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TODAY'S SMILE

It's easy to keep a stiff
upper lip if you smile. Try
it!

Rogers To Succeed Swift As Prison Superintendent

Capt. W. F. Swift
To Retire After
21 Years Service

Jerry Rogers has been named superintendent of the State Prison Camp, at Hazelwood, succeeding Capt. W. F. Swift, who is retiring after 21 years of service in that capacity.

William Bailey, director of State Prisons, told The Mountaineer from Raleigh, that Mr. Rogers would assume the post just as soon as "he got through in the General Assembly."

The date was originally set for May 15th, with the understanding that the appointment would not interfere with Mr. Rogers' duties in the Legislature.

Capt. Swift, on sick leave since April, will be 65 in September, and has been granted a sick leave until that time, due to the extra time he has accumulated under state regulations.

Dock Suderth, of Murphy, is acting as superintendent until Mr. Rogers formally takes charge, it was announced.

Director Bailey said: "We know we are getting a good man in Mr. Rogers. He has had experience in law enforcement work, and we feel fortunate in having a man like him to join the Prison Department. We hate to see Capt. Swift leave, but he requested it because of his health, and the fact that he is nearing the retirement age. He has worked hard, and faithfully as superintendent for these 21 years."

Capt. Swift became superintendent in April 1934 of the 75-man camp. The camp was built in 1932, and was first set up as a short term camp for whites, with the late Sheriff J. F. Cabe as superintendent. In March 1934 it was changed to a camp for colored felons and has remained that ever since.

There is one man still in the camp that went there in 1934, Capt. Swift said, and another who served a term, got out, and in a short time was right back, and has been in prison since 1935.

There have been about 1,000 prisoners in the camp during the 21 years Capt. Swift served as superintendent.

The camp has 13 guards, sergeant of the guard, assistant superintendent and superintendent.

Rogers has served on the police forces of all four Haywood towns. For the past two years he has served as attendance officer for the Haywood county Board of Education, getting a leave of absence last January to go to the General Assembly as Haywood's representative.

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Rep. Rogers learned after introducing the bill, that a ruling had been made in 1945 on a similar matter by the attorney general's office, and because of that, decided with Senator William Medford against pushing the Haywood bill into a law.

The Haywood board's next scheduled meeting is Monday, June 6th, and there is a possibility that the matter will be discussed at that time.

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Saunook 4-H Club
To Give Play Friday

The Saunook 4-H Club will present a play entitled "The Beginning of a 4-H Club" at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Saunook School.

The proceeds will be used to defray the expenses of a club member who will represent Saunook on the Exchange Club's trip to Weld County, Colorado in June.

The play will be under the direction of Miss Phyllis Hartman.

MEET TUESDAY
Scouts will meet at
Tuesday at Central
School, according to
Furman Robertson.

WEEKLY
Diplomas will be awarded to 146 seniors at Waynesville Township High School at commencement exercises at 8 p.m. tonight in the WTHS auditorium.

Tonight will mark the fifth in a series of county graduation programs. Tuesday night, 26 seniors at Crabtree-Iron Duff High School were graduated. Last night, 57 received diplomas at Bethel, 33 at Clyde, and 17 at Fines Creek.

Still to come are Reynolds' graduation Friday night, Canton High's next Wednesday, and St. John's of Waynesville June 5.

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