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TODAY'S SMILE  
Some waitresses are girls  
who think money grows on  
trays.

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## Haywood Democrats Meet With National Chairman



Haywood was well represented at the State meeting of Young Democrats in Asheville Saturday, when Stephen A. Mitchell, chairman of the national committee, was the principal speaker. He consulted with various committees during the day. The picture above shows part of the Haywood delegation as they talked with Chairman Mitchell. Left to right: T. A. Clark, Jr., county YD chairman, Charles B. McCrary, county chairman, Andy Woody, Sam Queen, Jr., Flossie DeWeese, Mr. Mitchell, William Medford, Joe Tate, Jr., Loranzo Smathers, W. G. Byers, and Richard Queen, district chairman. (Mountaineer Photo).

## Eleven Haywood Bills Passed By Assembly

### Produce Crops Are Gaining Foothold Here In Haywood

Rep. Palmer  
Introduced 12 Bills—  
One Of Them  
State-Wide. All  
But One Passed

### Formal Opening At Ratcliffe Cove Church

A large congregation turned out yesterday for the dedication of the new Baptist Church at Ratcliffe Cove.

If the present pace is maintained, this can easily become the onion center of the county.

Green, tender onions, that is. C. D. Ketner, owner and operator of Farmers Exchange and a produce grower, planted 500 bushels of onion sets this spring—that is about 25 acres.

In addition, he has contracted for several acres, and along with the onions, has about 25 acres in spinach—16 of his own, and 9 under contract.

Mr. Ketner said both the onions and spinach will be ready for the market about the 10th of this month, and continue until about the 15th of June.

"Our crops come in just as the fancy onions and spinach in South Carolina and Georgia are giving out," he explained. "Since we are able to fill in the gap between the southern crop, and the eastern seaboard crop, we always find a ready market."

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"With these systems, you can regulate the growth of a crop, regardless of weather conditions. We have often brought in a field of spinach a week or so ahead of order to meet favorable market conditions, and the difference in price for the crop paid handsome dividends on the irrigation systems," he said.

Besides spinach and onions, Mr. Ketner will plant a large number of acres in sweet corn, seed potatoes, and this fall have turnips, as well as apples from about 9,000 trees.

Several charter members of the church who are still living and the building committee responsible for the new building, were special guests during the morning service.

This is the third church that the Baptists of the Ratcliffe Cove have built. Costing \$37,000 it required about a year to construct and its modern improvements make it one of the finest country churches in Haywood County. The auditorium, which can seat 276, is finished in oak. In the basement are 11 Sunday School rooms.

### First Singing Convention Draws Large Attendance

Some 500 people, one of the largest crowds in history, turned out for the first in a series of summer singing conventions held at the Haywood County court house Sunday.

About 50 singers participated during the three-hour singing. Among the groups were the Gospel Five, Red Bank Trio, Cathey Brothers, Parker Quartet, Parris Quartet, Cathey Duet, Hazelwood Church of God Trio, Betty and Jean Rowland (duet), Woodrow and Betty Rowland (duet), and Woody-Webb Duet. Louise Stinson, a soloist, also presented several numbers.

Ray Parker, president of the convention, acted as master of ceremonies.

The convention has scheduled singing for the first Sunday of each month throughout the summer. All programs will be held at the court house.

### Paving For New Highway Soon

The contractor for the Lake Junaluska-Canton four lane highway is putting on the finishing touches of grading the link.

Highway officials announced some weeks ago that the contract for paving the new highway would be ready for the May or June letting, and plans are for the road to be open to the public by early fall.

### Bids For Filter Plant To Be Opened Thursday

Town officials will open and examine contractors' bids for a modern water filtering plant at their regular meeting Thursday. All bids are due in the town offices by Thursday at 2 o'clock.

The new filtering plant, which is expected to cost in the neighborhood of some \$250,000, is being made available through a \$300,000 water bond issue which Waynesville voters approved last November 8.

The plant will consist of a main plant, a concrete dam, a 147,000 gallon reservoir and the necessary pipe work to bring the water in from the watershed.

When completed the plant will be one of the most modern in the South.

### Fire Destroys Two Homes In Saunook Area

Two fires in the Saunook area, both of which caused total destruction of the buildings, were reported by the Waynesville Fire Department during the last week.

The fire, which broke out in the home of Charlie Smathers on Red Bank Road at 1:30 Thursday morning, caused some \$10,000 damage. Smathers and his wife were asleep when the fire broke out, but managed to escape the blaze with no ill effects.

Another fire broke out in the Saunook section this morning, destroying a frame house occupied by Mrs. Eva Pinion, widow, Mrs. Pinion was not at home at the time. Fire fighting equipment from Waynesville and Hazelwood responded to the fire alarm, and a spray truck from Barber's Orchard was put into use.

A group of citizens announced this morning that a fund would be started immediately for Mrs. Pinion to help set up another home. Persons who desire to contribute furniture, clothing, other household articles or money, may leave them at the Waynesville Fire Department.

Tom Clark, Canton attorney, is unopposed in seeking re-election as Police Court prosecutor.

All three members of the five member Canton School Board, whose terms have expired, are seeking re-election. They are J. R. Sechrest, Jr., A. A. Cody and J. E. Henderson.

In Clyde all present officers are seeking re-election. Present officials are Mayor Gerald R. Fish; J. W. Morgan, C. C. Spencer and Bruce Sellers, members of the Board of Aldermen; and Larry H. Cagle, police judge.

More than 1800 voters are expected to go to the polls in Canton, while a smaller number is expected to vote in Clyde.

### Highlanders Meet Wednesday Night

The Haywood County Highlanders will have their regular meeting at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the courthouse. Pres. L. E. DeVous will preside.

### Elmer McClure Patient In Local Hospital

Elmer McClure was reported "resting comfortably" at the Haywood County Hospital this morning. Mr. McClure entered the hospital Sunday afternoon after becoming ill.

### Two Haywood Towns Will Name Officials Tuesday

The election spotlight in Haywood County falls on Canton and Clyde tomorrow as voters of both towns go to the polls to elect their officials.

In Canton two candidates are entered in the mayoralty campaign and 11 are seeking seats on the Board of Aldermen. There are just three seats on the Board.

Candidates for mayor are W. J. Stone, incumbent, and Ernest Hof-combe. Running for the Board of Aldermen on independent platforms are Henry Seaman, J. N. Powell and Sebe Plott, incumbents.

Other candidates are Mrs. May King, J. Bennie Patton, W. R. Allen, C. F. Stanley, W. Bryan Byrd, Albert L. Sutton, Elmer Miller and Charles Beal.

Ralph H. Mease, incumbent, and Andy Sumner have announced for judge of Canton Police Court.

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### Dogwood In Full Bloom In Smokies

Motorists into the Smokies find the roads lined with dogwood in full bloom.

All indications are that the flowers will be in bloom for the remainder of the week.

Traffic over Highway 441 Sunday was a bumper-to-bumper line many times during the afternoon. Parking at Newfound Gap was at a premium.

### Robertson Optimistic As To Further Industrial Development Of This Area

Reuben B. Robertson told an audience of more than 200 attending the annual Canton-Bethel-Clyde Chamber of Commerce banquet Friday night at Camp Hope, that "care must be exercised in selecting the direction that a program of progress should take."

"A community naturally wants to avoid aimless activity," he said, as he pointed out that the goals should be related to what lies within the limits of the reasonably attainable."

Mr. Robertson said he was encouraged by the industrial expansion in Western North Carolina during the past few years, and suggested that communities wanting additional industrial plants should first prepare themselves with "a clear-cut program of progress."

F. E. Shull was toastmaster, and the invocation was by Rev. Clayton J. Lime. The seven charter members of the organization present were presented: Mr. Robertson, Sam M. Robinson, Thomas A. Clark, Fred T. Peden, J. Handy Kirkpatrick, Dr. Carey T. Wells and Rev. Carlock Hawk.

Bruce Morford, serving his second term as president, told of the broad scope of activity of the organization, and said that a good (See Robertson—Page 6)

### Superior Court Starts

Superior Court got underway this morning and along with the pre-trial calendar, several motion dockets are also scheduled to be heard by Judge Allen H. Gwynn.

Several divorces have already been granted today and more will be presented to the court. The docket, which is scheduled to end next Monday, includes some 30 cases plus divorce actions.

The late T. L. Green, member of the Bar, will be honored at a memorial service at 2 p.m. Wednesday.

Jury for first week—Harold G. Pressley, Canton; Willard Russell, Waynesville; J. R. Holland, Beaverdam; E. M. Ingram, Waynesville; Albert Sprinkle, Canton;

L. P. Dixon, Canton; Denton Browning, Waynesville; H. K. Jones, Clyde; Walter W. Caldwell, Waynesville; Harry Lee Ward, Ivy Hill;

Hugh L. Ratcliff, Waynesville; John G. Devlin, Beaverdam; Vaughn L. Williams, East Fork; Roy Deitz, Pigeon; Herman Owen, Cove Creek;

Roy D. Seay, Clyde; Lush Chambers, Waynesville; P. H. Henley, Waynesville; Mack V. Howard, Beaverdam; Dave Caldwell, Jonathan Creek;

Geo. L. Brown, Beaverdam; Grady Walker, Fines Creek; P. T. Phoenix, Waynesville; L. B. Pembroke, Beaverdam.

### Methodists Hear Guest Ministers

Congregations of the various Methodist churches in Haywood county yesterday heard visiting ministers preach at the opening services of the Evangelistic Mission program being held throughout the South.

Most of the visiting ministers are from the Virginia Conference. Two weeks ago ministers from the Western North Carolina Conference conducted similar services in the Virginia Conference.

Services are being held in the local churches each evening through Friday of this week.

Some 400 Young People of the Waynesville District attended the Youth Rally Saturday night at Bryson City, an integral part of the Evangelistic Mission. About 40 of them were from the Waynesville church.

### Members Are Added To Gallon Here Friday

New members were added to the Red Cross Gallon Club at Asheville Regional Unit mobile collected 101 pint periodic visit to Waynesville Friday.

New members, Oliver and Henry Selsam, were added as the Bloodmobile returned to leave Friday, some short of the quota.

The unit stopped at the Waynesville Presbyterian Church. The unit was sponsored by the Ladies Club, the Elks Club, Waynesville merchants.

Location of the units are as follows: Clyde, across from Fincher's store; Hazelwood, Five Points; Fines Creek, public school building; Waynesville, courthouse; and Canton, the Post Office.

The schedule is as follows: Clyde (Canton unit)—May 8, 9, 12. Hazelwood (Waynesville unit)—May 8, 9, 12. Fines Creek (Waynesville unit)—May 13, 14. Waynesville — May 15 through May 30. Canton—May 13 through 30.

The visit is a result of five year's effort on the part of the X-ray Committee. The last time people of this county had the opportunity to visit the units was in 1948. Officials of the committee said that the visits were paid for by the response to the annual sale of TB seals in the fall.

Members of the various Home (See X-Ray Unit—Page 6)

### Record

Some 50 Baptist Churches in Haywood County, 30 of them are in the Pigeon Baptist, which is in the Cove Creek section. Some of them, including some that were formed after 1900, that Pigeon Baptist was formed, has quite the record as a Baptist. We had a note from Mrs. George Boring this morning that Pigeon Baptist had its first wedding last night after 32 years of waiting. A couple that was married set a record of precedent, and now the record is broken, we hope people will do likewise.

### To The Story Than Eye Could See

Reuben B. Robertson in address-... member of Commerce... day night at Camp Hope... his audience with several... but perhaps the one that... them laughing the longest... but two young men, on a... in the country, when they... a high fence surrounding... seemed to be no way... so they climbed over the... into the pasture. No sooner... gote nuzzling inside than... bull came rushing furiously... One of the boys escaped... a nearby tree, the... found refuge in a cave a... distance away.

Boy in the tree remained... quietly awaiting his chance... of the bull.

Other boy would impatiently... at of the cave heading for... see, but the bull would... discover him and give chase... would be forced to beat a... retreat back into the cave.

It happened several times... the bull coming closer to... at time he ducked into the... finally the boy in the tree... at his pal.

Here, buddy, if you don't... at business and stay in the... at bull is going to get you."

Boy in the cave shouted... You don't understand local... there's a bear in that...

### and Mrs. Ward To Go For Europe

and Mrs. Hallett Ward will... tomorrow for New York... and will sail from there... the USS United States for... Hampton, England. They will... a week in England before... to Paris to attend the In-... ternational Rotary Convention... 28, after which they will... Southern France, Italy, ... Germany, Belgium, and...

and Mrs. Ward will join... Mrs. Bill Frazier of Dur... Waynesville in New York... two couples will travel... They will also join Mr... Eric Clauson of Waynes-... Paris.

### Miss X-Ray Unit To Be Haywood May 13-30

Two mobile X-ray units, provid-... ing free chest X-rays have been... scheduled for Haywood County... May 8-30, according to an announce-... ment made today by members of... the planning committee.

Following a meeting by the com-... mittee Friday morning, it was an-... nounced that the units would... operate Tuesday through Friday... from 11 o'clock to 5 o'clock, and... on Saturday from 10 o'clock to 4... o'clock, on the specified days.

The goal of the county-wide chest... X-ray program is the X-raying of... every person 15 years of age and... over. The county has been di-... vided into two parts—the Canton... and Waynesville areas—during the... program, and officials are hopeful... that every person will be close... enough to visit the units.

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### Weather

Day—Cloudy and mild. Lit-... tle in temperature forecast... today. Probably scattered... showers.

Waynesville tempera-... ture compiled at the State Test

Max.	Min.	Rainfall
72	54	2.06
82	53	
79	58	.62
74	48	

Highway  
Record For  
1953  
In Haywood  
(To Date)  
Injured . . . 20  
Killed . . . 0  
(This information com-  
piled from Records of  
State Highway Patrol.)



Reuben B. Robertson (left), principal speaker at the Canton-Bethel-Clyde Chamber of Commerce meeting, is shown here just before the banquet, talking to W. J. "Bill" Stone, mayor of Canton, Bruce Morford, president, Chamber of Commerce, and Gerald Fish, mayor of Clyde. The meeting was held at Camp Hope Friday night. Another photo on page six, section two. (Mountaineer Photo).