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**TODAY'S SMILE**  
He: "If you hadn't taken so long we wouldn't have missed that train."  
She: "Yeah, and if you hadn't hurried me, we wouldn't have had to wait so long for the next one."

## 4-H Club Award Winners



Pinning a medal for 4-H leadership on Betty Felmet is Miss Jean Childers, assistant home demonstration agent. Achievement award winners were Billy Best (center) state corn-growing champion, and Mattie Sue Medford, farm and home electric project winner. In the rear is Grover C. Dobbins, assistant farm agent. Absent when this picture was made was Weaver Hipps, boys' leadership winner. (Mountaineer Photo)

## Railway Crossing Signals Considered For Community

The prospects of getting safety signals at railroad crossings in the community seemed encouraging today.

D. Doug Davis, inspector of the North Carolina Utilities Commission was here Saturday, and told The Mountaineer he was going to recommend automatic signals for the crossings. He said he was making a verbal report Saturday night to Commissioner Edward H. McMahan.

There is also a good chance of Hazelwood getting similar devices for its Main Street crossing. The three crossings in Waynesville under consideration are at Depot Street, Miller Street, and on Charles Street, at Builders Supply Company.

Mr. Davis said present plans are to have a conference here within two weeks, at which time representatives of the Utilities Commission, the Southern Railway, Highway Commission, Town of Waynesville, Town of Hazelwood, and civic leaders will discuss safety measures at the crossings.

Several civic clubs have already endorsed the movement.

Mr. Davis said that F. M. Hair, general superintendent of traffic of the Southern Railway, Knoxville, has been notified to make a report to the commission following an investigation of conditions here.

Tentative plans are to have similar meetings in Tryon the same day.

Mayor Lawrence Davis of Hazelwood said this morning that the commission will be asked to erect similar automatic safety signals at the Main Street crossing. The town started action some time back to get the safety devices at this crossing.

The automatic signals which are being considered for the local crossings are similar to the ones now in use at the highway crossing at Dayton Rubber Company, and (See Railway—Page 6)

## Crabtree Tops County 4-H Clubs

Crabtree senior and junior 4-H clubs won a large share of awards given at the annual 4-H Club Achievement Day at the court house Saturday morning.

The Crabtree senior group was recognized as the outstanding senior 4-H club in Haywood County, while the junior club won a similar award in its class.

Awards for 4-H achievement went to Billy Best of Upper Crabtree and Mattie Sue Medford of Crabtree. Billy is state corn-growing champion, while Mattie Sue won the county award for farm and home electric achievement and placed second in the region in the electrical project field.

Leadership medals went to Weaver Hipps of the Canton senior 4-H club, and to Betty Felmet of the Waynesville club.

Main speakers on the program were Miss Elizabeth Gulce of Hendersonville, who spent this summer in Belgium and Luxembourg as a North Carolina representative in the 4-H Club International Youth Exchange Program, and Miss Anneke van der Velde, Dutch representative in the same program.

The program also included piano music by Miss Medford; invocation by Rev. Clyde L. Collins of the Bethel Methodist Church; 4-H pledge led by Charles McElroy; "America the Beautiful," led by Richard Hipps; recognition of guests by Jimmie Campbell, county council vice-president; introduction of speakers by Oscar Phillips, district 4-H leader; recognition of outstanding clubs by Wayne Coppening, county farm agent, and 4-H motto led by Bobby Joe McClure. David Noland, county council president. (See 4-H Club—Page 6)

## Between Two Extremes - Darkness



J. V. Leatherwood, 87, of Rt. 2, Canton, holds on his lap Leslie Rathbone, 7, of near Max Patch. As the oldest and youngest the two were awarded all-year suckers at the Lions Club Blind party which was held by the three clubs of Waynesville, Canton, and Clyde. (Mountaineer Photo)

## Lions Of Three Towns Give Party For Blind

Santa Claus came early for some 33 blind residents of Haywood county last Sunday afternoon at the Episcopal church in Canton. The three Lions Clubs of Canton, Clyde and Waynesville combined to entertain the blind people in their annual Christmas party.

This party was filled with entertainment from both the blind and the ones more fortunate, with Jimmy Haney, well known Canton blind singer performing for the group and leading the large crowd in group singing. Phil Price, well known Canton blind merchant, performed in his own original style as a black-face comedian, and Mr. Woody, also blind, demonstrated how a piano and accordion should be played, blending in several vocal numbers also.

According to Miss Pauline Williams, blind case worker for this county, there are 51 cases of blind or near-blind in the county, and 33 of these were at the party. (See Lions—Page 6)

## Harold Winchester Arrives From Korea

Harold Winchester, who has been serving with the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea, arrived yesterday for a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Winchester, in Hazelwood.

Winchester has been in Korea for almost a year. He was graduated from the Waynesville High School prior to entering the service two years ago. He received basic training at Fort Knox.

## Saturday's Gifts Were For Children

In the last trade jubilee gathering before the Clinch, a large crowd met in the football stadium Saturday and, with an assist from Santa Claus, received several gifts for their pains.

Alma Howell of Rt. 2, Waynesville was presented with an expensive erector set. Cecil Cooper of Lake Junaluska obtained a child's table and chair set. Gordon Rabb of Balsam Road was given a \$15.95 tricycle. The most expensive present, slanted by Santa to some housewife, was received by Mrs. Will Grasty. It was a De Luxe Hot-point electric range.

Next Saturday it is doubtful that the stadium, which saw nearly 6,000 people crammed into it on Thanksgiving Day for the Canton ball game, will hold the crowd expected to gather when a new Buick is presented in the final Jubilee of the series. The program begins at the usual time, 2 p.m.

## Chamber of Commerce Will Select Officers

The Chamber of Commerce will select the organization's new officers at a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Town Hall.

Officers will be selected from among 35 directors chosen recently. Eleven were elected, 15 were appointed by clubs and other organizations, and five were named at large.

## PMA Elections To Be Held In 13 Communities Thurs.

The annual PMA community committee election will be held Thursday in 13 Haywood County communities, according to Mrs. Sarah Parker, secretary of the Production and Marketing Administration office here.

At the election voters also will select a delegate from each community to serve at the county PMA convention this Friday when a county committee will be chosen.

Eligible voters are any owners, operators, tenants or sharecroppers on a farm that is participating this year in any program administered by the county and community PMA committees, Mrs. Parker explained.

Polls will be open Thursday from 9 a. m. until 6 p. m. At least 10 candidates must be nominated for the office of committee and alter-

nate committee. Nominations will be made starting at 9 a.m.

Voting places are:

Beaverdam, Canton Town Hall, Cecil Messer's store; Clyde, high school; Crabtree, Crabtree-Iron Duff High School; East Fork, Massie's store; Fines Creek, high school; Iron Duff, Parks garage; Ivy Hill, Burgin's store; Jonathan Creek, Rock Hill School; Pigeon, Bethel School; Waynesville, PMA office, court house; White Oak, community house; and Panther Creek, Messer's store.

The present county PMA committee is comprised of A. W. Ferguson, chairman; C. R. Liper, vice-chairman; and J. B. Hinns, regular member.

Community committeemen in (See PMA Elections—Page 6)

## Election Officials Will Meet Thursday Morning

The Haywood Board of Elections have called a meeting of the 28 registrars for Thursday morning at 11 o'clock, for final instructions on Saturday's school bond election. Ballots will be distributed at the meeting, it was announced by the election officials.

The polls will open Saturday morning at 6:30 and close at 6:30 that afternoon. Officials believe the final tabulations should be completed within four hours.

New registrations have been light, it was pointed out.

The registrars as announced this morning are: Beaverdam No. 1—J. H. Ramsey; Beaverdam No. 2—Mrs. Jake Smathers; Beaverdam No. 3—Mrs. Cron Cole; Beaverdam No. 4—Mrs. Wade (See Election Officials—Page 6)

## Burley Growers Report Averages Of 63, 61, 59

Tobacco sale averages of 63.7 cents and 59 cents were reported today by two Upper Crabtree burley growers—R. F. Rogers and C. M. Rogers. W. W. Kelley of Waynesville, listed his sales at an average of 61 cents.

R. F. Rogers reported sales of 260 and 282-pound lots at 68 cents, 326 and 244 pounds at 68 cents, 214 pounds at 67 cents, and 206, 294 and 250 pounds at 47 cents. This total of 2,076 pounds brought \$1,240.64.

C. M. Rogers reported sales of 302, 236 and 238 pounds at 69 cents, 224 pounds at 67 cents, 298 pounds at 65 cents, 272 pounds at 59 cents, and 324 pounds at 52 cents. Total income from this total of 1,894 pounds was \$1,164.20.

## CDP Now Part Of People's Lives, CDP Judge Asserts

"The Community Development Program is fast becoming an institution in Haywood County. In some communities CDP is as much a part of the people's lives as the home, church, and the school."

This opinion was voiced last week by C. B. Ratchford of North Carolina State College, one of the judges in the CDP contest, which closed Thursday.

Dr. Ratchford praised Haywood County communities for the progress they have achieved under the Community Development Program. He noted marked improvements in homes, churches, roads, and a better community spirit throughout.

"Probably the outstanding result of CDP is that it has done much to keep people here in the community—especially young couples," the farm management specialist said.

"Some counties in Western North Carolina have but few young farm-

## Stores To Stay Open Wednesdays

The Merchants Association has announced that beginning Wednesday, Dec. 12, and each Wednesday thereafter until Christmas, all stores in Waynesville will remain open until 5:30 p.m. This move is designed for the convenience of Christmas shoppers. After the holidays the old system of noon closing on Wednesday will be resumed.

## A BETTER TODAY - A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

To The Boys And Girls Of Haywood: Next Saturday the voters of this progressive county will determine to a large measure, your education and life's future.

You came into this world through no choice of yours. Those responsible for bringing you into the world are deeply obligated to give you everything which is rightfully yours. Among those things, is an education, as provided by public schools.

It is a matter of record that our schools are overcrowded, and far from adequate. Just as long as this situation exists, just so long will you be deprived of what should be yours. In later years you will be the loser, because you must realize by now that you are going out into a highly competitive world—a world that is cold, hard and often cruel. Those who are unprepared for the battle of life find it a struggle.

This newspaper has long been on record favoring better school facilities for you. We feel you deserve, and should have them. We trust that the large majority of those voting next Saturday will share this opinion and agree to give you what is yours. We know the plan will cost money, but we feel that an investment in you is the best which can be made.

Some parents are going to vote against giving you what you deserve just because of the extra cost. This is very unfair, because after all, chances are you will pay a greater part of the cost than will they. So our contention is, since you are going to have to pay the larger share of the bill, you certainly should be given the opportunity of getting the best possible in an education.

This newspaper is for you and better schools—we honestly feel the program will mean for you a better today, and a brighter tomorrow.

Who can stand up and deny you of that right? THE PUBLISHERS

## More Pastures, Less Idle Crop Land Shown In Haywood Farm Survey

A five per cent increase in plowable pasture land, and a one per cent decrease in idle crop land were shown today in a preliminary 1951 county farm census survey report issued by the North Carolina Federal-State Crop Reporting Service.

The information on crops is for the year 1950. Livestock and rural population items are inventories as of January 1, 1951. The survey shows that the county has 173,575 acres of land in farms. Of this total 13 per cent or 23,997 acres were cultivated in 1950; three per cent of 5,366 acres were idle crop land; 44 per cent or 76,593 acres were plowable pasture, and 40 per cent or 68,519 acres were in all other lands, such as woods, waste, homesteads, non-farm, etc. Corn and hay were the most important crops harvested from the (See Pastures—Page 6)

## Concert Program Is Announced By Charles Isley

Charles Isley, director of Music at the Waynesville Township High School, has announced the program for the Christmas concert of the school band and chorus.

The following numbers will be presented in the first group by the concert band: "Americans We" Filmore Egmont Overture Beethoven The World is Waiting for the Sunrise Lockhart-Seitz

The last two groups presented by the chorus with band accompaniment will include: Rudolph, The Red-Nosed Reindeer Marks-Bennett The Christmas Song Torne-Wells White Christmas Berlin

## Sgt. McCracken Enroute To Korea

Sgt. Joe B. McCracken, of the Marine Air Corps, is spending a few days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howell McCracken. Sgt. McCracken is en route to Korea, from Cherry Point, where he has been flying jet planes.

He plans to stop at Roseville, N. C., and visit his brother, MS Wayne McCracken, who is flight chief of a crew flying the new 50's at Walker Air Base.

## Highway Record For 1951 In Haywood

(To Date) Injured . . . 50 Killed . . . 5

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

Delights Of The News

Differences

Anneke van der Velde in the Netherlands Club audience Saturday that the difference between the American and in her that the Dutch girls one boyfriend at a time, but one date a Sunday night. Generally, the courting couple stay instead of going out, as is here.

probably are a few of County's oldest living who can recall when Americans occasionally stay on a date.)

Van der Velde also told her that Friesian people nev- their cows' horns "because cows without horns look

When Only

neighbor was returning the he had borrowed for a Along with it he insist- accept a box of shells, er protested, but the neigh- ed the subject with the "Let's say no more about

when the box proved to the wife inquired: you know when he gave it was so light." as light as his deep freeze hunt," was the quiet re-

Completed

financial deal we spoke of has been completed. The Secretaries Club has over maintenance of the machine at the court house.

Prevention

see something new just every day. For instance, there attractive redhead in a restaurant the other day who dished her cigarette by pour- pounful of water on it.

Exact Science

an engineer J. R. Terrell the Junaluska could be ex- to handle details with some However, when you he has exactly five grand- all five are in college and that all five of the are in North Carolina: you learn that you wonder and a degree in engineer- must have.

Without Reasons

the mist-filled streets came in procession. From all boys and girls converged toward various All sizes and shapes were glasses, carried books. The school detachment stretched most a block. Boys spear- the advance and also made rear guard. Giggling safely center were the girls. And their heads, back and forth on the male platoons, a foot- arching as, bright and the sunlight sought to dis- the fog.

izens Urged 'Reply Now' TB Seal Sale

Thompson, chairman of mas seals in this area, stress- importance of citizens "re- now" to the letters and recently mailed. area has a quota of \$1200. date, slightly more than 50 of the quota has been met. urge citizens to attend to matter now, and get it off their before the big Christmas sets in." Mr. Thompson



SHOPPING DAYS TO CHRISTMAS



weather

Monday, Dec. 10—Cloudy and Fair and cooler Tuesday. Local Waynesville tempera- are recorded by the staff of Max. Min. Rainfall