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For Umstead



W. G. BYERS has been appointed Haywood county manager for the re-election campaign now being conducted by Senator William B. Umstead.

Byers To Manage Umstead Race In Haywood County

W. G. Byers of Waynesville has been appointed Haywood county manager for Senator William B. Umstead, candidate for the Democratic nomination to a full term in the upper house of Congress, it was announced this week.

Mr. Byers and Senator Umstead have been friends for a number of years, having worked together on several Democratic convention committees.

"Senator Umstead has a deep interest in the common man. He is one of the hardest workers North Carolina has in Washington, and for one thing helped keep the Burley tobacco acreage from being cut this year," states Mr. Byers.

"He has had more experience than any other candidate for the office, and has made a fine record as senator. His friends think that in recognition of his fine service, Senator Umstead is entitled to at least one full term."

Umstead volunteered and went to France in the first World War, returning home to finish law studies and begin practice in Durham county. Later he was elected to three terms in the House of Representatives, from which he voluntarily retired and resumed his law practice. He served as chairman of the Democratic executive committee and managed the last campaign in North Carolina. Following the death of Senator Josiah W. Bailey, Umstead was appointed to fill his unexpired term by Gov. Cherry.

William Millar Makes Dean's List At Duke

Among the 145 North Carolina students at Duke University who made the dean's list last semester is William Imber Millar, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Millar of Waynesville.

Purpose of the meeting is to elect delegates to the state NCEA convention to be held next month in Asheville, officers of the Haywood unit for the coming year, and to vote on state officers. All members are urged to attend.

James Makes High Corn Yield In FFA Project

Ted James, Fines Creek high school Future Farmer of America member, made an estimated yield of 100 bushels of corn per acre on two acres which he grew for an agriculture project last year.

A complete record of the project was kept, including all expenses and labor. The total expenses, including land rent, labor other than own, manure and commercial fertilizer, came to \$226.50 on the two acres. Figuring corn at \$3 a bushel, this would give Ted a labor income of \$373.20—or

\$100,000 Damage Suit Is Filed Here By Couple Against Insurance Firms

Two County War Dead To Arrive From Pacific

The bodies of two Haywood county men who died in the fighting for the Pacific islands are being returned to the United States aboard the transport Walter W. Schwenk, scheduled to dock at San Francisco this week-end.

The bodies being returned and their next of kin are Joseph C. Hawkins, Marines, Jeter P. Hawkins, Clyde, Route 1; Pvt. Nelson Rhodes, Jr., Marines, Nelson Rhodes, Canton, Route 2.

Early in April the transport Robert F. Burns will arrive at Brooklyn harbor with the bodies of 2,800 American war dead from Europe and the transport John L. McCarley is bearing 2,600 from the same theater of operations.

Modern Building Being Prepared For Book Store

Modern Glass Front Being Put On Galusha Building For Book Store

Work has started on a modern front of the Galusha building on Main street which will be occupied by the Book Store about the middle of April, J. C. Galusha announced yesterday.

A modern, full-view, all glass front is being put on the store, and a number of interior changes made. The building was formerly occupied by Western Auto Associate Store.

Mr. Galusha announced that additional stock would be added to the store and several new lines would be carried.

The full-size basement will also be devoted to sales space, especially of heavier office equipment. Several pieces of new fixtures will be added to the store to better display merchandise, and Mr. Galusha said that the store will have one of the most complete, and largest stocks of its kind in this entire section of the two Carolinas.

Haywood NCEA Unit Will Meet Here On March 31

The Haywood county unit of the North Carolina Education Association will meet at 3 p. m. Wednesday, March 31, at Central elementary school, it is announced by Paul Grogan, president.

Purpose of the meeting is to elect delegates to the state NCEA convention to be held next month in Asheville, officers of the Haywood unit for the coming year, and to vote on state officers. All members are urged to attend.

Edwards Of Canton Enter Suit Growing Out of Fire Last Year

Grateful to U. S.

Two Haywood residents are asking \$100,000 in damage suits against two fire insurance companies and their agents. The papers are on file at the office of the clerk of court here, and it is expected the cases will be presented at the May term of civil court.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Edwards of Canton have entered the suits against the Great American Insurance company, of New York, and the Northern Assurance Company, Ltd., also of New York, together with the company agents and inspectors.

The suits grew out of a fire which on April 10, 1947, destroyed the Edwards' home on Thompson street, Canton.

As related in the allegation against the Great American company by plaintiff Howard Edwards, he and his wife took \$5,000 fire insurance with the company April 1, 1947. After the fire, a claim was presented on the insurance.

Auto Inspection Lane Will Move After Wednesday

To Be Set Up At Penland Street, Canton, For Two-Week Period Starting April 1

The automobile and truck inspection lane will remain here until Wednesday, when it will move to Penland street, Canton, to conduct vehicular inspections in that section of the county. The lane is scheduled to return here in July for another two-week stay.

By noon Wednesday approximately 800 vehicles had passed through the lane here with more than half of them getting the red, diamond-shaped reject sticker on their first test. Many of those rejected, however, returned later and were in shape to take the blue sticker of approval.

When set up in Canton, according to C. P. Sawyer, supervisor of the lane for this eight-county district, the first day (April 1) will be devoted to state, county and city vehicles, after which it will be open to the public. He advises that all car owners have their cars checked and repairs made before bringing them for the inspection.

War Medals Will Be Given To Vets Here April 2nd

Victory and American Defense medals will be presented former servicemen of World War II by representatives of the Army and Navy at a meeting Friday night, April 2, in the armory here sponsored by the National Guard and American Legion.

All veterans who wish to get the medals will be required to present their discharge, which shows their authority to wear them, and on which a notation can be made that the medals have been given.

A combat film of action on the Italian front will be shown that evening, with the program open to the public.

INJURED YOUTH WAS NOT SCHOOL BUS DRIVER

In reporting the accident which injured three persons here Sunday, it was stated that the automobile driver, Carol Wyatt, was a school bus driver. Wyatt has never been a bus driver, although his father is one.

Grateful to U. S.



OBERBURGERMEISTER Walter Kolb of Frankfurt speaks to the crowd of Germans who witnessed the arrival of food from the original "Friendship Train," sent to hungry Europe by the people of the United States. High U. S. officials were present as Kolb thanked Americans for their contributions. (International)

District Goes Over Goal In Scout Drive

Total of \$2,816.35 Is Collected By Workers In Waynesville and Canton Areas

Haywood county's Pigeon River district in Daniel Boone council went over its goal in the annual Boy Scouts of America drive according to figures announced this week. A total of \$2,816.35 has been collected.

In the Canton area, where the Exchange Club conducted the fund raising campaign under the chairmanship of Underwood Smathers, a total of \$1,757 was collected.

Lawrence Leatherwood, Waynesville Lions Club chairman, who headed the drive in this area, reported this week that \$1,059.35 had been collected, with the possibility of a few more donations to come in.

The district quota for 1948 is \$2,805, of which \$1,405 was assigned to the Canton area and \$1,400 to the Waynesville area.

David Boyd On Advisory Group In Leaf Promotion

David Boyd of Jonathan Creek has been named to a five-man advisory committee to cooperate with the Burley and Dark Leaf Export Tobacco Association, appointed this week by the North Carolina Burley Growers Association.

Other members of the committee are J. G. K. McClure and Harry W. Lowe of Asheville, Grover Brown of Weaverville, and W. O. Robinson, Jr., of Leicester.

Mr. Love, who is the North Carolina member of the export association's board of directors, points out that foreign trade in burley tobacco almost doubled in 1947 over 1946. He said the outlook for burley exports this year is good.

Public Library Will Be Closed Here Next Week

The Haywood County Public Library will be closed March 25 to April 5 for the purpose of taking inventory, patrons are reminded by Miss Margaret Johnston, librarian. Books may be returned during next week, but none may be checked out.

Officers Assure Killian Adequate Protection At Laundry; Will Stay Open

'Button Day' To Be Held Saturday In Concluding Annual Red Cross Drive

Century Old Tree Here Is Giving Way To Progress

One of the oldest and largest trees in the community is giving way this week to progress. In fact, the tree grew so large, that it meant its ultimate death, because of the danger it presented to nearby buildings.

The tree is the large oak in the yard of Mr. and Mrs. Will Davis, at the corner of Haywood and Church streets. Estimates are that the tree is over 100 years old.

Workmen from the town street department, together with a crew of telephone men, have been busy for several days cutting down the tree, limb by limb. Because of the many utility wires in the area, all limbs have to be cut, and lowered by means of a block and tackle to the ground.

Yesterday about half the limbs had been cut off. Some estimate the tree is at least four feet through the base.

Half Million Trees Are Distributed In W.N.C. Area

Haywood Landowners Receive 55,000 Seedlings in TVA Reformation Program

A half million forest trees were distributed this week to more than 250 farmers and other landowners in the 15 Tennessee Valley counties of Western North Carolina.

Haywood county received 55,000 tree seedlings under the erosion control and reforestation program, which have been distributed by the county agents to 37 landowners.

The seedlings, produced at the TVA's forestry nursery at Clinton, Tenn., were brought to the State Forestry warehouse in Sylva Tuesday morning and from there distributed to the counties. There were 105,000 shortleaf pine, 162,000 white pine, 3,500 black locust and 20,000 yellow poplar.

State District Forester Charles C. Pettit, Jr., who is in charge of the distribution in District 9 of the NCFCS, explains that there is

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Plans For Final Stages Of Drive Are Announced By Chapter Chairman

An all out effort is being made this week to complete the Red Cross Fund Campaign which started the first of March. Saturday has been designated as "Button Day" when everyone on the street is requested to display his Red Cross Button as an evidence of his loyalty and support of the American Red Cross.

Booths will be set up in strategic locations so that those not having contributed to the drive will have an opportunity to do so and to receive a membership card and lapel button.

All campaign workers not having turned in their reports are requested to do so by 5 o'clock this afternoon so that a final tabulation of results can be made.

"Our local Chapter has never failed to reach its quota and we cannot afford to fail now. The American Red Cross at this moment is rendering relief to numerous flood sufferers and to those who have suffered from recent tornadoes and cyclones. With the increased enlistment in the armed forces of our country which will surely come within the next few months we must keep our Red Cross strong. We have confidence in the good people of the area served by our local Chapter. Let's finish the job and do it now."

The above statement was made by Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson, Chapter Chairman in commenting on the necessity for reaching our goal in the fund campaign.

Easter Sunrise Service At Lake Starts At 6:30

The annual Easter sunrise service, sponsored by the sub-district Youth Fellowship of the Methodist Church, will be held Sunday morning at 6:30 o'clock. The service will begin at the Mission Building and will be concluded at the Cross.

Miss Betty Lee Reno, president of the district fellowship will preside and speakers will be Nell Whitmire and C. C. Poindexter, both of Canton.

The public is invited to attend.

Patrolmen Start Drive Against Bad Mufflers

Patrolman O. R. Roberts yesterday announced that a rigid check would be made on all motor vehicles on the highways with "guttered" mufflers, together with those which have been mutilated or tampered with in any way.

"There are a lot of vehicles which are now operating without proper mufflers and owners of such cars are subject to fines if the mufflers are not repaired," the patrolman said.

The patrolman added, "Any person caught driving a vehicle on the highways without a properly functioning muffler will be indicted."

"The law regarding such, reads as follows: 'No person shall drive a motor vehicle on a highway unless such motor vehicle is equipped with a muffler in good working order and in constant operation to prevent excessive or unusual noise, annoying smoke and smoke screens. 'It shall be unlawful to use a 'muffler cut-out' on any motor vehicle upon a highway.'"

The minimum fine for breaking (Continued on page six)

Many Patrolmen Arrive Thursday Morning; Mediation Attempt Fails

Sheriff R. V. Welch assured J. W. Killian last night that adequate protection would be provided laundry employees as long as it was necessary, in order that the plant might continue in operation.

Sheriff Welch was speaking for the State Highway Patrol and the Waynesville Police Department, with whom a conference was held.

Mr. Killian said, "I deeply appreciate the assurances of the officers, and what they have done."

J. W. Killian, owner of the Waynesville Laundry, told the Mountaineer last night that the laundry would continue to operate provided adequate law enforcement is supplied in order to prevent any occurrences similar to a disturbance Wednesday at closing time.

The incident took place about 5 p. m. A laundry truck headed out a driveway, when two women pickets barred its way by stretching the American flag in front. As tension and noise mounted in the crowd of nearly 300, an onlooker was arrested for attacking city Policeman Jerry Rogers.

Following this Sheriff R. V. Welch sent a call for assistance to Governor Cherry. This was answered by sending a number of State Highway Patrolmen to the laundry area at 5 a. m. Thursday under the command of Capt. W. E. Lentz, with Col. H. J. Hatcher, state commander, arriving later in the morning.

Highway patrolmen and members of the Waynesville Police Department and Sheriff's Department, went to the scene early Thursday morning, as laundry employees started to work. No employee was interfered with, and the picket line started shortly after the plant opened.

All through the day officers were on duty, but everything remained quiet, with a line of from five to 40 people marching at times.

Shortly before five o'clock yesterday, Col. H. J. Hatcher, commander of the highway patrol, told the two union leaders, F. J. Davis, of Waynesville, and William Binkley, of Asheville, that "the law enforcement officers will not tolerate the pickets molesting any employee of the laundry. Keep your picket line short, do not use profanity, and we'll not bother you."

Both union leaders agreed to this, and within a few minutes the 37 employees on duty at the laundry filed from the plant. Some of the women and girls in the picket (Continued on page six)

Highway Record For 1948 (To Date)
In Haywood Injured --- 9 Killed ---- 1
(This information Compiled From Records of State Highway Patrol)

POLITICAL NEWS
ELECTIONS IN APRIL 10
Action of the Haywood election board...
FOR SENATE MANAGERS
Contests on which...
NOTES
Candidate Kerr...
COMMENT
Cherry says he has no...
Still Taken
Lake Area
A 65-gallon...
Weather
Considerable...
Min. 54
Max. 52
Rainfall 1.57