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\$3.00 In Advance In Haywood and Jackson Counties

Town To Spend \$24,000 On Water Line, Paving Chestnut Drive Goes Over Top In Haywood County

Pavement Of 7 Streets Is Planned By Board

Will Spend From Capital Reserve Fund In Reserve Fund In Improvement Plan

The Waynesville Board of Aldermen authorized the expenditure of \$24,000 for paving on seven streets in the residential sections of town and enlargement of the Chestnut Park Drive water line at a special meeting last week.

Money for the improvements will be taken from the town's capital reserve fund, now invested in government bonds, and will not incur any additional indebtedness.

Streets to be paved, if the \$24,000 is sufficient, are Chestnut Park Drive (Shingle Cove), Hospital Street, Balsam Street, Lee Street, Oak Street and Howell Street. The improvement plan was presented by Aldermen T. Henry Gaddy and David Cabe.

An engineer will be secured to make specifications of the desired work, after which the town will advertise for bids from road-paving firms and have the construction done by contract. Preliminary arrangements will probably be completed in order for work to begin by spring.

The water line serving the Chestnut Park Drive area, now of one and one-half inch diameter and inadequate for the number of users, will be replaced with a four-inch line; to be included in the \$24,000 appropriation. Pipe for this project has already been secured by the town.

Mayor J. H. Way, Jr. and Alderman Tom Springfield, who have been in ill health, were present for the meeting Wednesday afternoon at the Town Hall, making it the first full meeting of the board (Continued on Page Eight)

S. K. Hunt Will Address Hospital Council Meeting

The Haywood County Health and Hospital Council, organized last week, will hold its second meeting Wednesday evening, at 7:30 o'clock in the courthouse, when S. K. Hunt of Asheville will outline the procedure of applying for state and federal funds to be used in hospital construction.

Joe S. Davis is president of the council and Frank Campbell of Canton is vice president. Function of the council is to promote fact-finding and coordination in planning hospital and health services.

Pessimists and Optimists Pleased By Groundhog's Prediction Of Weather For Six Weeks

The question of the day—"Did the groundhog see his shadow?"

That all depends upon the time of day the supposedly furry weather prophet ventured from his cozy den. If he decided to look upon Haywood county landscape before 10:30, he saw gray, overcast skies, and not the slightest trace of the overwhelming sunshine later in the day.

If he ventured forth after 10:30 he could have easily mistaken the day for a rare day in June. The bright, warm sun gave a spring-like atmosphere and the only reminder that winter was still here was the patches of snow in well-protected areas.

Not knowing how to interpret the "shadows" of the day, we ventured forth and picked the most optimistic person we could find and asked them their interpretation, and got this reply: "Sure, it is only six weeks until spring."

Then we sought a person, known

Highway
Record For
1948
(To Date)
In Haywood
Injured ... 2
Killed ... 1

(This information Compiled From Records of State Highway Patrol)

Haywood Starts Drive To Get Bookmobile



Yesterday morning committees from all sections of Haywood started to work to raise \$3,000 for a modern bookmobile like the one above. This particular machine is in use in counties west of here, and the results are proving very satisfactory.

First Woman On Haywood Jury

Six Cases Tried Monday Morning As February Criminal Court Term Begins

Six judgments were handed down by Judge Felix E. Alley on Monday morning as the February criminal term of Haywood County Superior Court convened here.

Adding a touch of the unusual to the session—which has no major cases scheduled—were the facts that this would be Judge Alley's last court as a regular judge before retirement, and that a woman sat on the trial jury, first in the county's history.

A number of women have been made eligible for jury service since the scrolls were changed last summer, but prior to the February court all had requested to be excused. Miss Edna McKay of Waynesville, listed among the first week jurors, did not ask to be excused and was chosen for the first jury trial yesterday afternoon, involving a Christmas-time shooting between several young men at Lake Junaluska.

Prosecuting the case was Dan K. Moore of Sylva, who has been mentioned as the most likely successor to the 20th district judicial bench when Judge Alley retires.

An all-male grand jury was picked by the court from the first week jury list, with David Underwood being named foreman. Other members of the 1948 body are G. C. Clark, Cash Caldwell, C. A. George, Joe A. Parks, Dick Moody, J. M. Palmer, Taylor Wilson, Joe N. Tate, Merriett L. Messer, Elbridge Caldwell, Rufus Marcus, Boone F. Cagle, George H. Jones, Aleny Mehaffey, L. H. Baldwin, Hugh Ferguson and Way N. Mease.

Cases tried before adjournment for lunch were:

James Stanley and Geneva Stanley—pled guilty to operating a public nuisance. James Stanley was sentenced to two-years imprisonment, Geneva Stanley to six-months imprisonment, both sentences suspended if the defendants absent themselves from the county for a period of two years.

David Hugh Parton—pled guilty to reckless driving, received a nine-month sentence in the county jail. Charles Grady Biggerstaff—(Continued on Page Eight)

Unagusta Wage Rate Increased 6c Per Hour

Other Adjustments Made In Contract With Furniture Workers' Union

The Upholsterers and Furniture Workers' Union, Local 335, of A. F. of L., and Unagusta Manufacturing corporation reached a new wage agreement after a series of conferences, which resulted in an hourly increase of six cents per hour to all employees covered by the contract, which brings their level of pay to the highest point in its history.

The agreement also made some adjustments in vacation pay for all employees who had been with the company more than five years and less than one year. Insurance benefits were increased.

The company advised that due to business conditions as well as the national effort to stem inflation, no increase in price would be added to its products to cover these increased costs, but every effort will be made by the company and employees to offset this increased expense through more production and better manufacturing processes.

R. L. Prevost is president of the Unagusta Corporation. The negotiating committee for the union was composed of Frank Troutman, local president, M. B. Fortner, Paul A. Smith, H. C. Robinson, Jr., J. B. Hoyle, Jr., W. I. Troutman, Howell Underwood, Glenn Scruggs, Claude Norman and Herman Arrington.

PARK MEETING POSTPONED

The special joint meeting of the North Carolina-Tennessee committee for promoting development of the Great Smokies, scheduled today in Gatlinburg, has been postponed because of the weather.

One Injured In Crash On Icy Pavement

Several Wrecks Reported Over The Week-End As Roads Become Slippery

Sestus Still, 72, of Cleveland, Tenn., was treated at the Haywood County hospital for a number of cuts and bruises sustained in an automobile collision Friday afternoon on highway 19-A at the junction of the Allens Creek road, near Hazelwood.

The collision occurred about 2:30 p. m. as the Still vehicle, a 1946 Oldsmobile sedan, was attempting to pass Taxidriver Hubert Lee Parton's 1940 Chevrolet sedan. Both vehicles were heading west on the highway and according to the report of Patrolman O. R. Roberts, Parton had started to make a left turn, the two cars sideswiped and the Oldsmobile continued off the roadway and hit an electric light pole, knocking it down.

Parton's vehicle was brought to a stop on the roadway and neither he nor the other two occupants of the car were injured.

The Tennessee automobile was badly demolished in its crash with the light pole and Mr. Still received cuts on his head and bruises on his arms and legs. He was brought by ambulance to the hospital and was under treatment until Sunday morning.

No arrests were made by the investigating officers, although there is the possibility of civil litigation between the drivers of the two vehicles.

Three Other Wrecks

At least three other wrecks occurred during the week-end, but none of the persons involved were injured sufficiently for medical care according to information from officers. On Saturday night two cars collided on Park street, Canton, near the Pigeon river bridge. Sunday there were two accidents, one involving a 1936 Ford coach which went off the highway across from the Patton Farm, between Canton and Clyde, to avoid a head-on collision; and another vehicle left the road and overturned in the Hemphill section.

More Than 300 Town Tags Sold

There were 326 Waynesville auto tags distributed during the month of January, reports G. C. Ferguson, town manager.

More than 400 were sold last year and resident drivers who have not yet purchased theirs are warned to get them right away. The 1947 tags are no longer good.

Personality Beauty Shop Being Renovated

The Personality Beauty Shop will be closed today and tomorrow while the interior is being repainted, it was announced yesterday by Mrs. Evelyn Heinz, owner. The shop will open Thursday as usual.

Teachers Asking Special Session

Assassinated



MOHANDAS K. GANDHI, spiritual leader of India, died after being hit by three bullets from a gun wielded by a Hindu fanatic as Gandhi was walking to a prayer service Friday night. The assassination has set off large scale rioting between different Hindu factions in the country Gandhi led to independence, which the government is using extreme measures to control. A conspiracy against other leaders has been uncovered.

I. H. Powell Dies; Funeral Wednesday

Prominent Canton Lumberman Died At Winter Home In Florida

Funeral services for I. H. (Ike) Powell, 60, president of the Jackson Lumber company and Power Lumber Co. of Canton, who died of a heart attack at his home in Lakeland, Fla., Friday at midnight, will be held at the First Baptist church of Canton Wednesday afternoon at 2:30.

Mr. Powell engaged in the lumber business for more than 35 years had been a resident of Canton for the past 15 years, where he was active in religious and civic affairs. His contributions to local needy and destitute families were many and interest in the welfare of this section never lagged.

A member of the Canton Civilian club, Mr. Powell also was active in Masonic circles, being a member of the Sylva-Dillsboro lodge. He also was a Shriner.

He was chairman of the building committee of the Canton First Baptist church and an active member of the Canton Chamber of Commerce. Born at Tuckaseegee, Jackson (Continued on page eight)

Canton Group Ask Special Session On Teachers' Pay

The Canton high school Parent-Teacher Association and Canton unit of NCEA unanimously adopted resolutions urging Governor Cherry to call a special session of the legislature for action on increasing teachers' salaries, and asking the support of civic and religious groups in this respect.

At a recent meeting of the Canton NCEA unit, Superintendent A. J. Hutchins explained that more than \$10,000 in manual arts equipment had remained idle at the high school since 1941 for lack of teachers who declined to accept the

Canton Exchange Club Will Stage Program On Crime

The Canton Exchange Club will complete plans tonight at their meeting at the Imperial Hotel for staging National Crime Prevention week.

J. W. Stone, president of the club, said yesterday that a full week's program will be presented to the club tonight. The program will be carried to every high school and church in Haywood.

A series of programs will be given over WHCC throughout the week.

Phone Rate Hiked 25c Month

There will be a monthly increase in residential telephone rates of 25 cents for persons served by the Waynesville exchange of Southern Bell Telephone company, it was announced Saturday by J. Lovell Smith of Asheville, district manager.

Increases also will be in effect for installation fees, and some adjustments are to be made in special equipment charges on busi-

ness lines. However, states Mr. Smith, the increase will not affect monthly rates for business telephones or long distance calls, which were raised over the state in November 1946.

Southern Bell received authority to raise service rates in an order by the State Utilities Commission, released Friday. The company's request was made, states Mr. Smith, because of increased

cost of equipment and supplies, and the higher wages being paid to employees resulting from the strike last year.

The increase is greater in some areas than here. Asheville and Wilmington residential rates were upped 25 cents; Winston-Salem, Greensboro and Raleigh, 40 cents; Charlotte 50 cents; all other residential phones in the state, 25 cents; and all rural business phones, 25 cents.

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