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TODAY'S SMILE

A few of us would rather be right than be president. Most of us would rather be wrong than be quiet.

1950 March Of Dimes Goal Set At \$15,000

Haywood County's quota for the 1950 March of Dimes drive was set Monday at \$15,000.

Officials of the Waynesville and Canton areas for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis accepted this quota at a western regional meeting with Dr. Ralph MacDonald, the North Carolina chairman.

The 1950 national campaign for the aid of polio victims will open January 15 and continue through January 31.

Locally, however, it will open January 14, a Saturday.

Attending the meeting were Waynesville Area Chairman David Hyatt, Waynesville March of Dimes Campaign Director Felix Stovall, Canton Area Chairman Beekman Huger, and Canton Area Campaign Director Edwin Haynes.

The area officials agreed to split the quota, with each section of the county to raise \$7,500.

The county's quota for 1950 is \$2,000 higher than the 1949 goal, which Haywood surpassed by a large margin.

Waynesville area officials met Tuesday afternoon with County Schools Superintendent Jack Messer and Rotary Club President Jonathan Woody to work out the (See Polio Quota—Page 8)

Modern Fire Equipment For Clyde To Be Discussed

By BOB MEDFORD
(Mountaineer Correspondent)

Clyde town officials and fire chiefs from surrounding towns will meet tomorrow night with the members of the Clyde Lions Club to discuss a proposal to buy a modern fire truck and fire equipment.

The dinner session will open at 7 p.m. at the Clyde High School cafeteria.

Scheduled to attend the meeting are Clyde Mayor Vanar Haynes and the town aldermen, Waynesville Fire Chief Clem Fitzgerald and the chief of the Enka Fire Department; and other municipal and fire officials.

The proposal to establish a modern fire prevention installation for the town of Clyde was advanced several weeks before Christmas.

CD Program Winner To Be Named Soon

The winner of the first year of the Haywood County Community Development Program will be crowned late this month.

This was announced today by Turner Cathey, assistant county agent in charge of the comprehensive community improvement program.

The crown will mean an award of \$500 for the community which the judges decide made the greatest improvements since the program was launched last winter.

Cathey said each of the 23 organized communities taking part in the competition are to file their survey sheets by January 15.

The final check is scheduled to start January 23 when two N.C. State College Extension Service specialists, accompanied by county extension workers and community representatives will tour each community to study improvements.

The State College officials who will make this survey are T. K. Jones, farm management specialist, and Miss Mary Emma Lee, home management specialist.

The extensive program to improve the farms and homes of every community and to increase farm-income through the development of sound, balanced enterprises was launched a year ago at a mass meeting here.

The first community had organized for the program by late February, and the 23 communities in the County had completed their job of organizing by the latter part of May.

BACK FROM NEW YORK

Mr. and Mrs. W. Curtis Russ and daughter, Marguerite, returned Tuesday from a week's stay in New York. While there Mr. Russ conferred with several newspaper specialists on different phases of the publishing business.

Saunook To Elect 1950 Officers At Friday Meeting

By MRS. CHARLES SPARKS
(Mountaineer Correspondent)

The election of the Cove Creek Community Development Program officers will be held at a meeting January 13, at 7:30 p.m.

Everyone is urged, by Vinson Morrow, chairman, to attend the meeting.

Work Has Started On Historical Edition

The Mountaineer Seeking Old Photos For Big '50 Years of Progress' Edition

First Baby Of 1950 And Mother



The winner of the Mountaineer's Baby Derby as the first Haywood County baby of 1950 is Herman Harold Rathbone, shown with his mother, Mrs. Troy Beauford Rathbone of Hemphill a few hours after he was born. Herman Harold was brought into the world at 5:09 A.M. New Year's day at Haywood County Hospital. The Rathbones have one other child, a boy, 19-months-old Troy Beauford, Jr. (Photo by Joe Davis)

Officer Says Teen-Agers County's Best Drivers

2 Escape Injury As Car Plunges Down Steep Bank

A sedan skidded on the slick pavement a mile west of the Buncombe County line Tuesday morning, plunged off the road, turned over and crashed into a tree 25 feet down the 60-foot bank.

Out of the wreckage crawled Mrs. Eugene Wilson, 22-year-old Canton housewife, and her 19-year-old brother.

Neither was hurt.

State Highway Patrol Corporal John L. Carpenter, who investigated the accident with Patrolman Wooten, reported the details of the accident.

He quoted the boy as saying the car, driven by Mrs. Wilson, went out of control on the wet highway on a sharp curve as they were traveling toward Canton.

The damage to the car was estimated at \$400.

The best drivers in Haywood County are the people who have been abused over the rest of the country as being the worst.

They are teen-agers and women.

State Highway Patrol Corporal John L. Carpenter declared today that the teen-agers of Haywood are the best of all.

The officer who praised the ladies requested that his name be withheld:

"The men would climb all over me," he protested.

Magazine and newspaper stories over the last year have charged the teen-ager with being "murderer of the highway," or a "killer in traffic".

As for lady drivers, comedians—men comedians, of course—have been using them in jokes about traffic ever since Pitheanthropus Erectus first discovered that riding a horse was better than walking.

After reviewing the traffic accident record for 1949, Corporal Carpenter declared that Haywood County drivers were better than (See Good Drivers—Page 8)

December '49 Was Best Month For Cupid Here

"Will you love me in December as you did in May?" the man asked in the familiar song.

For Haywood county ladies, at least, the answer is:

"Yes, in fact more so."

The report shows that 25 marriage licenses were issued to couples in December—more than twice the number that were issued during the traditional wedding month of June.

In June, the office issued 10 such licenses to commit matrimony.

As a matter of fact, the report shows that couples liked the idea of marrying in two other months better than they did in June.

During October, for instance, 19 marriage licenses were issued, and only one less than that were given to couples in November.

In all, the register of deeds issued 150 licenses during 1949.

Mountaineer Published 1,488 Pages Last Year

Subscribers to The Mountaineer got more pages during 1949 than any year since the paper was established 65 years ago.

The 103 issues published last year contain 1,488 pages, which makes a book over three and a half inches thick, when the papers are opened out.

The 1949 editions carried 122 more pages than 1948, which was the record year to that time.

In 1949, The Mountaineer published 11,904 columns.

Last year also was the record year for circulation for the paper, as a 65-year record was broken.

Waynesville Police Report For 1949 Reveals

Felonies Show Drop As Police Arrest 871

Judge Nettles To Open Civil Court Here Monday

Judge Zeb V. Nettles of Asheville will convene a two-week January civil term of Haywood Superior Court at 10 a.m. Monday. The day-by-day court docket shows these cases are coming up for hearing:

January 9—Smith, Administrator vs. Gibbons; Medford vs. Burrell, et al; Tennessee Roofing Company vs. Gibson, et al; Sellars vs. Stamey, et al; Harvey vs. Hemphill.

January 10—Sutton vs. Caldwell; Phillips vs. Potts, et al; Muss vs. McCracken.

January 11—Epstein vs. Underwood; Wright vs. Arrington; Stiles vs. Crowder; Pressley vs. Galloway; Lunsford vs. Lunsford.

January 12—Hance vs. Scott; Mitchell vs. Smith Drug Co.; Swain vs. Motor Lines.

January 13—Silvers vs. Galloway; et al; Reed vs. Matney.

January 16—Strable vs. Medford; In Re Marion W. Allen, Deceased; McCracken, et al vs. McCracken, et al.

January 17—Davis, B.N.F. vs. Casey; Livingstone vs. Livingstone; Motion Docket—Welch vs. Welch; Blaylock vs. Boyd; Begin vs. Moss.

The Jury list:

First week—Dave Millwood and John A. Ploot, Waynesville; G. W. Wright, White Oak; Silas Nichols, Waynesville; J. C. Hopkins, Cataloochee; Mrs. Wilma Rhoarmer, Clyde; Homer Dotson, Beaverdam; R. L. Snyder, Beaverdam; Grover C. Ferguson, Fine Creek; Mrs. W. H. Sharp, East Fork.

Nathan M. Walker, Clyde; F. A. Crawford, Clyde; W. C. Welch, Iron Duff; Lloyd Shelton, Ivy (See Court—Page 8)

Scouts To Hold 29th Annual Convention Jan. 9

The 29th annual Scouting Convention will open Monday in the Central Methodist Church in Asheville.

Dr. Stanley A. Harris, former national officer of the Boy Scouts of America, will be the principal speaker at the 29th annual Scouting Convention scheduled for Monday in Asheville's Central Methodist Church.

In 1948, policemen made 501 arrests for public drunkenness, and fewer for drunken driving and reckless driving.

The rise in the number of arrests for drunk and reckless driving also reflects the increase in the size of the town and the corresponding increase in auto and truck registration, the police chief (See Police—Page 8)

County Farming Gets Extensive Press Notices

The whole state now knows that Dwight Williams of Waynesville is North Carolina's 1949 corn-growing champion.

Another example of the wide publicity Waynesville is getting came this week from Frank Jeter, director of the publications division, North Carolina State College Agricultural Extension Service.

In one morning's mail, County Agent Wayne Corpening found a fat letter from Jeter.

It contained 30 press clippings, all telling the story of Williams being declared winner of the state's corn-growing championship for 1948.

The clippings showed the story was published in every one of the state's major daily newspapers and many of the weeklies and semi-weeklies.

The story was published in newspapers from Elizabeth City on the northeast coast to the mountains.

The number of clippings represented only part of all the newspapers that published the story of the Haywood man's growing bushel of corn per acre.

Mr. Kirkpatrick said the improvements would consist in refurnishing and redecorating the building.

Mr. Newman is now in Florida operating a hotel he leased there.

County Road Accidents Kill 8, Injure 42 In 1949

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Highway Record For 1950

In Haywood

(To Date)

Killed 0

Injured 1

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