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People  
in 20 miles of  
Haywood—their ideal  
center.

Goal  
Raised  
Haywood  
Drive

Committees For An-  
campaign To Be  
anced This

\$5,700 has been as-  
Haywood county during  
representing an in-  
\$1,500 over the 1947  
David Hyatt, com-  
the Waynesville area.  
amount \$3,200 is to be  
this part of the coun-  
in the Canton area.  
campaign is sponsored  
club, and will begin  
The increased goal has  
the National Founda-  
of the fact that more  
Haywood during  
has been returned  
organization. Mr.  
ment of working coun-  
he made this week by  
er, campaign chair-  
area.

man Killed  
Arrest  
Robbinsville

B. Whatley, 25-year-old  
patrolman from El-  
Monday morning in  
hospital from a bullet  
to the heart, inflicted  
to a residence near  
county courthouse on  
to arrest a man for  
both Crisp of Graham  
he is holding Boone  
Carter Riddle, 25, and  
ines, 31, all of Robbins-  
connection with the shoot-

Crisp and Rural Police  
Sawyers had gone to  
home to serve a warrant  
according to the sher-  
high caliber rifle bullet  
the door of the dark-  
struck Whatley.

rs Warned  
Go Through  
ce Lanes

who go through the serv-  
of a filling station with-  
their vehicles violate  
and if they cut through  
lane to avoid stopping at  
signal make themselves  
charge of reckless driv-  
Police Chief Orville

Bowles Injured  
ident At Home

Bowles, superintendent of  
the district schools, re-  
injuries when a  
fell on his foot last  
night at his home. A bone  
and the foot severely  
After treatment in the  
County hospital Mr.  
resting comfortably and  
get about with the aid

Weather

(The United Press)  
AY, Dec. 30. — Mostly  
th an occasional rain and  
in temperature.  
Waynesville tempera-  
recorded by the staff of  
Test Farm):

	Melted	Max.	Min.	Snow
22	57	15	—	—
23	55	28	—	—
24	47	21	—	—
25	40	27	45	—
26	42	15	—	—
27	52	15	—	—
28	53	17	—	—

## Lions Club Help 100 Children At Christmas



SHOWN HERE are part of the 100 children from this area who were outfitted with suitable clothing by members of the Lions Club just a few days before Christmas. The club raised money for this work from the Dime Board. The above picture was made just before the youngsters were carried to various stores and outfitted. Santa Claus is shown giving each child some candy. The representatives of the Lions Club shown in the background, are left to right: Joe Jack Atkins, Hal Crawford, Claude Rogers, president; O. R. Roberts, Francis Massie, Charles Metcalfe and Lee Davis.

—This is a Mountaineer photograph by Jack Worthington, Ingram's Studio.

## First State Bank Declares Dividend After First Year

A dividend was declared and \$1,500 placed in the surplus account by the First State Bank of Hazelwood, it was announced yesterday by R. L. Prevost, Sr., chairman of the board of directors.

The bank, established in September 1946, has grown far beyond expectations, according to Jonathan Woody, president. Its record has been commended by Guernsey Hood, state commissioner of banks, who stated that it is a "rare" instance when a bank will pay a dividend its first full year of operation.

All officers and employees of the bank were given a bonus.

Directors of the First State Bank are Mr. Prevost, C. N. Allen, J. E. Massie, L. N. Davis and Mr. Woody. John Smith is cashier. The bank is a member of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, which provides maximum insurance for each depositor up to \$5,000.

## Valuable Gifts Await First 1948 Baby Born In Haywood

A number of valuable gifts await the first white baby born in Haywood in 1948 and reported to The Mountaineer by 3 o'clock on the first.

A large number of business firms of this community have joined together in offering gifts to the first youngster. Belk-Hudson company will give a complete lay-out worth \$14.50; Pet Dairy is giving 15 quarts of milk; Junaluska Supply company an electric bottle sterilizer; E. J. Lilius a silver fork and spoon; Firestone Home and Auto Supply a car seat; Garrett Furniture Store a baby swing; Builders Supply enough paint for a room; Waynesville Laundry two weeks of dry cleaning service; McKay Pharmacy \$1 in trade.

The Dixie Home Store will give a case of baby food to each of the three first babies born in the county. All details of the contest will be found on pages four and five of this issue.

## Henrietta Love Visits Mother On Holiday Trip

Henrietta Love, court reporter for the Nazi war crimes trials in Nuernberg, Germany, who visited her mother, Mrs. Hugh Love of Love lane during the Christmas holidays, left Monday for New York where she will return by plane to Germany on January 2.

Miss Love, formerly a court reporter at Raleigh before her appointment last May to work at the Nuernberg trials, told of many interesting experiences in Germany while visiting relatives and friends here. She expressed more concern over the distressed condition of the people caused by lack of food, clothing and fuel, and the uncleared rubble piles and war-damaged buildings than of happenings during the trials.

She expects the war trials to be concluded by next summer.

## Tax Listing Will Begin Thursday Over County

Property Owners Required To Submit List Of Holdings During January

Tax listing in Haywood county will begin Thursday and continue throughout the month of January with listers on duty in each township.

Under state law each property owner is required to list all real and personal taxable holdings. Failure to submit estimated valuation is a misdemeanor and the tax assessor has authority to add 10 per cent to the previous listing. Businesses and industries are required to file copies of their inventories.

J. S. Black, assessor and tax lister for Waynesville township, has been distributing the forms this week to listers in the other townships.

The others are: Lenoir Moody, Cecil; Clint Burnette, East Fork; Vaughn Byers, Beaverdam; Carter Osborne, Clyde; J. E. Ferguson, Ivy Hill; Medford Leatherwood, Jonathan Creek; Odde Fish, White Oak; Carl Rogers, Fines Creek; Frank Medford, Crabtree; Frank Bradshaw, Iron Duff; Mack Caldwell, Big Creek; and Gay Burnette, Pigeon.

## Yule Business Better Here Than Last Year



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## Christmas Shopping Was Begun Earlier With Parade Opening Season

A general survey of business houses throughout the community showed that Christmas business this year was above that of last year. A few places reported "just the same, no increase," but the majority said they had had an increase over last year.

Noticeable, too, was that as a rule, shoppers started earlier this year than in the past. The Merchants Association opened the Christmas season here on November 14th with a parade, and followed within two weeks with a county-wide Tobacco Harvest Festival.

The average toy department was pretty well sold out, and popular priced merchandise moved faster than any other type, the survey showed. Many gifts for the home were in evidence this year and many a person received U. S. Savings Bonds for gifts.

Candy departments did a flourishing business, especially on hard candies, gum drops and stick candies, which have been among the scarce items for the past few years.

Electrical dealers throughout the community reported they could have done a land office business on extra tree light bulbs and extra outdoor colored lights, but the supply was limited and during the few weeks just before Christmas hardly any shipments of extra bulbs arrived at all.

This week most merchants were taking inventory, with some almost finished.

## Farm Profits Reached Peak '47; Future Bright

AP Newsfeatures  
BY WILLIAM FERRIS

CHICAGO — The farmer never had it so good as in 1947.

People earning hefty salaries and wages in urban centers bought and ate more food than at any time in the past. Grain was shipped abroad in record volume.

Results: Prices for farm products which would have seemed fantastic before the war.

And the possibility is even higher prices for some foods—meat, for example — in 1948.

Gross farm income for 1947 will total around \$34,300,000,000. Net incomes, after paying production expenses, will amount to about \$18,000,000,000. Of course, it will be an all-time high.

Price records were made during 1947 for such basic farm products as hogs, cattle, corn and oats. Wheat sold at a 27-year peak. Farm income from livestock, dairy and poultry, grain crops and cotton rose above 1946.

A few commodities received government support — potatoes and eggs among them.

Studies by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics showed the farmer now was more likely to have electricity, a telephone and an automobile—each an important item in modern living. The value of farm land has very greatly increased.

In contrast, the farmer can argue that he doesn't have a 40-hour work week, isn't a participant in social security and usually lacks the medical facilities available in cities. And what he buys has gone up in price just as thoroughly as what he sells.

But, on balance, the farmer is doing all right.

Somewhere in the future exists that old bugaboo of the nation's

## Quiet Christmas Had By Officers

A quiet Christmas holiday period was reported by law enforcement agencies here. No wrecks were reported by State Highway Patrol officers. Waynesville police arrested six persons for public drunkenness, who were released on paying court costs; one speeder, fined \$10 and costs, and one for reckless driving, fined \$100 and costs.

## New Grower Tobacco Allotments Being Taken

Practically all of the 1,741 marketing cards for tobacco have been distributed to growers, it is reported at the Haywood AAA office and those that remain are being called for in anticipation of the re-opening of sales next week.

New growers who want allotments for 1948 must apply before February 1. War veterans are eligible for a new allotment if they grew a crop during any one of the five years before their period of service, and non-veterans are eligible providing they raised two crops during the past five years.

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## Reports For AAA Payments Should Be Signed Soon

Soil conservation performance reports for 1947 must be submitted to state headquarters early in February, announces George Stamey, chairman of the Haywood ACP committee, and all farmers are urged to come in the AAA office at the courthouse and complete their reports as soon as possible.

Less than 200 of the 1,975 farmers of the county who have carried out conservation practices have signed their reports to date, records at the office show. Payment for practices is made on the basis of signed reports, which must be in Raleigh by February 15.

Included among the practices are the use of phosphate, lime, seed, winter cover crops, turning under small grains, and the construction of trails to pastureland. The latter was carried out on an experimental basis in Haywood during the past year, and although results have lived up to expectations is likely to be eliminated in 1948 because of an anticipated budget cut.

No definite information about the new budget allotment has been given, but the county committee understands that Haywood will receive approximately 40 per cent of the \$68,000 allotted for 1947.

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## Stores To Remain Open, Banks Close New Years Day

New Year's Day, which falls on Thursday of this week, will find all but a few stores open for business. According to David Felmet, president of the Merchants Association the merchants agreed to remain open during the holiday unless an individual announcement was made otherwise.

Offices at the courthouse also will be open, announces George A. Brown, Jr., county manager.

The First National Bank of Waynesville and First State Bank of Hazelwood will be closed all day Thursday, with employees working on end-of-the-year records. New Year's also will be a holiday for the post office.

## First National Bank Ending Best Year In History

Directors of the First National Bank declared the customary dividend and paid a substantial bonus to officers and employees at a recent meeting.

Vice Chairman J. E. Massie stated that it appeared the bank would have the best year in its history in 1947. A few weeks ago \$40,000 was transferred from the undivided profits account to the surplus account, making the latter \$100,000.

The total capital account of the bank is now \$300,000, highest on record. The First National is the oldest unit in Western North Carolina, now completing 46 years of operation.

Highway  
Record For  
1947  
(To Date)  
In Haywood  
Injured --- 51  
Killed ---- 8

(This information Compiled From Records of State Highway Patrol)

