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DRIVE STARTS TODAY ON POLIO CAMPAIGN

P Is Bearing Down On Faulty Auto Lights Road Safety Move

Patrolmen to Hold
Light Stations"
On Highways
Fine Offenders

In the near future, motorists are liable to highway patrolmen stationed in Waynesville and in Candlar, checking the lights of the vehicle that passes. The patrol plan to hold two such stations in Waynesville and two in the next week. The check-up will be about 10 a. m., and probably from 10 o'clock. The Mountaineer will be with improper lights.

Motorists will be liable for a fine, \$10, plus \$6 to \$8 costs. For each offense—lights.

Patrolmen yesterday pointed out lights on a passenger car. The car had two headlights—two bright. The tail light was red, and was visible. The license plate was illuminated with a white light. The license plate was 80 inches or wider, and had amber colored lights on the front side, and red rear.

Motorists are stopped for lights, a check is often the vehicle's brakes.

By a check-up station was set in Canton and 60 vehicles checked in about 90 minutes. The check-up was for improper lights.

Patrolmen are also checking lights who fail to deflect, or lights when meeting vehicles at night. This is a \$10 fine plus costs.

to dim headlights when another vehicle at night the most dangerous practice driving," Cpl. E. W. the patrol said. "It often hitting pedestrians, and the approaching car. is checking on this of-night."

check-ups will be conducted Jones, Patrolman O. R. and Patrolman F. R. Har-

ool Orators
World Peace"
pete Jan. 22

wood Bar
Association Contest
Be Held In
Court House

only wide oratorical con- is being sponsored by Wood Bar Association will be held here on Wednesday at 7:30 in the room of the court house, Grover C. Davis, president of the association, who will

will be seven contestants, each of the high schools in the county, and will include both girls.

the contestants who by participation in the county has won in their high will be presented with a medal. The winner in event will be given in \$25 government bond under of the second place runner (On Page Four)

ather Report

ed Mountaineer by Weather Bureau): Jan. 16—Unsettled and tonight with moders and probable thunder afternoon and early to change in tempera becoming somewhat light with lowest temperature about 40 degrees.

Jan. 17—Partly cloudy by noon and colder; becoming much colder Friday Saturday.

Waynesville temperatures recorded by the staff of Test Farm):

Max.	Min.	Rainfall
51	35	.21
62	40	.06
63	51	1.39

Manages 3 Stores



ROBERT A. BOWEN is general manager of the three stores operated by Slack's. Mr. Bowen assumed his duties January first. The stores are here, Canton and Brevard.

Robert A. Bowen New Manager Of Slack's 3 Stores

Robert A. Bowen is the general manager of Slack's stores. The announcement was made by E. S. Slack, owner of the three stores, one here, in Canton and Brevard. Mr. Bowen began his new duties January first.

Mr. Bowen had been with the advertising department of the Asheville Citizen-Times Company for 19 years.

Mr. Bowen plans to make Waynesville his home as soon as the Asheville schools close. His daughter is a senior this year. A graduate of the University of Georgia, Mr. Bowen is a veteran of World War I and was engaged in the construction business here for two years before joining the newspapers. Before that he was a member of the news staff of the Atlanta Georgian.

Mr. Bowen has had long experience in handling retail advertising. His office will be in Waynesville where offices of the company are now situated.

VFW To Discuss Leave Pay At Monday Meeting

All veterans with foreign service are invited to attend the meeting Monday night of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, at which provisions of the terminal leave bill will be discussed. The meeting starts at 7:30 in the Court House.

Members of the chapter also will take up the subject of erecting a building for a meeting place and recreation center, announces Commander Roy Campbell. The 1947 membership drive is under way, and all veterans eligible to join the organization are urged to enlist and participate in a more active program as the second year of the local chapter begins.

WNC Industrial Survey Group Will Meet Here

Members of the various agencies, district, state and TVA, who held their initial meeting in Waynesville during October to formulate plans for an industrial survey of Western North Carolina, will meet here again next Wednesday.

Plans for the meeting were announced Tuesday when the Western North Carolina Associated Communities held their quarterly conference at Cherokee, when various other subjects pertaining to the development of this area were taken up. Charles Ray represented Waynesville at this week's meeting.

In addition to representatives of the TVA, State Planning Commission, State Department of Conservation and Development, and the Associated Communities—who par-

ticipated in the industrial development conference here in October, the state Unemployment Compensation Commission and Employment Service also will send a delegate to the meeting here Wednesday.

At the meeting in Cherokee it was recommended by a sub-committee composed of Mr. Ray, chairman; Ross Caldwell of Cherokee, and Kelly Bennett of Bryson City, that future operations of the Kephart fish hatchery at Smokemont be expanded to increase the stock of fish in the Park. A committee spokesman stated that in their opinion: "The Park service could materially increase fishing in the Park by increasing the distribution of fish from the hatchery and open-

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Waynesville Post Office Hours Issue Is Re-opened

Rep. Redden Is Asked
To Help Get 10
O'clock Closing
Time Here

Representative Monroe Redden took the matter of keeping the lobby of the Waynesville post office open until 10 p. m. each night to high officials of the post office department in Washington this week. Mr. Redden re-opened the case, which was a Chamber of Commerce project and started more than a year ago to get the lobby kept open later than eight o'clock on week days, and 7 p. m. on Sundays and holidays.

Postmaster J. H. Howell told The Mountaineer yesterday that back in November the department sent in a request to him to keep the lobby open until 10 p. m. each night, provided he or some other paid employee of the office locked the front door, unless there was a spring lock on the door and in that event, the police department could close the door.

Postmaster Howell notified the department that there was not a spring lock on the front door, and that he, nor any employees, would consider coming back and locking the present lock on the front door at ten o'clock. He suggested the department install a spring lock. He said yesterday that no further word had been received on the matter until he got a copy of Representative Redden's letter to the department following a personal call by Mr. Redden.

The request was made by the Chamber of Commerce about a year ago, that the lobby be kept open in order that patrons having boxes (Continued on Page Six)

Mrs. Alley Holds Place With Senate Finance Com.

Mrs. Edith P. Alley is secretary to the Senate finance committee, of which Gordon Gray, of Winston-Salem, is chairman. Mrs. Alley resigned her position at Slack's here on January 4th, and went to work in the legislature at Raleigh a week later.

Mrs. Alley was appointed by Lieutenant Governor L. Y. Balentine. She has closed her home here, and two sons, Zeb and Jaek are at Oak Ridge Military Institute, and Charles is boarding here while attending school.

Mrs. Alley has been closely associated with the Democratic party, taking active part in county and state organizations. She is staying at the Hotel Sir Walter.

Miss Cope Named To Post In N. C. Assembly

Miss Willie Mae Cope, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Cope, of Hazelwood, has been appointed a committee clerk during the current session of the North Carolina Legislature.

During the last session, Miss Cope held a post with the Engrossing office in the House of Representatives. At present she is clerk to the plant accountant at the Dayton Rubber plant here.

January Fast Becoming A Month Of Rain

January is apparently trying to become a month of rain instead of snow and cold weather.

During the first 15 days of the month it rained at some time during 11 days, for a rainfall of 4.12 inches. One of the worst days was Wednesday, when 1.39 inches of water fell, according to records at the State Test Farm. And Thursday it was raining again.

Saturday Is Deadline In C. Of C. Board Vote

Ballots Are Coming
In For Members
Of 1947 Board
Of Directors

All ballots for the Chamber of Commerce board of directors must be in the Waynesville office by 4 p. m. Saturday afternoon, states Miss S. A. Jones, secretary, who urges all members who have not yet done so to return their vote immediately.

Votes will be counted Monday night by a special committee, and the new board is to be installed the following Saturday. Miss Jones remarks that a good number of votes have come in already. Members who have not yet paid their 1946 dues may get a ballot for the election by paying their assessment before the vote deadline.

L. E. Sims, president during 1946, will automatically become a member of the board and represent auto sales. Other directors to be carried over include Charles E. Ray, merchants; David Underwood, industry; Paul Hyatt, hotels; (Continued on Page Six)

Ministers Of County Baptist Churches Meet

The Haywood County Baptist Ministers conference will be held at the West Canton Baptist church on Monday, January 20, at 7:00 o'clock. It was learned from an announcement made by Clarence T. Taylor, secretary of the group. Rev. C. H. Green, pastor of the West Canton Baptist church, president of the Haywood ministers, will preside.

The theme of the meeting which is scheduled to last for two hours will be "The Plan of Salvation." All the Baptist ministers of the county are expected to attend.

Among those taking part on the program will be: Rev. George Mehaffey, who will conduct the devotional period and give the opening prayer; Rev. Avery Peck, who will speak on "Conviction"; Rev. J. M. Woodard, who will talk on "Repentance"; and Rev. L. G. Elliott, who will talk on "New Birth."

G. C. PLOTT TAKES JOB IN ANDREWS STORE

G. C. Plott of Waynesville, former Haywood county game warden, has accepted a position with the Battle Hardware store at Andrews, where he began working recently.

Rat Population Declines After Barrage Of Bait

Rat killing got off to a good start Wednesday morning throughout Haywood county, when little wads of poisoned bait were placed around barns, basements, and other likely places where rodents congregate. Results were apparent from this concerted campaign before the next morning, and "dead rats all over the place" was a common explanation of the decline in the county's pest population.

County Agent Wayne Corpening and a corps of helpers began mixing the bait Tuesday. Twenty-one hundred pounds of fish, bread and trout, were run through the grinders at Bethel, then mixed with 275 pounds of the poison, 600 pounds of rolled oats, and 180 pounds of corn meal, with enough water added to make

more than two tons of rat bait. The Waynesville mixing crew were up until 2 a. m. before their job was done.

Next morning the bait was divided, with large quantities going to the town workers of Waynesville, Hazelwood and Canton to place about the business and residential buildings, and individual packages being distributed through the schools to farmers. A number of last-minute requests for bait required the mixing of an additional supply, which was distributed Thursday morning.

What bait is not eaten by rats or mice should be removed within a few days, else the ground fish will decay and cause a foul smell. If chickens or cats eat, they may become sick for a short while but there is little chance of the poison being fatal to them.

Patients At County Hospital Supplied With Books



Above is a routine scene each Wednesday afternoon at the Haywood County hospital as Miss Margaret Johnston, county librarian, and Mrs. Thomas Stringfield, volunteer worker, check books and magazines to the patients from the book truck, made possible through the generosity of the Haywood County Nurses club. In the picture, reading from left to right are: Mrs. Stringfield, Miss Johnston, a patient, Mrs. Jimmy Williams, Mrs. Irene Rogers, hospital superintendent, and Mrs. Rufus Ratcliff, the former Miss Frances Thompson, nurse, who was president of the Nurses club when they donated the book truck to the hospital for the pleasure and comfort of the patients. The truck is kept supplied with books and magazines by the county library. Since the system was inaugurated less than three months ago, there have been 554 books and magazines checked out to the patients. (For more complete information see "Here and There")—(Photo by Ingram, Skyland Studio).

Army Group To Set Out This Morning In Search For Missing Aircraft

A party of 18, with Major T. J. Hieatt in charge, arrived from the Greenville (S.C.) Army Air base yesterday, and planned to leave this morning to begin a systematic search of the mountainous terrain around Maggie in the hope of locating a C-78 plane lost three years ago on a flight from Charlotte to Knoxville.

Waynesville Area Lost \$12,960 In 1946 Fires

Fire losses in the Waynesville area during 1946 amounted to an estimated \$12,960, according to records of Fire Chief Clem Fitzgerald. This was three times larger than the previous year, when losses totaled \$3,947.

Fire Truck Records 38 Calls During Year, Most of Minor Nature

Members of the fire department went on 38 calls during the period Dec. 18, 1945, to Dec. 20, 1946. Many of these were of minor nature, such as burning tar barrel, a smoking stove, a bed or chimney set afire. Practically every kind of vehicle required their attention: automobile, truck, motorcycle, bus, and station wagon.

The major fires include the Winchester home in Hazelwood, a \$6,000 loss; damage at the Hotel (Continued on Page Four)

Display Of '46 Car Tag Is Illegal After Feb. 1

Highway patrolmen are ready to start a campaign of stopping every vehicle displaying an old license plate. The Mountaineer learned yesterday.

Rules For Proper Placement of License Plate Stated By Corporal Jones

The motor vehicle law says, "it is a violation to display an old license plate."

Many truck owners nail their plates to the frame of the truck, and each year add the new plate. That practice will get drivers in trouble, the patrolman said. "Only the current tag must be shown."

License plates in windshields or inside the car at the rear window is also in violation, patrolmen pointed out. "The plate must be placed where intended on the car, and illuminated by a white light at night. The plates cannot be illuminated as the law specifies when on the windshield, or in the rear window," the patrolman said.

The report of the patrolmen in Haywood showed they were averaging stopping about 30 vehicles daily for some traffic violation. This figure does not include the large numbers that are stopped during a light check-up.

Party Of Eighteen Arrived in Waynesville Thursday to Renew Hunt for C-78

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Two Civil Court Cases Appealed As Term Ends

One divorce was granted Tuesday in the second week of Superior court here, bringing the total for the January civil term to seven, and one divorce request was denied in a judicial decision Wednesday on grounds of abandonment. Decisions on two other cases will be appealed to higher court.

The court term came to a close Wednesday afternoon, with a few cases continued to a later docket. Judge William H. Bobbitt will return here Monday, Feb. 3, to preside at the criminal session.

Cases decided this week include: Robert D. McCall, a minor, by George W. McCall vs. J. Drake Edens (Edens Stores). The 19-year-old plaintiff had been injured in a collision between an auto and

motorcycle near here Sept. 2, 1946, and was awarded \$100 damages. Millard Clark vs. Flora Clark. Divorce granted. Jack Redmond vs. Grover C. Clark. A technicality in this case was taken up in which an out-of-court compromise, agreed to by the plaintiff's attorney without the plaintiff's knowledge, was set aside on his objection. Edwin Taylor vs. Louise Taylor. A contested divorce action. Evidence showed abandonment and non-support by the plaintiff, who was denied a divorce decree and ordered to pay the cost of defendant's counsel. C. N. Stepp vs. Flower Holding Company. The plaintiff asked that (Continued On Page Four)

Rotary Club To Sponsor Campaign In This County

New Chevrolet Will
Be Sold By Club;
Lapel Tags For
All School Children

The annual polio campaign will get under way in Haywood today, as the Rotary club, sponsor of the drive, starts active work to raise a quota of \$3,650, which is far less than half the actual money spent last year on polio victims in Haywood, according to Jonathan Woody, county chairman.

Three methods will be used in raising the money for the quota, according to those in charge of the campaign. First, a new 1946 Chevrolet has been bought by the Rotary club and will be sold, with the profits going to the fund. Second, lapel tags will go on sale at all the schools throughout the county Tuesday for 10 cents each. Third, private donations can be made direct to the fund through the four banks in the county.

M. D. Watkins is general chairman of the fund-raising campaign in the Waynesville area, and Lorenzo Smathers and Jack Woody are in charge of the Canton area. The sale of lapel tags in the schools will be handled by Jack Messer, in cooperation with every school teacher and principal of the county. The individual donations will be handled by Mr. Woody, and J. E. Reister, of Canton, treasurer for the county chapter.

At present, there are seven Haywood polio victims in hospitals being cared for by the funds, and 21 others receive treatment at least once a month, after having had polio. Last year Haywood raised about \$4,000 for the campaign, and more than \$8,000 was spent on polio victims here in the county. The difference of \$4,000 was sent in by the National Foundation.

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The club has purchased the fully equipped Fleetline Town sedan 1946 Chevrolet, and will sell this car, with the extra profit realized going to the fund. Each member of the club has been designated as "A Polio Campaign Salesman."

The car has a radio, seat covers, spare tire, oil filter, gasoline filter, de luxe steering wheel, and the radiator has permanent anti-freeze. The car is on display at Watkins Chevrolet company.

Pink Francis Heads Local High FFA Chapter

The organization of the Smoky Mountains National Park chapter of the Future Farmers of America has been perfected during the past week by John Nesbit, vocational agricultural teacher in the Waynesville Township high school.

Pink Francis has been named president of the chapter for the coming year. Others elected to serve with him are: Vice President, Bobbie Queen; Secretary, Wayne Ferguson; Treasurer, Benjamin Latimer; Reporter, Don Moore; Watch Dog, John Patterson; Program Committee, Burdette McCure, Richard Howell and Lee Frazier.

Highway Record For 1947 In Haywood

(To Date)
Killed - - 0
Injured - 3
Vehicles Checked.....464

(This Information Compiled From Records of State Highway Patrol)