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Protest Halts 2 School Projects

Prediction 9,000 Votes Will Be Cast

New Men To Be Picked For 5 Major County Offices

Haywood County voters tomorrow will select a new sheriff, superior court clerk, register of deeds, state senator, state representative, and chairman of the board of county commissioners, among other officers tomorrow.

Regardless of the results, there will be new men in those major positions.

They will also decide on a number of other offices: two places on the board of commissioners; three on the county board of education; the county tax collector, district solicitor, and township officers.

The polls will open at 6:30 a. m. tomorrow in the 28 precincts and close at 6:30 p. m.

The Democrats face Republican opposition for seven of the major posts.

The county will have a new sheriff by Wednesday morning for the first time in 14 years.

Democratic Nominee Fred Y. Campbell of Hazelwood and Republican Claude V. Thompson are running for the post of retiring Sheriff Bob Welch, who did not run for re-nomination in the summer primary.

C. H. Leatherwood is stepping down from the superior court clerk's post which he has held for the last 10½ years.

J. B. Siler, newcomer to the political scene, who defeated him in the first primary, is unopposed tomorrow.

George A. Brown, Jr., chairman of the board of county commissioners (See Election—Page 6)

Haywood Democratic Candidates Gather Around Congressman At Rally



At the Democratic Rally Saturday afternoon, a group of candidates held a brief session with Rep. Monroe M. Redden, principal speaker, at the court house, and then at Bethel that night. Shown here, left to right: J. B. Siler, candidate for clerk of court; Sebe Bryson, candidate for tax collector; Fred Campbell, candidate for sheriff; Rep. Redden, Charles B. McCrary, chairman of Democratic Executive Committee; Jule Noland, candidate for Register of Deeds; C. E. Brown, secretary to Mr. Redden; and Charles C. Francis, candidate for chairman of board. Other candidates had slipped away before the picture was made. (Staff Photo)

Rep. Redden Heard In 2 Democrat Rallies

Rep. Monroe M. Redden told two Haywood audiences on Saturday of the achievements of the Democratic party, in rallies at the court house, and at Bethel school, Senator Clyde R. Hoey, scheduled to come here, advised at the last minute he was unable to get here for the meetings.

He cited the congressional record of the 80th Congress as compared with the 81st, and the advantages which had been afforded the 'common man' by the Democratic party.

Charles C. Francis, candidate for chairman of the board, introduced Mr. Redden at the court house rally, and Charles B. McCrary, chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee presented the speaker at Bethel.

Mr. Redden said he was delighted with the enthusiasm he had found among the Democrats of Haywood. "This is typical of the manner in which you go about getting things done in this county," he said.

Home Clubs Make Final Plans For Achievement Day

Members of Haywood County's twenty-four Home Demonstration Clubs are busy this week with final preparations for their annual Achievement Day which will be observed Thursday, November 9, in the Hazelwood Elementary School.

An exhibition of work of the individual members will be featured during the afternoon in the school gymnasium. This will be open to the public from 1 until 4 p. m. and will include displays of canned food, baked food, clothing, house furnishings, and crafts.

At 7 o'clock in the evening the annual Achievement Day dinner and program will be held in the school cafeteria.

The Rev. Broadus E. Wall, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will be the guest speaker and special music will be presented by Charles Isley, director of music of the Waynesville High School.

Mrs. Paul Hyatt, president of the Haywood County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs, will be in charge of the program and reports will be given by Mrs. Frances Williams, secretary of the Council.

Awards will be presented by Miss Mary Cornwell to the clubs showing the best records of achievement, membership, and attendance and to the winners in the county-wide living room contest.

County Offices, Schools, Banks To Be Closed

Election day will be a holiday for Haywood County's school children, bank employees, and county government workers.

The First National Bank of Waynesville, State Bank of Hazelwood, the district schools, and the county offices—except the sheriff's department—will be closed all day.

The post offices will be open for business as usual, however.

The County Health Department, which will be closed tomorrow, also will be closed four more days in other parts of this month.

It will be closed November 10 because of a district health meeting at Statesville; November 13 in observance of Armistice Day; and November 23 and 24 for Thanksgiving.

Correction

The Waynesville District Methodist Missionary Rally will be held November 27 instead of today.

A Mountaineer report last Thursday said the rally, with Bishop Paul N. Garber of Geneva as principal speaker, would be held Monday.

This was an error. The report should have read that the rally will be held Monday, November 27.

The date had been omitted in the news account.

Tobacco Festival Committees To Meet Thursday

The general committee for the fourth annual Haywood County Tobacco Harvest Festival will meet Thursday with the special committees in the directors' room of the First National Bank.

The series of sessions, each about ten minutes long, will start at 2 p. m. with the general committee meeting with J. W. Ray's finance committee.

State Calls For Re-Study Of School Needs Here

State school officials today halted the \$345,000 school building program in Haywood, until a re-study can be made. The halt came as the result of protests filed by a group of Haywood citizens, according to Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, state superintendent of public instruction.

The stoppage came just as the Haywood Board of Education was preparing to advertise for bids on two projects—at Bethel and Waynesville.

Jack Messer, county superintendent, said the Bethel project was entirely an expansion of the elementary unit, and estimates were it would cost \$175,000. The Waynesville project is entirely high school, with the cost estimated at \$170,000.

"Blue prints, and specifications are all ready, and everything was prepared by the State Board, and approved," Mr. Messer said.

A check through the State Board revealed that Hershel Harkins, Asheville attorney, was representing the group of citizens entering the protest.

Mr. Harkins told The Mountaineer this morning that the basis of the protest was "That the student census was misleading." He said he had had several conferences with Haywood citizens, headed by Mrs. Wallace Ward.

The two Haywood projects were recommended by a State School Survey committee more than a year ago. The plans and specifications were prepared, and the funds for the two proposed buildings (See Schools—Page 6)

New Agent



G. C. DOBBINS is the new assistant county agent here. He was working as assistant agent in Buncombe County at the time of his appointment to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Joe Cline.

Dobbins Named Asst. County Agent

G. C. Dobbins started work this morning as Haywood County's new assistant farm agent.

He succeeds Joe Cline, who resigned to accept a position with L. and B. Hardware in Hazelwood. County Agent Wayne Corpening and George A. Brown, Jr., chairman of the board of county commissioners, made a joint announcement this week.

Mr. Dobbins, a native of Dodson, in Surry County, came here from neighboring Buncombe County where he had served as assistant agent for 19 months.

After two years of service with the Air Corps, he graduated from N. C. State College in March 1949 and joined the Extension Service immediately after getting his degree.

He will be in charge of the work of the 22 Haywood County 4-H Clubs.

Mr. Dobbins, his wife, and their two-year-old son plan to move here the first of this week.

White Oak Receives Bldg. Deed

Saturday was a red letter day for the citizens of White Oak, as they received the deed for the building which they have converted into a community center. The building was formerly used as a Presbyterian church. The citizens have spent considerable money in renovating the property for their community center.

The deed was given the community by Rev. M. R. Williamson, of Waynesville, stated clerk of the Asheville Presbytery, and the deed was made by the trustees to the trustees of the community center—George Boring, Rowe W. Ledford and Brownlowe C. Messer.

The building, and three-fourths of an acre of land are included in the deed. (See White Oak—Page 6)

TOM LEE AT MOORE GENERAL

Tom Lee was described this morning as getting along fine at Moore General Hospital where he has been a patient since suffering a heart attack last week.

Highway Record For 1950 In Haywood (To Date) Injured . . . 29 Killed . . . 6 (This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol)

No Signing Of Ballots At Polls

The pictures of the ballots as published on Thursday had a line under instructions for signing the voter's name—this was because an absentee ballot was used for photographing.

Persons going to the polls Tuesday will not have to sign their names any more than heretofore. Only persons voting on absentee ballot will have to sign their ballots.

The board of elections had all the regular ballots counted and sealed. And rather than break a package, it was decided to photograph the absentee ballot, and the one line of instructions was overlooked. "Don't worry—you will not have to sign your name to your ballot, unless it is an absentee."

MAX ROGERS IMPROVING

Max Rogers, of Rogers Electric Company, who is a patient in the Haywood County Hospital, was reported in good condition this morning.

Lt. Blalock Keeps Cool Head; And Wins Over Death

Lt. Tom "Bud" Blalock, as an aviator, and all-star athlete, learned long ago never to give up a fight, and he is alive today just because he refused to give up.

Before dawn, on September 8th, Lt. Blalock found himself wounded, and bleeding in the cold 100-foot waters of the China Sea. He was three miles from shore; his plane gone to the bottom; and the gasoline and oil burning furiously on the surface of the sea.

As if all this were not enough, he soon found his life preserver had a leak.

For more than an hour, he carefully saved every ounce of energy, and kept blowing up his life preserver. Shortly after daylight, he saw a rescue plane hover near his only two surviving companions. Then just before the plane turned away, he opened his tube of dye marker to set up a huge yellow circle on the water. Within a few minutes a boat was coming towards him, and from then on it was a series of stays in hospitals, and undergoing treatment.

Lt. Blalock, together with wife (See Lt. Blalock—Page 6)

1950 Census Reveals Large Increase Here In Dwellings

Further evidence of the fact that the post-war years have brought a steady increase of dwelling occupancy is reflected in preliminary results of the 1950 census of housing recently taken in Haywood County and just announced by the Atlanta regional office of the U. S. Department of Commerce.

The Census, taken by the Commerce Department's Bureau of the Census, reveals that both in the county as a whole as well as in Waynesville, an increase is shown in the number of dwelling places recorded in 1950 as compared with 1940.

The figures showed that in Haywood County the number of dwelling places in 1950 was 10,671, an increase over the 8,142 listed in 1940, and in Waynesville a gain of from 782 in 1940 to 1,618 in 1950 took place.

The number of dwelling places recorded for Waynesville and Haywood County this year represented an average of 8.3 and 3.5 persons

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Lt. "BUD" BLALOCK had a close call with death while fighting in Korea.



George Boring, left, is shown accepting the deed for the White Oak Community building, from Rev. M. R. Williamson, state clerk of the Asheville Presbytery. The official transfer of title was made Saturday night. (Staff Photo)

Sidelights Of The News

Flow of business mail to mountaineer office last week... letter from Charlotte... letter was a little metal reminder of something cony bigger than the routine business.

Side of the coin was a on from Scripture, and on the Lord's Prayer, aluminum piece, about the half dollar, is one of the tokens distributed by S. H. an executive of the Belk chain whose headquarters Charlotte.

Scott for years has practiced hobby of mailing to business regular intervals these re of the Biggest Business in lives.

Kitty

out an extra bowl of milk for today. add a dash of cream. Fido and small boys keep distance a little more distant, this is National Cat Week. American Feline Society has this week as a period in



we pay our respects more to our furry four-foot-

generations, the American been a source of constant comfort in a quiet sort of millions of homes.

quiet, constant, loyal com for generations he has suff in silence and humility our own fits of pulling and tug-

ing only to ra square meal a bowl of milk at the cocktail a warm place to lay his body.

now, as we enter National week, the Society asks that we her kitty more often than daily do.

him an extra pat on the

move into places which big enough to swing a cat in.

In There Pitching

ther Baldwin, often called the of White Oak, visited the eratic headquarters on Fri- to "let the boys know he was pitching."

88-year-old man, was as act- a man of 55, and when some- asked his age, he chuckled and "I'm lots older than I am

has a keen memory and ented the group with stories of fought political battles of past.

Chance In Many

st Friday some football fans the eastern part of the state ate to Knoxville stopped for at The Towne House. After party left, it was discovered had left a bunch of keys. The very was made too late to the party, so the keys were in a safe until by chance the returned.

nday the same party returned e back home, and just men- ed having lost some keys, and inconvenience caused by the They felt the keys had been on the road.

hen they were handed the keys almost fainted. They never ed to see them again.

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azelwood Police Chief Oast- utton knows exactly what peo- mean when people say other (See Sidelights—Page 6)

The Weather

| Day | Max. | Min. | Rainfall |
|-----|------|------|----------|
| 2 | 75 | 41 | |
| 3 | 69 | 42 | .15 |
| 4 | 62 | 35 | .60 |
| 5 | 45 | 32 | |

SHOW YOU ARE GLAD TO BE AN AMERICAN — VOTE NOV. 7th