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Is He Oldest?

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DR. TOM STRINGFIELD observed his 77th birthday Friday. and is believed to have the distinction of having lived in Waynesville longer than any other citizen. While not the oldest person as far as years go, he is believed to hold the record for having lived here the longest. Dr. Tom has just about retired from his medical practice. He still assists with several operations a week. He is a member of the board of aldermen, and divides his time between the court house, city hall and hos-

Firemen Save 4 Canton ent is from Ashe- Dwellings

Canton firemen had to work ast save a block of houses on North

The 6-room home of Mrs. Ruth Rhyne was discovered ablaze by ecialion for the the owner, and before the departon fire all over,

burning embers over a wite area, son county, near the Rufus Jones going to tell them and at different times, four nearthe man who by houses caught, Firemen put out farm. the roof fires, and kept the damreference to Max age to a nearby house to a small sitting nearby. It damage of a burned gable, and a pany here. ers' notericty has number of burned shingles.

The Rhyne house and furniture Junior 4-H Club was estimated as a loss of \$5,000. Damage to the nearby houses was Receives Award estimated at \$25.

n Marburg, Ger- der C. L. Westmoreland, chief. The here last summer, drivers are Ted Cole, Claude Rob-Pacific, and had erts. Edwin Smathers and Fred Nice Flies

Earlier last week, the departntioning the fact ment saved valuable property just had a lot of outside the city limits, by extinwas here three guishing a blaze at the home of A. t. Boyd comment- B. Watts. The fire was confined to German nurses, a small area, and slight damage.

s And Agriculture Coming Wednesday

ers will gather in nesday to discuss Former AP Man Joins News Staff ion sponsored by issociation's agri-

Of Mountaineer ee the Federal Bill Lindau, the new Mountain-Richmond, Va., ina State College. eer reporter, his wife, and their ttract more than make their home this week-end in four-year-old daughter, Sara, will Buncombe, Hen-and Transcombe, Hen-an apartment at the residence of their regular third Monday meetand Transylvania | an apartment at the residence of their regular times as from Hamiltonian Mrs. S. H. Keller on the Asheville ing Monday, with only routine matas from Haywood. highway. dy, president of Bank will pre- for the last three years, where the aker will be Dareporter worked for the Associated istant director of Press bureau there. sion service. State

Friday.

ert, agronomist, of Busy Week-End For Police Department

and the theft of one car.

"It kept us on the go," Chief Or-

Fires Burn 161 Acres Sixteen forest fires have burned "We have had a greater number

16 Forest

16112 acres in Haywood since February first, according to R. E. Caldwell, county fire warden.

of fires but not as much acreage burned," Mr. Caldwell said. The fire warden reported that

careless burning of tobacco beds. and new ground had accounted for almost every one of the fires. He warned that farmers wait until night, and when the woods

are damp, to burn off beds and new

The fire tower atop Chambers Mountain has been manned since February first, and two-way radio now enables the lookout men to keep in touch with the fire ward-

One day last week four fires broke out, Iwo at the same time Through the facilities of radio, the fire fighters were soon on the job and had the blaze under control.

Loaded Truck Of Feed Wrecks; Runs Into Scotts Creek

Two men narrowly escaped serious injuries when their loaded feed truck overturned just west of

The vehicle was a tractor-trailer unit, with a load of feed from an Asheville mill. The driver of the truck said he was crowded off the road onto soft shoulders by ment always vsits and efficiently late Saturday to another truck. He lost control of the fractor, and the whole thing furned over the embankment towards Scott's Creek.

smashed, and considerable damage mestille club, and ment could reach the scene, was done to the trailer. The load of feed slid off the trailer and only The high winds sent sparks and a few bags were damaged. a few bags were damaged. The accide it tappened in Jack- Show Here

The Crabtree Junior 4-H Club Both trucks were used by the held its regular meeting on Tues-Prt David Boyd, department, which has 4 drivers day and was presented a banner as here, saying he is and 24 volunteer firemen, all un-

Miss Elise DeLozier presented have completed their record books: Betty Ruth Ferguson, Bobby May Eddie Louise Hill, Frances Emma onstration agent; and REA Man- urday morning. Yates, Claudie Sue Crawford and Polly Kay McElroy.

Crabtree-Iron Duff School To Have Lockers

Individual lockers for high school tudents are under construction at the Crabtree-Iron Duff school. The work is being done by members of the vocational agriculture classes under the supervision of B. F. Nesbitt, instructor.

Commissioners Hold Third Monday Meeting

ters coming to their attention. A The Lindaus lived in Charlotte number of citizens attended the meeting to discuss highway maters with J. M. Knight, highway engineer, who comes here each He started on his new job here third Monday

Heavy Traffic On Highways; No Wrecks

Highway Patrolman O. R. Rob-Police here had a busy week- erts reported heavy traffic throughnd, with six being arrested for out the county over the week-end, eing drunk, 2 drunken drivers, and especially on Highway No. 19 Sunday afternoon.

As far as could be learned, no accidents were reported

Bethel FFA Boys Clear \$9,142 On Farm Projects

net of \$9,142 worth on farm com-

Clinton Nix, Bethel High vocational agriculture teacher, gave 152,74. the figures in his report on the 1948 projects Thursday hight at the story figures told his an FFA father and son banquet. (See B FFA—Page 4) an FFA father and son banquet.

Here's wh - it did, according to

Twins Observe 83rd Birthday



Mrs. John Shoolhred and her sister, Mrs. H. L. Frost, are identical twins, observed their 83rd birthdays here Saturday, Both are still active, with Mrs. Frost doing a lot of painting, while Mrs. Shoolbred prefers to sew, Mrs. Shoolbred is on the right, (See Story on page three)

Series Meetings Slated On Community Programs

It's Spring

Spring arrived with a smile at 5:49 p.m. Sunday. The skies were sunny, and weather pleasantly

But you couldn't tell the difference, since it's been spring all winter

In fact, if anything, the first day of spring was colder than most of the days of the winter

ands Scott's Creek. The cab of the tractor was badly 700 People At Appliance

More than 700 people attended The wrecked vehicles were the third annual Home Appliance at Bethel School, for discussion brought to Watkins Chevrolet Com- Show at the Waynesville Armory before the two-day event closed at 1 p. m. Saturday.

was greater than last year's show, according to Haywood County Agent Wayne Corpening.

The county agent termed the county. The presentation was made last year's also from the standpoint of program.

The program was sponsored by Small Fire On Balsam medals to the following girls who the Haywood Electric Membership Road Home Saturday Corporation, the Extension Service, and local appliance dealers. Fire did about \$25 damage to the ager R. C. Sheffield

hit Miller, right on the head.

And now he can hear again.

when he was struck on the head ing.

community development program have been announced for this week as follows by citizens of the respec-

Monday, 7:30 p.m.—Laursa Chap- Services Will

and Newfound Cap community organization and watershed test lemonstration, at Beaverdam

Tuesday, 7/30 p.m. Rafeliffe meeting at the Ratchife Cove Methodist Church.

Wednesday: 7:30 p.m. Jonathan organization Creek Community meeting at Rock Hill School. Thursday -- Allens Creek comcommunity, already organized, will

neet at Allens Creek School, Dellwood steering committee, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hub

Pigeon and parts of Beaverdam. (See Meetings-Page 4)

$_{\rm In~spite~of~fhe~cold.~wet}$ Car With Liquor Is

on Highway No. 276 last

Welch, Maxine Medford, Mattie It was arranged by Corpening, Miss Harry Swanger home on Balsain Sue Medford, Doris Jean Kinsland, Mary Margaret Smith, home dem- road near Skyland Cottages Sat

The Waynesville Fire Depart-The greatest single group of ment answered the call Chief Clem Experts Found spectators was made up of the 500 Fitzgerald reported the blaze start (See 700 People—Page 4) ed from a flue.

raid on the Ploesti oil fields.

Musicians Entered In District Contests

High School's crack musicians and singers will compete this weekend in the District Music Contest at Asheville.

The winners will compete in the state contest which will be held later this spring at Greensboro.

Waynesville High School Band Director Charles Isley announced Monday he has entered two bands in the Asheville contest, where this year's grading will range from one to six (easiest to hardest).

One Waynesville band is entered in Grade 5 and will compete against Lee Edwards High of Asheville, The other, in Grade 3. will compete against Hickory and The Marion High band is the

only one entered in Grade 4. The instrumental group competition will be staged Friday, with the choral groups to compete Sat-

Mr. Isley also announced he was (See Musicians-Page 4)

Beaverdam Creek, Hominy Creek Be Held Today For C. B. Russell

Charles B. Russell, 78, wellknown Haywood County resident. Cove community organization died Sunday in the Haywood County Hospital as a result of a stroke suffered last Monday.

Funeral services will be conducted at the First Presbyterian Church, Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, with the pastor, the Rev. Malcolm Williamson, and the Rev. 1. G. Elliott, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Internwill be in Green Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers wil be nephews as follows: Woodrow Frazier, Robert Russell, Jack Paxton, Thomas Edwards, and Charles Russell.

Mr. Russell, son of Marion and an Odd ian Church, a Woodman, Fellow, and a member of the

The men have been bound over Knights of Pythias. The body will remain at Garrett urged to attend. Funeral Home until 2 o'clock this afternoon when it will be taken to the church and lie in state until the hour of the service.

Lake Silt Equals Cheap Fertilizer,

Technicians of TVA are here checking the content of the deep deposit of silt in the bed of Lake Junaluska. Analysis show it equal to low grade fertilizer.

said that the flood gates would pleted probably be closed this week, or just as soon as the technicians day he was shot down in an air | The story was told by the Asso- completed their checking of the raid over Rumania, Sgt. Paul M. ctated Press, quoting official Navy silt,

The water level of the Lake was Miller was a tail gunner on a lowered some months ago in order he proverbial "luck of the Irish" shot down Aug. 1, 1943 during a large sewer line for the Assembly.

After his discharge from the Miller, serving with an Air Force army, he served with the Waygroup at the Point Mugu, Cal., nesville Post Office as a city mail Contest Winner Naval Base, was playing softball carrier and clerk before re-enlist-

address on soil conservation at the Rotary meeting last Friday. She recently won the county contest. and also in the district contest.

the General Assembly.

Dr. J. Henry Highsmith of Ral- the General Assembly adjourn- a visit to relatives in Waycross, Ga. eigh, Charles G. Tennent of Ashe- ing by April second, a date often ville and Max Rogers, Waynesville, mentioned by legislative leaders.

Secretary



MRS, FRANK KNUTTI has assumed her duties as secretary of the Chamber of Commerce here. Mrs. Knutti was formerly with the Lake Wales: Fla_ organization, and moved here last July. Mr. Kuntti is manager of radio station WHCC Photo by In-

Highway To Sylva Being Widened

In about 60 days, U.S. Highway 19-A between Balsam Gap and Sylva will be 20 feet wide, The Asheville Paving Company

of Asheville started work Saturday morning on the \$120,000 State highway project to add four feet to the width of the 106-mile stretch. Dan Furr, company vice president, gave the information to the Mountaineer in a telephone inter-

He said a crew of 15 men were laying crushed rock first. The porter. width extension will be surfaced finally with hot asphaltic concrete. The company official added that there would be no more than 25 men on the job at any one time.

Jonathan Creek Citizens To Meet

Elizabeth Stratton Russell, was meet at the Rock Hill school Wed- Setzer, C. A. Campbell, B. C. Unborn January 14, 1870 in Haywood nesday night at 7/30 to organize for gate. Hub Caldwell, D. J. Boyd weather that kept Friday's opening Nabbed On Highway 276 County and spent his entire life carrying out the community deday attendance low, the attendance Patrolman II Dayton caught two here. He was a retired painter and velopment program in that area, men with a case and a half of a member of the First Presbyter- Nathan Carver is temporary

Severe Electrical Storm Hit Haywood Last Friday

Police Here Move the county early Friday morning during the season's first electrical

The police department is now becupying the former city hall office, which was moved last week- outside when a bolt struck nearby. Dr. F. S. Love, superintendent, end to the new offices just com-

Last Thursday, St. Patrick's Day, B-24 bomber when his plane was that workmen could install the the new offices. Large crowds will

Rep. Grover Davis

Rep Grover C. Davis spent the week-end at home. This was his Crabtree areas of the county first visit since he went to Raleigh

Here On Week-End

W. M. "Bill" Cobb was received early in January as a member of

Haywood Masons Hold District Meet At Bethel

Masons and their wives attended in the county during the year. The in Bethel last week.

Lodge served the meal.

the First Methodist church of Can-the Waynesville Lodge. ton, was the principal speaker. He discussed the basic principals of with the Waynesville lodge in June

he banquet of the four lodges of tour lodges, at Waynesville, Canthe county at the Somona Lodge, ton. Clyde and Bethel, comprise the 41st district. The Eastern Star of the Somona R. T. Hargrove is master of the

Somona Lodge, while Ned Clontz George Stamey, district grand is master of the Canton Lodge. master, presided at the banquet, Sidney Haynes of the Clyde Lodge, and Rev. L. E. Mabry, pastor of and E. A. Williamson, master of

Officers Get Stolen Car Back In 13 Minutes

UNCLE ABE SEZ Bout the time wimmen stop gitten a-feard o' mice they begin t' git a-feard of the mir-

It take a fast car to exceed cadio waves, especially if the car radiator is dry.

All this was learned Saturday by Wayne Adams, 25. a one-legged man of Andrews

Late Saturday afternoon Adams slipped under the steering wheel of Carl Rathbone's car near the depot, and started towards. Andrews. Rathbone called the police. and Chief Orville Noland put the message on the police radio, and highway patrol radio system

In exactly 13 minutes, a ca came back to Chief Noland, 'We have the car, and the man, on the

Mr. Rathbone, who lives near his work, drove his car to work Satur-(See Officers-Page 4)

Dellwood **Undertakes** Community Program

J. A. Singlelon was elected chairman of the Deliwood community development program at the initial meeting Thursday might Mrs. T. D. Ketner was elected vice chairman; Mrs. Ned Mondy. secretary; Bryan Medford, treas urer; and Mrs. Crews Moody, re-

meet next Thursday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hub Cald well to map a program and select additional committees. Haywood County Agent Wayne

The steering committee will

Corpening outlined the objectives and plan of the community development program for the count; These committees for Deliwood

have been selected: Survey-Robert Ferguson, Carl

Ways and Means-Sam Queen Mrs. Wells, and Mrs. Hub Caldwell Officers will be elected, and Program-Mrs, J. E. B. Hower every citizen of the community is James Roy Moody, Taylor Fergu-

Lightning struck several place in

A tree on Balsam road near

Skyland Cottages was splintered

and the home of E. G. Hembree on

Allens Creek was smoked on the

The cap from the electric meter

was knocked 30 feet. The house

The lightning burned out sever if

transformers on the Carolina Power

community in darkness for about

55 minutes. Workmen rushed to

the scene, and restored the service.

that some 40 to 50 telephones were

knocked out by the lightning

Service had been restored on all

REA engineers reported that

bolts of lightning threw switches on

their lines in the Thickety and

Mrs, Harley Francis and

phones at noon Saturday.

The telephone company reported

did not catch on fire.

Into New Quarters

The ractio equipment of the department, and all records have been moved to the new quarters. & Light Company lines, and irruels Chief Orville Noland said that near the sub station throwing the most police court would be held in

Among the guests present were. He told friends he questioned Jimmy Francis, have returned from

Highway Record For

1949 (To Date) In Haywood

Killed 0 Injured 9

(This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol).

ville Noland said. Sixty-four Bethel Future Farm-

ers of America boys produced a livestock, and livestock products modities last year, and turned in boys spent \$5,051.25 in rent and some production records their eld- other expenses, worked 3,0231/2 ers would be proud to claim. hours.

The gross value of the crops was \$14,193.26. To get this, the

Their labor itself was worth \$9.

Another Hazelwood Carrier

Paul Miller Hit With

Ball; Hearing Restored

For nearly six years, since the by the ball.

Miller of Waynesville, had been sources.

FRANK BIRCHFIELD is another Hazelwood carrier, and serves 85 residents of the area, He started as a carrier earlier this year, and has already made enough to buy two (Continued on Page 3)

Rotarians Hear

Miss Cenie Ferguson gave her

as a new member.

Between 125 and 150 Haywood ing with each of the four lodges

Plans are to have a supper meet- or early July,