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Construction Of New Theater Is Resumed

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Construction of the new theater here, which was suspended last June due to the war, is being resumed. The new structure, which will be 27½ feet from the old building, one with the other with 30-foot

WNCAC Endorses Plan To Name Peak In Honor Of R. Getty Browning

Mount Browning?
Group Holds Quarterly Meeting Tuesday; Will Publish WNC Booklet

A resolution was adopted by the Western North Carolina Associated Communities at their regular quarterly meeting Tuesday at Brevard to request the proper state and federal agencies to change the name of Black Mountain—a 6,275-foot peak near the Haywood, Jackson and Transylvania county line intersection—to Mount Browning in honor of R. Getty Browning, chairman of the state highway and public works commission.

R. GETTY BROWNING, chief locating engineer for the North Carolina State Highway and Public Works Commission, may have one of the large mountain peaks re-named in his honor. A movement is sponsored by the Western North Carolina Associated Communities to change the name of Black Mountain, near the intersection of the Haywood, Jackson and Transylvania county lines, to Mount Browning in honor of the man who has taken an important part in planning and construction of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Industrial Leaders See New Paper Mill Work

Champion Paper And Fiber Company Directors Meet At Canton Monday

Several of the nation's top industrialists visited the Champion Paper and Fibre company plant at Canton, Monday, to see the world's white papermaking machine in operation and to hold the first meeting of the board of directors at the Canton division since it was established.

Other than the board members, guests who were present for an informal tour of the plant included Andrew Speigelhalter, president of the Pusey-Jones corporation, which built the recently-installed machine; Ralph Johnston, vice-president of the Pusey-Jones corporation; Chester H. Lang, vice-president, and Bill Cronkrite, with the industrial sales division, General Electric company.

Members of the board are Reuben B. Robertson, president of the company, who resides at Flat Rock; J. J. Rowe, Dwight J. Thompson, Charles C. Benedict, Harry G. (Continued on Page Eight)

National Guard Company Ready For Recognition

Application has been made for inspection of the Waynesville National Guard company Wednesday, April 30, to obtain federal recognition of the unit, reports Lieutenant Sam Carswell.

Thirty-one enlistments have been made already, over the minimum quota, and several other men are now filling out enlistment papers. Once the unit is recognized and placed on a basis of pay for drills, officers expect the company to climb gradually to full strength. It will become the Anti-Tank company of the 120th Infantry Regiment, 30th Division.

Following its organization, the State Guard company (Headquarters, Second Regiment) will be officially deactivated. Capt. James Davis, commander of the State

Stockmen Buy Seven Herefords At Show

Dr. Cline Purchases Reserve Champion of State Show at Statesville

Seven registered herefords, including the reserve champion of the show, were purchased by Haywood county cattlemen who attended the seventh annual North Carolina Hereford Breeders Association sale and show, Tuesday at Statesville, at a cost of approximately \$5,000.

Miss Beau 10th, a polled heifer who was judged reserve champion, was bought at a cost of \$1,200 by Dr. A. P. Cline, Canton. The animal was consigned by Allgood and McDaniels of Liberty, S. C.

M. O. Galloway, Waynesville, purchased the second-place horned heifer, Princess Wayside 44th, for \$675. She was consigned by W. E. Webb of Statesville. Mr. Galloway also bought two other heifers, and three polled animals—a cow and two heifers—were sold to Dr. J. L. Reeves, Canton.

Other stock breeders who attended the sale from Haywood were C. T. Francis and Jarvis Allison, Waynesville; Jack Rogers, Crabtree; R. C. Evans and Roy Haynes, Clyde; George Stamey and Wayne Stamey, Pigeon; and the county agent, Wayne Corpening.

Road Signs Meeting Is Called Mon.

All interested business people are invited to meet with the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce on Monday evening, April 21, at 7:30 o'clock, downstairs in Patrick's cafeteria to discuss with officials of sign companies the urgent necessity of erecting and maintaining outdoor informational and directional signs of Waynesville and vicinity at the intersections of roads leading here.

"Since this is a project for the benefit of the public and all business in this community, it is deemed necessary for all businesses to share in the cost of erection and maintenance of such signs," it was stated by C. J. Reece, president of the C. of C. following the directors' meeting this week.

There will be no supper at the meeting Monday.

Haywood Well Represented At Masonic Meet

The following Haywood county Masons have returned from Raleigh where they attended a meeting of the North Carolina Grand Lodge.

From Waynesville Lodge were: Dr. J. R. McCracken, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina; R. C. McBride, Master of the Waynesville Lodge; Hugh J. Sloan, Jr., officer; and F. G. Rippey, past master of the local lodge.

Representing the Clyde Lodge was Ralph M. Crawford, district deputy Grand Master and Master of the Lodge.

The Pigeon River Lodge of Canton was represented by Ned Clontz, and Harold Moffitt, both officers.

The Sonoma Lodge was represented by George Stamey, past Master, and Ed Justice, current secretary and also a past master.

Legion And Auxiliary To Meet Tonight

The program of the joint meeting of the American Legion and the auxiliary which will be held tonight, after being postponed from last week, will be on South America, in observance of Pan American week. Special music will be furnished by the Boys Chorus of the Springdale school.

Eleven File In Hazelwood, Nine Seek Local Offices

Texas City Blasts Kill Up To 800

TEXAS CITY, Tex.—(AP)—One of the nation's worst disasters began Wednesday, when a chain of blasts set off by the explosion of a nitrate-laden ship wrecked this Gulf port. Authoritative estimates placed the death toll anywhere from 500 to 800 yesterday, when three new explosions rocked the devastated waterfront of the stricken industrial town.

Dr. J. C. Quinn, Red Cross co-ordinator in Texas City, said he believed the final number of dead "will not exceed 500." However, 430 bodies have been counted and authorities believe 100 to 250 more still lay in the debris of the shattered dock area. Estimates placed the injured at 3,000 or more.

It was reported that 99 percent of homes in the city of 15,000 had been damaged. Material damages were placed at \$125,000,000 or more as ships, a vast chemical plant, oil refineries, oil tanks and other industrial plants were destroyed. Half the town's population has fled from the scene of the holocaust.

Thursday's blasts occurred aboard the freighter High Flyer, loaded with nitrates and sulphur, and at one of the oil tanks. Thousands of rescue workers are on the scene.

Position Open In Waynesville Post Office

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an open competitive examination for the position of substitute clerk-carrier for filling vacancies in the local post office. The usual entrance salary for this position is \$1,044 per year.

Applications for this position must be on file with the director of the fourth United States Civil Service region at the Nissen building, Winston-Salem 3, not later than May 6, it was learned here yesterday.

Competitors will be required to report for written examination, which will be held as soon as practicable after the date set for the close of the receipt of application. Full information and application blank may be obtained from Herman Francis, secretary, board of U. S. Civil Service examiners, at the Waynesville post office.

Farmers Plant Record Crop Of Pasture Seeds

Under the new system of purchase set up by the AAA more pasture seed will be used by the Haywood county farmers this year than in the past according to the figures revealed this week by H. M. Dulin, secretary.

It is estimated that 50 percent more acreage will be seeded or reseeded before the planting time is over as compared to that planted in previous years.

There has been to date 91,081 pounds of seed issued to the Haywood county farmers under the AAA program. The total cost of the seed has been \$34,859.30 and this amount the government has paid \$21,550.60 and the farmers have paid the remaining amount, a total of \$13,308.70.

Mountaineer Wins Two Honors In NEA Contest

FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP)—The Waynesville Mountaineer won honorable mention in two divisions of the National Editorial Association contests. In the special editions classification and for its job printing work. W. Curtis Russ and Marion T. Bridges are publishers. Awards were announced Monday at the conclusion of the annual NEA convention.

Although The Mountaineer has won numerous awards in contests among non-daily newspapers in North Carolina, this is the first time it has entered a nationwide contest.

Critic



HENRY A. WALLACE

By his speeches in London when he assailed President Truman's plan to give financial assistance to Greece and Turkey to prevent those nations from being absorbed by the Communists, Mr. Wallace, the former vice-president, has aroused a storm of protests in Washington. Some congressional leaders term Wallace's talks "near-treason." The town defends his right to criticize U. S. policies, and plans to speak "for peace" on more platforms.

Registration Of Town Voters Begins Tomorrow

Registration books for Waynesville voters will be open tomorrow, from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m., in the courthouse, and all persons who have not registered previously are urged to do so.

Next week the books will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday. J. Hayes Alley, registrar, has been revising the books to eliminate names of persons who no longer are residents of Waynesville, and wishes to get the names of all persons who are qualified on the revised books.

Residence requirements are 12 months in North Carolina and four months in the town.

The registration of voters in Hazelwood began last Saturday with approximately 100 names added to the list by the middle of this week. The books will be open through next Saturday, and an effort is being made to get all known residents on them prior to the closing time.

Sylva Pastor Will Speak At Baptist Church Next Week

Rev. C. M. Warren, pastor of the Sylva Baptist church, will speak each evening at the First Baptist church, Monday through Friday of next week. The Jackson county minister will discuss the Ten Commandments in the light of the New Testament interpretation and the moral problems confronting our age.

The services will begin each evening at 7:30 and close at 9:30. Sunday school workers, training union leaders, church officers and the entire adult membership of the church are expected to attend and participate in these discussions.

At the same time, Miss Hattie Freeman will meet the Junior Training Union in a study of the Junior Training Union manual. This work was delayed because of the flu epidemic a few weeks ago.

Two Seek Mayor's Seat In Hazelwood; Gaddy Is New Alderman Candidate

Nine Announce For Hazelwood Board, Including Present Members

In a sudden flurry of activity, 11 candidates entered the political picture at Hazelwood this week, including all present members of the town administration.

By noon Thursday two persons had announced their candidacy for mayor. Clyde Fisher is seeking reelection, and will be opposed by Furman "Mutt" Tate, cafe proprietor who filed yesterday.

Two members of the board were among the first to file for reelection, Grady R. Smith and R. L. Prevost, Sr. The field was enlarged with the entry of Nathan "Frog" Hill, Ed Greer, barber; John Wyatt, grocery store proprietor; Leonard "Deacon" Woodard, taxi driver; Carl Swanger, the third member of the board; R. H. Holland, service station operator; and Tom Garrett, an employee of the Enka corporation.

It is rumored that one or two others will toss their hats in the ring for positions on the Hazelwood board, but they apparently are waiting until the last minute to announce.

With the large number of candidates and a \$50,000 bond issue for street, water and sewer improvements to vote on in the May 6th election, a large turnout of voters is expected. The administration feels fairly confident that the bond vote will carry, and are seeking reelection to carry out the improvement program which they assert can be done without raising municipal taxes.

Asheville Presbytery Meets Here

The stated spring meeting of the Asheville Presbytery will be held in the Waynesville Presbyterian church here on next Tuesday, according to an announcement by the pastor of the local church, the Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson, who is the state clerk of the presbytery.

Representatives to the Presbytery will include ministers and the ruling elders representing 32 churches of the presbytery. The meeting is scheduled to open at 10 o'clock in the morning and the sessions will continue throughout the day, with lunch being served in the new dining room of the church at 12:30 o'clock.

The opening sermon of the presbytery will be preached by the Rev. John R. Williams, who for a number of years has been engaged in evangelistic work.

The communion service will be conducted by the Rev. C. Grier Davis of Asheville and the Rev. H. B. Denny, of Weaverville. A memorial service to the late Dr. R. F. Campbell, who died recently will be presented to the presbytery and the entire presbytery will pay tribute to the memory of the man who has been a leader in the presbytery for many years.

O. L. Merchant, prominent business man of Asheville and a ruling elder of the Swannanoa Presbyterian church, is moderator of the Asheville presbytery and will preside over the meetings here.

Last Showing Tonight Of Lions Club Minstrel

The final performance of Cotton Blossom Minstrels will be given at 8 o'clock tonight in the East Waynesville school auditorium.

More than 1,000 persons have seen the show at Waynesville high, Crabtree-Iron Duff, and Fines Creek. It is given by the Lions Club for the school lunch program benefit.

Waynesville Candidates Have Until Tuesday To Place Names on Ballot

T. Henry Gaddy, local insurance man and building inspector for the town, filed for a place on the Waynesville board of aldermen Tuesday, making nine candidates for office in the May 6 election by press time yesterday.

No additional candidates have announced for mayor. The deadline for filing is Tuesday, April 22.

Those who will be listed on the local ballot include two candidates for the four-year term as mayor, J. H. Way, Jr., incumbent, and Comdr. W. Henry Lee.

Other than Mr. Gaddy, those in the race for places on the three-man board of aldermen include two incumbents, T. L. Brandlett and L. M. Killian; T. Guy Massie, Dr. Thomas Stringfield, Mack Pace and Asbury Howell.

Since Mr. Gaddy is now a candidate for office, another person will be chosen to replace him as one of the election judges.

Annual Typhoid Clinics Started By Health Dept.

The annual typhoid clinics which are conducted by the county health department in the schools were started on Monday, according to an announcement by the director.

A clinic was conducted at Spring Hill on Monday and on Tuesday clinics were conducted at Rock Hill, Maggie, Dellwood and Lake Junaluska, by Mrs. Elaine Gill and Mrs. Ruby Bryson, public health nurses.

It is pointed out that the triple vaccine is a vaccine for typhoid and paratyphoid organisms, that is, typhoid-related paratyphoid strains. Since this triple vaccine has not always been available, the department here is fortunate in obtaining it this year.

In order to obtain a better degree of immunity in these related strains, a second dose of the vaccine can be obtained at the health department offices at the usual hours observed in the offices, which are in Waynesville Friday afternoons at 2 and 5 o'clock and Saturday mornings from 9:30 to 12, in Canton Monday morning from 9:30 to 11 o'clock.

VFW Will Hold Meeting At 7:30 Monday Night

Veterans of Foreign Wars will meet Monday night at 7:30 o'clock in the American Legion Home. All members are urged to be present, and ladies who are eligible to belong to the auxiliary are especially invited.

Hazelwood P.-T.A. Will Elect Officers Monday

Officers will be elected at the meeting, Monday night at 7:30 o'clock, of the Hazelwood Parent-Teachers Association.

Fathers Night will be observed, with Aaron Prevost in charge of the program. Mrs. Grady Farmer will preside.

Highway Record For 1947 In Haywood
(To Date)
Killed - - 2
Injured - 12
(This Information Compiled From Records of State Highway Patrol)