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TODAY'S SMILE
Tourists are the people
who travel thousands of
miles to get a snapshot of
themselves standing beside
their car.

Heavy Vote Predicted In Beer Election

Haywood Democrats Favor Changing State Senatorial Terms With Henderson

Makes \$1,000 Gift



A. L. Freedlander, president of the Dayton Rubber Company, has contributed \$1,000 to the survey fund of the Recreation Commission. This is the second gift of \$1,000 to come from an industrialist.

In making the gift, Mr. Freedlander renewed his interest in the program, and feels that it would be a wonderful project for the community, and especially employees of local industrial plants.

Mr. Freedlander said: "As always, we are willing to promote anything beneficial to all the people of the community, as a project of this kind will undoubtedly be." The Commission recently employed an engineer to make a complete survey and blueprints for a recreational program and facilities in the community. Mr. Freedlander's gift will help defray part of the cost of this survey.

Florida Rumors Are Being Denied

Reports reaching Waynesville this week, via summer residents, is that the rumor is making the rounds in Florida, especially in the St. Petersburg area, that Waynesville had a severe polio epidemic last winter.

Some summer residents arriving here are amazed to find that the epidemic suffered was flu, just like a large part of the remainder of the nation, and not polio as the Florida rumors point out.

The Chamber of Commerce is taking steps to get articles in Florida newspapers correcting this rumor. A quotation from health authorities will be used as part of the statements.

It is suggested that individuals here wire friends in Florida giving them the facts about the rumor.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ashcraft of Charlotte have returned home after visiting the latter's father, C. F. Owen, Sr.

Democratic Leaders Discuss Senate Proposal



The committee members of the Democratic Party in Haywood County met Friday to discuss the proposal to alternate state senator nominations with Henderson County every four years rather than present system of every two years. The committee voted unanimously to go along with the proposal in favor of the new plan. Shown discussing the proposal are G. W. Burnett, West Point, chairman, Fines Creek, W. G. Byers, Clyde, and James Kirkpatrick, Crabtree, chairman.

Sunrise Services Observed At Lake Junaluska



Several hundred worshippers gathered at the cross Sunday morning for the annual Easter observance. The program was conducted by The Haywood County Sub-District M.Y.F. Members from the Waynesville church presented a play, "Message of the Cross," a brass ensemble from Canton furnished special music, members from the Clyde, Maggie, and Crabtree churches gave the opening devotional, and choir music was given by the Waynesville church. (Mountaineer Photo)

Sample Of New Light System In Use On Main St.

A sample mercury-vapor street lighting unit has been erected at the intersection of Main and East Streets in Waynesville and is drawing much favorable comment.

City officials said this morning that the new system would probably be installed as soon as the power conversion project is completed.

The power conversion project will take from two to three months to be completed, Hayes and Lunsford, Asheville electrical contractors, have the contract.

The mercury vapor lighting system is considered the best now in use. City officials in many North Carolina towns and cities have installed it and all report that street-lighting problems have been drastically reduced.

Waynesville officials plan to install the lights along the main portion of Main Street.

Paving Report For March Made

The State Highway Commission completed 0.1 mile of paving and one mile of stabilization in Haywood County during the month of March, Commissioner L. Dale Thrash reported today.

Grading and traffic-bound macadam surfacing was completed on Caldwell for 0.1 mile.

One mile of strengthening and stabilization was finished on Fie Top.

The two road projects were financed by the secondary road bond program.

The Tenth Highway Division brought a total of 2.85 miles of paving and 18.3 miles of stabilization to completion in March, Commissioner Thrash added.

The Weather

RAIN

Monday—Showers, cooler. Scattered showers Tuesday, continued cool.

Official Waynesville temperatures as compiled at the State Test Farm:

Date	Max.	Min.
Apr. 2	70	38
" 3	70	32
" 4	67	39
" 5	67	28

Tax Equalization Board Holding Hearings Today; To Continue This Week

Taxes was the main topic of conversation in the Haywood County court house this morning as property owners from four townships appeared before the County Board of Commissioners to discuss their status under the recent county-wide revaluation program.

Sitting with the Commissioners, acting as a Board of Equalization for property owners who wanted adjustments made, were many of the men who acted as tax listers during the revaluation program.

C. C. Francis, chairman of the board, said that the number of tax payers who were appearing before the board was "about what we expected."

The board is hearing and reviewing complaints made by tax payers who feel that some adjustment should be made in their property valuation. This morning tax payers from Ivy Hill, Jonathan Creek, White Oak and Cataloochee are being heard.

Tomorrow (Tuesday) the board will hold hearings for Fines Creek, Crabtree and Iron Duff townships. Wednesday the citizens of Pigeon, East Fork, Clyde and Cecil will be heard.

Following the hearings the board will visit the premises of those registering complaints and make necessary adjustments.

The hearing for Beaverdam township has been set for April 20, and for Waynesville township April 21. Listers have not completed the revaluation in those townships.

Under the law, tax payers must register complaints at the hearings since those are the only times in which the commissioners have the authority to change valuation of real estate.

Official notification was given in Canton last week for town and school elections to be held in early May.

Notice was published calling for the election of a mayor and board of aldermen, judge of police court, solicitor, and three members of the school board.

It has not been learned whether the present mayor and board members will seek re-election, but two new candidates have made formal announcements that they are seeking office. They are Ernest Holcombe, for mayor, and C. F. Stanley, for alderman.

The resolution also included a paragraph that copies be sent the Haywood representative, Speaker of the House, and the Haywood county and town officials.

Hundreds Attend Church, Sunrise Services Here

Hundreds of people gathered on hillsides and lake shores Sunday morning to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ and to offer silent prayers that peace would soon reign again throughout the world.

Here in Haywood County Sunrise Services attracted several hundred early morning worshippers. At Lake Junaluska some 500 people attended the annual Sunrise Services sponsored by the Haywood subdistrict Methodist Youth Fellowship. Many others gathered at Green Hill Cemetery and at Soco Gap.

Record throngs attended church services at the regular hours in Waynesville and Hazelwood churches, as they did in churches all over the county.

The weather was clear and cool yesterday and most of the churchgoers were decked out in their new Easter finery.

At Cherokee some 2,000 people gathered in the Mountaintop Theatre to witness the annual Sunrise Services.

Police in Waynesville reported traffic conditions were excellent with not one traffic accident to mar the day's quiet.

Man Shot Friday During Fight At Soco Lookout

A drunken brawl Friday night at the Soco Lookout of Louise O'Neill resulted in the shooting of one man, whose condition this morning at the Haywood County Hospital was described as "satisfactory" by Dr. Stuart Roberson.

The shooting victim, D. L. Caldwell, was hit in the abdomen by a bullet from a German P-38 pistol, Elbert Smith, who has confessed to the shooting, is in the Haywood County jail.

According to Deputy Sheriff June Setzer the fight was started by Frank Caldwell and Smith shot D. L. Caldwell by mistake. Others who were arrested on a public drunkenness charge and have been released were Elmer Jenkins, Claude Hoglan, and Frank Caldwell.

All except Smith are from Haywood County. Smith was described as a drifter who has lived in a number of places.

Bond has not been set for Smith and no charges have been placed against him pending the outcome of Caldwell's condition.

Hooper Alexander, III, who is stationed at Fort Bragg in the Airborne Infantry, spent Easter with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hooper Alexander, Jr.

Campaign On Issue Nears End

Voters of Waynesville will go to the polls Wednesday to decide the issue of whether legal sales of beer shall return, or whether the town remain legally dry as the remainder of the county. Legal sales of beer went out five months ago.

The vote on Wednesday only applies to the legal status of Waynesville regarding beer sales.

The campaigning has been light, with a lot of personal work being done by both sides. Close observers see a large silent vote in Wednesday's election, as many people are not freely expressing their intentions.

Last September, in a county-wide election, the vote was better than three to one against the legal sale of beer in Haywood. Sixty days later, under the law, dealers had disposed of their stocks, and for the first time in 19 years, Haywood county was declared a legally dry county.

Several weeks after the county voted dry, a group of Waynesville citizens circulated a petition among voters here calling for an election just for the Town of Waynesville.

After securing the required number of names on the petition, it was found that a possible technical error in the petition might invalidate the election if called upon the grounds of the petition. Then it was that a new petition was put into circulation, and the required number of signatures of qualified voters affixed to the paper requesting an election on the question of legal beer sales.

The Board of Aldermen, after reviewing the petition, set the date of the election for Wednesday, April 8th.

On three successive Saturdays, March 14, 21, and 28, the registration books for the two precincts in the town were open, and about 300 new names were added during the period.

In town elections there are only two precincts—at the Town Hall, and the Allens Creek school.

In county-wide elections, there are five precincts in the corporate limits, but scores of voters are from the outside of the town limits as the county precincts extend beyond the city limits. For that reason it is impossible to get an accurate figure as to how the voters within the city limits voted last time, since it was a county-wide election.

In the five precincts in town, there was a total of 2,101 votes cast. Of that number, 1,325 voted against the legal sale of beer, and 776 voted for the legal sale of beer.

From the last election, it would be impossible to make a breakdown of just the town vote, since many voting in the precincts within town in the county-wide election are not eligible to vote on Wednesday. This is particularly true of the precincts for the county election in Allens Creek, East Waynesville, and West Waynesville, where precinct areas extend beyond the city limits.

In the county-wide election, the precincts of Center Waynesville and South Waynesville, both wholly within the town limits, had a majority of votes cast for the legal sale of beer.

In the same election, the vote was extremely high against the legal sale of beer in Allens Creek, East Waynesville, and West Waynesville. In all three of these precincts, there are a number of citizens who live outside the town limits and will not vote on Wednesday.

As the matter stands, it is a matter of speculation as to making a comparison of figures of the last election just for the town vote.

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Highway Record For 1953

In Haywood (To Date)

Injured . . . 17
Killed . . . 0

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