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TODAY'S SMILE

"Remember, a pedestrian may be right — but it's the auto that's left."

## Escaped Convict Is Shot, Caught Here

Agronomist



DR. E. R. COLLINS will be the principal speaker Thursday night at the Corn Club banquet. The dinner is scheduled to start at the East Waynesville School at 7 p.m. (See Page 3, Second Section)

## Building & Loan Stockholders To Meet On Tuesday

The 30th annual stockholders meeting of the Haywood Building and Loan will be held Tuesday at seven o'clock, it was announced by L. N. Davis, secretary-treasurer of the organization.

There are over 1,300 stockholders of the organization, and they will elect ten directors on Tuesday night. The board of directors will in turn elect officers at the regular meeting on the 23rd.

The report this year shows a gain in assets of about \$70,000 over last year, Mr. Davis said. The total assets now total more than \$1,300,000. This is the highest ever reported for the association. Present officials include: R. L. Prevost, president; C. N. Allen, vice-president; Mr. Davis, secretary-treasurer; and Miss Elsie McCracken, assistant secretary-treasurer.

## Theatre To Help Polio Drive With Show Profits

The management of the Waynesville Drive-In Theatre will contribute the net profits from one show next week to the 1950 March of Dimes drive.

Roy McKinnish, director of the campaign in the Clyde area, said today Homer West and Clayton McHaffey, owners of the theatre, had agreed to donate the net proceeds from the show of the night of January 25 to the campaign fund.

## Chamber Of Commerce Board Meets Tuesday

The Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce will meet Tuesday night at 7:30, it was announced by James L. Kilpatrick, president.

Several matters will be brought to the attention of the board for immediate action, according to Mrs. G. H. Schenck, secretary.

## Polio Campaign Gets Underway In County

The 1950 March of Dimes campaign was launched yesterday formally in Haywood County and across the nation.

For several days before that, however, campaign workers and private organizations and individuals had been busy in the Waynesville, Clyde and Canton areas.

The biggest boost to the county's campaign to raise \$15,000 for polio victims came before the drive was more than a few hours old.

The folks who attended the annual benefit Singing Convention at the Haywood County Court House here yesterday afternoon turned a total of more than \$200 in offerings into the campaign chest.

The Rev. Kay Allen of Allens Creek, who conducts the convention with W. T. Queen, turned over the receipts after the convention to Felix Stovall, Waynesville area March of Dimes director.

Elsewhere throughout the county, benefit basketball games, dances and other events to boost

A 72-year-old escaped convict was shot and captured in Shelton Laurel about midnight last night. Haywood County Hospital attendants said John Holt was in fair condition this morning after undergoing treatment and transfusions for a pistol bullet wound in his abdomen.

Investigating officers said Holt was shot by a Macon County guard when he attempted to escape from a house officers had surrounded.

Holt had escaped from the Macon County camp yesterday, engaged a taxi to take him to Waynesville.

After arriving here late yesterday afternoon, he engaged another taxi to take him to the Big Bend section.

Using bloodhounds, guards from the Macon and Haywood County Prison Camps and sheriff's deputies trailed the elderly man to his hiding place.

He was wounded as he ran out the back door of the house.

## Champion Fetes More Than 400 'Old-Timers'

Reuben B. Robertson, president of The Champion Paper and Fibre Company, was host Saturday night to more than 400 of the firm's "old timers".

The party honored the men and women who have served with the firm 25 years or better.

The company estimates that by the end of 1950 there will be 107 new names on Champion's roll of folks who have worked there at least 25 years.

Reuben B. Robertson, Jr., executive vice-president, and Dwight J. Thompson, vice-president in charge of industrial and public relations attended from the company's national offices.

## 2 New Patrolmen Due To Arrive About March First

Haywood will get two additional highway patrolmen about March first, according to Sgt. T. A. Sandlin, in charge of this district.

A new school for training patrolmen started today, and after a six-week course, two of the new recruits will be assigned here. The new men will work with experienced patrolmen for about sixty days, then given a car and assigned routine patrolling, the sergeant said.

Haywood's normal patrol crew is five men. There are only three here now, due to resignations and transfers.

## Broken Steering Gear Wrecks Car

RaeFord Cullen, well known colored waiter, was painfully, but not seriously injured Saturday, when the car he was driving turned over on Highway 19-23 near Lake Junaluska.

The steering mechanism broke, sending the car into a whirl. LeRoy Martin, a passenger in the car with RaeFord suffered slight cuts and bruises. The car was badly damaged. RaeFord was given first aid treatment at the Hospital.

## W. N. C. Press To Interview President Truman March 17

Details were completed in Washington this week for publishers of the Western North Carolina Press Association to meet President Truman in a press conference on Friday, March 17th.

The plans in Washington were arranged by Representative Monroe M. Rearden with Charles Ross, special press secretary of President Truman.

Indications are that about 12 to 15 newspapers of this area will be represented at the press conference.

Details for the trip are being

## Passes Away



MRS. JOHN K. BOONE, one of Waynesville's best known citizens, was buried here this afternoon. Funeral services were held at the First Methodist church. This picture was recently made on Mrs. Boone's 91st birthday, as members of her Sunday School class presented her with a corsage.

## Funeral Held Today For Mrs. Boone

Mrs. John K. Boone, one of Waynesville's oldest and most beloved citizens, died Sunday morning at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Massey.

Funeral services were held at three o'clock this afternoon in the First Methodist church with the pastor, the Rev. J. E. Yountz, and the Rev. J. G. Huggin, pastor of the Myers Park Methodist church of Charlotte and former pastor here, officiating. Interment was in Green Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were J. W. Killian, W. E. Swift, J. W. Ray, J. H. Way, John West, Jr., and M. H. Bowles.

Honorary pallbearers were members of the board of stewards and the board of trustees of the First Methodist church and Dr. Thomas Stringfield and James Elwood.

Members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Marietta Way Bible Class of the church were in charge of flowers.

Mrs. Boone, who was ninety-one years of age, was born November 21, 1859. She was the former Miss Mary Elizabeth Kerr, daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. William M. Kerr. Her father was a well known minister in the Holston Conference of the Methodist church and a former pastor here.

She came to Waynesville with her parents in 1874 and she and her family have been identified with the life of the community (See Mrs. Boone—Page 6)

## 25 Disabled Workers In Haywood Are Given Jobs

During the last fiscal year, 25 Haywood county men and women handicapped by physical disability were aided overcoming their handicaps in finding suitable jobs and then made good in them.

This work was done through the local office of the North Carolina agency for Vocational Rehabilitation of disabled civilians.

The figures were contained in an annual report released this week by Charles Warren of the Vocational Rehabilitation headquarters in Raleigh.

The report showed that 2,259 disabled men and women in the state as a whole were rehabilitated by the agency into gainful employment during that period.

Of those rehabilitated, 594 had worked only on a part-time basis. The 612 who were holding jobs when their rehabilitation was started were in danger of losing their jobs through their disability, were endangering their own health or safety and that of others, or were in unsuitable and unsatisfactory employment.

In Haywood county, six disabled persons were awaiting the start of the rehabilitation service when the report was released.

This work also means that the purchasing power of the state as a whole was increased; the earnings of the disabled persons averaged only \$411.32 a year.

After rehabilitation, they jumped to \$2,077.92.

The report also showed that this was a tremendous return on a very small investment; the cost of completely rehabilitating one disabled person averaged only \$362.96.

The cost to the state was even less than that, for the federal government paid 60 per cent of the bill for the state's rehabilitation program.

## Court Term Nearing Closing

A consent judgment announced in Haywood Superior Court today closed the suit of Ethel Mitchell against the Smith Drug Company.

Both sides agreed to settle the case in favor of the plaintiff for \$175.

In other business today, Judge Zeb Nettles set aside a jury verdict in favor of the plaintiff in the case of Theodore T. Muse vs. Jack G. and Hiram McCracken.

The judgment was made on motion of the defendants after the jury had awarded damages to Muse in his suit growing out of injuries allegedly suffered in a fall from a silo he was helping to build.

A compromise and settlement was announced in the suit of L. R. Stiles and wife, Ruby, vs. O. Crowder.

The judge ordered that the defendant give credit of \$450 on a promissory note executed by the plaintiffs, and that the credit be a final and complete settlement of all controversies in the case. The judge also ruled that the deed of trust in the case was valid.

The court session this morning opened the second and final week of the scheduled two-week January civil term.

## Got A Room For Rent?

Final plans were completed here last week for the 2,000 Methodists who are coming here June 24-27 for a conference at Lake Junaluska.

A conference was held with Dr. M. Leo Rippey, of Nashville, and Dr. Frank S. Love, superintendent of Lake Junaluska, and Mrs. G. H. Schenck, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, on arrangements for caring for the 2,000 delegates to the conference.

The group is made up of teachers and presidents of adult classes in Methodist churches of the nine southeastern states.

Dr. Rippey is anxious to know how many rooms are available in Waynesville, since some 1,200 of the two thousand will have to be housed here, since the Lake facilities can take care of 800.

The Chamber of Commerce is trying to get a listing of all available rooms, and persons who have already signed to attend the convention will be assigned far in advance to the rooms, according to Mrs. G. H. Schenck, secretary.

All persons having rooms should contact Mrs. Schenck immediately, and she will supply the necessary forms to be filled in and send them on to Dr. Rippey. He in turn will assign delegates to the rooms.

## Wrecked Car Is Drawing Crowds

The demolished Caldwell car, which was wrecked last Monday night on Highway No. 284, is still attracting large crowds. During the latter part of the week, the wreckage was moved from the Davis-Liner Motor Sales Company, to the Ned Carver service station at Dellwood.

Hundreds have stopped and viewed the completely demolished car there. It was estimated that over 4,000 saw the car before it was moved from here to Dellwood.

OLD PICTURES —for the Special Edition of the Mountaineer still being received.

## Officers Nab Huge Still In Big Bend

"How about some news, John?" a reporter asked when Deputy Sheriff John Kerley stepped into the newspaper office last Wednesday.

"Don't have any right now," John grinned, "but we'll have some before Saturday."

On Friday the 13th, just before dawn, John and three fellow officers put a new liquor industry out of business before it had a chance to get started.

The officers said the 600-gallon wood-burning still they captured in the Big Bend section was the largest ever taken in Haywood County.

The brand-new business was all ready for its launching. The new still, its bottom never touched by a fire, rested on the new furnace. In it were 600 gallons of beer.

Nearly were thirty barrels containing 60 gallons of beer each, and ten other barrels of the same size that had contained the liquid

## To Speak Here



DAVID S. WEAVER, assistant director of the N. C. State College Agricultural Extension Service, will be the principal speaker Monday night at the Achievement Day Banquet for demonstration farmers.

## 4-H Leaders Of County Meet For Organization

4-H leaders, selected by their respective communities in the county, held an organizational meeting in the Little Court Room, Saturday morning.

Attending were Frank Rogers of East Waynesville School; Mrs. Robert Palmer, Hazelwood School; Mrs. Elmer Hendricks, Allens Creek; Mrs. Jack McCracken, West Pigeon; Lowery Ferguson, Jr., Lower Crabtree; Mrs. Jim Best, Upper Crabtree; Mrs. Arnold Terrell, Crabtree-Iron Duff; Massie Osborne, South Clyde; Mrs. Rhoda Bleckman, Francis Cove; Mr. and Mrs. George C. Boring, White Oak; Mrs. Ralph Evans, Center Pigeon; Mrs. Levi Haynes, South Clyde; Carl Ratcliffe, Waynesville; Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Yates, Iron Duff; and Hugh Franklin, East Pigeon.

Frank Rogers was elected president of the group with Carl Ratcliffe as vice-president and Mrs. Levi Haynes as secretary and treasurer.

The purpose of the organization is to carry the 4-H program into each community with members serving as local leaders.

Joe Cline, 4-H Agent for the county, led a discussion on the Objectives, Purposes, and Procedures for the group.

The leaders decided to meet the second Saturday in each month for a training course conducted by the county agents and to begin at once in the organization of 4-H work in their communities.

## More Christmas Cheer

Santa Claus is still working overtime in Haywood County. Last week, the men of the Waynesville Lions Club took a look at the final total of the contributions to their Christmas Cheer fund, then studied their bills, then had a pleasant sensation.

Then they started looking around for more needy school children. Early this week, nearly 20 children of the schools at Maggie, Saunook, Lake Junaluska, and

Spring Hill could look forward to a late visit from Santa Claus. The Lions picked up where they left off Christmas Eve, and took some of the kids shopping last Saturday on the surplus they found in their Christmas Cheer fund.

They took some more today, and plan shopping trips for the others tomorrow and probably later this week.

As they had in their pre-Christmas shopping trips, the Lions had some \$15 to spend for essentials for each child.

Before Christmas, they fixed up 85 children. Santa Claus ended his vacation, as far as Haywood County was concerned, last week when a check for \$25 was turned over to Mrs. Sam Queen, County Welfare superintendent, for use in taking care of the needy.

## Town Sells Large Tract Of Watershed Timber For \$30,756

## Haywood To Get \$6,572 From Its National Forests

Haywood County is getting a gift of \$6,572.09 from its national forests.

This is the county's share of \$85,498.47 being distributed to 25 North Carolina counties by the U. S. Forest Service in lieu of taxes on the national forests located in the state.

The money is coming from receipts which went to the state's national forests during the fiscal year that ended last June 30.

Jackson County is getting \$1,219.62; Swain, \$631.60; and Transylvania, \$8,475.65.

State Treasurer Brandon Hodges says the funds will be sent to the counties as soon as the state receives the check from the Forest Service.

## 2 Escape With Minor Injuries In 3-Way Crash

A young Waynesville couple escaped with minor injuries last night in a collision that smashed two cars and a small truck near the Waynesville Drive-In Theater just east of Waynesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshal Garland were released from the hospital after treatment for minor cuts and bruises.

State Highway Patrolman H. Dayton reported that the Garlands' 1937 coupe, going east, collided with a 1941 coach driven by William Donald Penley, 25, of Candler, route 2, then struck a 1938 model pickup truck 150 feet away, and careened onward 225 feet, finally crossing the highway and smashing into a tree.

The Penley car was driven into a ditch, the wooden body of the truck was demolished and the vehicle knocked off the road by the impact of the collision. Both were going west toward Waynesville at the time of the accident.

Penley and Mr. and Mrs. James Welch of Waynesville all escaped injury, though Welch was thrown out of the cab by the force of the crash.

Dayton and State Highway Patrol Corporal John L. Carpenter investigated the accident, which happened at about 7:30 p.m.

Dayton said the total damage to all three vehicles would probably reach \$1,000.

## Rotarians Hear Frank Barber On Polio Campaign

Rotarians heard a discussion of the needs of funds for the National Polio Foundation, as Frank Barber of Asheville, presented some local facts and figures here Friday.

Mr. Barber, an active leader in the operation of the Orthopedic Home, Asheville, pointed out the number of Haywood patients cared for by the home, and the fact that the National Foundation had spent all their money combating polio in the past year, and that the treasury was in dire need of funds.

"Haywood had 13 cases in 1949, and the Home gave 905 days service to Haywood patients," Mr. Barber said.

"There are a lot of cases from the 1948 epidemic which still have to have treatment, and medical attention," he pointed out, "and all of this requires money."

The Rotary Club is sponsor of the drive here, and Mr. Barber, who was presented by Beekman Huger, of Canton, said in concluding: "Men, when you work for the National Polio Foundation, you are working to save lives, and give comfort to the present generation, and to generations yet unborn."

## Highway Record For 1950 In Haywood (To Date) Killed . . . 2 Injured . . . 5

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

## Delights Of The News

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R. H. Blackwell and Mrs. Marley spent last week end or as guests of their cousin, R. Todd.

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64	35	...

Monday, January 16 — Mostly mild rather windy with a scattered showers. Official Waynesville temperature recorded by the staff of the