

Merry Christmas!

Waynesville Elks Give \$300 To Make Christmas Merrier



George A. Brown, Jr. (left), Christmas fund committee chairman of the Waynesville Elks Lodge, gives a check to Lt. Florence Wall of the Salvation Army to help needy families for Christmas. Mrs. Sam Queen, county welfare superintendent, and Dick Bradley, president of the Waynesville Lions Club, hold the checks Brown had given a few minutes before on behalf of the Elks. The donations to these two organizations also were for the aid of needy families at Christmas. The three checks totalled \$300. Looking on are Spaldon Underwood, and Felix Stovall (extreme right), members of the Elks Lodge committee. (A Mountaineer Photo by Ingram's Studio.)

Each of Welfare's 43 Families Given Needs

Local Elks Give \$300 For Needy Families

The Waynesville Elks Lodge this week made certain that quite a few Haywood county families would have a Merry Christmas.

George A. Brown, Jr., chairman of the Elks' Christmas Fund committee, presented to representatives of three organizations checks totalling \$300.

The presentation was made in behalf of the Lodge.

Receiving the gifts for their organizations were Lt. Florence Wall of the Salvation Army units serving the Haywood area; Mrs. Sam Queen, county superintendent of public welfare; and Richard Bradley, president of the Waynesville Lions club.

Brown said the funds were given to aid needy families at Christmas time.

Serving with Brown on the Elks' committee are Felix Stovall, Spaldon Underwood and Charles D. Ketter.

Decorations for the Christmas contest winners are named.

Winners were announced this morning in the Christmas decoration contest, sponsored by the Richmond Garden Club and cash prizes were awarded for first place in three classifications.

For the best home window decoration, Mrs. Willie Cochran, Richmond Street, won first place and Mrs. Charlotte McLaughlin, Smithers Street, won honorable mention.

For the best commercial window, Tuts won first place and the Waynesville Laundry received honorable mention.

First place for the best outdoor decoration went to Mrs. Jonathan Woods and honorable mention was given to Mrs. Clyde Ray, Jr.

By BILL LINDAU

The people of Haywood county opened their hearts to their neighbors again.

About this time last month, 43 families didn't have much of a Christmas to look forward to.

But today they all are certain of a happy one.

Members of the County Welfare Department this morning started Christmas shopping for the last of the 43 families The Mountaineer listed only ten days ago.

It was Mrs. Sam Queen, the county welfare superintendent, who reported that all the families had been taken care of.

Chicken Dinner Set For County 'Guests' Sunday

Santa Claus won't forget the folks in the Haywood county jail.

Sheriff R. V. Welch said today the Christmas guests can look forward to the sort of dinner that is suitable to Christmas—chicken and dumplings, sweet potatoes, rice and gravy, corn bread and loaf bread and coffee.

Jailer Bill Plemons said that right now there are 11 prisoners occupying rooms in the county hotel.

She thanked The Mountaineer for its efforts on behalf of these needy people, and expressed her deepest appreciation and that of her co-workers to the people of the county for their generous hearts.

"This," she said, "is the Christmas spirit in its finest sense."

Many of the people had contributed baskets of gifts, and many others gave cash so the welfare workers could buy baskets of gifts for the families.

Once more Haywood county citizens celebrated the birthday of the Man who preached the Golden Rule by putting the Golden Rule to work.

State Highway Patrolman Hal Dayton reported the victim, Phil L. Sherrill of Canton, Route 2, a Brevard College Freshman and Eagle Scout, died of head injuries at 4 a.m. yesterday morning at Haywood County Hospital here.

He said the driver of the truck, whom he identified as William D. Stamey, about 20, also of Canton, Route 2, is under a charge of manslaughter. Stamey suffered minor cuts and bruises in the wreck.

Dayton said the 1939 pickup truck, travelling south, left the highway after it went out of control while rounding the sharp curve just above the church, travelled down the shoulder of the highway, then turned over, the cab crashing on top of a huge, dead stump by the East Fork of the Pigeon River.

The front end of the truck was demolished, and the passenger's side of the cab where Sherrill was riding was badly buckled by the impact.

The officer said the accident happened at 3:30 p.m. (See Bethel Boy—Page 6)

The publishers of The Mountaineer received their biggest Christmas present from members of the staff this morning.

When the publishers came to work, they found a large box filled with beautifully wrapped packages, of all sizes.

On top of the box was a neat card, saying that all the contents of the box was a complete Christmas dinner for a family of six, and suitable gifts for a mother and five children. The staff had decided that instead of

giving the publishers a gift direct, that they would take one of the 43 needy families listed by the Welfare Department to help. The money that would have gone into the gift for the publishers was spent helping this needy family.

The publishers feel that this was the best gift that the staff could have given them—especially in view of the fact that The Mountaineer has been so interested in working with the Welfare Department in seeing that

the people of Haywood county opened their hearts to their neighbors again.

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Varied Programs Marking Holiday Season In County

Youth Pays \$10 For Shooting Fireworks Here

It is against the law to shoot fireworks.

One teen-age boy realized that now to the extent of a \$10 fine.

Police arrested the youth for shooting fireworks, and in police court he entered a plea of guilty, and was fined \$10.

Police are investigating further to determine where the fireworks were bought, as they pointed out this too, is a violation of the law in Haywood.

Promotions Given Three By The Bank

Three promotions were made Monday by the board of directors of the First National Bank.

J. H. Way, Jr., was named executive vice president, James T. Noland was promoted from cashier to vice president, and Joe S. Davis was promoted from assistant cashier to cashier.

The board also declared the semi-annual dividend and granted each employee a bonus.

J. E. Massie, chairman of the board, said that the last six months for the bank had been one of the best in the history of the institution.

The board ordered \$25,000 from undivided profits added to the surplus account, which now makes it one of the largest of any bank in this area.

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Re-Elected



JAMES L. KILPATRICK was re-elected president of the Chamber of Commerce here Tuesday, as the board of directors met to formulate plans for the coming year.

Kilpatrick Re-Elected President Civic Body

James L. Kilpatrick was re-elected president of the Chamber of Commerce by the board of directors here Tuesday afternoon. John J. Cuddeback was also re-elected treasurer.

George "Mo" Kimball was named as first vice president, with Dave Felmet as second vice president, and W. H. Prevost third.

The directors instructed the executive committee to employ a secretary, to replace Mrs. Frank Knutti, who resigned several weeks ago in order to join her husband in Orangeburg. The executive committee is composed of the president, all three vice presidents, and the treasurer.

The board also ordered all bills of the organization paid to date, which leaves a "starting" balance for the new year, the treasurer reported.

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Just about everything but the Christmas spirit will be at a standstill this weekend.

Stores will be closed after business hours Christmas Eve and won't reopen until Tuesday morning.

The banks will be closed all day Monday and Tuesday, and private business offices also will be shut down all day Monday.

All offices in the Court House except the sheriff's office and the jail will close at noon tomorrow and will stay closed until Tuesday morning.

The Haywood County Library will close at 5 p.m. tomorrow and remain closed until Wednesday morning.

The District Health Office here and in Canton also will close tomorrow and won't reopen until Tuesday morning.

To take care of last-minute gift mailing, the Waynesville Post Office will keep all its departments open until 6 p.m. Saturday.

Most of the school children of the county and their teachers put their books away at noon yesterday, and have a long holiday that won't end until the school bells start ringing again January 5 at the usual time.

But all through this week, schools and churches throughout the county were paying tribute to the Christmas spirit with plays, pageants, and special services.

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The Mountaineer Will Not Have A Paper On Monday

The Mountaineer will not be published Monday.

The staff of this newspaper will observe Monday as a holiday, coming back to work Tuesday morning, and publishing just one paper next week.

It is the only time of the year that the usual two editions are not published twice a week—every Monday and Thursday.

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