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49,500 People
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Young Dems Of 12th Dist. To Meet Here On April 24

Congressman Redden, Judge Alley To Speak At Meetings Of Group

Young Democrats of the 12th congressional district will meet in Waynesville Saturday, April 24, to map activities prior to the May primary and check on the progress of county organizations.

The Haywood County Young Democrats club, of which Frank Kirkpatrick is president, will be host to the district meeting.

Judge Felix E. Alley will make a short address at the business session, and Congressman Monroe M. Redden will deliver the keynote speech at a banquet to be held during the evening at Queen's farm. Following the banquet, a square dance will be held at the Army.

Robert R. Williams of Asheville, district chairman, will preside. Mrs. Y. F. Burgess of Waynesville is vice chairman for the district and Fred Y. Campbell of Waynesville, state organizer for the western area, are other officials who will take part in the meeting.

HAYWOOD GROUP WILL PLAN FOR MEET TONIGHT

There will be a meeting of the Haywood Young Democrats club in the little courtroom on the third floor of the courthouse at 8 o'clock tonight, announces Frank Kirkpatrick, president. All members are urged to be present.

The purpose of the meeting is to make plans for the 12th district convention of Young Democrats to be held here April 24.

The Book Store Moves To Modern, Larger Building

The Book Store has moved to the modernized store next to the Strand Theatre here and have added a large line of merchandise, according to J. C. Galusha.

There are several new fixtures yet to be installed, Mr. Galusha said, but they are expected within a few days.

The larger quarters will utilize the street floor and a full size basement for selling space.

A modern all-view glass front has been installed in the store and other features to aid in the better display of merchandise.

Bar Association Speaking Contest Set For Tonight

The Haywood County Bar Association oratorical contest will be held at 8 o'clock tonight in the courthouse, with winners in the high schools of the county to compete.

Subject of the speeches will be: "How Can the United Nations Be Strengthened?"

W. Roy Francis, president of the bar association, will preside. A \$25 savings bond will be given for first prize and Grover C. Davis has offered \$10 cash prize for second place.

Eagle Stores Modernize Their Waynesville Store

The modernized Eagle Store will re-open this week-end after being closed for three days getting the stocks and counters rearranged since the store was enlarged and completely modernized.

Miss Elizabeth Leatherwood, the manager, said yesterday that several hundred additional square feet of floor space had been added by the changes, as well as the all-view glass front, which is one of the latest designed in this area.

The ceiling of the store has been made of sound-absorbing materials, and a new lighting system installed. The floors have been covered with asphalt tile, and the rest rooms moved to the basement.

A new office has been built and additional lines of merchandise added.

D. A. Turner, district superintendent, was here this week assisting in getting the store ready for

Three State Candidates To Speak Here This Week-End



THAD EURE, N. C. secretary of state, will be the principal speaker at the 16th annual Ramp Convention at Soco Gap Sunday.



J. M. BROUGHTON, candidate for U. S. Senate, will make his first courthouse appearance of the campaign here Saturday at 2 p. m.



MAYNE ALBRIGHT, candidate for governor, will address Haywood voters at the courthouse here Saturday morning at 10.20 o'clock.

Dr. Stretcher To Erect A \$15,000 Office Building

Work is scheduled to start this week on a modern office building owned by Dr. R. H. Stretcher. The new brick and steel building will be on the lot adjoining the Masonic Temple.

Dr. Stretcher had plans to erect the building back in the early forties, but was delayed because of the war. The building will face 59 feet on Church street and for the present extend back 32 feet. Provision will be made to add to the building in the back, and also add an additional story when needed.

Most of the building will be occupied by Dr. Stretcher.

A full size basement will be included in the construction and the front of the building will be of red scratched brick. Steam heat will also be installed. The contractor has promised completion of the building by July 1.

The building permit issued for the construction of the office building called for an expenditure of \$15,000.

Dime Board Goes Into Operation For Cancer Drive

The dime board was placed in operation on Main street here yesterday in connection with the cancer drive, which is being sponsored in Haywood county by the Waynesville Woman's Club.

Soliciting of merchants here is to be carried out Monday by a committee composed of Mrs. Noble Garrett, Mrs. C. F. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Virgil Smith and Mrs. C. E. Ray, Jr. Collection of donations by theatre patrons will be taken at the Strand next week, having been taken last week at the Park.

Clubs which have carried out activities to raise funds for the drive are requested by the chairman, Mrs. Smith, to turn them in as soon as possible.

Mrs. Smith also announces that a movie prepared by the American Cancer Society is available to the use of any group, and asks those persons who desire to show it to contact her.

STATE NEWS MAN HERE

Bill Sharpe of the State News Bureau arrived here Thursday to cover the Ramp Convention on Sunday.

Hundreds Expected At Black Camp Gap Sunday For Ramp Convention

Original Site Will Be Used For Event; Thad Eure To Be Speaker

The 16th annual Haywood County Ramp convention will be held Sunday at Black Camp Gap, as originally announced, with arrangements completed to make the occasion one that will be enjoyed by all.

Secretary of State Thad Eure, who will be the main speaker of the day, will make his talk at 1 p. m. It was announced yesterday by Sebe Bryson, president of the convention.

Other prominent individuals who have accepted invitations to attend the convention include J. M. Broughton, former governor and currently a candidate for U. S. senator; Thad Bryson of Bryson City, solicitor for the 20th judicial district; and Bill Sharpe, head of the state news bureau.

It was decided early this week to change the location of the gathering to Soco Gap because the road to Black Camp Gap, where it has been held each year in the past, was thought to be hazardous in case of heavy traffic. However, it was learned since then that the road to Black Camp Gap has been improved this week, and arrangements have been made for cooking at the usual site.

The road leading into the Great Smokies Park from the gap, usually blocked off at that point, will be open for those who wish to drive along a section of the Blue Ridge Parkway route Sunday.

Folks will start arriving at 10 o'clock. Several quartets and other singers will entertain those present with Ray Parker and Tom Queen in charge.

Park Group Make Urgent Appeal To Congress For Additional Appropriation

Charles E. Ray, chairman of the N. C. Park Parkway and National Forests Development commission, accompanied by the commission attorney, William Medford, and Francis J. Heazel of Asheville, commission member, Monday urged the House appropriations subcommittee to provide adequate funds for the administration and development of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Mr. Ray, who returned to Waynesville Wednesday, reports that the congressional hearing in Washington lasted about 25 minutes, during which time he presented a brief containing the recommendations of the joint North Carolina-Tennessee committee concerning the park, and spoke extemporaneously in favor of the proposals.

There is no definite report to be made on what effect the testimony will bear on the committee appropriations decision, he stated. Generally speaking, the atmosphere in the nation's capital is not encouraging, particularly to requests from southern Democratic areas.

After the hearing, Mr. Ray remained in Washington the following day to look over the transcription of his statement before the House group and contact Senator Clyde R. Hoey in regard to sup-

No Plans Known For Resuming Train Schedules

Divisional officials of the Southern Railway yesterday told The Mountaineer they knew of no plans to resume schedules of the passenger trains on the Murphy Branch.

The two trains were discontinued shortly after the coal strike started due to a shortage of fuel. The government this week issued an order permitting railroads to resume schedules as they saw fit.

No indications were given as to when the two passenger trains might be started.

Haywood Workers Draw Highest Wages Of Any In State, Report Shows

Haywood Men Buy 12 Animals At Sale

Purchases were made by five Haywood county men at the Holstein promotional sale held Wednesday at Planters Warehouse, Asheville.

Ed Sims bought two animals, B. E. Nubhill, three, Joe Palmer, Jr., three, and Sebe Bryson, two. In all there were 56 cattle sold, both grade and registered, at the sale.

The 5,453 workers in Haywood county who were employed in jobs covered by the Unemployment Compensation law during the third quarter of 1947 received an average weekly wage of \$56.20, higher of any county in North Carolina, according to a report recently completed by the Bureau of Research and Statistics of the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina.

There were 617,289 employees in the state in the categories covered by the report, who received a weekly wage average of \$37.81. This is \$18.39 less than the Haywood average.

Types of workers included in the report include construction, manufacture, transportation and communication, trade, the finance, insurance and real estate group, service and other type workers.

Industrial workers in the county, of which there were 4,372, drew wages of \$3,350,097 during the quarter, an average of \$62.46 weekly. The state average as a whole for 385,354 manufacture employees was \$37.1 weekly.

Transylvania county ranks second behind Haywood, with a \$47.13 weekly average for all its 3,011 covered workers, and \$49.53 average for its 2,627 manufacture workers. Caswell, Durham, Gileford, Forsyth, Pitt, Buncombe and other industrialized counties are in the higher brackets—slightly under Transylvania.

The report comments on its findings: "In wage payments, the mountain area offers two extremes. Haywood county has the highest average weekly wage of any county in the state averaging \$56.20 for all its workers, and \$62.46 for the more than 80 per cent of its workers who are engaged in manufacture. The mountain area also

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KEEP DOGS ON PREMISES, LOCAL POLICE WARN

The Waynesville police department requests that all dogs be kept on the owners' premises. If allowed to run free they will be disposed of, the police state, whether male or female dogs.

Waynesville Draft Board To Serve As Reserve Unit

Gov. Cherry Names Dr. Tom Stringfield, T. L. Green and G. C. Ferguson Again

Former members of local draft boards who served during the recent war have received appointment by the governor to serve in the North Carolina Selective Service Reserve. At least two of Haywood county board No. 1 members, G. C. Ferguson and Dr. Tom Stringfield, are known to have been requested to serve in the reserve force which is being organized under the state headquarters of the National Guard.

The reserve is being formed so that it can begin operations on short notice should Congress enact the peacetime draft or Universal Military Training. Before such legislation is passed it would be largely inactive.

According to instructions sent by the state Adjutant General, J. Van B. Melts, the local boards are asked to meet and elect a chairman after their members accept appointment. Also they are instructed to select a temporary office and arrange for volunteer clerical help until such time as the boards are placed in active duty should the need arise.

The letter from the adjutant general quoted from the report of the president's investigating committee that recommended selective service as a means of being prepared in case of an emergency. "The onset of any future war would be sudden and catastrophic, and preparedness would be of utmost importance," the report stated.

Congress is holding committee hearings on the temporary draft and Universal Military Training now following its recommendation by the president. Washington comment is that the temporary draft has a good chance of being enacted into law.

Haywood Receives 1,453 Acres Burley Allotment; Growers Being Notified

Go Ahead Is Given For Indian Pageant

Fishing Streams Need More Care, WNCAC Hears At Quarterly Meeting

Assurance that the necessary financial backing would be supplied was given the newly organized Cherokee Historical Association, and it was decided to proceed this year with the construction of a large amphitheater at Cherokee village and start production of the drama to begin presentation during the summer of 1949.

This action was taken Tuesday at quarterly meeting of Western North Carolina Associated Communities at Brevard college. Reports from most of the 11 counties in the supporting area were that portions of the quotas have already been collected and that at least \$20,000 would be available by June 15.

James Kilpatrick and Stanley Henry represented Waynesville at the WNCAC meeting. The support of Waynesville and Canton has been pledged to the project with a county quota of \$4,000.

Henry Davis of the University of North Carolina and two of his associates are being employed by the Cherokee Historical Association to design plans and supervise construction of the theater, to write script and to direct production of the historical drama. It was announced by Harry Buchanan of Hendersonville, association head.

Cherokee village is cooperating fully with the project and has already raised \$7,500.

Forestry, fish and wildlife officials told the 60 community leaders who attended the meeting that fishing is one of the greatest tourist attractions in Western North Carolina and that more state and federal funds are urgently needed to provide an adequate stock of fish in the 1,100 miles of fishing streams in this section.

At least \$20,000 is needed this season to supply an adequate stock. Fred Ruff of Atlanta, a representative of the game management division of the department of the interior, said.

The appropriation this year is the same as it was five years ago, while costs and demand have climbed rapidly, he declared. Mr. Ruff recommended that this situation should be called to the attention of the members of the North Carolina congressional delegation. Randolph Shields, of the North

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Notices Being Sent To 1,737 Producers Stating Individual Allotments

Notices of burley tobacco allotments are being mailed this week-end to 1,737 farmers in Haywood county from the Production and Marketing Administration (AAA) office here, with the announcement by George E. Stamey, A. C. A. chairman, that acreage will be measured before actual planting this year.

The total allotment for the county amounts to 1,453.6, practically the same as the 1,459.5 acres allotted to the county in 1947, when only 1,126.6 acres were planted.

There are 37 new growers who were awarded a total of 15 acres in allotments.

J. G. Robinson will supervise the premeasurement of tobacco acreage. Farmers are asked to make a written request to the Agricultural Conservation Association committee when they are ready to have the measurement taken.

Charges for this work will be 75 cents per field, \$1 per acre on large fields, with a minimum charge of \$2 per farm. A deposit to cover the estimated cost of the work is required at the time an application for measurement is made.

The 1948 quotas by township is as follows: Beaverdam 144.9, Cecil, 9.9, Clyde 85.5, Crabtree 163.0, East Fork 11.7, Fines Creek 190.7, Iron Duff 104.5, Ivy Hill 65.4, Pigeon 115.3, White Oak and miscellaneous 256.6, not listed, 3.5.

Degrees Will Be Conferred at Lodge To Candidates

Waynesville Commandry No. 31 will confer the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and the Order of Malta on a class of candidates tonight at 8 o'clock in the lodge hall. All Sir Knights are invited to attend this ceremonial.

C. R. Eckhoff, Eminent Commander, conducted a rehearsal with the degree team Tuesday evening. This is the first time that these degrees have been conferred here this year, and a large class of candidates from Canton, Franklin, Robbinsville, Nantahala and Murphy, as well as the Waynesville area, will take the degrees.

Pfc. Charles W. Hannah Attends Medical Course

Pfc. Charles W. Hannah, son of Bill J. Hannah, Rt. 2, Waynesville, has entered as a student in the medical equipment maintenance technicians course at Medical Field Service school, Brooke Army Medical center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

The field service school trains both officers and enlisted men for medical service in the army.

\$252,000 Security Bond Quota Assigned Haywood

Intended to help stabilize the nation's economy in the face of inflationary threats, America's Security Loan drive has been launched this week to continue through June 30.

County bond chairman of Western North Carolina received information on the necessity of the drive and how it is being promoted at a meeting Tuesday afternoon in Asheville. J. E. Massie, chairman for Haywood county, announces that Haywood's goal during the drive is the sale of \$252,000 in bonds, of which \$175,000 are series E and the remainder are series F and G.

"We have gone over our goal on all our bond drives during the war, and I am confident we will do as well in the Security Loan," Mr. Massie states.

"Although we are not at war, it is still of great importance that we support the drive whole heartedly. It will help win the peace, which is our biggest concern today."

Posters advertising the Security Loan are being sent to Boy Scouts for distribution to merchants, to banks, industries, post offices and other governmental agencies. Promotional material will be carried from national to local levels in

newspapers, magazines, radio, theaters; by speakers before groups and individual contacts.

Bill Neal, Winston-Salem banker as a representative of the state Bankers Association advisory committee reported at district meeting of chairmen the background for the Security Loan.

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Highway Record For 1948 (To Date)
In Haywood Injured -- 13 Killed ---- 1
(This information Compiled From Records of State Highway Patrol)

Weather

United Press
16 — Fair and
Waynesville tempered
by the staff of the
Max. Min. Rain
72. 55 .50
65. 44 .—
66. 29 .—
69. 46 .—
80. 64 .40
79. 56 .—
73. 38 .—