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## Haywood Has More Than 3 Inches Of Rain Over Week-End; Roads Suffer

### Crabtree School Affected By Bad Roads In That Area; Creeks Out of Banks

Haywood County had a rainfall of more than three inches on Saturday night and Sunday, sending creeks out of banks, and making bad conditions on country roads even worse. The official rainfall as recorded at the State Test Farm was 3.09 inches.

Numerous basements throughout the country were flooded, including business houses and schools. All available electric water pumps were pressed into service, and the hand pumps of the fire department were kept busy as home owners and business men drained surplus water from basements.

Park officials fear that the fish in Big Creek were swept away by the highest water in the history according to residents in that area. The creek went out of its banks, and the swift waters carried everything that was loose down stream. One ranger here Tuesday said it was his opinion after watching the raging waters of the creek, that practically all fish had been swept away. Representatives of the wildlife division of the Department of Conservation and Development were due here this week-end to check the creek. The official rainfall recorded at Waterville was 3.02 inches. The Mountaineer learned yesterday.

Another famous creek for fishing in the Park, Cataloochee Creek, stayed within its banks, and park rangers were of the opinion that fish in the creek were not bothered by the high water.

More than 200 school children of the Crabtree school were unable to get to the school Monday due to road conditions. Water of the creek spread out over a wide area. The creek was back in its banks Monday afternoon.

Pigeon River stayed within its banks all during the flood period. While there was an extra volume of water, the power plant at Waterville opened five flood gates, and controlled the situation without any damage. The manager there yesterday told this newspaper, "It looked bad for a while, but nothing like the flood of 1940."

Numerous slides were reported on many roads. However, no road was completely blocked at any time. One way traffic was maintained on some sections. The railroad suffered from some slides west of here, and delayed train service on Sunday and slowed down schedules Monday.

Hundreds of motorists on Sunday afternoon drove down to watch the high waters of Richland creek race through town, and on down to Lake Junaluska, where thousands of gallons per second tumbled over the dam to make a turbulent waterfall and flood the area below.

### American War Dads To Meet Here Feb. 23

Representatives of the Canton Chapter American War Dads will be in Waynesville on Saturday evening, February 23, to assist in organizing a chapter for the Waynesville area. A meeting will be held at the court house at 7 o'clock in the evening.

W. M. Cogdill, past president of the Canton chapter, and membership chairman, with members of the local chapter expect to attend the organization meeting. Miss Carmen Plott, who is employed at Oteen, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Plott.

## Women Prefer Registering For Nylons Than Taking Chance Of Hitting Sale

It is evident that Haywood women prefer the registration system for Nylon hose to the "take-a-chance" method of being on the spot when the hose are put on sale. Several weeks ago Belk-Hudson opened their register, and in a few days had over 500 applicants for Nylons.

Last week The Toggery received notice that a shipment of Nylons were soon to be shipped, so a register was opened at their hosiery counter. The announcement was made in The Mountaineer Thursday, and by noon Thursday, 201 names had been put on the

### Alden Howell, Sr., Will Be 105 Years Old On Feb. 18th

Captain Alden A. Howell, only surviving Haywood County Veteran of the War Between the States, will observe his 105th birthday anniversary on February 18, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Jack Johnston in Los Angeles, Calif., with whom he has lived for many years.

Captain Howell, who served in the Confederate Army from 1861 to 1865, was first a practicing attorney in Waynesville, but later turned his attention to banking.

He organized the first bank here in 1887, which was also the first on the Murphy Branch for many years. The institution was known as the Bank of Waynesville. It was merged with another bank in 1921, at which time, at the age of 80 years, Captain Howell retired from active business.

For more than fifty years he was the financial leader in this county and his ability and judgment were recognized and sought in all new developments.

### Ernest McCracken Back With USES Program In State

Lt. Ernest C. McCracken, USNR, who served for two and a half years as assistant district civilian personnel director of the Fourth Naval District, comprising Pennsylvania, Delaware, and the southern part of New Jersey, has been discharged and has assumed his former position as assistant State Director of the United States Employment Service for North Carolina. He was stationed in Bethlehem most of the time.

Lt. McCracken served as assistant State director of the USES for almost a year before he entered the service as an Ensign in August, 1943. Previously he had served as chief of the planning section of USES, field supervisor and as personnel training supervisor. He joined the Employment Service late in 1937 as interviewer at Waynesville, later at Marion and was assistant manager at Asheville and manager at Lenoir before his transfer to Raleigh late in 1940. Mr. McCracken spent the year 1942 in Washington as assistant regional representative for Region IV, during which he served for a few months as acting State director of the USES for West Virginia.

A native of Haywood county, Mr. McCracken is a B. S. graduate of Western Carolina Teachers College at Cullowhee. For four years he was teacher and principal of East Waynesville school. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McCracken at Lake Junaluska.

### Ingram To Open Studio On 21st

E. M. Ingram is announcing today the formal opening on Thursday, February 21st, of a commercial studio in the Masonic Temple, doing special commercial, portrait photography and finishing.

Mr. Ingram was in the photography field for several years before entering service. He has installed modern equipment to make his studio complete in every detail.

### THREE GENERATIONS OF ROYALTY



HERE IS A RARE PICTURE representing three generations of Britain's royal family—two queens and a princess at a piano recital in King's Lynn Town Hall. They are (l. to r.) the present Queen Elizabeth of England, Dowager Queen Mary and Princess Elizabeth. (International)

## Haywood Exceeds Polio Quota By Over \$1,200

### Weather Has Been Mild Past Week

The weather here for the past week has been mild, according to the official weather report, furnished this newspaper by the State Test Farm:

Date	Max	Min	Rain-fall
6	52	23	
7	59	25	
8	62	22	
9	56	40	.61
10	56	38	3.09
11	45	25	
12	57	19	

### J. C. McDarris Succeeds Bailey As FSA Head

Joseph C. McDarris, of Barnardsville, has assumed his duties as FSA supervisor for Haywood county. He succeeds J. Yates Bailey, who resigned from the local office of the Farm Security Administration in December and plans to enter business in Canton.

Mr. McDarris is a graduate of Berea College from which he holds a B. S. degree in agriculture in the class of 1938. He formerly taught vocational agriculture at Oakley high school in Buncombe county for one year. After this he was FSA supervisor for Transylvania county for three and one-half years. He was also employed for seven months with the State FSA office with the Farm Labor Program.

Mr. McDarris has recently been discharged from the U. S. Navy after 29 months of active duty.

The offices of the Haywood Farm Security Administration which have been located on the second floor of the court house back of the court room, have been moved to the third floor near the draft board office.

## Sales On Flour Brisk In Rural Areas Of Haywood

Haywood grocersmen felt the president's statement that he would curb the sale of wheat in order to feed starving Europe. Sales on flour jumped the next day, as many housewives bought an extra supply to tide them over the threatened shortage.

Rural families bought heavier, according to facts found by The Mountaineer in making a survey. Grocers stores in the country had heavier sales than the stores in town. Some would-be purchasers tried to get as much as a barrel, but were stopped when stores explained that flour would not keep long enough for them to use it up.

As a rule, the average housewife accustomed to shortages and rationing, just took the statement as another restriction, and did nothing about it. One housewife commented that long ago she learned to mix flour and meal in the right proportions, and her family had learned to enjoy the mixed breads.

Out of Washington came the statement that the gray bread Americans are going to start eating in a few months may look peculiar but it will be downright healthy. At least, that's the opinion of dietary experts who've been studying President Truman's wheat curb order, calling for 12 per cent more flour for every bushel of wheat. In order to meet the new requirements, millers will have to use some of the non-white ingredients ordinarily discarded, and that's just what is going to make the bread so healthy. Vitamin-conscious eaters will get more thiamin, niacin, iron and protein from the emergency bread. At present, most of these vitamins are ground out of the final wheat bread. Even though millers are referring to the new bread as gray bread, there will be a lot of people who won't be able to tell the difference from present day supplies. It is still about five months off before present flour supplies are used up and the new bread makes its debut at your grocers.

### Joe Sloan Is Named On City Police Force

Joe Sloan has been named to serve on the Waynesville city police force and assumed his duties on Saturday the 9th, according to Chief of Police Orville Noland.

Mr. Sloan was named to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Hub Ruff, who resigned in order to devote his entire time to the operation of his taxi business.

Mr. Sloan, recently discharged from the armed forces was employed by the Town of Waynesville at the time he volunteered in the army, and filled the position of superintendent of water.

Mr. Sloan, who left here in Sept., 1940, with the National Guard, served overseas for an extended period in the European theater. He held the rank of First Lieutenant and was attached to the Infantry.

### February Term Superior Court Adjourned 7th

The following judgments were handed down at the February term of Superior court here last week, which adjourned on Thursday afternoon, with Judge Zeb V. Nettles, of Asheville, presiding.

John Rogers, charged with bigamy, was sentenced to the common jail for 12 months. The sentence which was passed at the February term of criminal court in 1944 of 12 months had been suspended, but the defendant had violated the terms so it was put into effect at the current term.

Louise Clark, charged with violation of the prohibition laws, was given four years sentence suspended on three years if the defendant complied with the following: to be of good behavior; not to indulge in the use or possess any intoxicating liquors including wine and beer; not to violate any criminal laws of the state; that she cooperate with the officers of the towns of Canton and Waynesville; that she not allow Willis (Alias Lightning Davis) to hang around, loaf, or loiter either socially or otherwise around her home or place of business.

William McClure and Alfred Knight, charged with violation of the prohibition laws were given three years suspended sentence and fined \$50 each and the cost of the action.

Willard Blankenship, charged with violation of the prohibition laws was fined \$25 and the costs. Troy Cutshaw, charged with failure to comply with agreement to pay his wife a stated sum in the November, 1945 court, was ordered to make a deed to the home property and pay her \$30 per month.

In the case of Hazel Hampton, charged with attempt to intimidate a State's witness in the process of the court, the defendant was sentenced to 30 days in county jail, with ten to be put into effect, and the 20 days suspended for 12 months on condition that she be of good behavior and stop loitering on the streets of Waynesville.

Bessie Taylor, charged with bigamy, having been married to John Rogers while she still had a husband, was given 12 months suspended sentence in jail for a period of three years, provided she be of good behavior.

Layman Rogers, charged with abandonment, was ordered to pay \$10 a week for the support of his two minor children and the costs of the action.

There was a mistrial in the case of Frank Parton, charged with bigamy and the case was continued.

Lewis Jones, charged with breaking and entering was sentenced to four years in State's prison with two years to be put into effect at once, and the remaining two years suspended for five years.

During the four days term of court there were in addition to the foregoing judgments, eight divorces granted and one marriage annulled.

### Five Men Make Up February Call Under Draft

Five Haywood county men from the Waynesville area left here on Tuesday in the February call under the selective service system. The quota called for ten, but the remaining five who qualified for service at this time had already volunteered.

In the group leaving for induction at Fort Bragg on Tuesday were the following: James Robert Wood, Leon Neal Sanford, Earl Jefferson, Paul Ledford and Edd Zeb West, the latter serving as leader.

The five who volunteered in the service and will enter various branches of the armed forces included Walter L. Lemping, Carol Douglas Smith, Joseph Blalock Compton, Clarence Conard and Charles Dove West.

## Haywood School Board Plan To Install Stokers In School Buildings Soon

### Masonic Master



S. E. CONNATSER, Worshipful Master of the Waynesville Masonic Lodge, was recently installed. Mr. Connatser, a former teacher in the Haywood county schools, is a prominent insurance agent in this section.

### Rotarians To Aid Youth Center By Monthly Donations

Members of the Rotary Club individually pledged to pay \$50 per month for the next 12 months for the continued operation of the youth center, operated on the second floor of the bank building.

The movement is being sponsored by the Woman's Club and different civic organizations of the community are being asked to give financial support to the operation of the club.

During the meeting Friday, reports were heard from committees of the club who headed up two community-wide drives recently. Jonathan Woody reported for the polo campaign, as chairman, and James E. Neal reported on the victory clothing drive. Both campaigns went above the county quotas.

### Welfare Report For January Is Announced

The month of January was a busy one with the Haywood county welfare department, according to the records revealed this week by Mrs. Sam L. Queen, county superintendent.

During the month old age assistance checks were issued to 520 recipients, and to dependent children was given to 103 families, with 259 children represented; aid to blind was given in checks to 27 recipients.

The records of the office show that there were 181 interviews and home visits relative to assistance and service cases.

The service case load to the individual children include: 7 labor certificates issued to minors, 2 children in state school for physically handicapped; 15 children in correctional institutions; 6 children in orphanages; 3 children free foster homes; 10 children in relative's homes; and 7 children in parent's homes.

Other services were 16 adult parole supervision; 6 family adjustment services; 1 vocational rehabilitation service; 1 adult mental services; 7 county home services; 1 medical and health care service; and 8 other services; 16 cases were screened for selective service board.

W. A. Bradley and Clayton Walker left here Monday for Florida, where they plan to spend a week fishing.

## Milk Bottle Shortage Here Termed Critical

"We are using many bottles twice a day in an effort to get milk to our customers," said R. B. Davenport, manager of Pet Dairy Products Company yesterday, in describing the critical shortage of bottles.

"The glass manufacturers have suffered from strikes, and as a result our normal shipments of bottles have stopped." "Unless housewives, and retail dealers of milk return empty bottles immediately, we are going to be forced to resort to measures which we are trying to avoid, and that is, only leave milk where we

### Better Heating Systems Are Part Of General Improvement Program Under Way

As part of a general improvement program, the county board of education plan to install stokers in Haywood schools just as soon as the large commercial type machines are available, it was announced this week.

The stokers, it was explained, would keep the school buildings at an even temperature, and save fuel over the present hand-fed methods.

Just when the first stokers can be expected is not known, but officials feel that some will be available by next school term.

The stokers can be installed to present heating plants without disrupting any of the present installations, it was pointed out.

Schools that have been included in the surveys for the stokers include: high school, junior high, Hazelwood, Lake Junaluska, Clyde, Crabtree, Fines Creek, Rock Hill, Cruso, Bethel, East Waynesville and Central Elementary.

### Annual Audit County Finances Shows Balance

An audit of the offices of Hugh Leatherwood, clerk of superior court of Haywood county, prepared by W. Bowen Henderson, certified public accountant, has been received by the Haywood county board of commissioners, according to George A. Brown, Jr., county manager.

The law requires that the clerk's office be audited each year from November 30 to November 30, it was pointed out by Mr. Brown.

The audit shows that the balance on hand on December 1, 1944 was \$28,857.74, and that during the following year the receipts were \$63,764.48 and that disbursements reached \$58,895.46, leaving at the close of the year, 1945, a balance on hand of \$33,626.76 in county funds.

The commissioners also received the audit of office of J. E. Ferguson, tax collector of the county, made by Mr. Henderson. The law requires that this audit run from September 30 to September 30. The audit of the tax collector ending Sept. 30, 1945 shows that all funds were properly deposited and accounted for and the office and books to be in good order, shape and condition. Mr. Henderson has audited the tax collector's books since Mr. Ferguson went into office in 1940.

Mr. Henderson has also audited the books of the clerk of the court since June 2, 1941 when Mr. Leatherwood came into office and the records on each audit have been found to be in good and proper order, according to Mr. Brown.

### Howard Clapp Attends State Farm Meeting

Howard Clapp has returned after spending five days in Piedmont Carolina attending state meetings pertaining to farm work.

On the 6th to 8th, Mr. Clapp attended the annual N. C. Farm Bureau meeting in Winston-Salem.

On the 11th, he attended the annual meeting of the State Guernsey Club, also held in Winston-Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster Bennett, and daughter, Miss Myrtle Bennett and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tillotson, and three children were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Curtis Russ on Sunday. Miss Bennett remained over for a visit during the week.

pick up an equal number of empty bottles." "There must be hundreds of idle milk bottles in this community, because we have bought thousands during the past few years, and we don't feel that all have been broken," he continued. "Each bottle has a cash value of five cents when returned to either a dealer or one of the route men." "The situation is critical, and there is no possibility of getting extra bottles, so we must solve the problem right here at home, by putting every idle bottle back into service," Mr. Davenport continued.