

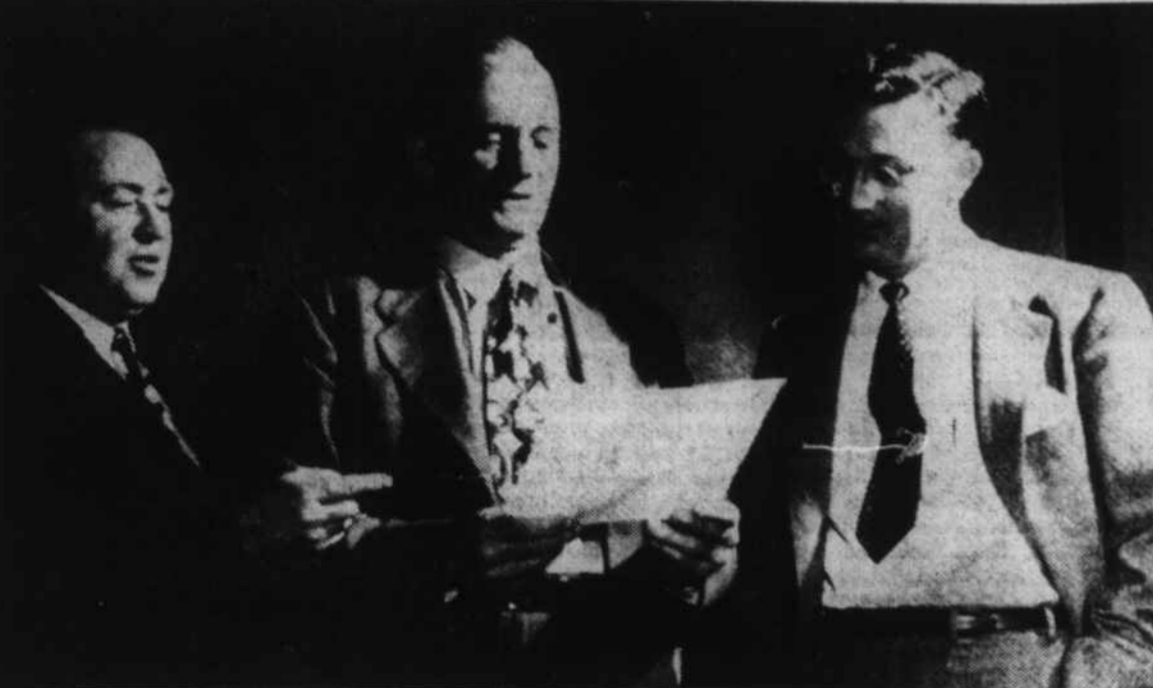


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TODAY'S SMILE
When your work speaks for itself, don't interrupt.

Officials At Commissioners Meeting



Prior to the annual District Commissioners meeting held at the courthouse Wednesday, three officials looked over some of the topics for discussion. From left are Jennings Bryson, chairman of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners; C. C. Francis, chairman of the Haywood County Board; and John Alexander McMahon, from the Institute of Government at Chapel Hill. (Mountaineer Photo.)

Democrats To Discuss Plan To Extend State Senate Term Two Years

Members of the Democratic executive committee of Haywood county will meet here tomorrow to discuss a proposal to alternate State Senators with Henderson county on a two-term basis instead of the present one-term system.

Charles B. McCrary of Fines Creek, chairman of the committee, invited all other interested Democrats to attend the meeting which is to be held in the court house.

The underlying reason for the proposal is to enable a senator to gain seniority in the upper branch of the General Assembly. As it now stands, the senator goes down each time as a freshman and rarely has opportunity to get a key post in any of the senate committees.

Under the proposal the two counties would alternate each four years in nominating the senator rather than each two years, as under the present system.

Mr. McCrary said that the committee would attempt to arrange a plan with Henderson whereby the senator would stay in Raleigh throughout the term of the governor. Senator William H. Hodges of Henderson is present Senator and would stay in Raleigh during the term of Governor Umstead.

Henderson leaders have suggested that Haywood nominate the senator for the next two terms. The suggesting is meeting with little favor here because it would mean that a senator would stay in Raleigh during the administrations of two governors.

The present agreement between Haywood and Henderson calls for each county to nominate the senator on an alternating two-year basis. The other counties in the district — Transylvania, Polk and Jackson—rotate every three years in nominating the other senator from this district.

Four days after the building contracts were awarded, work was started on the site of the new Central Elementary School building.

A heavy bulldozer commenced work Tuesday leveling the ground in preparation for foundation work. The grading will be completed this week-end.

The contracts were awarded last Friday. William B. Dillard was given the general construction contract as low bidder of \$198,600. The building is being built at Haywood Street and Daisy Avenue.

Tax Equalization Board To Begin Hearings Monday

The first hearing will be Monday, April sixth, when the taxpayers of Ivy Hill, Jonathan Creek, White Oak and Cataloochee will be heard.

On Tuesday, April 7, the hearings will be for Fines Creek, Crabtree and Iron Duff townships. Wednesday, April 8, the citizens of Pigeon, East Fork, Clyde and Cecil will be heard.

Then the board will visit the premises of those registering complaints, and make necessary adjustments.

Schools Are Discussed By Commissioners

A discussion of public schools occupied most of the session here Wednesday of the annual District Commissioners meeting.

Twenty commissioners from 11 western North Carolina counties were present. John Alexander McMahon, assistant director of the Institute of Government at Chapel Hill was in charge.

The annual Commissioners meeting is held in a different county each year. This was the first time Haywood County had served as host.

The meeting was occupied generally with budgets and the powers and duties of commissioners presented in a review by Mr. McMahon. In addition, rural fire protection and county homes were discussed.

Starting at 10 a. m., the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p. m.

Bird Killers Are Violating Law; To Be Prosecuted

Waynesville is an official bird sanctuary and as such has laws prohibiting the killing of birds, with but few exceptions.

J. B. Akin, state wildlife protector, said today that several complaints had been made by citizens to the effect that some boys had been killing birds. "Songbirds are protected all over the state by laws passed by the State Legislature," Akin said, "and people who are caught violating that law will be prosecuted."

Several birds are not protected. Among them are sparrows, jays, Coopers hawks, great horned owl, sharp shinned hawks, crows, starlings, and buzzards and their nests and eggs.

Akin also reminded the violators that biologists have stated that it would be practically impossible to raise crops without birds.

Editorial Used To Urge Passing Of Cherokee Bill

An editorial in a recent issue of The Mountaineer is being used to help secure passage of a bill in the State Legislature that will cancel a State loan of \$25,000 for the construction of the Cherokee Indian village.

The editorial, "A Big Bargain for the State," appeared in the March 30 issue. Tuesday a request was received from Harry Buchanan, president of the Cherokee Historical Association, for 35 copies of the editorial to be sent to Raleigh. The request stipulated that the papers must arrive in House member hands by noon Wednesday.

Accordingly, the papers were sent by express bus at 8 p. m. Tuesday and arrived at 6 a. m. at the capital city.

Haywood Officials Rebuke Legislature For Secrecy Law

Four Sunrise Services Scheduled For Sunday In This Area; Churches Plan Special Programs For Easter

MYF To Hold Sunrise Service At Junaluska

The annual Easter sunrise service conducted by the Methodist Youth Fellowship of Haywood County will be held at the Cross overlooking Lake Junaluska Sunday at 6:30 a. m.

The program will include a play presented by members of the MYF of the Waynesville church. The cast will include Linda Sloan, Betty Jo Shope, Patsy Jones, Barbara Jones, Rita Kitchen, Sara Boone, and Terrell Teague. Music will be by a choir composed of the intermediate MYF of the same church, directed by Stanford Massie.

Jeff Reece is serving as stage manager and electrician and the Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Yountz are directing the play.

Charles Mainous of Canton, sub-district president, will preside during the opening devotional, which will be given by members of the MYF from Clyde, Maggie, and Crabtree Churches.

Special musical numbers will be presented by a brass ensemble from Canton composed of Bill Morgan, Harry Fincher, Jimmy McElrath, Bill Anderson, Frank Medford, Jerry Warren, and Bruce Bottoms.

Those attending the service have been asked to assemble on the hillside, leaving the driveway open for traffic and the space beneath the cross for those who will present the program.

Canton Churches Plan Many Easter Programs

Special Easter services have also been announced for all the churches in the area.

The choir of the Canton Presbyterian Church will present a new Easter cantata, "The Empty Tomb," Sunday evening at 7:30 in the church. Ushers will provide the audience with librettos so that the program may be more easily followed.

Paul McElroy Is Promoted To Captain

Paul McElroy, Jr., has been promoted to the rank of Captain in the U. S. Air Force, according to news received here today.

Captain McElroy was recalled to duty in August, 1951 and has been stationed since that time at Hickman Field, Honolulu. He is serving with the Military Air Transport Command as an instructor in navigation.

With him in Honolulu are his wife, the former Miss Doris Colkitt of Waynesville, and their two small daughters, Rebecca and Susan.

Capt. McElroy served in the Army Air Corps during World War II and was stationed in England.

List Of All 1953 C. of C. Members Will Be Published

The Chamber of Commerce plans to publish soon the complete list of firms and individuals who have 1953 memberships.

According to Miss Edith Chambers, secretary, the list will be compiled as of noon April 11, and published on Monday.

Funeral Held



O. H. Shelton Dies Following Short Illness; Was 74

Oliver H. Shelton, well known former postal employee, was buried here Wednesday afternoon.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon in the First Methodist Church with the pastor, the Rev. J. E. Yountz, officiating. Interment was in Green Hill Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were L. N. (See Shelton—Page 6)

Welfare Office Moved Tuesday To New Quarters

The Haywood County Welfare Department has a new home.

On Tuesday the office personnel and equipment was moved from the Stringfield Building, where it had occupied space on the second floor since 1937, to offices above the REA office in the Noland Building.

In order that the public can see the new office, the Welfare Department will hold an open house at a date to be announced later.

N. C. Press Deplores Secret Sessions Law

RALEIGH — Directors of the North Carolina Press Association, following a called meeting here yesterday to plan its protest moves in connection with the hurriedly-enacted secrecy law, issued the following statement:

"We deplore the action of the North Carolina General Assembly in legalizing secret sessions of its joint appropriations committee and sub-committees.

"We have given careful, earnest, calm study to all of the available facts and considerations involved. Our organization represents some 200 newspapers. Moreover, it appears that every newspaper in North Carolina, with a few exceptions, each speaking for itself, is of the same mind as all of the others on this issue.

"But in what we say here, we speak as citizens—a group of citizens whose profession daily reminds its members of the importance, in a democracy, of the free flow of information. "And let us make it clear that (See Press—Page 6)

Sunrise Services To Attract Many People

Cherokee 6:10 a. m. Soco Gap (meet at Free Methodist Church at 6 a. m.) Lake Junaluska 6:30 a. m. Green Hill Cemetery 6:30 a. m.

Four Sunrise Services have been scheduled in this area as hundreds of church-goers planned special observances of Easter.

Pre-Easter union services, which started Wednesday night at the Waynesville Presbyterian Church, have been attracting many people. Rev. J. E. Yountz, pastor of the Waynesville Methodist Church, spoke at the opening pre-Easter service.

Tonight the services will be held at the Methodist Church and Rev. Malcolm Williamson, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, will speak.

Friday night the services will be held in the Baptist Church. Charles Isley will direct the combined choirs of all the churches in special Easter music.

Many other Easter programs, ranging from Sunrise services to Easter egg hunts, have been scheduled throughout the county. Sunrise services are scheduled to be held at Lake Junaluska at 6:30 Sunday morning by the sub-district Methodist Youth Fellowship. The program will consist of an Easter play given by members of the youth (See Easter—Page 6)

Bill Introduced For School Job In The County

RALEIGH — Joe H. Palmer, a member of the House, introduced Tuesday a bill that would permit the Haywood County Board of Education to create a job of superintendent of buildings and grounds.

The bill would set the top salary of the superintendent at \$200 monthly plus not more than \$50 traveling expenses each month.

Appointment of a member of the board of education to the post would be permitted, but he would receive only the salary of the office and not the per diem or expenses allowed for board members.

The bill was referred to the education committee.

Hazelwood Puts On Dog Catcher

The town of Hazelwood has a full-time dog catcher on duty, it was announced today by Mayor Lawrence Davis.

Mark Smith has been named to the post, and has been instructed by officials to catch and impound all dogs on the streets that are without a 1953 town tag or an inoculation tag.

A charge of one dollar will be made for each dog caught, and more if the animal is kept overnight.

Local Officials Will Continue 'Open Door' Plan

The doors to rooms where official meetings are held were propped open even wider this week by Haywood Boards, in a direct rebuke of the "secrecy policy" of the General Assembly.

Haywood Boards have followed the "open door" policy for a long time, and this week, on the heels of action in the halls of the Legislature of closing doors of some committees to the public, the Haywood officials made it even clearer that they wanted the public to know that they did not approve of the action in Raleigh.

C. C. Francis, chairman of the county commissioners, event went to the trouble of being sure the press and public could attend a joint meeting of the commissioners, school board and school building advisory commission before definitely setting the time of the meeting.

"We believe in the 'open door' policy for more reasons than one. In the first place, we are carrying on the work of the public. They are the ones paying the bills, and they should know what is going on. In the second place we find it is only good business to let the people you are working for know just what you are doing, and why," Mr. Francis said.

His statements brought a nod of approval from J. W. Killian, chairman of the board of education.

The board of commissioners recently refused to draw a jury for a criminal term of court until some spectators had been brought into their room to watch the proceedings.

Chairman Francis was quick to explain to the publishers of The Mountaineer, when renewing an invitation to attend the meetings, that "at times we may not make a scratch of news for you, but anyway, whatever we do is an open book for the public. Sometimes the meetings are dry, and just routine. We have no control over that, but the door is always open."

Rep. Palmer Votes For Secrecy Plan

RALEIGH—Among the members of the House voting for the Secret Meeting law when official business was being enacted was Representative Joe Palmer, of Haywood County.

Highway Record For 1953 In Haywood (To Date) Injured . . . 17 Killed . . . 0

(This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol.)