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TODAY'S SMILE

A small town is one in which there is not much to see—but, brother, what you hear makes up for it!

## Hollywood Actress Queen Of Wilmington Festival



Movie Actress Gregg Sherwood from Hollywood (left) arrives in Wilmington to reign as queen of the annual Azalea Festival. Mayor R. S. McClelland welcomes her to the city. She was crowned by two All-America football players, Charlie Justice of the University of North Carolina, and Doak Walker of Southern Methodist University. The crowning took place at the Coronation ball at Wrightsville Beach Saturday night. (AP Photo.)

## Officers Make Heavy Liquor Hauls In 3 Week-End Raids

### Two Stills And A Truck Are Nabbed By Local Officers

A busy week-end netted Haywood county officers two stills and 117 gallons of liquor in three separate raids—and left three small boys in tears.

"I hate to see my beer joint torn down," lamented the boys—ages 10, 9 and 8—after they saw officers capture a 50-gallon copper still about 3 p. m. yesterday in the Hemphill section.

That was the tenth officers have put out of business in this county since January 13.

And Deputies Horace Mehaffey, John Kerley, Wade McDaniel and Max Cochran, and U. S. Alcohol Tax Unit Agent Roy Reece had to become bloodhounds to do it.

The bird-dogging became necessary when the officers found a suspected location deserted. A still had been there shortly before. But it wasn't when they arrived.

So they decided that the operator had moved his outfit to another spot when he suspected that the small boys had been drinking his beer for free.

Judiciously using their noses, the officers turned up the still and 50 gallons of mash in one spot about a mile from the original location.

Then they "smelled" out a cache of 15 gallons of white liquor about the same distance away in the opposite direction.

Deputy Cochran launched the busy week-end on Thursday night when a red panel 1946 Chevrolet delivery truck cruising through Frog Level aroused his suspicions.

When he started following it, the driver started a race.

Cochran radioed to McDaniel for help, and both ran the truck down after a 30-minute chase through Frog Level.

Inside the truck they found a load of candy bars, potato chips, and pies.

But under these delicacies they found 102 gallons of illicit liquor.

They identified the driver of the truck as J. D. Graves of Murphy. Held under \$400 bond, Graves was scheduled to appear for a hearing today at 2 p. m.

Also being held is the truck, the merchandise, and of course the liquor.

The officers prepared for their Sunday raid by nabbing a 40-gallon still and all its accessories in the Wilkins Creek area on Friday.

Before they left, they poured two gallons of mash into the creek.

A large crowd of spectators gathered behind the Court House Sunday afternoon to watch the officers unload their latest prize.

Observed one man: "That's the first time I've ever seen 15 gallons of liquor right out in the open."

Roll Call Service To Be Held By Presbyterians

The annual Roll Call service will be held at the Waynesville Presbyterian Church on Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at which time all members of the church and their families are requested to gather and answer the call of the roll. Special recognition will be given those who have united with the church during the last church year and tribute will be accorded those who have passed away.

Brief announcements will be made regarding the accomplishments of the church, after which a social hour will be enjoyed with refreshments being served by the Women of the Church.

Highway Record For 1950 In Haywood (To Date) Killed . . . . 2 Injured . . . . 9

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

## Ramp Folks Expect Many Candidates

Officials and directors of the Ramp Convention will hold their final planning session for the 1950 event at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday at Palmer's Furniture Store in Canton.

Convention Secretary Clarence Medford, meanwhile, reported that local representatives for U. S. Senator Frank P. Graham, Willis Smith, and Robert Rice Reynolds had indicated all three candidates for the Senate would be at Black Camp Gap when the 20th annual Ramp Convention is underway there on May 7.

Many candidates for other state, county, and federal offices, and state officials also are scheduled to attend the 1950 meeting which Ramp workers have forecast would be the largest on record.

Arrangements for the 1950 gathering actually started a few days after the record 1949 event ended with the names of nearly 6,000 visitors on the books.

At the most recent meeting, held March 15 at Palmer's, the Ramp officials set up additional finance, traffic, and food committees.

Mr. Medford was named chairman of the food committee which will provide supplemental rations for the visitors who forget to bring their own to the big event.

Dick Powell is traffic chairman, who'll get together with the State Highway Patrol to cooperate in handling the expected heavy volume of cars and trucks carrying people to the convention site.

Bryan Medford of Jonathan Creek and Sebe Bryson of Waynesville were named to the finance committee which will scout around for funds to help defray the costs of the convention.

To pay for the previous 19 events, Convention officials themselves dug into their own pockets to pay the bill. But last year's gathering proved the event had grown too large for any small group of men to afford.

Mayor Floyd Woody of Canton heads the committee on entertainment, which, aside from the food and ramp-gathering groups, is the most important of the Convention.

Secretary Medford's food committee already has collected 15 hams for the occasion and planned to start work immediately to build one open kitchen and one enclosed kitchen at the Convention site.

## Hazelwood's New Post Office Started



R. L. Prevost (right), president of the Unagusta Manufacturing Company, breaks ground for Hazelwood's new \$10,000 post office building. Left to right are Postmaster Thurmand Smith and T. C. Norris, Waynesville contractor, whose firm is erecting the structure. The work is expected to be completed in 60 days. (Photo by Joe Davis.)

## Ground Broken For Hazelwood Post Office

Ground was broken last Monday for Hazelwood's new \$10,000 Post Office.

R. L. Prevost, president of the Unagusta Manufacturing Company who is financing this civic project, said the modern building on the corner of Richland and Main Streets is scheduled to be completed in about 60 days.

Taking part in the informal ceremonies were Postmaster Thurmand Smith, Mr. Prevost, and T. C. Norris of Waynesville, the contractor who is erecting the building.

Actually, Mr. Prevost is building the new structure to house the Post Office facilities. Under the customary procedure, the government will lease the building under a long-term arrangement.

The structure is being built according to the specifications and plans furnished by the government.

The reason for the new building, Mr. Prevost explained, is simply that the town outgrew the old Post Office.

This is the most recent step forward in the development of Hazelwood's postal system.

The first one came when a sub-station was established in the days when Hazelwood was still young.

Four years ago, the postal system graduated into a higher class when the town got its own independent post office.

G. S. Director To Meet With Workers Here

Miss Mary Johnson of Atlanta, regional director of the Girl Scouts of America, will spend Thursday and Friday in Waynesville and meet with the local Girl Scout workers.

Members of the Hazelwood-Waynesville Girl Scout Council are asked to meet with Miss Johnson at the Lodge Thursday at 10 a. m. The group will have lunch and continue the discussions in an afternoon session.

On Friday Miss Johnson will meet the troop leaders at the Girl Scout Hut at 10 a. m. and will conduct a short training course. For this meeting the leaders are asked to bring a nose-bag lunch and remain for an afternoon meeting.

Tourist Group To Hold Monthly Meeting April 5

The regular monthly meeting of the Haywood County Tourist Association will be held at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday at the Haywood County Court House.

President Carl Henry of Soco Road will preside.

Mrs. Dave Russell spent the weekend in Brevard with her son, Charles Russell.

## Workers Begin 1950 Count In Nation For Regular Census

Forty-two people last Saturday morning started touring Haywood county, asking a lot of questions and getting many answers.

After they've visited every home, they'll know exactly how many men, women, and children now live in Haywood.

For Saturday marked the start of the taking of the census—an activity that takes place only once in every ten years.

Heading the county crews are C. B. McCrary of Fines Creek and Mrs. J. Ray Byers of Canton.

The job will take a week longer in Waynesville, however, because of a false start.

The nose-counters started early here, but some time afterward, a town official discovered they were using an old map of Waynesville. If the error had not been discovered, the enumerators would have missed East Waynesville, the Country Club section, and Allens Creek—the new areas annexed since the old map was published.

The census-takers, each bearing identifying credentials, will visit every farm and every home in their rounds, which are expected to take two weeks.

Any person 14 years old or older in a family may answer the questions they ask.

Meanwhile, Mr. McCrary and Mrs. Byers are asking for the cooperation of all homeowners in this vital official project.

50 Attend District Lions Cabinet Session Here

The Lions Club District 31-A Cabinet yesterday endorsed a state committee proposal to increase the number of districts from three to six.

This was the major action of the five-hour Spring quarterly meeting which attracted 50 Lions cabinet officers and other club officials to the Lodge yesterday.

Dr. Basil Whitener of Boone, former district governor and member of the three-man state committee, submitted the proposal to the 30 cabinet officers meeting (See Lions Club—Page 6)

Waynesville HS Debaters Win One, Lose 2 Contests

By ANNE BISCHOFF (Mountaineer Correspondent)

Waynesville High School's debating teams won one and dropped two inter-scholastic matches last week with two western schools in a triangular contest.

Nancy Floyd and Elaine Francis, taking the negative side of the question: Should the President of the United States continue to be elected by the electoral system? defeated Forest City and Marion at Marion.

But Marion won the match at Waynesville and at Forest City.

Making up the second Waynesville team, which took the affirmative side of the argument, were Vivian Watkins and Edna Callahan.

Miss Francis Named Officer Of Meredith Student Athletic Assn.

Miss Bess Francis, of Waynesville, has just been named treasurer of the student athletic association at Meredith College.

Miss Francis is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Francis of Waynesville. She was graduated from the Waynesville Township High School in May of 1949, and since coming to Meredith last September, has been active in many of the athletic programs as well as other activities of the school. She is also a member of the Astrotekton Literary Society.

Wildlife Club To Name Special Groups Monday

Members of the Haywood County Wildlife Club will name important committees to work on their comprehensive 1950 program when they meet at 7:30 p. m. Monday at the Haywood County Court House.

President Tom Campbell, Jr., of Waynesville, will be in charge.

## Highway From Canton To Buncombe Line To Cost Over A Quarter Million

Road officials last week-end took another big step toward the actual improvement of U. S. Highway 19-23 from Canton to the Buncombe County line.

They opened bids on the project of making the thoroughfare a three-lane highway matching the road from the Buncombe line into Asheville.

The low bidder was H. R. Stewart and Company, which had made an entry of \$231,567.30.

Low bid to build the five small structures in connection with the broadening of the 3.16-mile stretch was submitted by T. F. Houser. This was \$65,023.

Not included in the bidding, reported Tenth Division Highway Engineer Zeb (Sewar) was the project of constructing a large three-lane bridge spanning the Southern Railway tracks near the eastern Haywood line.

Railway and highway officials are still working on an agreement regarding the details of the span.

The widening of the highway from the Buncombe line to Canton will be part of a much larger project extending all the way to the Lake Junaluska intersection three miles east of Waynesville.

This calls for the construction of a new modern highway running roughly parallel south of the present road from West Canton westward.

Soft Ground Saves Assistant Farm Agent In Accident

Soft plowed ground saved Assistant County Agent Wayne Franklin from serious injury Thursday morning.

Franklin fell off a seeding machine in front of its corrugated rollers as it started to climb a slope during a seeding and pasture renovation demonstration at Mrs. Zena Medford's farm in the Thickety community.

The machine rolled over his legs and one arm before the operator could stop it.

After first aid treatment, however, he returned home for a day's rest.

He was back at work last Saturday.

The ground was soft enough, however, to compensate for much of the crushing weight of the machine.

Next Week Is Easter Seal Week Here

Citing the need for maintaining and expanding its services for crippled children, Mayor J. H. Way today proclaimed this week as Easter Seal Week and urged all residents to support the current Easter Seal Drive sponsored by the N. C. League for Crippled Children.

In his proclamation the Mayor pointed out there are numerous crippled children and adults in Haywood County, all of whom should have the most expert professional care in order to help them lead as nearly normal and happy lives as possible. The services maintained by the Haywood Chapter Society are financed by money raised in the Easter Seal drive.

"It is our responsibility to see that our crippled children are given their chance. This responsibility is best discharged by supporting the Easter Seal Drive which finances the services to the crippled of our community by the N. C. League for Crippled Children services which mean new life and hope to the handicapped. During the past year in our community many crippled children and adults have received services in many different forms from the Society."

Mrs. Jeff Garrett of Reidsville is here for a week's visit to her mother, Mrs. R. H. Blackwell.

## Delights Of The News

Going . . .

Winter bowed out of county (we hope) Saturday with a cold, wet right day Saturday a fine cold and the streets and roads, the county, apparently, Soco Gap, where he gave a gift a mantle of snow, . . .

Next day was Spring, but man's memories lingered on slopes of the surrounding . . .

## Nest Hotel

Open . . . late, with lots of editing on the older days, Nest Hotel has come to see of print often. Since this hotel was once an outlandmark in this area, it is to note that a NEW Nest Hotel is in operation here, but down in Hamilton, . . .

is a brief description: top Mount Langton overlooking Hamilton, with the blue of the Atlantic in the background views from all bed-superior panoramic dining serving outstanding food." . . . almost like some of Haywood's Nest advertising of gone by.

## For The Job

Phillips, 30-year-old postman, takes in the business district and the school section as he rounds through wind, hail and snow, and any that comes up . . . that relatively small area he walks about 18 . . .

he manages to wind up the fairly good shape. . .

aining secret is no secret: the Army, then volunteer paratroops.

it did that during the war, he never consciously was for his current job.

ing with the Army paratroops never merely a matter of going up enough nerve to of a plane in flight. Mat- . . . that part of it took less . . . any. Unless you were at . . . the end of the . . . men scheduled to jump, . . . take any effort at all. . . not pushed out. . .

eral work came before, af- . . . while you were on the . . .

er beaver bucking for- . . . Ga., he showed the equip- . . . then followed it. . .

men got tangled up in each . . . chutes, with Emmett on . . .

they hit the ground. . . was still on the bottom. . .

crash broke two vertebrae in . . .

way, it was a lucky break. . . had jumped right into a . . . with Eileen Constance of . . .

met in Asheville one day . . . was out on a pass from . . . General Hospital at nearby . . .

he was discharged, they . . . back to his home in Roseman, . . . but a year later returned . . .

May, Emmett will observe . . . anniversary with the . . .

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WARMER

April 3—Partly cloudy . . .

Waynesville temperature . . .

Max. Min. Rainfall

40 25

54 19

54 35 .07

68 37