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## England Is Ready For The Royal Wedding



King, Lt. Philip Mountbatten, the Queen, the King and Princess Margaret.



Westminster Abbey.

Elizabeth, heir-presumptive to the British throne, her fiance and her family will participate in the ceremony and a view of the Abbey where the wedding will be taken. London, in the midst of an "austerity" program in connection with the economic crisis, will curtail some of the glitter that might have been occasioned. The wedding will turn out to see the royal couple and their relatives rise in state.

## Green Will Be Head Of Hazelwood Boosters

Ernest Green, production manager at Pet Dairy Products company, was elected president of the Hazelwood Boosters club for 1948 Thursday night at the regular meeting. Mr. Green will succeed Frank Underwood as head of the organization. Other new officers elected were Rudolph Carswell, secretary, and Bill Chambers, treasurer. William Medford, state senator, explained the fiscal policy for the state of North Carolina. He told of the sources of revenue, and of expenditure assignments to the various administrative departments. Plans were made by the Boosters to hold ladies' night at their December meeting.

## Big Field For Business Expansion, Says Clapp

Unlimited opportunities are afforded farmers and business men in Western North Carolina. Howard Clapp, director in charge of the State Test Farm here, told members of the Lions Club Thursday night. Mr. Clapp told of the experiments now being made at the farm, and of some of the latest improvements underway. "In every department of agriculture, there is an unlimited field for allied industries," Mr. Clapp said. "Take beef cattle, that opens a field for a packing house and freezer plants. In the field of dairying there is a number of industrial possibilities that are available for development. "Our poultry market is ever growing, and many plants in the central part of the state have found it profitable to operate poultry-dressing plants or processing plants for making powdered eggs."

## Waynesville Tax Collection Nears 100 P. C. For '46

Collection of 1946 property taxes by the Town of Waynesville is 97.33 per cent complete, it was announced Friday by G. C. Ferguson, town manager and tax collector. Of a total levy of \$34,181.76, only \$812.11 is outstanding. This is one of the best records ever made by the town, and is believed to compare favorably with any municipality of its size in North Carolina. Canton announced last week that its collection was 96.88 per cent complete. The 1947 collections are coming along well, remarked Mr. Ferguson, and will step up considerably in January.

## Graham Is President Of Clyde High Seniors

The senior class at Clyde high school elected the following officers for the coming year: president, J. W. Graham, vice president, Louise Reed, secretary, Doris McCracken, treasurer, Elmer Lumbo, reporter, Nancy Medford, grade mothers, Mrs. P. C. Mann, Mrs. T. E. Reed, Mrs. J. E. Thompson, Mrs. C. C. Spencer, Mrs. V. D. Bruch.

## Dates Set For Voting On Farmer Committees

Election Will Be Held In Haywood Communities On December 3-4

Dates for the election of Agricultural Conservation committees in Haywood county will be Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 3-4, announced R. C. Francis, chairman of the county committee. Three-member committees will be chosen in 22 community elections over the county. At the same time a community representative will be selected as delegate to the county convention which elects a central committee for 1948. Approximately 2,500 farm owners, operators, tenants or sharecroppers are eligible to vote by reason of having participated in the 1947 agricultural conservation program. Lists of eligible voters are being prepared and will be used to check votes cast in the elections. Tobacco marketing cards will be distributed at the polling places of growers who have not secured theirs prior to that time. Chairmen of the 1947 committees will be election officials, and receive materials and instructions on Dec. 1. Polling places will be announced soon.

## 1st Baptist Church Has New Budget Of \$20,707

Up 10 Per Cent Over Present Year, \$3,000 Is Assigned To Building Fund

The congregation of the First Baptist church adopted their 1948 financial budget Sunday morning, calling for \$20,707. This is the largest budget ever adopted by the church, and is 10 per cent more than the current budget. This will mean an average of \$398 per Sunday. The budget was worked out in detail at a joint meeting of the finance committee and deacon board Friday night, and recommended to the church. The 1947 budget will be exceeded, it was announced by the church treasurer. Approximately \$12,000 goes for administrative and local work, while over \$5,000 goes to missions, and orphanage, and out of the budget will come about \$3,000 for building fund.

## Youth Center Will Reopen Wed. With Get-Together

The Haywood Youth Center will re-open Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock and swing into plans for the winter activities, announced Mrs. Mary Tsivoglou, who asks that all teen agers make plans to attend the get-together. Miss Mary has returned from a six-weeks stay in Chicago "more enthusiastic than ever" that the Youth Center shall resume its program of supervised entertainment. The center was closed during her absence.

## Salvation Army Post Celebrates REA Line

Let there be light! With this command, taken from the first chapter of Genesis, newly connected electric power was switched on at the Salvation Army Citadel atop Max Patch mountain Saturday night. The occasion was a banquet for the REA staff and Rogers Electric company workers who had brought electricity to the mountain religious and social outpost. Major Cecil Brown and other members of the Citadel expressed their gratitude for the three mile extension of wire from Fines Creek which was connected Tuesday. Music for the occasion was presented by members of the staff and the Shelton trio. Oil lamps were on the tables, the same ones that had served inadequately for years, and at Major Brown's dramatic command the electric switch was turned on. Guests included Roy Callahan, Miss Edna Callahan, Roy Callahan, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goldsworthy, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Edwards, Homer Shelton, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Dee Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ford, Mrs. Paul Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Gentry, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Rogers, and William Moore.

## Rotary Club Ships Food To Europe

Santa Claus Makes Big Hit With Children



AFTER HIS flying trip from the North Pole and a parade down Main Street, Santa Claus stopped to hand out candy suckers to droves of youngsters who greeted him on the courthouse lawn here Saturday morning. The photographer snapped him in his bright red suit and flowing whiskers amid his followers—A Mountaineer photo by Ingram's Studio.

## Local Club Sends 1,000 Pounds To Many Lands

22-Pound Packages Prepared By Local Rotarians Saturday And Sent Abroad

Rotarians raised more than \$300 in the club Friday to be used for buying food to be shipped to destitute people of Europe. An initial shipment of 1,000 pounds of food was packaged and shipped Saturday direct to Rotary clubs in Switzerland, Italy, England, Czechoslovakia, France, Greece, The Netherlands and Norway with instructions that it be distributed to needy families whom the Rotarians deem most worthy. Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson, president of the Waynesville club, will explain the program in a talk over radio station WHCC at 6:30 p. m. Wednesday in the hope that other folks may want to contribute to it. The food was packed in 22-pound units, each having a retail value of about \$5. It takes about \$2 expense on each package. A special committee composed of Leo Weil, James L. Kilpatrick, Charles E. Ray and W. H. F. Millar was named to carry through the plan. A number of other Rotarians volunteered and helped package the food for shipment. Each package contained a letter of greetings from the club which stated: "This package of food is being sent to you by the Waynesville Rotary Club. (Continued on Page Five)

## Large Crowd Greet Santa Claus

Hundreds Of Kids Get To See Santa During Visit Here

July old Santa Claus came to town Saturday and gave all the kids a treat, handing candy suckers to all who crowded around. And there were hundreds of them, from toddlers in their parents' arms to older children of all ages. Although the weather was damp, there were smiles on all faces as the bringer of Christmas gifts made his visit to Waynesville. Before leaving Santa promised to send one of his helpers here just before Christmas, but said that he would be too busy preparing for his big night to come back himself. Santa was contacted at the North Pole on Friday morning and spoke over the radio to his many young friends. He told that the elves and fairies were hard at work. (Continued on Page Five)

## Lions Begin \$500 Drive For Sight Conservation

Sale Of Sight Seals Being Carried Out By Committee Under Charlie Woodard

Seeking to raise \$500, the Waynesville Lions club launched a drive by mail yesterday for the sale of sight seals. All proceeds from the drive will be used to assist in the care of persons in Haywood county who have sight handicaps, states Charlie Woodard, chairman. During the past few months, he reports, eight conservation funds from the local club cared for the fitting of 25 children with glasses and one person being given a glass eye. This assistance is administered by the county welfare department to those who are not able to pay for needed care. Stamps which may be used to decorate letters and packages are being mailed, with return envelopes in which those who care to donate may remit their gifts.

## Minor Cases Are Tried On Opening Day Of Court

Traffic Law Offenders Receive Fines; Two Divorces Are Granted

A number of minor cases were taken up Monday as the November term of Superior Court opened here presided over by Judge Felix E. Alley. Two divorces were granted in the cases of W. R. Murry vs. Isadore Murry, James Lewis Wyatt vs. Bertha E. Wyatt. The majority of others concerned traffic law violations and resulted in fines and suspended prison sentences for the most part. Decisions placed on the records yesterday afternoon included: Bert Nelson Ruck, driving drunk, \$100 bond forfeited upon failure to appear in court. Joe Spencer Lassiter, driving drunk, \$100 bond forfeited upon failure to appear in court. Leonard Jackson, driving drunk, \$50 and 60 days, suspended. Louis L. Boyd, slander, 18 months, suspended. Dork Graetz, simple assault, paid court costs. James Paul Hutt, driving drunk, \$100 fine and 60 days, suspended.

## New Cemetery Is Given Approval By State Board

Crawford Memorial Park has received permission from the State of North Carolina to sell graves or lots in the newly developed cemetery. Free graves will be given for the burial of deceased war veterans who were killed while in the service, announces Ralph Crawford. The project, located off Dellwood road about one mile north of Waynesville, is under state supervision as a perpetual-care cemetery. According to Mr. Crawford, this is the second one of its type in the western part of the state. Grave markers and plot beautification will be restricted to fit into the overall park. Paving of roadways in the park is expected to be finished today.

## Guardsmen Get Pay Day Of \$1,391 For Quarter

Pay day for the Waynesville National Guard company, during the past week, brought a total of \$1,391.99 in government checks to the 42 members who participated in drills during the third quarter of 1947, announces Capt. James M. Davis, commanding officer. This was the second pay day for the Antitank company since it was reorganized and received federal recognition in May.

## Blasting Of Ditches Is Demonstrated To 300

A new method of "digging" ditches was shown to more than 300 Haywood county farmers Thursday afternoon and lived up to all expectations. The test took place on the Grover Leatherwood farm near Waynesville, and was carried out by H. W. Ellis, engineer for the state agricultural extension service. Safety precautions were stressed throughout. In preparing for the ditch blasting—a faster method and with a cost of one-fourth that for hand labor—holes were dug in the ground along the ditch line and dynamite planted inside. Since the desired ditch was of three feet depth, specifications for planting the explosive were: two sticks of dynamite to the hole, with holes 18 inches apart and 26 inches deep. At the lower end of the ditch line, where an excavation of less depth was desired, the dynamite was placed in holes 15 inches deep and 12 inches apart, one stick per hole. An electric blasting cap was placed with the first charge, and was detonated from a safe distance. The explosion of the first charge set off a chain reaction down the line, and the resulting ditch was found 3 1/2 feet deep, and from six to eight feet wide. Mr. Ellis emphasized that the soil must be damp, otherwise results will not be satisfactory. In handling dynamite, he cautioned that it was very sensitive, and must not be exposed to fire or packed in the ground by metal objects which might cause a spark. The proper use of explosives can be helpful in many ways about the farm, it was pointed out, but must be accompanied by full observance of safety precautions at all times.

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

Weather Report

Min.	Rainfall
25	---
20	---
35	.20
28	---