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TODAY'S SMILE

Joe: "How would you classify a telephone girl. Is her a business or a professional?"
Sam: "Neither, it's a calling."

With 2,938 Names On Petitions, Board Orders

Beer-Wine Election Called For August 12

Board Sets Date After Reviewing Petitions

Haywood County's voters will decide in an election August 12 whether legal sales of beer and wine shall continue.

The County Board of Elections last Wednesday decided officially to hold the election and set the date for it after approving a petition filed by the Haywood County Ministerial Association.

Chairman Jerry Rogers said the board found, after a ten-day investigation that more than 2,900 names on the petition were those of qualified voters.

This number, he pointed out, was more than enough to make the petition valid.

The law provides such a petition shall bear the names of at least 15 per cent of those who cast ballots in the preceding election for governor.

Under this, the document needed only 1,500 names of the county's voters who went to the polls in the 1948 General Election.

The formal approval of the petition and setting of the definite election date successfully ended for the ministers a campaign that started about a year ago.

A previous petition filed several months ago was declared invalid by the Board on the basis of failure to have a sufficient number of qualified signatures.

Heading the drive for the beer-wine referendum were the Rev. M. R. Williamson, pastor of the Waynesville Presbyterian Church; the Rev. C. O. Newell, pastor of the Crabtree Methodist Church; and the Rev. Paul Patterson Throver, pastor of the Hazelwood and Bethel Presbyterian Churches.

Mr. Rogers said that a notice of the board's decision had been sent to the Association.

Referring to the meeting, he said the only discussion revolved around the question of whether the election should be held before or after the State Democratic Primary which is scheduled for May.

After considering the matter, he said, he and Mr. Singleton decided on the August date in order to avoid even the possibility of any conflict with arrangements connected with the primary.

Man Of The Year



CHARLES E. RAY has been named as the "man of the year" of this community for 1949. The project is sponsored by the Lions Club. Mr. Ray will be honored by the Club at their meeting Thursday night.

Charles E. Ray Is Named 'Man Of The Year' Here

Charles E. Ray has been named "man of the year" for 1949.

The honor will be officially bestowed upon the Waynesville merchant and civic leader Thursday night, when the Lions Club, sponsoring organization of the project, feature Mr. Ray at their meeting, and give him the awards that go with the honors.

Mr. Ray was named, after representatives of eight civic organizations of the community had made nominations. Later, a representative of each organization, comprising a secret committee, met and officially named the man of the year.

Joe Palmer as chairman of the Civic Projects committee of the Lions Club called the secret committee of nine members together on two occasions, and worked out details the first time for naming the man, and the second time to get the reports, and actually name the person who was to receive the honors.

Wayne Corpening was named man of the year for 1948.

Mr. Ray has been active in all phases of the business and civic life of the community for many years. As chairman of the North Carolina Parks, Parkway, and National Forests Commission, he has devoted much time to details of getting these projects developed.

One of his outstanding accomplishments for 1949 was the sponsorship for the establishment of the Western North Carolina Tourist Association. The organization is now functioning in the entire area and steadily growing.

He is active, and one of the charter members of the Western North Carolina Associates Communities, and as a director, has spent much time working on the program of this organization. While a director of WNCAC, he has been interested in the creation of the Cherokee drama, which will be staged this year at Cherokee.

He is a director of the North Carolina Merchants Association, and also a director of the local Merchants Association.

He is vice president of the Carolina Motor Club, and a director of the Chamber of Commerce.

He is one of the original trustees (See Chas. E. Ray—Page 8)

Re-Elected



MRS. CLAUDE ROGERS was re-elected vice-president of the N. C. Classroom Teachers Association at the annual convention of the organization held in Raleigh Friday. Mrs. Rogers is a teacher of the Allens Creek school.

County Teachers At State Meeting

Mrs. Claude Rogers of Waynesville was re-elected state vice-president of the Classroom Teachers Association at the annual convention of the North Carolina Educational Association held in Raleigh last week. The Classroom Teachers organization is a unit of the NCEA.

C. M. Abernethy, of Lenoir, defeated Mrs. Margaret McDermott of Winston-Salem to be elected as president of the NCEA.

Among the Haywood County teachers attending the meeting in addition to Mrs. Rogers, were Mr. Rogers, Miss Alma Jackson, president of the Haywood County unit of the NCEA; Charles Isley, president of the Haywood County unit of Classroom Teachers; Lawrence Leatherwood, president of the western district of the principal's division of the NCEA; and Paul Grogan of the Cruso school.

Rains Send Co. Rivers Near Banks

Haywood County's streams were still rising dangerously high at noon today under the week-end's heavy rains.

The weather station at the Mountain Test Farm reported that three inches of rain fell between 7:30 p. m. Saturday and 10:30 a. m. today.

Scattered reports from throughout the county indicated that the Pigeon was close to the top of its banks in several places.

In Waynesville, Richland Creek had seeped into one yard and was threatening to do the same to several others.

Whatever damage the flailing action of the rains and the run-off down the mountain slopes had done to the farm land was not immediately known.

The Pigeon was reported nearly at flood stage just west of Clyde's eastern town limits.

The same river also was reported close to the top of its banks in places in the Crabtree section early this morning.

Farmers particularly, however, found new hope shortly before noon as the steady rain let up and the skies started clearing over many sections of the county.

The flood damage, however, would not end even if there were no more rain.

Still to be counted is the run-off from the mountainsides which continue usually long after the actual rain stops.

R. L. Prevost To Head Graham's Campaign Here

R. L. Prevost of Hazelwood, a veteran of 52 years in the furniture manufacturing business, has accepted appointment as Haywood County manager of Frank Graham's campaign for the U. S. Senate, State Campaign Manager Jeff D. Johnson, Jr., announced today.

Prevost, known familiarly as "Pop" to his friends, heads the Unagusta Manufacturing Corp. He is assisted by four sons who, as he says, "graduated under Dr. Frank at the University."

Prevost has been a Presbyterian elder for about 30 years.

For Second Straight Year Fines Creek Girl Wins County Speaking Contest

Does It Again



Cenie Ferguson is still Haywood County's speaking champion.

The pretty Fines Creek senior successfully defended her title this morning in the Haywood County Soil Conservation Speaking Contest.

Her talking the 1950 top prize also gave her the right to represent the county in the western North Carolina District contest which will open at the Court House at 2 p. m. Friday.

It was a close race, however.

Right on Cenie's heels was Patsy McCracken of Bethel's senior 4-H club, who finished second; and Susie Noland of the Crabtree senior 4-H club, who placed third.

Nosed out of the top three places by only the narrowest of margins were Lillie Jane Sanford and Pat Leming, both of the Crabtree club.

Frank Ferguson, chairman of the board of judges, congratulated all of the young orators on the research and intensive preparation they put into their speeches on this vital subject.

Serving as judges with him were Ted Davis, a forester of The Champion Paper and Fibre Co., and Mrs. J. M. Wells, of Canton.

Mr. Ferguson presented cash prizes donated by The First National Bank of Waynesville, of \$15 to Cenie; \$10 to Patsy, and \$5 to Susie.

The Fines Creek girl, who is president of her senior class, of her Future Home Makers organization, and editor of her school's 1950 (See Cenie—Page 8)

Remains Of 'Racing' Patrol Car



This is a photograph of the 1949 Ford Highway patrol car which left Highway 19A-23 on a curve of the long grade just east of the State Fish Hatchery at Balsam. Patrolman Charles D. Lindsay was driving, alone, when he lost control of the car. After striking a bank on the right side of the highway, the car then swerved across the road, ran through a wire fence, turned over, and landed top-side down in a creek. Lindsay escaped with minor injuries. The car was demolished. Later Lindsay signed a statement that he was going at an excessive rate of speed, in a race with another patrolman. (Photo courtesy The Sylva Herald.)

Patrolman Lindsay Tells Of Race Down Mountain

Speculation, and rumors resulting from the wrecking of a highway patrol car on the Balsam road, February 15th, should come to an end, with the publication of the official statement of the patrolman involved.

The statement has been made public by Col. C. R. Tolar, commander of the Highway Patrol. The statement is that of C. D. Lindsay, of Sylva.

In making the statement public, Col. Tolar pointed out: "I realize that Lindsay and Jenkins were very efficient officers, but due to the fact that I have to answer to the people of one hundred counties of North Carolina, I cannot condone the action of these two patrolmen in destroying State property and endangering the lives of the traveling people for doing things that they are put on the roads to prevent. It is no pleasure for this office to discharge anyone, but for the well- (See Patrol—Page 8)

Income Tax Must Be Paid Wed.

Don't forget your date—your date with Uncle Sam. on Wednesday—March 15.

Uncle wants you to have filed with him, on or before that date, your complete income tax returns, together with your check.

Those who fail to keep their date, will be sadly reminded of the fact just a little later.

Smith Brothers Bound Over In Shooting Case

Oliver and Jerry Smith of Jackson County are being held in \$10,000 bond for appearance in the July term of Haywood Superior Court on charges arising from a gun battle involving law enforcement officers.

Magistrate W. H. Noland of Waynesville bound the brothers over following a ten-minute hearing Friday.

Each is charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. The warrants were signed by the State Highway Patrol. Both men pleaded innocent at the hearing.

Oliver, 33, and Jerry, 26, were arrested shortly after high-powered rifle bullets smashed through the windshields of a Patrol Car and a sheriff's deputy's auto during a night chase March 4 near Hazelwood.

The magistrate acted shortly after testimony was presented by Patrolman Joe Murrill and Deputy Max Cochran.

Murrill was driving his patrol car and Cochran was riding with other officers in another deputy's car during the chase.

District Solicitor Thad Bryson represented the state at the hearing.

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Equalization Board To Meet On Tax Lists

Members of the Haywood County Board of Commissioners will meet March 20 as the Board of Equalization and Review to examine tax listings for each of the county's townships for 1950.

Hearings will be held on any complaints filed by tax payers, continuing through that week.

Complainants will appear before the board according to the schedule arranged for each township.

Chairman George A. Brown, Jr., reminded the county's property owners this week that this is the only time in which the commissioners have the authority to change valuation of real estate.

Premises will be reviewed and necessary adjustments of all complaints will be made daily from March 27 through April 10.

The schedule for hearings on complaints:

March 20—Ivy Hill, Jonathan Creek, White Oak, and Cataloochee; March 21—Fines Creek, Crabtree, and Iron Duff; March 22—Pigeon, East Fork, and Cecil; March 23—Waynesville Township; March 24 and 25—Beaverdam and Clyde.

Victims Of Fire Get New Home From Neighbors

The citizens of Henson Cove played the part of the Good Samaritan this week.

Monday a week ago, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clontz, an elderly couple, was destroyed by fire.

Saturday afternoon, some 25 men of the community, put the finishing touches on a new home, while the women in the area got furniture together for the new three rooms. The women also prepared dinner for the workmen.

The house was built on property of Walter Singleton, who donated the materials, and the men of the

community did the work without pay. The project started with members of the Springhill Church, of which Rev. Gay Chambers is pastor. The carpentry work was under the supervision of Manley Dixon, and Earl Clark. The chairman of the board of deacons is George Henson.

In discussing the project, Rev. Mr. Chambers said: "The people of our community saw that this elderly couple needed help, and they are just so constituted that they were determined to give a helping hand, and this is the result."

WTHS Boy Heads 4-H Club Council

After entertaining 300 visitors at their District 4-H Club Camp at the Mountain Test Farm Saturday, the Haywood County youngsters met that night and elected Waynesville high school's Wade Francis as president of their county council for 1950.

The open house event at the camp was a local feature of the nation-wide observance of National 4-H Club Week.

Wade, reserve end last season for the Mountaineer gridders, and current president of the school's senior 4-H Club, succeeds Nancy Poston of Cruso and the Bethel Senior Club as chief 4-H'er.

Regina Ferguson, Fines Creek High School basketball star, was named Council vice-president to succeed Wade, who held that job until election night.

The 35 members at the session elected Pete Noland of the Crabtree Senior Club as secretary-treasurer; Sara Cannon of Canton, as song leader, and Judy Pressley of the Clyde Club, reporter.

The county's local 4-H leaders also got together the same evening discussing the dates the Haywood clubbers would go to the State 4-H (See 4-H Club—Page 8)

N. W. Rogers To Head Soco Gap Boosters Club

N. W. Rogers is the new president of the Soco Road Boosters Club.

He was elected last Thursday night when the members reorganized their club and named officers for 1950, during their regular monthly dinner meeting at the Maggie School.

Fred Campbell of Waynesville, the outgoing president who was the first leader elected when the Club was created last spring, was named vice-president.

Mrs. Carl Setzer was elected secretary, and Fred Moody, treasurer.

A program committee also was established with the appointment of Fred Henry as its chairman and Tom Campbell, Claude Medford, and L. L. Lyda as the other members.

Meanwhile, the members continued work on arrangements for the formal installation of the Maggie Boy Scout Troop at their next session.

The Troop, which is being sponsored by the club, was to have been inducted into the international organization last Thursday night.

This part of the program was postponed when the charter failed (See Soco Boosters—Page 8)

Haywood Republicans Name Duckett '50 Chairman

Haywood County's Republicans last week named Gudge Duckett of Canton as chairman of their executive committee.

He succeeds J. B. McClure of Fines Creek.

The 1950 biennial convention of the county's GOP organization last Monday night also saw the endorsement of James M. Bailey of Marshall as candidate for chairman of the State Republican Executive Committee, the post now held by Sim A. DeLapp of Lexington.

Glenn Boyd was endorsed for membership on the State Committee.

Named to county committee posts with Duckett were Sam Ferguson of Fines Creek, vice-chair-

Auction Sale Is Set For Tuesday

The auction sale of 2,500 acres of the R. V. Welch property on Balsam Road, was postponed from this morning until Tuesday morning due to the rain.

The sale is slated to be held Tuesday, 10:30, with Penny Brothers conducting the sale. The property extends from Pleasant Balsam church to the Gordon Road, facing Highway No. 19A-23.

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Delights Of The News

Like A Good Opinion

It is entertaining friends recently acquired yarn and special concoction which by its many claims, "re-creates youthful vigor." "re-creates the old man liked of the liquid to the extent he drank a whole bottle, about ten times the recommended dosage.

The fellow went into a deep sleep for hours passed, and all the while the old man longed to wake up, he sleepily, "youthful vigor" answered.

Right, I'll get up, but switched if I'm going to

We're Going

Recently published book, "The Language," recites an old proverb: "I don't know what we will be, and what we want to be." "I don't know what we want to be."

For Regina

Saturday night, Regina Ferguson top scoring honors as she led the Fines Creek girls to victory in the Asheville's Tournament. She was going through her exercise at Asheville's gymnasium, members of Haywood County's 4-H Clubs were her vice-president of their 4-H Council.

Find

From Haywood anglers in Florida a few weeks ago so encouraging that Rogers, and three friends headed South with letting the fish schools

Just back, after a week, Wayne reported that also were out—too far coast to do anybody any

After the Haywood delivered, a small hurricane one, lashing Florida waters, sweeping the fish all over the

all," observed Wayne, "my eyeing the hills where there's no place

More Honors

Ferguson, pretty Fines High School senior, played her role Saturday night as the Fines Creek girl cagers won the Asheville Tournament finals.

A day's rest, she came to the Court House, proved again as much at home on the court as she is on the basketball.

The judges turned in their decision in the County Soil Conservation Speech Contest, as called forward to receive first prize and the champions for the second year.

The Name, Sir—

Kelly

Mountain picture of the Club boys escorting Governor Scott into the Court House week ago Saturday was

It was two-thirds right. We called Neal Stamey, who is named Neal but not

Neal Kelly, Bethel School teacher.

Incidentally, is that car mentioned in Sidelights weeks back.

Plot Improving

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