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**TODAY'S SMILE**  
Mama: "Let's buy Junior a bicycle."  
Papa: "Do you think it will improve his behavior?"  
Mama: "No, but it will spread his meanness over a wide area."

## Delights Of The News

### Over, Please

Conversation with some officers and policemen today, a local man said (with a check):  
"The way, I just got a call from Perry Truman today. Said Truman would hold up dinner for us at the White House."

Highway Patrol Corporal Carpenter grinned:

"If these boys can keep up, I'll have you there by 5 P. M."

"If you'll move over for me, I'll get back a bus driver. I'll be there by 5 o'clock."

### Findings

Highway Patrolman Joe knew exactly how to greet the boys from his native Onslow when they arrived here for breakfast for breakfast with Burnette's, they found big country ham steaks—from Onslow County.

Joe had brought them back with him when he returned from his home at home a few weeks ago.

### Findings

Parent Now.

The 10-year-old "Skipper" was just about as excited as a fellow can get this morning before noon, his Uncle, Bushnell proposed they fly to town this afternoon. No preparation was necessary—except that "Skipper" had to be consulted.

"Skipper's" enthusiasm over Mrs. Sloan as she was getting the clean-up of news for the issue, so the flight was approved.

When I was "Skipper's" age, a Durham would have meant weeks of preparation," Mrs. Sloan softly, as she turned again to the typewriter.

### Cash Customer

Mr. Ingram is a pretty busy photographer. The other night he was out on call making some party pictures. When he got home he read the news he had better get to the hospital, or the stork would make him there.

He made good time, and greeted the stork with a typical photographer's greeting—a flash picture. Though the new father was nervous, the young son was very obliging and posed like a professional. Mrs. Sloan was in it.

### Younger Joe

That was Joe Howell, Jr., we read in The Voice Of The People last week, not the elder Joe Howell, Jr., gave us the news. The elder Joe says: "We'll come in to the store, whether they buy anything or not."

### Family Art

The best addition to the Waynesville Youth Center's expanding recreation program is boxing instruction.

Three Jaynes, ex-Waynesville boxer who spends the fall playing tackle for Western Carolina's football team, will give free lessons Tuesday night to any young man willing to learn.

Mr. Bruce, who'll be one of the main attractions facing the 'Cats opponents in this coming campaign, ran up an impressive record in boxing while he was in the Army.

He is planning to keep up his instruction all through the year and providing his own equipment. His charges advance sufficiently to hold an amateur ring tournament for Waynesville.

### Johnson Warns Of Tax Boost

Former State Treasurer Charles Johnson, speaking at Wrights-Branon Tuesday, warned against the possibility of a rise in taxes for public education.

## The Weather



**HUMID**

Thursday, Aug. 17—Warm and humid with isolated afternoon thunderstorms; Friday, cloudy and so warm with scattered showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon.

Official Waynesville temperature as recorded by the staff of the State Test Farm:

Date	Max.	Min.	Prop.
Aug. 14	75	59	
15	82	62	.05
16	77	60	.16

## Haywood County People On Out - Of - State Tour



These Haywood County folks posed for a picture just before boarding their bus Monday morning to start on the 1950 Out-Of-State Farm Tour. They are among the 186 people on the trip. Left to right, D. Reeves Noland, Ott Ledbetter, standing behind Betty Barber; Mrs. J. D. Williamson, Marion T. Bridges, co-publisher of The Mountaineer, and W. H. Burgin. (Staff Photo).

## 12th District Young Demos To Meet Here Friday

Officials of the Young Democratic Clubs of the 12th Congressional District will hold a dinner-business meeting at 7:30 p. m. Friday at The Lodge here.

Approximately 30 delegates, presidents and vice-presidents of the clubs in the 10 counties comprising the district are scheduled to attend.

Though the session is being held in Waynesville, the Buncombe County Young Democrats are the sponsors.

Officials explained the session was scheduled for here instead of Asheville because this place is more centrally located with reference to the counties in the district.

Bob Williams, Asheville attorney, is district president. He will be in charge of the session.

The arrangements are being handled by Bruce Elmore, another Asheville lawyer.

Wingate Hannah is president of the Haywood YDC.

The district comprises, in addition to Haywood and Buncombe, the counties of Henderson, Cherokee, Graham, Clay, Macon, Jackson, Swain, and Transylvania.

## Judges Deciding Winners In Clyde Flower Show

The judges at noon today were completing their tough task of picking the winners of Clyde's popular flower show.

They had to select the best exhibits from hundreds of beautiful blossoms and plants at the event, which is being sponsored by the Clyde Woman's Club.

The show will end at 8 p. m. today.

## N. C. Masons To Open Assembly Sunday

### Grand Master



LUTHER T. HARTSELL, Grand Master of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina, will preside over the annual three-day summer Assembly of the Royal and Select Masters starting here Sunday.

The vanguard of an estimated 500 Masons and members of their families from many states was scheduled to arrive here early this weekend for the annual Summer Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina.

The three-day event will open with registration at the headquarters at the Armory Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

The Waynesville Armory will be headquarters and will open on Sunday morning, August 20 at 9:30 a. m. All Masons are requested to report and register upon arrival.

The registration committee of Mr. F. E. Worthington, Mrs. William Chambers, Jr., and Mrs. Fred Campbell will be at the Armory all day.

There will also be a committee to assign all visitors to Hotels, Tourist Homes and Cabins.

On Sunday evening, a motorcade will be formed in front of the Armory and will go to Cherokee, to witness a Drama of the Cherokees, "Unto These Hills". If anyone should desire a driver for his car over Soco Mountain, please call E. Paul Martin.

Those people without transportation. (See Masons—Page 8)

## Haywood Co-Op To Be Host At State REA Meeting

The Haywood Electrical Cooperative will be host at next week's two-day quarterly meeting of the North Carolina Association of REA Cooperatives at Fontana Village.

Approximately 150 delegates, representing all of the states' 34 co-ops, are expected to attend the session, which will open August 23.

Discussions of present and future plans will dominate the meeting.

R. S. Burris of Dobson, Association president, will be in charge.

## Bethel Marine Wounded In Action Aug. 7

Marine Pfc. Hilliard Larry Phillips, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Phillips of Bethel, was wounded in action in Korea August 7.

The information was reported by his parents by the Department of Defense.

He was serving with the First Marine Division.

The Marine enlisted October 24, 1948, after he graduated from Bethel High School, and took his basic training at Parris Island, S. C.

Young Phillips was the third resident of Haywood County to become a casualty of the Korean war.

## Town's New Bus Station Opens Today

Waynesville's new, modern bus station opened for business this morning, its career launched by a generous pat on the back.

A representative of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, here for the opening, described the station as "one of the finest in the state for a town the size of Waynesville."

The terminal, located at Miller Street just off Main, was financed by Hugh Massie.

Four inter-city busses can park at the same time in its loading platform which are off the street entirely.

The new station also has facilities for a modern lunch room, which will open in the near future. Manager of the new station is Ralph Dills.

## 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 28—Seventh graders.

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

## WTHS Band To Give First Summer Concert

Barring foul weather, Waynesville Township High School's band will give its first summer concert tonight on the lawn in front of the Haywood County Court House here.

Charles Isley, band director, will start leading the musicians, bolstered by band alumni and summer visitors, at 7:30 p. m.

The musical fare will be of the lighter variety, featuring marches and modern compositions.

## 6,300 Students Expected To Enroll For New Term

Principals and maintenance men are working this week preparing Haywood County's schools for August 28th's annual "grand opening."

County School Superintendent Jack Messer's office estimated about 6,300 students will start class at the district schools on that date.

Last year, approximately 6,000 were at their desks on opening day.

The principals went to work August 14 to prepare school bus routes, book assignments, and other details.

Painters and carpenters are putting the finishing touches on their repair work, painting, and general clean-up.

Some of the teachers also are already at work on special preparations for opening day.

Mr. Messer, meanwhile, was attending the North Carolina School Superintendents' Conference at Mars Hill today.

The officials are discussing methods for school improvements.

## Man Signs Confession of Slaying Three — In Jail Here



North Carolina officers who obtained a written confession from Curtis Shedd, 29-year-old South Carolina farmer, for the murder of three people, look on as he signs the 8-page document. This picture was made in the Law Library of the Haywood County court house, where Shedd is confined to jail awaiting his trial in Franklin on August 29th. Left to right: Solicitor Thad Bryson, Jr.; F. R. Kitchen, SBI agent, stationed in Waynesville; Shedd; and Sgt. T. A. Sandlin, of the State Highway Patrol. (Staff Photo).

## 600 Attend Cataloochee Gathering

Approximately 600 men, women, and children, principally former residents, got together with Cataloochee's three remaining families last Sunday for their 20th annual Reunion.

Admiral W. N. Thomas of Lake Junaluska was featured speaker at the 1950 get-together when past and present members of North Carolina's only community in the National Park renewed friendships.

During the course of the day-long gathering, Mark Hannah was elected president of the Cataloochee Reunion for next year's session.

The speaking was informal and the program sparkled with entertainment, with the Ford Quartet of Tennessee and the Carolina Quartet of Asheville providing the musical background.

Before the community's land became part of the National Park, Cataloochee once had a population of approximately 1,000 people.

## State Road Formula Rapped

Mayor Dan K. Edwards of Durham this week rapped the state's current formula for assigning funds for maintenance of highways inside cities and towns.

## Hazelwood Budget Set For 1950-51

The town of Hazelwood will operate on a \$36,515 budget during the 1950-51 fiscal year.

Town officials made the figures public today.

Of the amount, the tax-payers will put up \$14,910.

The tax rate for the new year, however, will remain at \$1.45 per \$100 valuation.

This is based on an estimate of \$1,127,000 valuation of the property in Hazelwood.

Largest single item on the 1950-51 budget is the provision for the cost of water, estimated at \$8,000, with personnel salaries next, totalling \$7,500.

## Haywood Baptists To Meet 22-23

The 65th annual meeting of the Haywood Baptist Association will meet Tuesday and Wednesday with the Spring Hill, Sunny Point, and Mount Zion Churches.

The announcement of the program was made today by the Rev. M. L. Lewis, Association moderator who is pastor of the Hazelwood Church.

Other officers are M. C. Wyatt, vice-moderator; Mrs. Award Gadsden, clerk; and Neal Webb, treasurer.

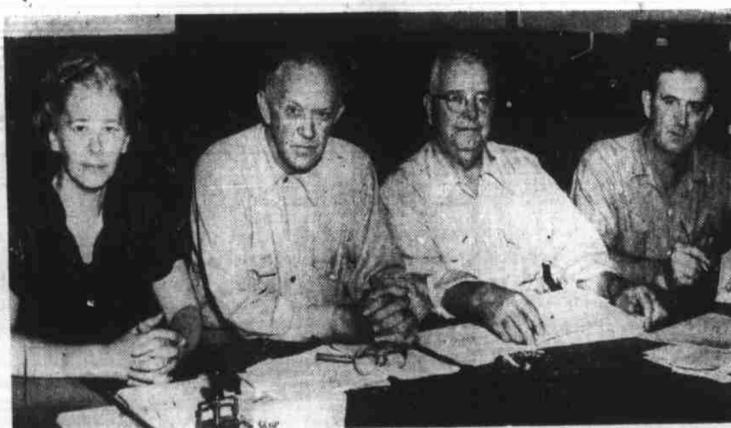
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## Grandmother To Receive Degree

One of High Point College's summer graduates August 25 will be a five-foot, grey-eyed grandmother, Mrs. John White Bost, wife of a Davidson, N. C., postal clerk, Mrs. Bost, completing a regular four-year college course, will receive her AB degree in primary education.

The officials are discussing methods for school improvements.

## Haywood Draft Board In First Formal Session



Tuesday morning the Haywood Draft Board met in formal session for the first time since being reactivated. The board is shown at work in their office in the Little Courtroom on the third floor of the court house. Shown left to right: Mrs. Roy Campbell, secretary, Rufus Siler, W. A. Bradley, chairman, and Way Mease. (Staff Photo).

## Young Man Brought To Local Jail

A frail South Carolina farmer sat in the Law Library at the court house here Wednesday afternoon and signed an 8-page confession which boiled down to these facts: "I killed three people within five hours on the night of August 3rd."

The 29-year-old Navy veteran, Curtis Shedd, seemed somewhat relieved when he had penned his name on the last page of the document that told vividly of events and circumstances which led to the fatal shooting of John Boyter, 38, and strangling of Boyter's two daughters, Johnnie May, 14, and Jo Ann, 8.

Shedd was as calm as if he had been signing a contract for a good paying job. He slowly smoked a cigarette, and laughed heartily as officers joked with one another while waiting for Miss Edna Hayes, court reporter, to finish the task of typing the long confession. The only time Shedd showed any signs of emotion was while The Mountaineer was making pictures of him. As he posed for one close-up picture, he choked and said: "Can I get one of these for my family?" Officers told him the request would be taken care of for his wife and mother.

Solicitor Thad Bryson read the confession slowly to Shedd, and when he had finished, the man who is charged with three murders, said: "That is exactly as it was—where do I sign?"

The signature of Shedd brought to an end, three days of almost constant work for Solicitor Bryson.

Sgt. T. A. Sandlin of the State Highway Patrol, and P. R. Kitchen, of the SBI. The three entered the case Monday, and went almost steadily, until Wednesday afternoon.

Solicitor Bryson said, "As weary as I am, I want the public to know how much I appreciate what the officers have done in bringing this case to this point."

Sgt. Sandlin smiled, and remarked: "In my 20 years experience, this is the worst case—three murders in five hours."

Shedd's confession told of the fatal shooting of Boyter near Clayton, Ga. After dragging the body to the side of the road, he returned to the house where the two girls were, picked them up and drove across the North Carolina line towards highlands. Stopping at a wooded spot he first killed Johnnie May, a few minutes later strangled little Jo Ann, age 8. He dropped the body of the 14-year-old over a 12-foot rock cliff, and cov- See S. C. Man—Page 8

**Highway Record For 1950 In Haywood (To Date) Injured . . . 21 Killed . . . 5**

(This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol)