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Haywood To Soon Get Telephone Service

Fines Creek, Crabtree And Iron Duff Project To Get Underway On 175 Phones

Officials of Southern Bell Telephone Company are expected to give final approval in a few days on the \$100,000 expansion project which will give Fines Creek, Crabtree and Iron Duff about 175 telephones, J. Lovell Smith, district manager told The Mountaineer Thursday.

The engineering plans have been completed, and the project is scheduled to be approved by the reviewing board within 10 days, or earlier, Mr. Smith said.

"It will not take long to get actual construction underway after the final approval," Mr. Smith said. "Plans are to install about 175 telephones in that area of the county, which will be served by the Waynesville exchange."

Telephone crews are now at work on extensions out of the Canton office, and have recently installed 55 phones in the Dutch Cove section, and have added 27 between Bethel and Sunburst, on the reworked lines formerly owned by the Champion Paper and Fibre Company.

Right now 45 additional phones have been added in the Clyde area, and just as fast as work can be done, at least 100 will be installed in that section, including the Thompson Cove and Modford Farm areas, Mr. Smith said.

"We have other projects that we want to expand in the Hazelwood and Balsam area and will go ahead with this just as soon as cable is available," Mr. Smith said. "The lack of cable now makes it look like work on that project will have to be carried over into next year."

In discussing the plans for further extension of telephone service in the county, Mr. Smith said that the ultimate aim is to serve every section with adequate phone service. "Since the way, Haywood has received as many telephones as any other place, in proportion to size," he continued.

A check of the 1947 directory showed that in 1941, Waynesville had 661 telephones, and will soon have 2,000. In Canton there were 893 telephones in 1941, and there will soon be 2,200.

Numerous surveys were made in several sections of Haywood several months ago in regard to telephone lines, and numerous petitions and potential customers signed papers asking for service which were given to Mr. Smith. The county agent's office took a leading role in securing the necessary data for the telephone engineers to make preliminary plans.

The new lines into Fines Creek, Crabtree and Iron Duff will begin serving the patrons on Highway No. 209 near Lake Junaluska, and continue on down into the lower part of the county.

It's Grown, Says Man Who Saw Town 50 Yrs. Ago

The years rolled back Wednesday for a Texan who passed through Waynesville after a half-century's absence from the town.

He was Jordan T. Lawler of San Antonio and Casterville. Mr. Lawler had been in Waynesville 51 years ago in 1897. When he saw the 1948 version of Main street, he had to shake his head a little.

"This place," said Mr. Lawler, "has certainly changed." Back in 1897 Waynesville was little more than a big place in the road, Mr. Lawler reminded. When he was here the first time he stayed in a place up near the site of the present Underwood - Sinclair station - called the Kenmore Hotel, he thought. There wasn't anything on the other side of the street but woods and a creek, said Mr. Lawler.

A bachelor who is just wandering about the country visiting his old haunts, Mr. Lawler admitted that Waynesville had spread out a little since his first visit.

Baptists Discuss College Project At Dinner Meet

Baptist pastors, deacons, Wake Forest trustees and all Wake Forest men will meet for a supper meeting in the social hall of the First Baptist church Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock.

This meeting is for the purpose of discussing the prospect of moving Wake Forest college to Winston-Salem, Horace Eason, director of the Baptist State convention's program for Wake Forest college will be in charge.

Those planning to attend this supper are urged to notify the church office.

McCracken Sale Called Success

The most successful auction of the season was held by West and Gossett Wednesday on the W. H. McCracken farm in Crabtree.

A large crowd looked on as the auctioneers sold the 118 acre farm and the cattle for \$31,283.

The farm and stock were bought by Willard Bost, Cora Hipps, Sam Noland, Clarence Greene and Howard Greene.

Dr. Michal Reports Two New Polio Cases Here

New Outbreak In Fines Creek And N. Canton Areas Last Week

Haywood county has two new polio cases, one in Fines Creek and one in North Canton, it was announced today by Dr. M. B. Michal of the district health department.

The case in Fines Creek is a 17-year old girl who is stricken with bulbar poliomyelitis, a more serious type of the disease, on Wednesday, August 25. Local doctors investigated the case immediately and she was sent to the Orthopedic hospital in Asheville.

A 15-months old child was found to have polio in North Canton early this week. The child was said to have shown symptoms of the disease on Aug. 24. This case, reported Dr. Michal, is also now in the Asheville hospital.

"These more recent cases have no association, as far as we know, with the earlier cases in the county," stated Dr. Michal. "All contacts with the cases under 16 years of age have been quarantined and every other precaution taken."

In the meantime, Dr. Michal has sent a memorandum to school teachers and principals in the county emphasizing the need for good hygiene to protect children from the spread of disease. "We feel that it is just as safe for children to be in school, providing the proper sanitary measures are taken, as for them at home. The new polio cases will not affect the schedule for the opening of schools; however, we will have to be stricter than ever on hygiene and care of children," said the health officer.

In the memorandum to school workers, Dr. Michal included the following points; thoroughly cleaning school building, keeping building and grounds clear of trash, special cleaning of lunch and storage rooms, sterilizing dishes in lunch room thoroughly, all garbage and

Robert Ruff Hurt In An Industrial Accident

Robert Ruff, 38, was painfully injured Tuesday when a fire extinguisher he was re-charging at the A. C. Lawrence Leather Company exploded, striking him about the face. He was rushed to an Asheville hospital, where his condition was said to be satisfactory.

The extinguishers are re-charged once a year, officials of the plant said, and Mr. Ruff was doing a routine job at the time.

Dayton Rubber Plant Receives Safety Award

The Waynesville plant of Dayton Rubber Company has just received a certificate of safety achievement award from the United States Department of Labor, and the North Carolina Department in recognition for reducing accidents 44 per cent in 1947 over 1946.

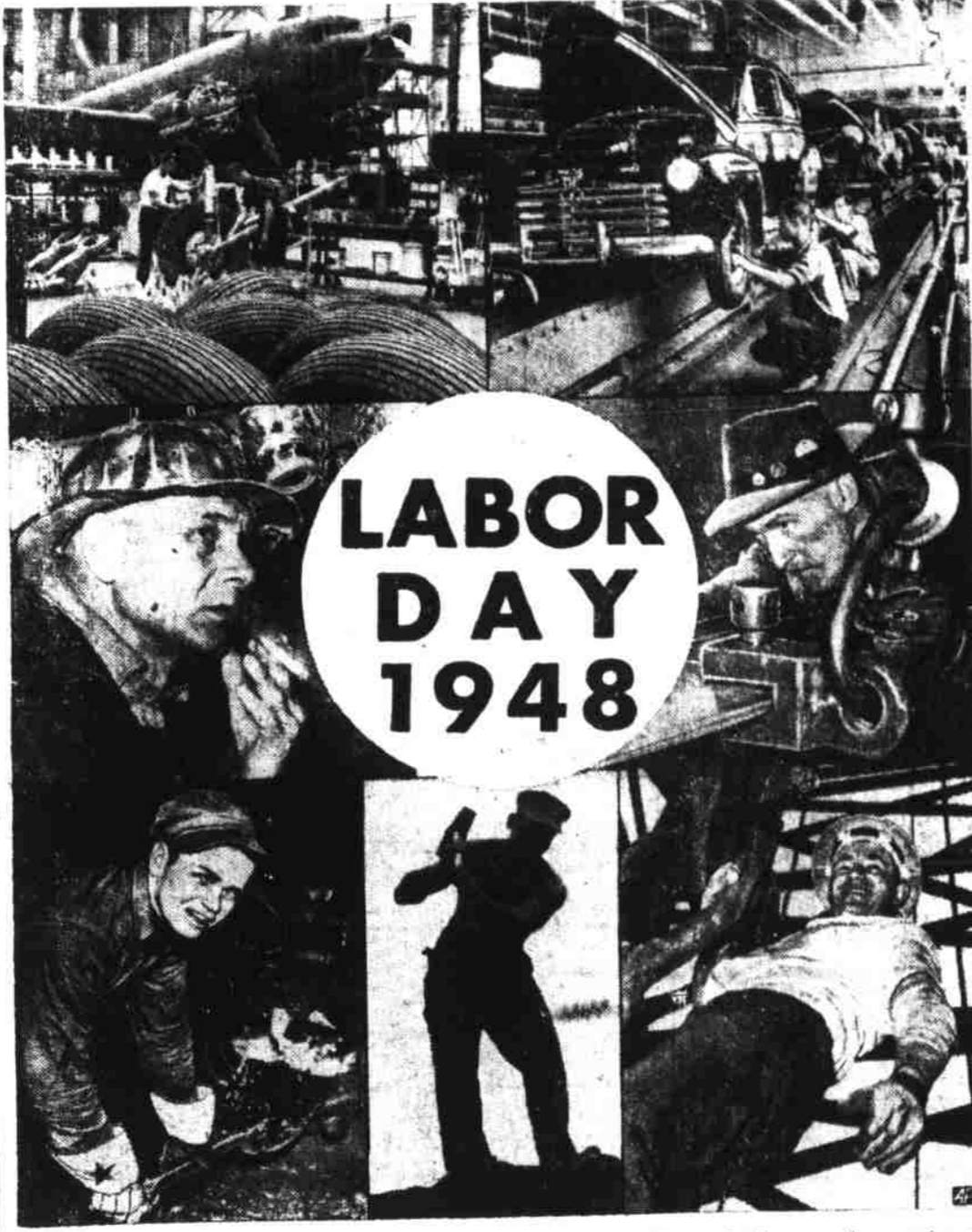
The award, signed by the federal and state secretaries of labor, will be formally presented to the employees of the plant in an early date by J. G. McKinley, general manager of the Thorobred Division.

The 1947 record of the plant showed that the average number of employees was 376, and they worked 259 days or 794,954 hours,

with only 4 lost time injuries, which totaled 60 working days. This gave the plant a percentage of 5.03 per cent of time lost based on a million hours, which is the national scale for figuring safety records.

"We are proud of the safety record achieved by the plant in 1947, and the sharp drop of accidents is encouraging," Ned Tucker, personnel manager said, in citing the record of the 44 per cent reduction in accidents. "The employees earned the award, and it will be passed on to them at an early date" by Mr. McKinley,

Business Will Suspend In Haywood For Labor Day



Although there will not be a formal Labor Day celebration in Haywood this year, the occasion will be observed throughout the county by a general suspension of business. The annual event usually held in Canton which attracts thousands of people, was postponed due to polio in Western Carolina.

Court House Parking Lot Marked Off

The Waynesville police department has marked off parking spaces on the county court house parking lot for 43 cars and Chief Orville Noland says that there will be no time limit on the spaces.

However, says Chief Noland, drivers must park within the spaces. Violators of this law will be fined. New regulations have been made for parking in front of the post office. Motorists can stop only ten minutes between the rush hours of 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Chief Noland also said that local officers are clamping down on traffic violators, and warned drivers that it is against the law to make a U-turn at a traffic light.

Draft Registration Here Draws 339 First Two Days

Stores Here Will Close On Monday For Labor Day

Business in Waynesville will close Monday in the town's annual observance of Labor Day, according to Dave Felmet, president of the Merchants Association.

The practice of closing stores on Labor Day has been carried out here for years.

Chief Clerk Says Only 40 Appear Eligible From 1st Registrants

The young men of Haywood climbed to the third floor of the county court house this week, sat down at a long, low table and proceeded to register in their country's new peacetime draft.

Mrs. Vergie Robinson, chief clerk of Canton, her assistants and members of Haywood's five-man draft board took down information on the first draft registrants each day this week. "They've been coming in pretty steadily," said Mrs. Robinson, "I think things are going in a normal way."

In the first two days of registration, the draft workers filled out cards for 339 men. Only 68 came in the first day of registration, Monday, but the next day found 271 young draft-agers waiting in line to check through the system.

It has been estimated that 3,200 men will register under the new draft in this county. With about three weeks to go, the stream of registrants thus far may mean a final total above this estimate.

The draft board - or the board which will follow Haywood's present "temporary board" - may have a difficult time filling its quota of draftees on the basis of information so far. Of the 339 men registered in the first two days, only 40

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Hyatt Creek Will Build New Church

The residents of Hyatt Creek have carried out a successful campaign to raise funds for the purchase of a lot on which they plan to build a Missionary Baptist church in the near future.

Three weeks of campaigning netted them enough to buy the lot. Another drive will be started soon to raise money for the construction of the church. Meanwhile, the group plans to go about cleaning up the lot and preparing it for building.

Trustees of the new church are George Troutman, Pless Kirkpatrick and Monroe Smith, Treasurer is Norman Grant.

Old-Fashioned Apples Are Becoming Extinct In County

By LUCILE CATHEY (Feature Writer for The Mountaineer)

Trees, like people, die from age, disease, and neglect. These ravagers have wiped out the mountain chestnut and are now taking a heavy toll among the old-fashioned apple trees of Haywood County.

Grandmammy Cheese, Roman Stem, Lady Skin, and dozens of other varieties of apples are almost extinct. Many one-time common apples today are, so rare that

Car Owners Get 10 Days Extra For Inspection

Inspection Lanes In This Area Do Rush Business At Deadline

An extra ten day period has been granted to owners of cars of the models before and including 1936, and of 1947 and 1948 models, to have their automobiles inspected. Extremely crowded conditions at inspection lanes in the state—as car owners formed long bumper-to-bumper lines to make Aug. 31 deadline—made this change necessary.

Haywood county car owners were driving to Asheville and Bryson City in an attempt to "get under the wire" at inspection lanes. One Waynesville man told police officers here that he went to Asheville on the morning of August 31—the original closing date for the inspection of certain models—and waited in line all day for the inspection, but found himself still four blocks away from the inspecting crew at closing time. Harassed officials at the line told him the only thing to do was to "camp there overnight."

Inspection lane workers were handling cars as fast as possible in

Patrolmen Expect Heavy Traffic This Week End

"We anticipate heavy travel on all Haywood highways during the two-day holiday this weekend," Patrolman O. R. Roberts said here yesterday. All five patrolmen in Haywood will be on constant duty checking traffic, especially along the heavily traveled highways.

The highways are expected to be heavily traveled by picnickers, and others going to Pisgah and the Great Smokies on Sunday and Monday.

Patrolmen warned against speeding, and urged motorists to use all safety precautions, since travel is expected to be extremely heavy.

Tax Sale Set For Monday At 10 A. M.

Sale of property upon which county taxes have not been paid will be held at the door of the county courthouse Monday morning at 10 o'clock, it was announced by Sebe Bryson, tax collector. The towns of Hazelwood and Waynesville will sell property upon which town taxes have not been paid on Sept. 13.

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