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TODAY'S SMILE

Face powder can catch a man, but it generally takes baking powder to keep him.

Boards Asking Aid Of Advisory Group

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Woody Shows Haywood County Can Afford Better Schools Plants

Delights Of The News

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Banker Presents Optimistic Facts To Prove Claims

"Haywood county can well afford this school expansion program," Jonathan Woody, president of three banks, said with stern emphasis Tuesday night.

"I make that statement basing it on actual figures and records; and I want you to know I stand four square back of this program," he began, as he cited the current financial report of Haywood, as compiled by a state agency.

The estimated true value of Haywood county was set at $57,000,000, as of September 21, of this year. The expected current tax valuation is $32,447,000. This is an increase of almost a million over last year.

The county-wide indebtedness is $682,000, plus the recent bond issue for the Hospital of $215,000, making a total of $897,000. The per capita gross debt is $18.12.

Mr. Woody pointed out that the total indebtedness for the county, and four incorporated towns totaled $1,446,500, or a total per capita indebtedness of $38.44. This figure, he pointed out, is among the smallest in the state and nation.

Haywood county has a rating of 100 per cent on the relative ability to pay its obligations—another rating which is matched by only a small number of counties.

The same report gave Haywood 25 points out of a possible perfect of 30 as to financial record. The report further showed that tax collections for 1947-'48 had been all collected except 1.4 per cent; and even 3 per cent for 1948-'49; 3.3 per cent for 1949-'50, and the current taxes are 93 per cent collected.

Mr. Woody quoted financial sources which rated Haywood as one of two counties west of Burke whose bonds could be handled by banks on short term. "This," he said, "is indicative of the position Haywood holds in the eyes of the financial world. We are looked upon as an excellent county for our ability to pay off all indebtedness."

Haywood county enjoys a rating of 83 points, in the total program, which gives it one of the highest on record.

Mr. Woody cited many things

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Jack Frost Arrives On Schedule

Jack Frost spread his white fingers over the hills and valleys of Haywood County Wednesday morning, and he was right on time.

Records in the County Agent's office indicate that over the years the first frost occurs from Oct. 10th to 12th, and Wednesday morning was the 10th.

His movements so well anticipated, it is not surprising that the frigid little fellow failed to achieve surprise. Information hastily compiled indicates that except for some slightly bitten tobacco, a few tomatoes still on the vines, and a number of unprepared toes, the damage done was neglible. He did not arrive in killing strength, however, but he has thrown down his white gauntlet; he too will return.

Merchants To Award Prizes

The first drawing for prizes in the Trade Jubilee will take place Saturday afternoon at 2:00 in the High School stadium. Prizes include one G. E. Electric Iron; one pair of Dayton Rubber Koolfoam pillows; one Western Flyer bicycle; and one Bulova wristwatch, lady or man.

Drawings will continue every week at the same time and place until Dec. 15th, when the climax will be reached as a 1951 model Buick is given away.

The Trade Jubilee is being sponsored by merchants in this area.

Report On Apples, Tobacco Given

A report from the Department of Agriculture indicates that the harvest of Burley tobacco in North Carolina is more than 90% complete.

The apple crop, as reported by the same agency, is rated 70% "fair and good," 15% "poor" and the remaining 15% as "very good".

THE GEORGE RAYS ARRIVE FROM WASHINGTON

Sgt. and Mrs. George (Nip) Ray and infant daughter, Miriam, have arrived from Washington, D. C., and are residing at the apartment of Mrs. Carl Medford at Lake Junaluska.

Sgt. Ray, who has been serving as administrative assistant in the Adjutant General Orders Branch of the Air Force, has been released from duty. He will be connected with Clyde Ray's Flower Shop.

Definite Needs Seen For Immediate Improvement Of Haywood School Plants

By W. CURTIS RUSS

Keen enthusiasm, and a determination to overcome an urgent need, marked the county-wide meeting here Tuesday night as the Haywood school expansion program was discussed. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Lions Club, with Dr. W. Boyd Owen, president, presiding. Representatives from more than 110 civic clubs, and other organizations had been invited.

With officials, as well as business men speaking, the conclusion reached at the meeting were:

1—The need for expansion of school facilities are urgent;

2—Haywood county is in a financial position to support the proposed and urgently needed program:

3—Assurance of getting full value for every dollar, and

4—The county-wide program will be carried out in every detail as proposed, with each school getting the funds as set up in the program, as follows:

Bethel elementary	$469,700
Crabtree	168,000
Waynesville high	330,000
Waynesville elementary	260,000
Clyde	100,000
Maggie	46,000
Lake Junaluska	40,000
Rock Hill	31,000
Cruso	10,000
East Waynesville	7,000
Hazelwood	6,000
Allens Creek	10,000
Saunook	5,000
Fines Creek	11,000
Clyde (repairs)	10,000
Mt. Sterling	3,000
Contingencies	58,500
Equipment new buildings	200,000
Canton schools	605,600
Total	$2,371,000

The proposed bond issue would provide $2,000,000, with $346,000 from the state bond issue, and $25,000 from the county capital outlay fund.

Dr. Owen, in opening the meeting, pointed out that the Lions Club was interested in the project, and was sponsoring the meeting in order to get the movement underway throughout the county. He emphasized the fact that "this is not a political issue, and the sponsors are not in politics."

Mrs. Lucy Jones gave a comprehensive report of the proposed projects for each school in the Haywood district, while A. J. Hutchins did the same for the Canton district.

"The purpose of this expansion program is to bring the building needs up to standard. The recommendations," she said, "were made after a thorough study of the county needs by three survey committees named by the State Board of Education."

"Our best qualified state school leaders have offered us the suggestions that they feel will meet Haywood's present needs as well as the future," she continued.

Mrs. Jones termed the Waynesville Central Elementary school as the most dangerous school building in Haywood county. Pointing out that the inside wooden stairways were extremely dangerous, and the building excessively overcrowded, even on the third floor.

A mimeographed sheet with each proposed county-wide school project was passed out, and Mrs. Jones discussed each school and the needs, together with the cost.

She cited a new modern building recently completed in Jackson county, where each classroom was "self-contained" with all facilities from rest room, to recreation space, adequate light, and air.

Mr. Hutchins said the greatest single need in Canton was a Junior High building, together with modernization of several grammar schools.

"We have spent our share of the state money ($150,000) and have three major projects completed. Our ultimate goal is to have every classroom modern and on a "self-contained" basis.

Mr. Hutchins also pointed out that ample provision must be made for the colored school children. He said that with their new building, their needs were meager, perhaps including lockers and showers.

The Canton school man suggested an assistant county superintendent, inasmuch as the extra work would be too much for one person to attempt to carry on together with administration duties.

"With 43 years experience in school work, I have explicit faith that Haywood county will provide what is rightfully deserved by our children."

The projects, under the proposals of the bond issue include:

Bethel Elementary, built in 1915, overcrowded, even by utilizing partitioned auditorium, and musty rooms in damp basement. New project, costing $469,700, would have 10 primary classrooms, 20 graded school classrooms, cafeteria, and kitchen to serve 500, library, clinic or first aid room, teacher's rest room, principal's office, physical education center with full playing court, plus lockers.

Crabtree, physical education class room, with full playing court, agricultural shops, music room, and

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Mail Carrier Is Named For New Route 1

Postmaster J. H. Howell announced today the appointment of a World War II veteran, W. M. "Bill" Plott, as mail carrier on the newly established Route 1.

Located south of Waynesville, the route will be opened Tuesday, October 16.

Also confirmed was the appointment of C. W. Minett as carrier on Route No. 3, who has been working the route for a year already, and Milas Ferguson as the carrier on Route No. 2. Mr. Ferguson has been a substitute city carrier for some time.

Three Local Boys Join Marine Corps

Three Waynesville boys, two of them brothers, have been accepted for enlistment in the United States Marine Corps, according to an announcement today by S/Sgt. Buck L. Lynch, Marine Recruiter. They are: Dewey R. Stepp, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Stepp, Route 1; Donald Smith, 19, and Vaughn E. Smith, 18, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith, Route 1.

All three boys were enlisted at Raleigh, after successfully passing preliminary examinations, and have been assigned to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Parris Island, for 8 weeks of basic training, following which 10 day leaves will be granted and assignments made to a land, sea or air unit with the Leathernecks.

York Rite Masons Set Convocation For Friday Night

Waynesville Chapter No. 69, Royal Arch Masons, will hold a Stated Convocation on Friday night at 7:30 P. M.

Excellent Companion Joseph W. Howell, High Priest, invites all visiting York Rite Masons to attend.

2 Boards Propose To Have Full-Time Inspector On Job Of Expanding Schools

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Haywood citizens have been assured they will get full value for every dollar for the school expansion program, which will be voted on November 17th.

At a joint session of the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education, the six members unanimously signed the plan which will call for the appointment of three or five prominent businessmen to supervise the expansion program, together with the boards.

Another phase of the program is for the two boards, together with the committee, to employe "a person qualified from experience in judging materials and construction to close supervise, inspect and be responsible for seeing that all details of any and all building contracts are carried out strictly according to plans and specifications."

The text of the minutes of the meeting, set out that the members of the two boards are anxious that the money for expanding the school facilities of the county "be spent so as to receive 100 cents value for evry dollar expended."

The members of the two boards explained that since their time would be limited as to what they could devote to looking after the multiple of details, that they thought best to have this advisory committee, together with the full-time inspector to look after every little detail, and see that "Haywood gets full value for each dollar spent."

The agreement, which is part of the official records, stipulates that the two boards, together with the advisory committee, "shall select, appoint, and contract with an architect, or architects, engineers, and assistants in carrying on said building program."

The action of the officials climaxed an eventful day in behalf of the proposed school expansion program.

At a county-wide meeting of representatives, it was brought out that (1) the need for better schools exists; (2) that Haywood can afford better schools; and (3) that the officials, by their action, assure the taxpayers that the money will be wisely and efficiently spent.

Citizens Voice Much Concern Over Schools

Haywood citizens recognized the need, and looked to the future with optimism here Tuesday night, as the school expansion program was discussed. Among those speaking at the meeting, and their statements included:

Willis Kirkpatrick, chairman Canton school board — "Everyone should serve a term on a school board, or teach, in order to fully realize the urgent need for better facilities."

J. W. Killian, county chairman—"After visiting every school, I am ashamed that they are so far from being standard. Something must be done, and that immediately."

Charles C. Francis, chairman board of commissioners — "The proposals seem to be on a fairly reasonable basis. Realizing the conditions as they exist in our schools today, we are faced with correcting the needs with this bond issue. The big question is, what will be done if the bond issue fails? We added 10 cents more to the tax rate this year for schools, and we might be able to make minor improvements each year, but far from filling the needs. If the voters of Haywood fail to approve this issue on November 17th, I want it clearly understood that there will not be any use to come to the commissioners next spring asking for financial help to correct the needs. This bond issue is the thing we need."

Frank M. Davis, commissioner—"There is no question as to the needs; and we can financially afford to make our schools standard. With those two issues settled, the officials shall do everything possible to see that the people get full value received for every dollar spent, and when the projects are completed, to have something which all will be proud."

J. L. Worley, member county school board — "If every parent would visit the schools, this bond issue would readily pass. I had more comforts in school 52 years ago than many students have today. That is not in keeping with progressive Haywood."

Jarvis H. Allison, commissioner —"I am interested in seeing that each school has proper sanitary facilities, and that there is a teacher for each grade. This is our responsibility."

J.R.Sechrest, vice chairman Canton board—"We are creating a lot of problems for the school children of today to solve; the least we can

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Religious Group To Send Members To Assembly

Approximately 20 delegates from Waynesville will attend the three day semi-annual circuit assembly of Jehovah's witnesses scheduled to be held October 19, 20 and 21 at Hickory in the City Auditorium.

The main feature of the assembly will be the public lecture delivered October 20 at 3:00 o'clock. The subject is "Security in a Troubled World." It will be given by Grant Miller, 117 Adams St., Brooklyn. The public is welcome at all meetings. Seats will be free and no collections will be taken.

Mrs. R. W. Dobbs of Blackstone, Va., is visiting relatives in Waynesville.

Midwest Travel Editors To Visit Mile-High Overlook

A group of Midwest travel editors are visiting the Great Smoky Mountains of Western North Carolina this week-end.

State Advertising Director Charles Parker, who is acting as host, said that tentative plans called for spending Friday night at Fontana and Saturday night at Cataloochee Ranch, with tours into Nantahala and Pisgah National Forests and a look at the newly completed link of the Blue Ridge Parkway near Soco Gap, and a stopover at Cherokee in between.

The Great Smokies tour follows a more extended tour by editors and American Automobile Association travel counselors, of the Blue Ridge Parkway this spring, which covered the mountain territory from Asheville northeast.

The editors association, of which S. Walter Lincoln of Chicago, secretary of the National Association of Travel Organizations, is president, already has plans to return to North Carolina next year for a week-end visit to the Blue Ridge Parkway region.

The Midwest party includes President Lincoln, who is travel editor of the Chicago Herald-American; William Trepagnier, Michigan Motor News, Detroit; Frank Cipriani, Chicago Tribune; Gretchen Rogers, Chicago Sun-Times; Leonard R. Barnes, Detroit Motor News; Harry W. Smith, Cleveland Plain Dealer; Fred Burns, Cincinnati Times-Star; Pearl E. Hafstrom, South Bend (Ind.) Tribune, and C. M. Wagoner, Detroit Times.

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Payrolls in covered employment in the first quarter of this year amounted to $441,201,318. This gives an average weekly wage of $49.18, which is above the first quarter average for several years, but below the last quarter of 1950. This is due to the fact that bonuses, commissions and contingent or incentive pay are frequently distributed at the end of the year.

Francis Says Public Can Settle Dog Warden Issue

Charles C. Francis, chairman of the County Board of Commissioners announced today that if the voters of Haywood County desired, he would hold an open hearing on the question of placing the county under the provisions of the Yates Dog Law which requires the appointment of a dog warden.

Several men in the sheep business have requested that such a warden be appointed, according to Mr. Francis. The statewide law, the author of which is Oral Yates of this county, leaves the decision to the discretion of the county commissioners of each county.

The law, which is listed as H.B. 198, Chapter 931 in the volume of 1951—Session Laws, is entitled: "An act for the protection of and advancement of the sheep raising, poultry and livestock industry in North Carolina, and creating the office of County Dog Warden in furtherance of the provisions of this act."

Section 1 declares in part: "The

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2-Day Livestock Show Set

Parade Plans Take Shape For County Livestock Show

Cars representing the twenty-six organized communities of the county, and floats carrying animals of each breed entered in the show are expected to form part of the livestock parade Saturday morning. W. A. Bradley, chairman of the parade committee of the Haywood County Livestock Show, has requested the community director from each section to see that his committee enters a car in the parade. At the same time, superintendents for each breed have been asked to arrange for animals of that breed ot be shown.

Leading the parade will be the Senior band of Waynesville Township High School and later in the formation will appear the school's Junior band, according to Charles Isley, band director and member of the parade committee. Starting at 10 a.m. the parade will march from the Waynesville First Baptist Church to the Court House and then to the Armory.

Cattle will be shown at the Armory from 10 a.m. Friday through 3 p.m. Saturday. Classes include dairy cattle, beef cattle, baby beef and a Junior dairy show. Dairy cattle will be judged on Friday, beginning at 1 p.m. Judges will be Homer Sink and J. D. Elrod. Beef judging will take place on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. following the parade, with E. J. Whitmire as one of the judges.

Co-chairmen of the show are M. O. Galloway and Frank M. Davis, chairmen respectively of the Beef and Dairy Cattle commissions of the Community Development Program.

Beer, Wine Petitions To Be Given Board Next Week

Petitions bearing approximately 2500 signatures of Haywood voters will be filed with the Board of Elections Tuesday or Wednesday, asking for a vote on abolishing wine and beer.

The petitions were sponsored by the Haywood Ministerial Association, and presented at the meeting of the organization last Monday by their Moral and Civic Welfare committee.

Under the new law, the board of elections will have 30 days in which to check the petitions and set a date for the election, upon finding that 1589 qualified voters signed the petitions.

The same law stipulates that such an election cannot be held within 60 days of any other election.

The campaign began about 90 days ago, when the ministerial association circulated the petitions. The committee in charge was composed of Rev. L. E. Mabry, chairman; Rev. J. E. Yountz, Rev. C. O. Newell, Rev. M. R. Williamson, and Rev. Horace L. Smith.

Highway Record For 1951 In Haywood

(To Date)

Injured 47
Killed 3

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