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Bumper Crop Of Tomatoes — 85 Per Plant



These two gardeners—Tommy Thompson, right, and Tom Medford, left, have a crop of tomatoes that is outdoing anything ever seen around here. The plants average better than half bushel each, and many have 85 tomatoes on them. They have 140 bearing vines. The garden is next to the Smoky Mountains Fertilizer Plant, which is operated by these two men. Oddly, enough, they credit "hard work" with their bumper crop, and say very little about the fertilizer used, except it was Blue Ridge 7-7-7. (Staff Photo.)

Bumper Crop Of Tomatoes Grown Here

If there is a shortage of tomatoes this year it will not be the fault of Tommy Thompson and Tom Medford. Their patch is fast becoming the envy of every good gardener, and there seems to be no end to the volume of their tomato crop.

Last spring the two men decided to plant a small tract of land right next to their work — the Smoky Mountains Fertilizer Company. They planted 140 tomato plants, and then began a consistent program of applying patience, care, hard work, and water. Of course, they used a reasonable amount of Blue Ridge 7-7-7 fertilizer but no more than any gardener would recommend.

Just as the plants began to grow, it was Tom Medford who then took over, and started a spraying program, which has kept out all blight. Those who know tomatoes, estimate that the plants will average half bushel per plant. By actual count, one plant had 85 tomatoes, and larger than average market size.

The vines are so heavily loaded that no effort has been made to keep them on stakes. Instead, heavy cardboard and kraft paper have been put on the ground under the tomatoes.

The two gardeners keep the ripe tomatoes picked daily, and right now are having more trouble with a stray flock of chickens than they are blight. While copper A compound has kept the blight down, a double-barrel shot gun is getting results in curbing the chickens.

Tomatoes are not the only thing grown in profusion in the Thompson-Medford garden. The usual vegetables, such as beans, beets, corn, squash, and cucumbers are also thriving.

When asked for their formula, the men said: "It takes a lot of constant care, and hard work." While the gardeners have made better than a successful crop, it would be unfair to stop right there — at home. Mrs. Thompson has been canning and preserving, until the Thompson larder looks like the interior of a grocery store—and it tastes just as good as it looks. For Mrs. Medford, a bride of six weeks, she is a bookkeeper, and between setting-up her home, and working has not had time to do quite as much canning.

It looks like the Thompson-Medford unit have hit the jackpot with a bumper crop.

Waynesville Soldier In Korea Wants Some Sweets

What do you suppose the American soldiers in the foxholes on Korea want most?

According to Pfc. Charles "Buddy" Wright, who has been on the island ever since the fighting began, the big craving is sweets. In a letter to his mother, Mrs. Eugene Wright, the young Waynesville boy asked that she send him jelly beans each week, and a big cake, and cookies often. His letter

Masons To Open Summer Assembly Here Sunday

State Spent \$319,578.92 On Haywood Roads

The state spent \$319,578.92 of its rural road bond money in Haywood County through June 30.

The figures were contained in a report by Division Highway Engineer W. M. Corkill to the Haywood Board of County Commissioners.

WTHS Students To Register Next Week For 1950-'51

The wane of the summer and the approach of the bells of autumn was heralded today in this announcement.

C. E. Weatherby, principal of Waynesville Township High School, said registration for the new school year will begin August 21.

Mr. Weatherby, who also coaches football, also said practice would start tomorrow afternoon for the 1950 campaign.

The student registration schedule:

August 21—9 A. M. to 3 P. M., Seniors.

August 22—Juniors; August 23—Sophomores; August 24—freshmen; August 25—eighth graders; August 26—Seventh graders.

The county's schools will open for the new term on August 28.

200 At Buchanan Decoration Event

Approximately 200 people attended the annual Decoration day program at Buchanan's cemetery on Allens Creek Sunday.

Rev. William Gibbs was the principal speaker, with special music by the Bill Hembree quartet.

During the business hour, the 1951 committee was named as follows: Scott Cunningham, Lloyd Buchanan and Monroe Oxner. The group re-elected Charlie Buchanan as treasurer.

A collection was taken to help defray expenses of cleaning the cemetery. Those wanting to donate to the fund can do so by leaving their contribution at the Allens Creek Grocery store.

Health Dept. To Examine County Teachers 22nd-23rd

The Haywood County Health Department will hold the required physical examinations for the county's school teachers on August 22 and 23.

Health officials urged all teachers to appear at the Waynesville office of the Department on those designated days. The examinations are for the required health certificates.

Spokesmen said: "Our regular clinic schedule is jammed. Those are the only days we can devote entirely to giving teachers their required examinations."

The examinations will be conducted from 8:30 A. M. to 4:30 P. M.

Those people without transportation are requested to be at the Army by 6 p.m. in order to obtain accommodations.

All Masons and their families are cordially invited.

On Monday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. a scenic motor trip will be formed in front of the Army and proceed to the Masonic Marker at Black Camp Gap. This monument to Cryptic Masonry was conceived and erected by Most Illustrious

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Haywood Draft Board To Hold First Meeting

Chairman W. A. Bradley this morning announced that the first meeting of the Haywood County Selective Service Board would be held tomorrow morning.

The session will open at 10 A. M. at the Court House.

The local draft board was re-activated August 1.

50 Attend Cooperative's Dinner Here

Approximately 50 Haywood poultry farmers and farm leaders Friday night heard experts paint a bright picture for the county's hatching egg industry.

The addresses were among the highlights of the Haywood County Farmers' Cooperative's first county-wide dinner, which was held in the dining room of the First Methodist Church here.

The main course, of course, was chicken.

John F. Parrish, head of N. C. State College Extension poultry work, told the audience that the poultry industry in this county and the western section in general has a bright future.

He discussed the advantages this area holds for the brooding of baby chicks, compared with the broiler-house pullets.

Brood chickens in this county, he declared, are laying 15 to 20 per cent more eggs than the broiler-house variety.

Arthur Gray, owner of the Canton (Ga.) Hatcheries, who has been marketing Haywood County hatching eggs since this new industry was started late last year, quoted customers as far away as Texas as saying these were producing the finest chicks they had ever had.

The demand throughout the area, he said, was such that he felt he could sell five to ten times as many eggs of this quality as he has been receiving for marketing.

N. L. Briggs of Greensboro, Western North Carolina representative of Allied Mills of Chicago, who has been aiding in the development of the hatching egg industry here, outlined the natural advantages this section has over others for

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Blowing Bass Horn Man-Sized Job



BILLY MCCRACKEN, a member of the Waynesville concert band, is shown here as he put in long hard hours of practice. Members of the band get very little summer vacation—it is almost a continual practice period. The band will give a concert here Thursday night in front of the court house at 7:30, with Charles Isley, director in charge. While being a member of the band requires hard work, the members like it—ask Billy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCracken, on Pigeon road. (Staff Photo.)

Power Firm Gives Outing For Scouts

One hundred Haywood County Boy Scouts spent the weekend on an overnight camping trip and tour of the Walters Power plant and dam near Waterville as guests of the Carolina Power and Light Company.

This was the second delegation of Western North Carolina Scouts the firm entertained in this fashion.

The week before, 100 Buncombe County Scouts made the trip, and next week, 100 more Buncombe Scouts will be "the power company's guests."

The Haywood Scouts, from troops throughout the county, left Saturday morning, camped at Big Creek, and spent the afternoon swimming and fishing.

Yesterday morning, they toured the plant, then returned home in the afternoon.

The Scouts making the trip were: Lake Junaluska Troop 8 — Edward Leatherwood, Ellis Gillett. (See Scouts—Page 8)

WTHS Band To Give Concert At Court House

The Waynesville Township High School band, reinforced with summer visitors and visiting "old grads," will give its first concert of the summer Thursday night.

The event is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on the lawn of the Haywood County Court House—if it doesn't rain. If it does rain, it won't be.

Charles L. Isley, Jr., will direct. The up-to-75 musicians will give a well-balanced performance of the lighter fare, which will include Fucik's "Thunder And Blazes" march, with a dash of Hoagy Carmichael and Glen Miller thrown in.

Huge Crowds At 'House Warming'

Between 4,000 and 5,000 people attended the formal opening of Watkins Chevrolet Company's new home here last Friday.

"We were well pleased with the response," Mr. Watkins, owner, said. "The people began inspecting the building early in the morning and of course, we had a large crowd until the end of the square dance that night."

The new home of the automobile firm is among the most modern in the state. It is next to the Post Office.

Towns Advertise Land For Unpaid 1949 Taxes

The towns of Waynesville and Hazelwood are today advertising property for sale on which 1949 taxes have not been paid. The list of non-paid taxes will be advertised for four weeks, and then offered at auction on September 11th, at the court house door.

Haywood Boys Studying Forestry At Camp Hope

Louie Ammons, Andrew Hutchins, Jr., Robert Edward Hale, Jimmie Campbell, Robert N. Hale, Jack Norman Burnett and Ward Owen, all of Haywood County, are attending a Forestry Camp all this week that is being sponsored by the Champion Paper and Fibre Company at Camp Hope.

These Haywood County youths are part of a group of forty Western North Carolina boys who have been selected by the farm agents and vocational agriculture teachers of eleven counties to receive a practical course in the growing and harvesting of timber.

Twenty of the boys are members of the Future Farmers of America, and twenty are 4-H Club members.

At Champion's Forestry Camp they are receiving expert instruction in timber estimating, seeding and planting, timber utilization, and timber identification.

Among their instructors are W. E. Kepler of the N. C. State Forest Service, John Gray and Charlie Musser of the N. C. Extension service, Gene Perkins of the TVA Forestry Service, Francis Cook of the

TODAY'S SMILE
"Has your car got white side-wall tires?"
"I don't know what it's got—my wife has been driving it all day."

186 Leave On Out-Of-State Tour

Approximately 180 Haywood County farm men, women, and children rode off early this morning from the Haywood County Court House on the first lap of their 1950 Out-of-State Farm Tour, their enthusiasm high in spite of the fog and steady drizzle.

The caravan of four chartered buses and six crammed family autos, left at 7 a.m. preceded by a State Highway Patrol and police escort headed by Patrol Corporal John L. Carpenter and Policeman Guy Messer.

They were scheduled to make their first stop at Morganton at 9 a.m., and were to have dinner at the Robert E. Lee Hotel in Winston-Salem shortly after noon as guests of the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce.

Employees of the First National Bank of Waynesville helped send the touring farmers on their way by assisting with the detailed clerical work.

The 1950 tour will take the Haywood farmers, farm wives, and children through Virginia, Washington, Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York City, then will swing back

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Merchants Have Big Stocks For School Children

Local merchants are inaugurating "Back to School" days by presenting a large, and varied assortment of school clothing for students of all ages.

The Merchants Association announced that the stocks of local merchants were perhaps better right now than in many years. With some 10,000 children to get ready for school in Haywood, the merchants have anticipated the needs well in advance and have scoured the markets months ago for their needs.

The selections here are ample, and cover just about every item on the "want list" the merchants said.

Ex-Waynesville Man To Head Guam Power Dept.

Robert H. Clark, native of Waynesville, will start work August 21 as head of the Power and Light Department on Guam Island.

His position is with the Government of Guam, which is now under the authority of the U. S. Department of the Interior.

The mid-Pacific island was under the Navy Department from the time it was re-captured from the Japs in 1944 until last August 1.

Clark was assistant superintendent of power for the Navy on the island at the time he was promoted.

He served several years as superintendent of water and lights and as fire chief for the town of Waynesville.

Weekly Load of Haywood Hatching Eggs, Worth \$1,000



This is a weekly scene at the Haywood County Farmers Cooperative, where a truck load of hatching eggs are shipped to a hatchery, for a premium price. The average load sells for \$1,000, with a market available for three times the present number of the quality eggs. Lydia Parton is shown in the driver's seat, while H. M. Dulin, manager, holds a check for \$1,000, as Roy Parton loads the last case of eggs out of the warehouse. The present goal is 3,000 dozen per week. (Staff Photo.)

Delights Of The News

Beautyies.

They are pretty, but somewhat a little hard to understand the amateur. In the case of the local beauty contest, she carefully decorated her face with some guests. She selected all the flowers in the yard, and felt would make the largest and most colorful display. She finished, her handwork being of art, or it could be described as beauty. You can imagine her disgust, as mingled with surprise, she found as the sun went down her lovely blooms went and it was too late to get flowers. Well, such is life.

Or Hay,

There have been a deluge of about Hadaeol making the Smith's Drug Store, others, Hadaeol is no joke. The firm reported that their sales of the remedy have risen to 300 a week.

Rush Off

Roast—18 cents a pound.
—25 cents a pound.
Dressed fryers—25 cents a pound.

—59 cents for a four-ounce.
Well House Coffee—31 cents a pound.

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Mason S. Parham, regimental commander of the 120th North Carolina National Guard, paid an informal visit to the offices of the Waynesville Tank Company, Thursday.

Parham is supervisor of the city schools. He is also in charge of the other companies, in addition to the Waynesville unit, and is in command of the 120th.

He includes the line units in three battalions, and five companies.

Companies are located in from Burlington to Waynesville.

Martins ve On opean Trip

Mrs. Fred Martin left for New York City and will return tomorrow on the Queen.

She is accompanied by her daughter, Lt. and Mrs. L. B. Beh, and their new grandchild, Dennis Genebach, in Germany.

They will land at Southampton, and will tour that county before going to Germany. They will return to the States the October.

al Theatres ave Matinees

Waynesville's two theatres today announced that they would be held at the every Tuesday and Thursday at the Park every Wednesday and Friday.

The theatres will continue their regular and Sunday matinee as formerly, it was announced. This means that Monday only day without a matinee.



SHOWERS

August 14—Mild with showers in the afternoon. Cloudy and mild.

Waynesville temperature recorded by the staff of the West Farm:

Max.	Min.	Prep.
78	50	21
80	57	15
80	54	
79	56	