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TODAY'S SMILE

Prof.: "Are you the barber that cut my hair last time?"
New Barber: "No, I've only been here two months."

10 Rural Road Paving Projects Approved

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Hazelwood To Get New Post Office

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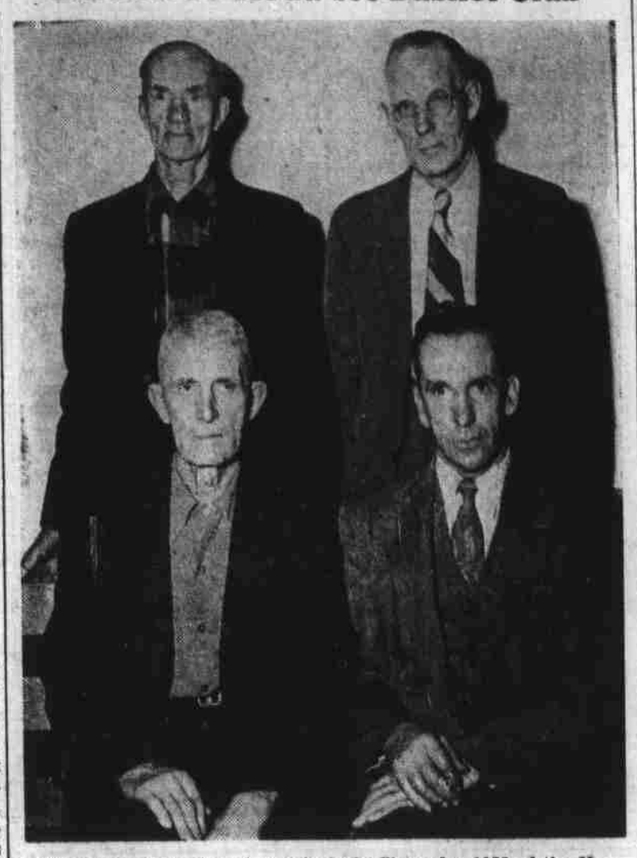
Elected To Head 100-Bushel Club



These men were elected as principal officers for 1950 of the Haywood County 100-Bushel Corn Club last Thursday night at the organization's annual banquet. Left to right, front row, are W. A. Medford of Waynesville, the new president, and George Stamey of Pigeon, vice-president. Standing, left to right ,are A. J. McCracken, secretary, and D. J. Boyd, treasurer. (Photo by Ingram's Studio.)

W. A. Medford Elected County Corn Club Head

W. A. Medford of Waynesville was elected president of the Haywood County 100-Bushel Corn Club Friday night at the organization's annual banquet at the East Waynesville School.

Approximately 65 members of the Club, representing the county's finest corn growers, elected Mr. Medford and the other officers for 1950 by acclamation after their names were submitted by a nominating officer.

Mr. Medford succeeds J. F. Rogers as president of the organization.

George Stamey of Pigeon was elected vice-president, succeeding Frank Davis of Iron Duff. A. J. McCracken was named secretary, replacing G. C. Palmer, Jr., of Clyde; and D. J. Boyd was chosen as treasurer, succeeding Sam Ferguson.

The annual event honored the farmers who had raised 100 bushels or more per acre of land, and this occasion had a special flavor.

Jonathan Woody, president of the First National Bank of Waynesville, presented Dwight Williams of Waynesville the gold trophy symbolic of the club championship.

But the trophy unofficially also is symbolic of the state championship, for Williams early this year had been judged the winner of the 1949 state corn contest with a yield of 141.34 bushels from a single acre of his rich bottom land.

Haywood County also had the third best corn grower in the state at the banquet last night. Oral Yates of Iron Duff last year produced 137.28 bushels from one acre of his farm.

Though the ranking of third is unofficial, only one other contestant in the state was higher than Yates when the final tally was taken. An Easterner was runnerup to the state champion with 139 bushels.

The awards of the trophy and the certificates to each member of

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Williams To Get N. C. Corn Award On Thursday

Dwight Williams, Haywood county's corn growing expert, will be presented the award as 1949 state champion at Raleigh on Thursday afternoon.

Williams' yield of 141.34 bushels to the acre topped all other state producers in the annual corn contest.

Dr. E. R. Collins, N. C. State College agronomist, will present the award at a meeting of the North Carolina Crop Improvement Association at State College.

Williams, accompanied by Assistant County Agent Herb Singletary, Wade Francis, Waynesville Township High School Senior 4-H president from Ratcliffe Cove, and David Noland, will leave Wednesday for Raleigh.

Francis qualified for the county's 100-Bushel Corn Club himself by growing a fraction over 106 bushels to the acre last year.

Queen To Give Dance Proceeds To Polio Drive

The proceeds from Saturday night's square dance will be donated to the 1950 March of Dimes in the Waynesville area, Sam Queen Sr., the director of the dance, said today.

The dance is scheduled to start at 9 p. m., and will be held in the Armory.

Felix Stovall, director of the Waynesville area campaign, said he had been informed that the Town of Waynesville was giving the use of the Armory free for

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Prevost To Start Work In Few Days; Give More Room

Construction of a modern post office building in Hazelwood is slated to get underway at an early date.

Congressman Monroe M. Redden told The Mountaineer from Washington this morning that the construction of the new post office had been awarded to R. L. Prevost, of Hazelwood.

The plans are now being blue printed, and work is scheduled to begin soon, Mr. Prevost told this newspaper. The new building will be of brick, and will afford about twice the space as is now provided for the Hazelwood post office.

The new building will be erected at the corner of Main and Richland streets. The building will face 25 feet on Main Street, and extend back 60 feet on Richland street. The lot is now used as part of a parking lot. The interior calls for 1,508 square feet of floor space.

Mr. Prevost said this morning that "with a good break in the weather, we should have the building completed within two months."

The post office department will compeltely refurnish the office, and additional patron's boxes will be added to what are now available at the post office.

The new office will have ample driveway for loading and unloading mail through a rear enrtance, and also have adequate parking space for patrons. Separate toilet facilities for men and women will also be provided.

It was learned that Congressman Redden has been conferring with the Post Office department officials for several months to obtain more adequate and comfortable quarters for the Hazelwood office.

Thurman Smith is postmaster of the Hazelwood office.

Highway Engineers To Improve Safety Of 2 Danger Spots

Highway engineers have started work on plans to eliminate the hazards at the intersection of two roads with Highway No. 19-A and 23 just east of Waynesville, it was learned today from Commissioner L. Dale Thrash.

"We have checked the Ratcliffe Cove, and Francis Farm road entrances into the main highway, and something will be done soon to correct the hazards which now exist," Commissioner Thrash told The Mountaineer.

The curve of the highway, and intersection of the Ratcliffe Cove road is considered as one of the most dangerous places in this area. Since 1940, there have been five killed on the curve, and several bad collisions which have resulted in heavy property damage.

Recently the Chamber of Commerce passed a resoluiton asking that something be done to make the intersection safer.

Commissioner Thrash also pointed out in the open meeting at the rural road hearing this morning that something would be done to improve the approach of the Francis Farm Road into the highway. The two dangerous intersections are about a half mile apart, both on the same side of the highway.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Massie and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ray returned to their homes Sunday after a week's visit in Florida.

Recommended

Army Secretary Gordon Gray (above) of Winston-Salem, has been recommended for the presidency of the Greater University of North Carolina. Gov. Kerr Scott said Saturday that a nominating committee seeking a new president for the university reported that Gray should be offered the post. Secretary Gray is an alumnus of the university. He is also publisher of the Winston-Salem Journal and Sentinel (AP Wirephoto).

Pre-Colored Oleo Gets Nod Over Unmixed Variety

Do you prefer colored margarine or tint your own?

A recent Mountaineer survey of the local stores showed that more shoppers buy the pre-colored margarine than the other kind.

A chain store here reported that the average sale of white and pre-colored margarine was about two to one in favor of the pre-colored.

Another store said that their sales were about 50-50, while a large chain store, which carries only the colored margarine reported that they did not have many calls for the white margarine at all. Not even one call a week.

A smaller grocery store reported that they sold more of the pre-colored margarine. Ten to one, or maybe more.

There has been a debate whether or not a Federal tax should stay on such margarine. Many Congressmen want such tax removed, while others—from the butter-making states—say the tax should stay on.

Young Democrats Plan Series Of Precinct Meetings

The precinct meetings being held through this month and next month by the Haywood County Young Democratic Club will continue this week.

The next session is scheduled for Saturday at Fines Creek School.

The Crabtree and Iron Duff precincts will hold their meeting February 4 at Crabtree-Iron Duff School.

Cruso, East Fork, and Cecil will meet February 11 at Bethel School.

On February 14 there will be a meeting at Jonathan Creek School for the Jonathan Creek, Maggie, Cataloochee and Mt. Sterling pre-

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Horticulture School Leaders

George D. Jones, N. C. State College Extension entomologist, (left) and H. R. Niswonger, Extension horticulture specialist, will lecture here during the two-day Horticulture School for orchardists of Haywood and the other Western North Carolina counties. The school will open at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Court House.

Hazelwood's New $7,500 City Hall Almost Ready

The new $7,500 Hazelwood city hall is expected to be completed within about two weeks, it was learned from town officials this morning.

The new structure, on Brown Avenue, is 25 feet by 46 feet, and will have offices for the water department, tax department, police department, and mayor's court.

The brick, cinder block and concrete building will replace the smaller building used for sometime by the town as a city hall.

The work schedule calls for the roof to be completed this week, and pouring of the concrete floors soon thereafter.

Huge Crowd Attends Rural Road Program Here This Morning

Haywood citizens this morning formally approved 12 miles of rural road for immediate paving in ten sections of the county. The meeting attracted about 500 citizens, and the court room was almost filled to capacity.

The initial statement by L. Dale Thrash, highway commissioner of the 10th district, that "this is your money, and we want to spend it building the rural roads you want. This is your program—we are merely trying to handle the technical details," was the keynote of the meeting.

So harmonious was the meeting, that the large throng gave a rising vote of thanks to Commissioner Thrash, and Division Engineer Z. V. Stewart, and James L. Knight, maintainance engineer of the division, for their attitude and cooperation.

The entire program was well prepared, and for 2 hours and 15 minutes, the three highway officials gave information, and answered questions about rural roads in Haywood.

The program approved for letting in February or March, included the following projects:

Crabtree mountain, 1 mile in length, and 12 feet wide.

Fiberville road, .5 mile, and a 16-foot road.

River road, 1.8 miles, and a 16-foot road.

Lake Logan, 3.3 miles, and a 18-foot road.

Allens Creek, 1.3 miles, and also a 16-foot road.

Hyatt Creek road, .7 miles, and a 16-foot road.

Plott Creek road, 1.1 miles, and a 16-foot road.

Eagles Nest road, .4 mile, and a 16-foot road.

Howell Mill road, .9 mile, and a 12-foot road.

Fines Creek, 1 mile, and a 16-foot road.

Engineer's estimates are that it will require some 37,800 tons of crushed stone for this 12 miles of road in the ten areas.

Commissioner Thrash cited the fact that Haywood had a reputation of being one of the most progressive counties in the state, and then said, "I think there are several reasons for this, one, is that there is not a political boss in the county, and I hope you keep it that way. And second, I believe the fact that so many women take an interest in civic matters has helped bring this situation about."

Commissioner Thrash made it clear that he was not going to take machinery from mud roads to help prepare roads for paving. "It might take a little longer this way, but I cannot sacrifice the work on the mud roads for the new paved ones. Neither can I see the wisdom of buying too much heavy machinery for this program, and have the machines idle in a few years.

The citizens of Haywood were told to continue working through their township committeemen. Sometime back, Commissioner Thrash named 13 township committees of 3 men each, to survey and make recommendations for the rural road paving program. It was the recommendations of the committees that were adopted this morning.

There are some 37 additional miles of rural roads that will be let in the second phase of the program, but since there remains some grading, and curves to straighten, the highway engineers reported that these projects were not quite ready now.

Commissioner Thrash made it plain that a delay in acquiring a right-of-way for some new locations would delay rural road projects.

The regulation calls for a minimum of 60 feet for a right-of-way, with the paved road in the center

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Mountaineer Wins Three Press Awards

The Mountaineer received three awards in the three semi-weekly divisions of the North Carolina Press Association annual contest for 1949.

This newspaper won first place for the best editorials in the semi-weekly division, and second place for general news coverage, and also second place for features.

The first place award was a large walnut placque, with a gold plate on the front. The second place awards were large certificates.

The judging for the 1949 contest was done by professors in the Journalism Department of Emory University, and covered

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Farmers Advised To Get Back To Basic Fertility

Dr. R. E. Collins, N. C. State College Extension agronomist advised Haywood County farmers Thursday night to "get back to basic fertility".

In the principal address at the annual banquet of the Haywood County 100-Bushel Corn Club, he advised his audience to use lime and phosphate, to make conditions right for growing legumes. These in turn fix nitrogen from the air in the soil, making ocnditions right for the growth of corn.

He warned the corn growers, who were honored at the banquet for their record, against overfertilization, and underlined the importance of getting back to rotation to prepare for high yields.

Dr. Collins, paying tribute to the record of 1949 State Champion Dwight Williams, of Waynesville declared that Williams' mark of 141.34 bushels could not be topped anywhere in the United States.

Referring to the reports of 200-

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Watershed To Get 25,000 Seedlings

The town of Waynesville next month will start work to replace the trees that had been cleared from part of its watershed years ago.

Town Manager G. C. Ferguson said today the town officials have applied to the Tennessee Valley Authority for 25,000 white pine seedlings for this reforesting job.

He added the plants were expected to arrive here within the next ten days.

The seedlings, distributed under the TVA program, will be planted in old fields along the entrance to the watershed in February and March.

Waynesville Area Polio Drive Gains Momentum

The March of Dimes drive in the Waynesville area picked up momentum the latter part of last week with donations gradually growing in volume.

Felix Stovall, area March of Dimes director, reminded the citizens this morning, however, that there is still a long way to go yet to the local goal of $7,500.

This is half the county's quota.

Last Thursday night's basketball double-header contributed better than $100 toward the drive. The players on the three Waynesville teams—the Lions Club, Junior Chamber of Commerce and Underwood's Supply—helped things out by paying their way into the gym, and the officials donated their game-calling services.

The Dime Board swung into action Saturday morning, with members of the Waynesville Rotary Club which is sponsoring the campaign in this area, and the Business and Professional Women's Club manning it.

Early reports indicated the public response was good.

Saturday night, the drive will get another substantial boost from one of Sam Queen's popular square dances.

Mr. Queen said the proceeds from the dance at the Armory will be donated to the March of Dimes. His benefit dance last year netted $60, which went to the drive.

The popular Soco Gap String Band, familiar institution at the far-famed Queen dances, will play without pay, donating their services to the cause, and the Town of Waynesville is eliminating its usual rental fee for the use of the hall.

Elsewhere, in Waynesville and throughout the county, other benefit events are being planned or will be held soon.

Collections also are being made

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Highway Record For 1950 In Haywood

(To Date)

Killed 2
Injured . . . 5

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