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TODAY'S SMILE

He who waits long enough
for something to turn up
may find it's only his toes.

15 Men To Leave On Tuesday For Service

Fifteen Haywood men are scheduled to leave here at 9:15 Tuesday morning for formal induction into military service. The men will leave from the court house, reporting at the Draft Board office in the third floor for formal instructions.

This group will make 56 in all who have left here for induction since November 17th, when 24 entered service. On December 5th another group of 17 left.

The group will go to Charlotte. The men listed in the group to leave are as follows:

James Donald Siske, Waynesville; James Lawrence Birchfield, Canton; Kenneth Earl Hannah, Canton; Herbert Kings Watts, Canton; J. M. Price, Clyde; Charles Everett Sharp, Canton; Donald Michael Kelly, Canton;

Vernon Henry Shytle, Waynesville; Andrew Haney, Clyde; Doyle Pegram King, Canton; Robert Edward Coward, Balsam; Richard Howell, Waynesville; Troy Otis Thompson, Canton; Erwin Grooms, Canton; and Jack Edwards Reese, Balsam.

Two Hurt As 2 Cars Leave Highways

Two persons were injured in two different auto accidents early Sunday, according to reports of the Highway Patrol.

C. Hugh Leatherwood, former clerk of court, received a broken rib, a cut on the head and a bruised shoulder, when his car was demolished right near his home on Highway No. 209. Mr. Leatherwood is at home, and said he apparently dozed, and went onto the shoulder of the road, struck a broken off telephone pole. The damage to the car was estimated at between \$500 and \$1,000. Patrolman H. Dayton investigated. He said a driver right back of Mr. Leatherwood said the car was going about 20 miles an hour when it left the road.

Also early Sunday morning, a car said by Patrolman Bryan Basden, to have been driven by Fred Calhoun, Jr., left the road at Saunook, hit a parked truck, and broke off a telephone pole. The Calhoun car was damaged about \$400; the truck \$200, in addition to the utility damage, the Patrolman said.

Stallard James, about 19, suffered severe facial cuts. He was a passenger in the Calhoun car. Calhoun received bruises.

Two Trucks Turn Over On Detour East Of Canton

Two large trucks wrecked over the week-end on the Newfound detour just east of Canton, according to records of the highway patrol. No one was injured, but considerable property damage done. Both trucks were wrecked when they hit the soft shoulders of the road.

One truck was an oil cargo truck, with 5,000 gallons of Kerosene. About a third of the oil was spilled, according to Patrolman Harold Dayton, investigator.

The other was a transport truck. (See Two Trucks—Page 8)

Lions Spend \$1,817 On Clothing For 175 Children

Approximately 175 school children had a total of \$1,817 spent on them during the past 45 days by the Waynesville Lions Club. The final figures were computed today by Jerry Rogers, chairman of the Health and Welfare committee of the club.

The amount spent represented about \$50 more than the total raised on the dime board during the holidays, Mr. Rogers said.

The major project of the club, however, is the work among the blind. The club has the blind of this area as their principal project and so far have spent a total of \$630 on them. This phase of the club work is under the direction of Lee Davis.

The needy school children were brought in by members of the club, and carried to different stores and fitted in warm, suitable clothing. All monies are spent on fitted clothing. No cash is given.

Other projects of the club include assistance to a student in school, donation to 4-H club work, Boy Scouts, and several other worthwhile projects of the community.

Lawrence Leatherwood is president of the organization, and every member participates in carrying out the clothing project and aiding with the work with the blind, it was pointed out.

Haywood's Leading Corn Growers



These four Haywood citizens, represented Haywood in Raleigh at the Crop Improvement Association over the week-end. Front row, left, Hugh Presnell, Fines Creek 4-H member, who took part in the speaking contest, raised 132 bushels of corn, and Boyd Fisher, of the Crabtree 4-H club, grew 126 bushels per acre. Both boys won \$7 as prizes in Raleigh. Left, back row, is Dwight Williams, the state champion for two successive years, with a yield this past year of 133.64 bushels. He received \$200 as prizes while in Raleigh. On the right, back row, is Grover Dobbins, assistant county agent, who accompanied the group. (Staff Photo).

Porchlights Of Community To Shine Wednesday For Final Push Of Polio Drive

Leaders of the polio drive here hope that every porch light will burn Wednesday night—and every citizen contribute as a climax to the Mothers March on Polio—sponsored by the Waynesville Secretaries Club.

Johnny Johnson, general chairman here, said the Wednesday night results will determine whether or not the goal of \$19,400 is made.

The total of cash in hand to date is about \$5,300, Mr. Johnson said. There are a number of committees that have not made their reports.

"After Wednesday night, we plan to have every committee turn in all their receipts, and find out the exact status of the drive," he explained.

Miss Mary Medford, president of the Secretaries Club, was encouraged over the prospects for a generous response Wednesday night, based on what other places have done with a similar drive.

All citizens are requested to have a light burning on their porch, and some person will call by and get the donation. The light will (See Polio—Page 8)

Haywood Gets More National Farm Publicity

The February issue of The Farm Journal, a national farm journal with a circulation of over 2,850,000 copies, carries an article "Let's see The Country" which deals with out-of-state farm tours.

Mention is made of Haywood's tour to New York, and also a picture of a group of Haywood citizens made at Washington.

The story is based on a tour made by a group from Iowa.

Robert Gibson, Jr. Receives Degree At Clemson

Robert H. Gibson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gibson of Waynesville, received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering at graduation exercises at Clemson College, Sunday morning.

Today he assumed a position as engineer with the U. S. Forest Service, with headquarters in Asheville.

Gibson was graduated from the Waynesville High School in 1944 and served three years in the U. S. Army, eighteen months of which were with the army of occupation in Korea. He entered Davidson College after receiving his discharge and studied there for a year before going to Clemson.

Among those attending the graduation program were Mr. and Mrs. Gibson, Miss Harriet Gibson, Aaron Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Callahan, Misses Edna and Margie Callahan, and Jasper and Roy Callahan, Jr.

Window Service At Post Office On New Schedule

Effective Thursday, the windows at the Post Office will be open an hour less than at present.

Beginning Thursday, the money order window will open at nine and close at five, according to Postmaster J. H. Howell.

All other windows will open at 8:30 and close at 5:30.

The Saturday schedule will call for all windows to open at the same time as other days, but closing at one o'clock.

The change has been under consideration for a long time, Postmaster Howell said.

Tax Offices Have Rush As People Meet Deadline

Tax offices, and tax listers felt the brunt of the last-minute rush over the week-end. At times on Saturday, the line stood out in the hall, trying to get to the tax office to pay 1950 taxes, and another line equally as long stood awaiting their turn to list property for taxes.

Officials were too busy to make a check on the percentage of taxpayers meeting the deadline. Sebe Bryson, tax collector, said "payment of 1950 taxes has been heavy—how it compares with this same time last year, we haven't had time to check. Everyone is wanting to avoid the penalty."

New Motor Court Will Be Complete By April 1

Owners of the 24-unit motor court on the Oak Park site here, plan to have the project complete by April first, it was learned today from James L. Kilpatrick, one of the owners, and manager of the project.

Mr. Kilpatrick said that the contractor, David Underwood, was pushing excavation, and all materials were on hand for the unit.

All the furnishings for the project were purchased last week in New York, by Mr. Kilpatrick, and (See Motor Court—Page 8)

Local Poultry Project Gets National Attention

The successful hatching egg program of the Haywood County Farmers Co-operative is attracting national attention. Last week the Allied Mills, of Chicago, sent down a representative, "Chuck" Ward, to make a study of the local program.

In addition to the educational aspect of the program, Mr. Ward has shipped to their research department, some chicks for further experimental study.

"We are happy that others are recognizing the success of the program we have launched," H. M. Dulin, general manager said. "It shows that we have something—in fact, we know we have, because results have proven that point."

100 Years Old—Has Rheumatism



Mrs. Robert Rogers, who observed her 100th birthday last October, is "laid up" with an attack of rheumatism at the Haywood County Hospital. She is cheerfully looking forward to her 101st birthday party this fall. Standing at her bedside is Mrs. Rufus Ratcliffe, one of the many nurses who is seeing that the patient gets every comfort and care. (Staff Photo).

Board Getting Costs Of Changing Schools

75 Workers Are Pushing Apartments

Seventy-five workmen are pushing construction on the Balsam Manors, a 22-unit apartment house, just back of the high school.

Bruce A. Goode, president of the corporation, said that construction was now about twenty-five per cent complete, and with an "even break in weather" should have the apartments completed by April first.

Mr. Goode is vice president of Slawter Construction Company, contractor building the 22 apartments and 12 garages. Sixteen of the units are two-bedroom size, and six are three bedroom units, he explained.

At present there are 24 carpenters; 15 common laborers; 15 brick masons; 10 plumbers and 11 utility men working on the job, Mr. Goode explained.

Applications have already been made for rental of several of the apartments. Mr. Goode said that within a week or so he would announce the rental agency, and at that time receive applications for occupancy.

Town Building Service Unit For Their 14 Vehicles

Workmen are finishing an enclosed grease rack at the town hall, just back of the garage. The rack will be used for washing and greasing the 14 motor vehicles operated by the town.

The fire department has a vehicle, police 2, light department 2, water department 2, street department 4, in addition to the air compressor and street flusher.

The service unit is being built of concrete blocks.

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Mr. Davis, general manager of the L. N. Davis Insurance and Real Estate firm here, said this morning that he would announce committee appointments at an early date.

He pointed out to the directors, the need for the merchants group to make a special study of bringing in more industry to the community, and suggested the close cooperation with other groups of the area in working towards this goal.

Other officers include C. D. Ketter, first vice president; Joe Cline, 2nd vice president; Joe Jack Atkins, treasurer, and Mrs. Gordon Schenck, secretary.

Other directors, besides these, include Mr. Reece, Henry Davis, Ben Phillips, Fred Martin, Jr., Hugh Massie, Charles Woodard, Joe Howell, Charles Ray, H. M. Dulin, Richard Bradley, and Francis Massie.

Front Wheel Breaks Off Car Turning Corner Here

One Main Street Waynesville motorist found the "going difficult" late Friday afternoon, as he turned the corner from Depot Street.

Just as he made the turn, the right front wheel of his car broke off at the axle, and crumbled to the pavement.

No other damage was done, and in short order the crippled car was jacked up, rolled to the curb, and a new spindle put on.

100-Year-Old Resident Looking Forward To Her 101st Birthday In Oct.

"How does it feel to be 100 years old?"

A standard question which Mrs. Matilda Rogers gets often as she greets visitors at the Haywood County Hospital, where she is recovering from an attack of rheumatism.

Mrs. Rogers is quick to answer, and is looking forward to her 101-year-old birthday in October with optimistic anticipation.

She often tells members of her family she feels like she will live to be 120.

Mrs. Rogers was born in Haywood, and was a Duckett. In response to her early days, she points out that many of her people were "long-livers" and she guesses she'll be one too.

When asked what advice she had for young people, she promptly replied: "Live right, or you'll soon pass away." She also believes plenty of rest and sleep are essential to good health. All through the years she has made it a practice of getting up before sunrise, and retiring by eight o'clock.

Two Boards Go Over Report; To Get Estimated Costs State School Survey

Architects and engineers are being called in by the Board of Education to make an estimate as to cost of fulfilling the recommendations of the State School Survey Committee, relative to Haywood schools.

The Education board, meeting with the county commissioners on Friday, checked the 9-page report in detail. No formal recommendation, or action was taken, pending the receipt of the estimate of cost for adding the 90 rooms to Haywood schools throughout the county.

Officials would not even venture a guess as to what the total would cost. They explained that they expected it would take a week or so for the estimates to be computed.

When the estimates as to cost are received, then the board of education, through their chairman, R. T. Messer, said, "we will have something definite with which we can work. As the matter now stands, we do not have any costs as to the recommendations of the Survey Committee. The committee made recommendations covering every school in the county, as to needs, and their ideas of correcting conditions, but as you know, no mention was made of the cost, and that is a very important item."

Posse Find Missing Man At Big Ridge Mine

Shufford Mills, watchman on the watershed, was "getting along satisfactorily" at noon today, following exposure, and loss of blood Sunday afternoon and night.

Mills was last seen about 2:30 Sunday afternoon, and when he did not meet Bradford Mehaffey, with whom he was hiking near the Big Ridge Mine, at a reasonable hour, a searching party was organized to look for the 50-year-old watchman.

When dark overtook the party, they resorted to the use of the State bloodhound, and tracked Mills to a spot through rugged terrain, about 2 1/2 miles from a point where a Jeep could travel, according to Chief of Police Orville Noland. The watchman had hiked back into the dense woods, and for reasons unexplained, Chief Noland said the watchman had slashed his wrists and ankle.

The searching party found Mills about 1:15 a. m. He had to be carried out over the 2 1/2 miles of rough country, to a Jeep, and then on to the Hospital where he was given a blood transfusion.

"Had he stayed there until morning he would have died from exsanguination." (See Posse Finds Man—Page 8)

Highway Record For 1951

In Haywood

(To Date)

Injured . . . 4

Killed . . . 0

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

Turn On Your Porchlight Wednesday Night - And Give Generously To The Polio Drive