping down to 6 on Monday night, 11 on Wednesday night, and down to 12 on Wednesday night, according to the official reports from the State Test Farm where the official readings are made.

Waynesville Girl In Germany



FRANKFURT, GERMANY—These Army Hostesses recently met here since their arrival overseas for a luncheon-reunion at the Hotel Frankfurt, Germany. Left to right are Miss Virginia G. of Waynesville, assigned to the G.I. Country Club in Germany; Mrs. Loretta McLaughlin Hartrich of Sioux Falls, S. D.; and Miss Mary Ann Gibney of Tucson, Arizona. At time there are 167 Army Hostesses in the European Theater of Operations who are operated under the supervision of Theater Special Services in Frankfurt.

Child Is Fatally Killed In Home Accident Wednesday At Crabtree

Rollins, 3, In Hospital; Funeral

Rollins, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Clyde, R.F.D. No. 1, died of fatal burns suffered at home of her parents Wednesday noon, when her home ignited.

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