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in 20 miles of
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Town Prepares To Incorporate East Waynesville

Santa Claus Will Open Yule Season Here Today

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Fly Over
Plane And
Children

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At 2:30 p. m. a special
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FIELD BETTER

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Brass Bell Given 62 Years Ago Is In Town Garage

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Waynesville tempera-
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Max.	39
Min.	35
Rain	.39

POLICE CAR BURNS AFTER CRASH



CRASHING INTO a utility pole at San Bruno, Calif., when struck from behind by a speeding auto, a police car burst into flames and is completely destroyed. A patrolman escaped by leaping to the highway. The driver of the other car was arrested for recklessness. (International)

District Health Group To Meet Here Tuesday

The Western North Carolina Public Health Association will hold one of its bi-annual general meetings here next week, to begin with a dinner on Thursday evening at the Lodge, followed by an all-day session Friday in the Hazelwood school, it is announced by Dr. Mary Michal, acting district health officer.

Schoolmasters Discuss Safety At Club Meeting

Safety in the schools was the topic for a discussion led by W. P. Whitesides, principal of the Bethel school, at the meeting Wednesday night of the Haywood County Schoolmasters club, at Patrick's cafeteria.

It was brought out that the public is not as safety conscious as would be desired. No school has ever had a death due to carelessness or unorganized activity, and the majority of accidents have occurred in the homes.

The duty of teachers was defined as instilling safety habits in school children, and to supervise all play activities. Supt. Jack Messer stressed the importance of teachers instructing children on the rules of bus safety.

The organization went on record as favoring a bus patrol in the county, reports N. W. Rogers, secretary.

Next month the group will be led in a discussion by Fred Safford, Fines Creek principal, on the evils of alcohol and narcotics.

Dick Bradley left Tuesday for Monroe, Louisiana to visit friends.

When the new building was erected in the early thirties, the bell, together with the large clock, was stored.

Today, the 500-pound bell, in perfect condition remains in an obscure corner of a workshop at the town garage.

On one side of the bell is the inscription: "To my native country, Thomas D. Johnson." On the other side is the name of the firm in Baltimore who cast the bell in 1885.

The town officials feel it is time something is being done with the bell. Perhaps some civic or patriotic organization would be interested in remounting the bell and having it rung on special occasions. Anyway, it is not where it belongs as long as it remains in the town garage, it was pointed out.

DuBreuil Leather Co. Begins Operations Here In Brown Ave. Building

\$6,000 Loss In Fire To Stringfield Building

Early Morning Blaze Is Extinguished By Firemen Wednesday On Main Street

Fire damaged the Stringfield Building on Main street, about \$6,000 early Wednesday morning. Considerable damage was done to the office equipment and supplies of Dr. Thomas Stringfield, Jr.

The blaze was discovered by a driver of a milk truck, who turned in the alarm. The fire had considerable headway when discovered, and when firemen arrived smoke was pouring from the entire building, and the heat was so intense that the glass in the front door shattered just as firemen arrived.

The origin of the fire is still undetermined. It is believed to have started in the rear of the hall on the first floor, and to have eaten its way through the floor and up both walls into the next rooms.

Firemen used two lines of hose on the blaze and soon brought it under control. They worked from both the street floor and basement.

Dr. Stringfield has established temporary offices in the Ferguson Building, which is next door to the Stringfield building.

The building is owned by Dr. Stringfield and the estate of the late Dr. Sam L. Stringfield. The building was partially covered by insurance.

Fire Chief Clem Fitzgerald sustained a slight cut across the nose when the heat buckled the ceiling plaster and sent it showering down as he was fighting the blaze.

Piney Grove Church Is Destroyed In Fire Sunday

Half-Century Old Structure Burns While Congregation Saves Furniture

Fire was discovered on the roof of the Piney Grove Methodist church during services Sunday morning, and burned the half-century old structure to the ground while members of the congregation used all their efforts to remove the pews and piano before the ceiling collapsed.

The blaze is believed to have caught from the flue or stove pipe. Noticed just at the close of the Sunday school session, it had gained such headway the fire could not be controlled.

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Lighthouse Keeping



COAST GUARD Bo'sun's mate Leo Gracie holds 18-months-old Daniel Anderson as he prepares supper for the youngster whom he "mothered" for four days. Gracie had to take care of the boy when the lad's parents left Boston lighthouse on a shopping trip to the mainland and were kept from returning by a storm. (International)

Mayor Way Breaks Leg In Fall At His Home

Mayor J. H. Way, Jr., suffered a broken leg when he fell on the stairs at his home Monday night. X-rays revealed a bad break just above the ankle, and also injuries to his foot.

He was taken to the Aston Park Hospital Wednesday for an operation to set the bones. His condition is reported as satisfactory, and reports are that he will have to remain in the hospital in Asheville for at least three weeks.

Dave Cane, mayor pro tem, is taking care of official duties for the town in the absence of Mayor Way.

Three Visit Home After San Diego Boot Course Ends

Three Canton men have completed boot training at the Naval Training center, San Diego, California, and arrived Monday to spend a few days with their parents.

They are Carroll Pressley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mod Pressley, Wade Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rogers, and Clifford West, son of Mr. and Mrs. Landon West. Mr. Pressley and Mr. West were graduates of the 1947 class at Bethel high school.

Miss Edith Summerrow left last night for Raleigh where she will spend the week-end with friends.

Audience Enjoys Concert By Bronson Matney, Jr.

Bronson Matney, Jr., popular Waynesville tenor, gave a concert of popular and classical numbers Wednesday evening in the high school auditorium, which was fully enjoyed by the audience.

Included on the program was a piano solo by Mrs. W. L. Matney, and the nine-voice group of "Sentimental Singers" and their rendition of "Embraceable You" under the direction of Bronson Matney, Sr. and Mrs. W. L. Matney served as accompanists, and Harry "Blue" Robinson was master of ceremonies.

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Hearing On Extension Proposal Is On Dec. 10

Survey Of Addition Starts At East Street, Runs To R. H. Gibson Home

The town board of aldermen are today giving formal notice of the proposed ordinance to extend the corporate limits to include East Waynesville. The board has set December 10th for the day to hear any objections to the proposal.

The territory to be annexed starts on East Street at the present city limits, and follows the street past the Nurses Home and Hospital to the intersection of Highway No. 19-A and 23. From there, the line extends to the East Waynesville Sunday School building and follows a ridge to the property of Robert H. Gibson, and then a straight line to a point in Richland creek, almost opposite Waynesville Lumber Company.

The proposed extension would include the majority of homes in East Waynesville, as the present line runs just a few feet east of Davis-Liner Motor Sales building.

The formal notice sets out that the meeting will be held at four o'clock on December 10th at the city hall, for the purpose of hearing objections to the passing of the ordinance. The notice further explains that property owners and qualified voters residing in the area proposed to be annexed can get a petition bearing the names of 15 per cent of the qualified voters residing in the area to request an election on the question.

Upon presentation of such a petition, an election will be called. The same legal notice was given to the qualified voters within Waynesville, that an election can be held within the town of Waynesville on the proposed amendment provided 15 per cent of the qualified voters so petition the board prior to December 10th.

The law sets out that in the event there is no objection, the board will pass the ordinance, and annex the territory as part of the town.

Town officials yesterday said a survey had been made of the area, and that plans included adding conveniences to any section not having them.

The proposal has been under consideration for some months by the board of aldermen.

V.F.W. Meets Monday At Episcopal Parish House

The Veterans of Foreign Wars and auxiliary will hold their regular meeting on Monday night, Nov. 17, at 7:30 p. m. in the Episcopal parish house, announces Roy Campbell, commander.

All overseas veterans are urged to be present. Refreshments will be served by the auxiliaries.

Dedication Of Lives For Peace Urged In Armistice Day Speech By Rev. Young

Speaking to the Armistice Day assembly on the courthouse grounds Tuesday, Rev. R. L. Young, pastor of the First Methodist church, urged that every individual and organization work with all their might that war might not happen again, and that America be made a symbol of righteousness.

After a parade of the Waynesville high school band down Main street and a concert of military music, the program was conducted outdoors from the courthouse steps under the sponsorship of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts.

The invocation was spoken by Rev. Malcolm Williamson, pastor of the Presbyterian church, after which William Medford, commander of the American Legion post, introduced Rev. Young, Rev. R. G. Tatum, pastor of Grace church, Episcopal, rendered the benediction, and Taps was sounded to conclude the service.

Mr. Medford, during his introductory remarks, stated that "It is appropriate we adopt November 11 as the day of the coming of peace."

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Burley Expert Will Speak At Festival

Entertainment features of the harvest celebration are being arranged by those in charge with indications that it will be a festive occasion that will appeal to all.

A Tobacco Festival ball will be held at the Armory on Thanksgiving night, given by Beta Sigma Phi sorority, at which the 22 beauty contestants will be special guests. Music for the round dancing will be furnished by Carol Henry and his orchestra.

On Friday afternoon the Tobacco Queen candidates, sponsored by members of the Merchants Association which is backing the festival, will ride in a parade. The Hendersonville and Canton high school bands will be invited to join the Waynesville musicians in the parade, and playing for other activities on Friday.

Miss Mary Margaret Smith, home agent, reported that a number of demonstrations of interest to women have been arranged for Friday afternoon, and the program that night will consist of the preliminary phase of the beauty contest and a singing convention. Several outstanding quartets and other groups have already agreed to participate in the convention it was announced by that committee.

Judges have been secured for the tobacco show on Saturday morning, stated County Agent Wayne Corpening, who presided, and there is much interest among farmers in competing for the prizes to be given. During the afternoon the talk by Mr. Taylor will be the highlight.

Saturday night the Tobacco Queen will be crowned and the festival concluded with square dancing.

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Highway
Record For
1947
(To Date)
In Haywood
Injured --- 50
Killed ---- 8
(This information Compiled From Records of State Highway Patrol)