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Town To Hold Extension Hearing Wednesday

Examined For Visual Defects At Haywood Eye Clinic; Glasses Given 64

Successful Clinic Held for 10 Days At Pennsylvania Avenue School

One Station To Conduct Inspections In Eight W. N. C. Counties

Some 200 state employees will serve as inspectors under Arthur T. Moore, a former lieutenant in the state highway patrol, head of the mechanical inspection division in the department of motor vehicles.

To handle the inspection of more than 800,000 motor vehicles twice a year, decreed by the last legislature, Moore will place 36 inspection stations in operation over the state, each expected to handle approximately 200,000 vehicles.

Each station will be manned by one supervisor and at least four inspectors. Motor vehicles will be checked for all manner of defects, covering the horn, rearview mirror, windshield wiper, wheel alignment, steering gear, exhaust system, tires, tail lights, head lights and brakes.

Owners who fail to make the repairs will have their cars tagged with a large yellow sticker which will say: "This vehicle is unsafe, must not be operated or parked on roadways or any public place."

If experience in other states which have adopted inspection systems holds true in North Carolina, only one car in three will pass the test at first. After the program has been in effect for a while, the percentage probably will be reduced.

Woods Fire Put Out By Firemen Sunday

The fire department was called about two o'clock Sunday afternoon to extinguish a woods fire near just off Grimsball Park Drive.

Hazelwood Pastor Is In Sylva Hospital

Rev. S. R. Crockett, pastor of the Hazelwood Presbyterian church, is quite ill in the C. J. Harris community hospital in Sylva.

Weather

Light—Dec. 8 — Clear.
Dec. 9 — Fair and cold, Waynesville temperatures reported by the Staff of West Farm.)

Max.	Min.	Rainfall
61	29	
65	50	.09
61	26	
62	30	

THE PILOT CLIMBED OUT ALIVE



A DERRICK CLEARS away the burning wreckage of a U. S. Navy single-engine torpedo bomber which crash-landed during a traffic rush on the John Philip Sousa Bridge in Washington, D. C. The pilot, Lt. S. T. Billing of Glenview, Ill., climbed out of the burning cockpit unaided, his only injury a relatively small gash on the head. (International Soundphoto)

Price Holds Good During First Week Burley Sales With Average Of \$48.41

Lower Grade Offerings Cause Slight Dip As Auction Starts Monday

A total of 1,674,314 pounds of tobacco was sold during the first week at the Asheville market, bringing a total income to growers of \$810,554 or an average price of \$48.41 per hundred.

Selling was resumed on Monday morning in Carolina warehouse on Valley street, and the first 26,926 pounds went for \$13,072 for an average of approximately \$48.51.

Prices ranged, as in the past week, from \$16 to \$60 according to grade, and only five per cent of the tobacco sold during the first hour yesterday morning went to the Commodity Credit Corporation as the support level.

At the Boone market during the first week, 1,253,022 pounds of burley was sold for \$516,985, bringing an average return of \$41.25.

First week sales in the Tennessee-Kentucky belt averaged \$48.05, with greater volume of leaf being sold than during the opening days of the 1946 sales season and a general price average of \$7.66 per hundred pounds more than was paid last year.

Selling at Asheville will move next to Bernard-Walker No. 1, Carter No. 1, Farmers, Carter No. 2, and Planters, in that order.

Ray S. Ferguson Aboard Cargo Ship USS Libra

Ray Shelton Ferguson, chief yeoman, husband of Mrs. Gertrude Herrel Ferguson of Birch Tree, Mo., and son of Mrs. Fannie Ferguson of Waynesville, is serving aboard the assault cargo ship USS Libra, which has arrived at Boston, Mass., to report to the Atlantic Reserve Fleet for decommissioning.

Commissioned in May, 1942, the Libra fought in the South Pacific at Guadalcanal, Cape Gloucester, Guam, Lingayen Gulf, and Iwo Jima. She was credited with destroying 12 Japanese aircraft and damaging 12 others. For more than four years the Libra performed in combat areas, and at no time did she suffer any material damage of consequence nor any personnel casualties due to enemy action.

Miss Carmen Platt, of Oteen, spent last week end with relatives here.

More Drivers With 'A', 'B' Names Take License Test

Examiner Here Gets Assistant As Jan. 1 Deadline Nears For First Group

Vehicle drivers in the Waynesville vicinity with surnames starting with the letters "A" or "B" are coming in larger numbers to take their license-renewal examination before the January 1, 1948, deadline, reports W. W. Moore, examiner for Haywood and Jackson counties.

There are only six more days—Mondays and Saturdays—when the examinations will be given here. Patrolman Lonnie Bishop is assisting Mr. Moore in conducting the tests in order to speed them up and accommodate the larger number of drivers whose licenses automatically expire at the end of this month.

The examiners maintain their office on the basement floor of the courthouse, under the sheriff's office. They are here all day Mondays and until 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

Drivers are examined with a written test, a visual test, and driving their vehicles.

Beginning in January all North Carolina drivers whose surnames begin with the letters "C" or "D" will have six months in which to take their renewal exams.

H. S. Ward Elected Master Of Masonic Lodge Fri. Night

Group Will Hold Special Convocation Tonight To Confer Degrees

H. S. Ward was elected Master of Lodge 259, A. F. and A. M., at the annual election held Friday evening in the Waynesville lodge hall, attended by more than 20 visiting masons from the Clyde Lodge.

Other new officers are: Senior Warden, E. A. Wilson; Junior Warden, Fisher Sprinkle; Senior Deacon, R. M. Fle; Junior Deacon, H. J. Sloan, Jr.; Senior Steward, C. R. Eckhoff; Junior Steward, Jack Felmet; Tiler, J. D. McClure; and Chaplain, R. E. Fore.

Tonight there will be a special convocation of the lodge, at 7:30 o'clock, to confer the Fellowship degree on three members, announced Jimmy Reed, chairman of the publicity committee.

Fines Creek Man To Attend National Farm Bureau Meet

Chalres B. McCrary of Fines Creek has won a free trip to the National Farm Bureau convention, December 14 to 18, at Chicago, according to a notice from state Farm Bureau headquarters at Greensboro.

Mr. McCrary was selected for the trip at a drawing in the state office of all Bureau members who had brought in as many as 10 new members to the organization.

He will leave Friday evening on a special train from Asheville, and is scheduled to return the following Thursday.

EXPENSIVE MODEL HERE

The replica of the millionth Bendix automatic washing machine, made of silver and gold, is on display this week at Rogers Electric company. The display model is the same size as the regular washer.

14 SHOPPING DAYS TO CHRISTMAS

JEWS REJOICE—ARABS THREATEN



CELEBRATING THE FORMATION of the new Jewish state in the Holy Land crowds attending the New York convention of the National Committee of Labor Palestine dance in the street (top). Meanwhile Arab threats of violence continued. Below (right) is Haj Amin El Hussein, former Grand Mufti of Jerusalem who has been granted leadership over all Palestine Arabs. He has issued no final orders for Arab action. At left is Dr. Hussein Khaldi, chairman of the Arab Higher Committee which ordered a three-day general strike of Palestine Arabs. (International)

The Haywood county alumni of Duke University will hold a reorganization meeting Wednesday night at 6:30 at Lake Lotan, at the camp of Dr. J. L. Reeves and Dr. A. P. Cline.

Lions Club Will Set Up Dime Board Saturday For Christmas Cheer Program

This is the first meeting of the group since the war, and officers will be elected.

Indications yesterday were that approximately 100 would attend the meeting, which comes a day before the anniversary of Duke Endowment Day.

Frank Ferguson is chairman of the committee arranging for the meeting. Other members include Mrs. William Medford, Miss Debraida Fisher, Johnny Johnson and David Hyatt, of Waynesville, and Dr. A. P. Cline, Mrs. Jack Hampton and Tom Reeves, of Canton.

The principal speaker will come here from Duke University.

Sale Of Christmas Seals To Continue

Students in all schools of the area are selling Christmas seals, with the money being used for the prevention and cure of tuberculosis.

The sale of the seals has been gratifying, according to Mrs. Frank Ferguson, chairman.

Seals are also on sale at the Chamber of Commerce and board of education offices.

Several radio programs have been presented here in connection with the sale of the seals.

Bethel To Stage Box Supper Thursday Night

A box supper and auction sale of various items will be put on sale at the auditorium of the Bethel high school Thursday night at 7:30.

Objections To Planned Extension To Be Heard

Hearing To Be Held Wednesday At 4 P. M. In Mayor's Office At Town Hall

The hearing of a proposed ordinance to extend the corporate limits to include East Waynesville will be held at the Town Hall tomorrow, and if sufficient objections are not presented the ordinance will be passed and the limits of Waynesville automatically extended.

Town officials will meet at the mayor's office at 4 p.m. to conduct the hearing, in keeping with an official notice published regularly in The Mountaineer since Nov. 14.

So far as is known, Waynesville is the first town in North Carolina to use this method of extending corporate limits. It is based on Chapter 725 of the General Statutes of the state. Prior to the last legislature, the General Assembly had to authorize an election before such an extension could be made.

Under the present law, which simplifies procedure to a great extent, the Town may extend its limits by passing an ordinance if there is no objection.

Should 15 per cent of the qualified voters in East Waynesville object by petition, this would make necessary an election in that area among all voters.

Should 15 per cent of the qualified voters in Waynesville object by petition, this would require that an election be held in the present corporate limits.

It is not known whether there is any organized opposition to the ordinance or not. General opinion is that no objections will rise from Waynesville, and that the majority of residents in East Waynesville are in favor of the action.

The territory to be annexed starts on East Street at the present city limits, and follows the street past the Nurses Home and Hospital to the intersection of Highway No. 19-A and 23. From there the line extends to the East Waynesville Sunday School building and follows a ridge to the property of Robert H. Gibson, and then a straight line to a point in Richland creek, almost opposite Waynesville Lumber company.

This proposed extension would include the majority of homes in East Waynesville, as the present line runs just a few feet east of Davis-Liner Motor Sales building.

Deadline Nears For Voting In C. Of C. Election

Chamber of Commerce ballots for the election of the board of directors must be in the office of the organization by four o'clock Wednesday in order to be counted. It was announced yesterday by C. J. Reese, president.

A large number of ballots have been received from the members, and practically 100 per cent of the membership will vote, officials said yesterday.

The new board of directors will elect the president and other officers when they hold their first meeting sometime this month, as a joint-meeting will be held by the new and old board.

Highway Record For 1947 (To Date)

In Haywood Injured --- 50
Killed ---- 8

(This information Compiled From Records of State Highway Patrol)

"Builders Of Peace" Is Shown To Groups Here

The movie, "Builders of Peace," which pictured the National Guard program as an asset to the nation, community and individual member, was shown last week to a group of boys at Waynesville Township high school, and to the Lions Club and Rotary Club at their regular meetings.

Col. Fitts, senior instructor for the N. C. National Guard, Raleigh, brought the movie to Waynesville for showings arranged by the local Guard company.