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Rotary To Head March Times Drive; Rotary Is Again Sponsor

\$2,500 Will
Be Here In
For Polio

Waynesville Rotary club
the drive to raise
for the annual March
the Waynesville area,
Barber will act as the
the fund raising cam-
announced yesterday
att, county chairman.
club has sponsored
for the past seven
have been successful in
quota every year.
is divided into two
Waynesville and Canton. At
meeting here, David Hy-
eckman Huger were
general chairmen of the
succeeding Jonathan

Half Of '47 Taxes For Haywood Are Already Paid

As of the first of December,
Haywood county has collected
\$200,784.36 of a total tax levy,
for all purposes, of \$409,849.82.
Charles Metcalfe, county auditor,
announced this week. This makes
the 1947 collections 49 per cent
complete.
The big month in tax collec-
tions is January, which is tax-
listing time and the last month
before a penalty is added to taxes
due for the current fiscal year.
Another reason for the usual
large amount of taxes paid in
January is the money farmers
have from the sale of tobacco.
On Haywood county's property
valuation of \$26,884,921 the ad-
valorem tax levy is \$403,273.82.
The poll tax levy is \$4,214 and
dog tax levy is \$2,362.
Mr. Metcalfe estimates that the
1946 tax collections are 95 per
cent complete, or better.

Lt. Dunavant To Be Given Final Honors

Military Funeral At
2 P. M. Today At
Memorial Plot Of
Green Hill Cemetery

Military funeral rites will be con-
ducted for First Lt. Henry Clay
Dunavant at 2 o'clock this after-
noon at the Memorial Plot in Green
Hill Cemetery, which is being de-
veloped by the town.
Military honors will be provided
by members of the Veterans of For-
eign Wars and the American Le-
gion of Waynesville and Canton.
Active pallbearers will be Rufus
Carswell, Wade Franklin, Joe
Sloan, Carter Shook, Eugene
Smathers, Edward Hill, Homer
Boone, and Cady Warren.
Honorary pallbearers will be oth-
er members of Company H,
Waynesville National Guard, who
entered the service with Lt. Dun-
avant in 1940.

The body arrived at Canton Mon-
day afternoon and will remain at
Wells' Funeral Home until an hour
before the service in Waynesville.
Lt. Dunavant graduated from the
Waynesville High School and was
employed by the A. C. Law-
rence Leather Company before en-
tering the service. He was trans-
ferred to the 504th parachute divi-
sion, 82nd Airborne Division in
1943. He saw active service in North
Africa, Sicily, Italy, Holland, and
Belgium and was killed January
30, 1945, while leading a platoon
against a strong point near Holz-
heim, Germany.

Surviving are the widow, the
former Miss Katherine Snelson, of
Canton; the mother, Mrs. Crews
Moody, of Delwood; a brother,
Leonard Dunavant, of Delwood;
and a sister, Mrs. William N. Orr,
of Blytheville, Ark.

C. Of C. Board Will Meet Tonight

The 1947 directors of the Cham-
ber of Commerce will meet tonight
at 7:30 with the members of the
1948 board, and discuss general
matters of importance. C. J. Reece,
president, announced yesterday.

The 1948 board was elected last
week in the annual election of of-
ficers, and will elect a president,
three vice presidents and a treas-
urer tonight.

The Boosters Club have named
Frank Underwood to represent that
club on the board, and Leo Weil
has been named to represent the
Rotary Club. The other 22 direc-
tors were named last week.

Rotarians Hear School Chorus

About thirty members of the
high school chorus entertained the
Rotary club Friday, with a selec-
tion of Christmas music. The group
was led by Charles Isley.

Next Friday members of the club
will bring gifts for each member,
and all the presents will be turned
over to the Woman's Club to be
used in connection with the annual
Christmas tree.

Lions Begin Yule Cheer Drive Here Saturday

Hear Talk On New
Traffic Laws By
Capt. Lentz Of
Highway Patrol

The Lions club's annual Christ-
mas Cheer drive was inaugurated
Saturday when the dime board was
placed in operation on Main street.
A goal of \$1,500 has been set for
this year's drive, enough to spend
\$15 each on 100 underprivileged
school children in the Waynesville
district, according to C. R. Eck-
hoff, chairman of the finance com-
mittee.

The dime board is located by
Massie Furniture store, with a
booth in which the club members
stand while operating the public
address system, and decorated with
pine boughs and colored electric
bulbs.

It will be in operation from 9
a. m. to 9 p. m. each week-day
through Christmas Eve.

Capt. W. B. Lentz of Charlotte,
commanding officer of Troop D,
State Highway Patrol, addressed
the Waynesville Lions club at their
regular meeting Thursday evening
on traffic legislation passed by the
last General Assembly.

The speed limit on highways has
been reduced from 60 to 55 miles
per hour, although the Highway
Patrol had requested a reduction
to 50 miles per hour, he stated.
There was some opposition in the
legislature to any reduction, and
the 55 limit was agreed to by com-
promise.

He commented that the new driv-
er's license law will cause all ve-
hicle operators to take an examina-
tion by the end of 1950. Already
benefits of the law have been seen,
Capt. Lentz reported, in the elimi-
nation of drivers having faulty
vision.

The "safety lane" vehicle inspec-
tion which goes into effect in Janu-
ary is "patterned" after the New Jer-
sey system and promises to make
the highways safer.

In their business session the
Lions discussed their Christmas
Cheer program and made plans for
purchasing clothing items for de-
serving school children. Capt. Lentz
was introduced by Jimmy Reed.

Launderette Will Have Formal Opening Wed.

The Launderette will stage their
formal opening from 9 until 3
o'clock Wednesday, it was an-
nounced yesterday by Mrs. Clifford
Harrell, owner and manager.
The Launderette opened last
week-end, and many people visited
the place, and a good volume of
laundry work was done.

To each lady visiting the place
on Wednesday, a bouquet of flow-
ers will be given, Mrs. Harrell has
announced.

The firm is modern in every de-
tail and has 20 automatic Bendix
washing machines in operation.

Meeting Is Set For Demonstration Farmers

Demonstration farmers of Hay-
wood county who are keeping farm
and home record books will meet
at the courthouse here Wednesday,
at 10 a. m., with Pauline Gordon
and C. B. Ratchford of State Col-
lege, announces Joe Cline, assis-
tant county agent.

MISS RICH HAS SERIOUS ACCIDENT

Miss Elizabeth Rich, who is mak-
ing her home with her sister, Mrs.
E. W. Lawrence on the Balsam
Road, Hazelwood, fell a few days
ago in her home. She suffered a
fractured hip and is now at the
Ashton Park Hospital in Asheville.

Capt. and Mrs. F. H. Marley, Jr.,
of Mitchell Field, N. Y., will ar-
rive this week to spend the Christ-
mas season with the former's moth-
er, Mrs. F. H. Marley, at Oak Park.



8 SHOPPING DAYS
TO CHRISTMAS

Basketball Season Begins



WAYNESVILLE HIGH school began basketball play last
Tuesday night by meeting Crabtree-Iron Duff on the local
gym. In the picture above Carswell (No. 2) was shooting a
field goal while Kinsland (No. 13) and two other Crabtree boys
were ready for a rebound in the game which Waynesville won
29-16. The WTHS teams play at Clyde tonight.

—A Mountaineer photo by Ingram's Studio.

Strand Theatre Will Stage Grand Opening Here Thursday Night

Dog House Burns In Hazelwood

Hitting a blow at the puppy
housing situation was a fire Sun-
day evening in Hazelwood, which
caused considerable excitement
for a while, if little damage, and
drew the attention of the Fire
Department.

It still is undetermined how the
shack caught on fire, since it
had been vacated for some time
after having served as a house for
eight bird dogs, reports Ralph
Prevost. The dog house had some
excelsior inside that helped kindle
the flames until extinguished by
the firemen. It was not near
any other building for the fire to
spread.

Officials Warn Against Cutting Trees, Shrubbery

The officials of Hazelwood have
issued a warning to people against
cutting trees or shrubbery during
the Christmas season without per-
mission of property owners.

During the past, several prop-
erty owners have suffered the loss of
beautiful trees during the holiday
season, when the trees were cut
and presumed sold for Christmas
trees. Officers are on the watch
for such offenders and Mayor
Clyde Fisher announced all per-
sons found guilty of cutting trees
without permission will be prose-
cuted and given the full penalty
as prescribed by law.

Boosters Club To Make Annual Liberal Donation To Support Of The Band

The Hazelwood Boosters Club
voted Thursday night to give half
of the net proceeds made from
sponsoring the annual Fourth of
July program, to the high school
band.

The proposition was made by C.
N. Allen, who explained the value
of the band to the community. Mr.
Allen also pointed out that the band
was organized after the matter was

Modern Theatre To Open For First Show On Thursday

The Strand Theatre will stage
its formal and grand opening on
Thursday, December 18, at 6:30,
according to E. Y. Stafford, dis-
trict manager. The theatre is
modern in every detail, and was
recently completed.

The theatre will be operated by
a company owned by H. B. Meisel-
man, of Charlotte, operator of sev-
eral other theatres in this state.

The opening picture for the the-
atre will be "Desire Me," starring
Greer Garson, Robert Mitchum and
Richard Hart. Also on the same
program will be a Tom and Jerry
cartoon and latest news reels.

The theatre is of modern con-
struction throughout and all body-
formed seats are overstuffed leath-
erette. There are 576 seats on
the first floor and the balcony will
accommodate 225, although the
balcony seats have not arrived.

The floors are covered with
heavy carpets and a modernistic
entrance is one of the features of
the theatre. A late model air-con-
ditioning unit has been installed
to add to the comfort of patrons.

Mr. Stafford announced that
matinees would be given daily at
3 o'clock, from Monday through
Friday, and the evening shows
starting at 7 and 9 o'clock. The
theatre will operate from 11 until
11 on Saturdays, and on Sundays
at 2, 4 and 8:30.

The company now operating the
theatre in Fayetteville, Lenoir, Rock-
ingham, Charlotte and Wilmington.
The company plans to open the
Center theatre in Charlotte in a
short time.

Farm Training Expansion Is Favored by Gov. Cherry

Awards Are Given Many For Best Club Work

Betty Jo Gorrell And
Pete Noland Named
Outstanding 4-H
Members

Betty Jo Gorrell of Bethel and
Pete Noland of Crabtree-Iron Duff
were given awards as the outstand-
ing 4-H girl and boy of Haywood
county during 1947 at Achievement
Day here Saturday.

The Jonathan Creek Home Dem-
onstration club, and Waynesville
high 4-H club were announced as
the outstanding organizations of
the county.

Miss Gorrell, daughter of Mr.
and Mrs. Clyde R. Gorrell of Can-
ton, route 2, won two project
awards, in poultry and senior food
conservation. Her two-year food ex-
hibit took second place in the
State Fair at Raleigh this year.
She has been a 4-H club member
for five years.

Pete Noland, president of the
Crabtree club and vice-president of
the county 4-H council, has been in
club work six years. He has made
an outstanding record in his dairy
project for the last two years, earn-
ing a purebred Guernsey cow.

Other individual project win-
ners were: Thomasine Fisher,
Waynesville club, dress review;
Jeannette Leopold, Waynesville
club, preparation; Phyllis James,
Crabtree-Iron Duff, rural electrifi-
cation; Birdell Gorell, Cruso, Junior
food conservation; Weaver Higgs,
Beaverdam, lamb project; Ted
Francis, Waynesville, baby beef;
Carl Greene, Jr., Bethel, swine;
and Edgar McElroy, Crabtree-Iron
Duff, tobacco.

The award for the outstanding
Home Demonstration club during
the year was presented to Mrs. Troy
Leatherwood, representing the Jon-
athan Creek club, which showed
a record of 92.5 per cent improve-
ment during the year. The Clyde
club was second with 92 per cent
improvement. Winner of the
Achievement Day attendance gavel
was the Fines Creek group.

Presiding at the annual program
were the presidents of the sponsor-
ing organizations, J. L. Westmore-
land, of the demonstration farm-
ers; Mrs. Paul Robinson, of the
Home Demonstration council; and
Miss Mozelle Linder, of the 4-H
council.

A concert by the Waynesville
high band preceded the program.
After the singing of "America,"
the demonstration women repeat-
ed the collect, and the 4-H club
members their pledge. Rev. L. G.
Elliott, pastor of the First Baptist
Church, spoke the invocation.

Mr. Westmoreland, in making the
address of welcome, remarked that
this was "a day when we come to-
gether to think back over our
achievements for the past year and
get inspiration and guidance for
greater achievements in the future
in the furtherance of better
rural living."

C. C. Francis recognized the
veteran farmer trainees and their
instructors, pointing out their im-
portance in the future of the coun-
ty.

The "splendid cooperation" be-
tween townspeople and those of the
rural areas in Haywood was cited
by Jack Messer in his remarks of
appreciation. He complimented
government agencies, the bank,
newspapers, radio station, indus-
tries and merchants for assisting in
agricultural progress, and paid
tribute to the farmers for meeting
the production demands of the re-
cent war.

Reports on activities carried out
during the past year were given by
representatives of the 4-H clubs,
Home Demonstration clubs, and
demonstration farmers.

Jonathan Woody, president of the
First National bank, who made the
organizational awards, prefaced his
remarks by presenting the audi-
ence to Gov. Cherry, the principal
speaker, and stating that Haywood
county's biggest need was a paved
road to the Tennessee line—some-
thing he hoped the governor would
support.

Following the presentation of
awards special music was rendered
by the Bethel 4-H club girls chorus,
and Gov. Cherry was introduced
for the highlight speech by Beek-
man Huger, assistant secretary of

Eagle Scout



PHILLIP L. SHERRILL of
Troop 12, Bethel, was given the
highest award in Scouting at the
Pigeon River district court of hon-
or on Monday evening at the
Bethel Methodist church when he
was presented the eagle award.
Phillip is the son of Mr. and Mrs.
L. M. Sherrill of Bethel. Scout-
master of Troop 12 is Rev. Carl W.
Judy.

Report Is Given On 4-H Club Achievements

Highlights of 1947 in 4-H work,
as reported on Achievement Day
by Pete Noland of the Crabtree-
Iron Duff club, were:

Six new clubs were organized,
at East Waynesville, North Canton,
Hazelwood, Rock Hill, Lake Juna-
luska and Mount Sterling schools,
bringing the number of clubs to
21 and total enrollment to 1,366.
Summer camps were attended,
at Swannanoa and White Lake, by
115 members.

Dress revue contest held at the
home agent's office with four girls
participating.

The Junior Dairy club members
exhibited calves at county and dis-
trict shows.

Twenty baby beehives were shown
and sold at county and district
shows, Ted Francis winning grand
championships.

Four members of Swine Club ex-
hibited pigs in Asheville show.

Short course at State College
attended by 24.

Banquet for teachers of county
was given, at which Dr. Clyde Er-
win, state superintendent of pub-
lic instruction, was speaker.

Boy and girl winners in better
methods electric contest given
free trip to State 4-H Congress at
Raleigh.

Radio program contest has begun
with the winning club to get a
free trip to the Baltimore estate.

Demonstration Farmers Cite Achievements

Following is a summary of
achievements of demonstration
farmers during 1947, reported by
George E. Stamey of Pigeon town-
ship during the Achievement Day
program.

One new watershed area estab-
lished, at Fines Creek with 57
farms, making a total of five.

There was 804 tons of phos-
phate used by 638 demonstration
farmers, and 5,500 tons of lime.

Out-of-state tour held during
summer, with 93 persons visiting
Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee
farmlands.

County tour was held attracting
600, the largest number ever.

Corn club organized, with 33
members seeking 100-bushel per
acre goal.

Wool pool held, assembling 15-
000 pounds of wool from Haywood
and nearby counties for sale.

Water system display sponsored,
resulting in the installation of 42
systems.

The growing of "an alfalfa field
per farm," ladino clover and or-
chard grass pastures, and the making
of farm plans was strongly en-
couraged among all demonstration
farmers and their neighbors.

the Canton division Champion Pap-
er and Fibre company.

After the program in the court-
room, Gov. Cherry was feted with
a luncheon at the Towne House.

Achievement Day Crowd Here Hears Gov. Cherry

Additional Facilities
Needed To Train
Farm Youth, Gover-
nor States

Governor R. Gregg Cherry called
for additional training for farm
young people, and pointed out the
unlimited possibilities afforded
small plants to utilize farm prod-
ucts, as he addressed a large
crowd at the annual Haywood
county Achievement Day here on
Saturday.

"The processing plants have met
with success throughout Eastern
North Carolina, and I feel sure
they would prove profitable in
this section of the state," he said.

During the address, which was
also broadcast, Governor Cherry
said:

It is a real pleasure for me to
be able to come here today for your
annual Haywood County Achiev-
ement Day event and to be able
to discuss with you some of the prob-
lems confronting you, our state and
this section. I feel that I can talk
to you shoulder to shoulder. I
worked on a farm as a boy and
young man and have been inter-
ested in farm life for many years.

North Carolina is today and has
always been an agricultural state.
In the early period North Carolina
was exclusively agricultural and ex-
ported such products from the farm
as pork, beef and lumber.

Farmers usually had large num-
bers of cattle which were not often
seen except in the fall of the year.
In our early history, people would
clear some land, erect a small
house and begin growing their sup-
plies. When the land was exhausted
they would acquire other lands,
clear some, and start over again.
There were no methods of rebuild-
ing the soil, no scientific farming,
soil analysis, rotation of crops, and
no particular stress was placed up-
on thorough bred livestock with
the possible exception of horses—the
most important possession of the
early settlers. Life in those
days was simple, hard and crude.
Men lived hard and died young.

There are approximately 31,451-
000 acres of land in North Carolina
with approximately 18,845,000 in
farms.

Today approximately one-third
of the population of our state is
engaged in farming and forestry—
an industry usually connected with
the farm. About an equal number
is engaged in manufacturing.

In 1942 North Carolina ranked
first among the 48 states in the
production of tobacco, sweet pota-
toes and lespedeza for seed. She
leads the world in the manufacture
of tobacco and has the largest
bright leaf tobacco market in the
world which is located in Wilson.
Today, in North Carolina, tobacco
is the leading cash crop with cot-
ton, poultry and poultry products
and dairy products valued in the
order named. Of course, the state
produces large quantities of pe-
anuts, sweet potatoes, wheat, oats,
barley, corn, soybeans, fruits, veg-
etables, cattle, sheep, hogs and
many other items too numerous to
mention.

Now let us look at Haywood
county in order to get a little
nearer home. In 1940 there were
34,804 people living in this county.
More than 50 per cent of these
were men—although the women in
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Highway
Record For
1947
(To Date)
In Haywood
Injured ... 50
Killed ... 8

(This Information Com-
piled From Records of
State Highway Patrol)

Reggie Will Shoe Factory

Reggie leaves this week
his home in Wilmington,
will open a factory for
the manufacture of men's and wo-
men's grade shoes and will
be by his son, Elmer Reg-

gie was formerly con-
nected with the Wellco Shoe Cor-

poration.

The Weather

(The United Press)

December 16—Rain this
morning by clearing and cold-
afternoon.
Waynesville tempera-
ture reported by the staff of the
Farm:

Max.	Min.	Rainfall
50	35	.03
44	31	
37	29	
50	13	