

Mirth Rhinehart Of Cecil Weds J. L. Henson, Jr.

By MRS. J. EDGAR BURNETTE
Community Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Rhinehart announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Mirth Rhinehart, to J. L. Henson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Loy Henson, of Cruso on December 5th. They are making their home with the groom's parents.

Ward Owens suffered multiple injuries Saturday evening when the wood truck he was driving developed mechanical trouble causing it to run over the steep bank below the Virgil Haney home on the Lake Logan Road. Owens is a patient at the Haywood County Hospital. He was trying to get his young brother, D. L., out of the truck window when it overturned on him. D. L. suffered several bruises. Both are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Owens of the Lake Logan area.

Mr. and Mrs. Tinker Howard and family have moved onto the Frank Ensley place, formerly known as Sunburst Ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rogers are remodeling their home all the way through as well as on the outside.

A bon voyage party was given by Mr. Paul Harkins and Miss Joyce Singleton Friday evening at the latter's home honoring Mrs. Samuel Trull and son. The honoree and her son David received many lovely and useful gifts. They are sailing for Munich, Germany, December 18, to join Sgt. Trull. Each guest wrote a letter to be mailed to Mrs. Trull to reach her by the time she arrived in Germany.

Refreshments were served following the games. Prize in one game was won by Mrs. J. E. Burnette for making the largest list of articles to be taken on an ocean voyage.

Guests present were Mrs. Anderson Huskey and son Darryl, Miss Clara Jo Ford of Canton, Miss Lois Trull, Miss Jennie Mae Huskey, Mrs. Glenn Parris, Mrs. Donald Parris, Mrs. Claude Reece, Mrs. Jim Singleton, and Mrs. Burnette.

Miss Barbara Rhinehart is a patient at the Haywood County Hospital where she is undergoing treatments.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reece and baby spent the day on Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Staples Johnson of Avery County.

Please see your community hospital insurance representative by the last of December for the January payment.

About 60 per cent of the population of Russia is composed of farmers.



LOCAL MASONS have elected officers for the coming year, with Harry Kent being named master. The picture above shows most of the new officials. Front row, left to right: Paul Bryson, senior steward; Frank Worthington, senior warden; Harry Kent, master; Ray Ellis, secretary. Second row: Lewis Green, tiller; W. T. Freeman, junior steward; C. J. Reece, junior warden; Paul McElroy, junior deacon; Herman Francis, senior deacon. Absent were, Albert Abel, treasurer, and Rev. J. H. Coleman, chaplain.

(Mountaineer Photo).

Waynesville Sailor, Pals Send Rita Hayworth \$3.89

Distressed at the plight of actress Rita Hayworth, who said recently that she was "broke," a Waynesville sailor—T. M. McCracken—and four other men on the aircraft carrier Yorktown took up a collection of \$3.89 to benefit the glamorous star.

The five sailors first read about Miss Hayworth's being in dire financial straits in the Houston Chronicle. After soliciting \$3.89, a money order was purchased and sent to the Chronicle—to be forwarded to the Hollywood star.

In a note, the boys in blue explained to Houston newsmen: "Finding out that Rita was absolutely moneyless and Dick Haymes was having to pay his earnings all in income tax, it touched our hearts to the extent we would like to make this donation. We know this isn't a whole lot, but we understand how every bit helps."

"So if you will ask Miss Hayworth to please accept this donation so our poor sailors may sleep once again."

Contacted in Hollywood by the Chronicle, Miss Hayworth cooed to reporters: "Now isn't that sweet of the boys... imagine them way out in Korean waters thinking so much of my troubles to take time to write and send the money." However, the former wife of multimillionaire Aly Khan explained,

Kiwanis Plans 2 Yule Parties

The Waynesville Kiwanis Club will hold its annual Christmas party—along with "Ladies' Night"—at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Maggie School, it was announced today.

At their meeting Tuesday night at Spaldon's, Kiwanis members were given the names of two needy children for whom they are to bring a toy or other gift at the party next Tuesday.

The toys to be collected will be distributed by Kiwanians at a party for underprivileged children next week at the Armory.

Speed Reduced

ESCONDIDO, Calif. (AP) — A mortuary beside the Vista valley boulevard here has a sign: "Drive Slowly. We Can Wait." There has been no fatal accident in the vicinity in five years.

"I think my financial troubles will be starlightened out soon. So do you have any special charities down there? If so, send me the money order, I'll endorse it over to you and return it." McCracken is the son of Mrs. Annie McCracken of Waynesville.

Big Creekers Hid Out To Escape Rebel Ranks

By W. C. MEDFORD
Mountaineer Feature Writer

Because of the Union sympathy to be found among the citizens of Big Creek during the Civil War most of those eligible for service refused to join the Confederate Army. They evaded service by lying out, often slipping in home when all seemed clear. Toward the close of the war the Confederacy was sorely in need of troops; so often troops, generally the Home Guard, were sent into such sections to round up the "out-liers" and bring them in by force of arms.

So it happened that Capt. Albert Teague's Scouts made at least two or three raids into the Big Creek section. Here is the version of the story that is generally agreed on by the older citizens of the community—as it was related to them: Capt. Teague and his band of scouts crossed Sterling Gap from the Cataloochee side right about the close of the war—early Spring of '65, and watched the homes of George and Henry Grooms and others.

Killing of The Grooms Men and Caldwell According to Mitchell Sutton, the Scouts had already killed Abe Hopkins (he thinks it was in this same raid), and had also captured a Caldwell man over near the Tennessee line. Then after capturing the two Grooms men, George and Henry, (some say by threatening their women folks in order to ascertain the whereabouts of the men) the three men were tied and marched across to the Little Cataloochee side of Sterling Mountain, a distance of seven or eight miles. There in the road, not far above where the Little Cataloochee road intersects, they stopped; and there also occurred one of our local Civil War tragedies that for cruelty and pathos was pretty bad. Some few folks think that Capt. Teague was probably not along with his Scouts, but nearly all who relate the story say that he was leading them.

However, they stood the three men up by the side of the road. Caldwell, who 'tis said was a very simple-minded man, Henry Grooms, the fiddler, and his brother George. It is stated that the Scouts made Caldwell put his hat over his face, stating that they did not want to kill anyone facing them with a grin on. George Grooms, Mitch Sutton says, died cursing the Scouts, while Henry asked to be allowed to pray.

Origin of The "Grooms Tune" Now Henry, when his time came, was told by his captors that he must first play them a tune or two—since he had his fiddle along. Grooms complied with his favorite, Bonaparte's Retreat—since known throughout all this mountain region as the Grooms Tune.

"It is a very sad tune—in a minor key, we suppose; often dogs have been known to set up a howling accompaniment when the tune was being played. We have heard folks say when hearing it played, "Listen! That's the Grooms tune—it says, Fare you well, fare you well." But, evidently, it did not much touch the hearts of the war-hardened Scouts. So, there in the shadows of 'Ol' Starlin' Henry Grooms held his cherished fiddle to his breast for the last time; and soon after its sweet, plaintive strains were hushed in the deep wooded silences... another life also was hushed. No doubt, the old fiddler poured out his heart, its

20 Allens Creek Families Get Phone Service

By Harl Allen
Community Reporter

Allens Creek phone lines, being extended on Camp Branch Road about one and a half miles will accommodate some 20 families.

Also a new road is being extended about one mile to Duncan's sheep farm.

The Allison Construction Company are adding to the sewer line for the Town of Waynesville so that it touches the city limits of Allens Creek. The work is more than half done. This improvement will be greatly appreciated by many families who are now adding new bath rooms to their homes.

Allens Creek residents have also added several new electric kitchens.

It looks like Santa Claus came early here with about 20 television sets being installed recently.

Off The Reservation

DALLAS (AP)—When his military duties took Roland Goss of Dallas to Bainbridge, Md., he was joined there shortly by Mrs. Goss and their little daughter, Janice.

Soon after they arrived, Goss suggested it was time Janice resume saying her prayers before bed. Obediently she started: "Now I lay me down to sleep..." But suddenly she stopped.

"It won't do any good," she announced. "I forgot to tell Jesus we were leaving Texas."

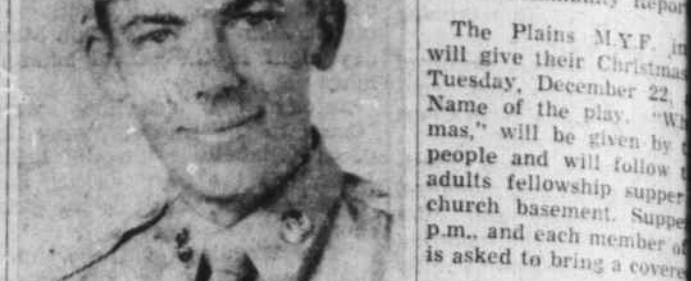
penitence, its sorrows—and hopes in that one last sad tune.

All three bodies were left lying by the roadside. Hours later Eliza Grooms, Henry's wife, a Sutton boy and others came with an ox hitched to a sled and hauled the bodies back across the mountain to their homes. They were buried in the Sutton graveyard.

The European Starlings which were first introduced into New York City in 1890 have spread to the Rocky mountains and a few scattered places beyond, to Mexico and to Canada as far north as Hudson Bay.

Plains MYF C Play And Sup For Hominy P

By MRS. MARK SW
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The Plains MYF C will give their Christmas Tuesday, December 22. Name of the play, "The Mas," will be given by 50 people and will follow a adults fellowship supper church basement. Supper p.m., and each member is asked to bring a cover.

The CDP has organized basketball teams for Shirley Jones, captain, girls, and Morris Broyles for the boys. Let us all help and support our girls.

Mrs. Everett Scroggs mount Drive returned today from Mission Hospital in Asheville. She had an operation last week.

Junaluska To Stage Yule Pageant Tonight

A Christmas pageant, "Come To Worship," will be presented by students of Lake Junaluska School at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. Approximately 100 students will participate in the event.

The school's rhythm band, under the direction of Mrs. John R. Carver, will also present several selections.

Group To Discuss Liberty And Order

"Liberty and order" will be discussed by members of the American Heritage Project group at a meeting Friday night in the Park Commission office, according to Miss Margaret Johnston, Haywood County librarian.

The discussion will be led by the group's leader, William Medford.

At past meetings, the organization has discussed states rights, and the welfare state and rugged individualism.

From 1940 to 1950 the proportion of women in the U. S. population who were married decreased from about 24 per cent to about 20 per cent.

In 1830 it took 3 1/2 human labor to produce a bushel of wheat, but by 1896 the been reduced to 10 minutes.

BURLEY TOBACCO GROWERS

Southwest Virginia, East Tennessee
And Western North Carolina

Bernard's Warehouses No. 2 and 3 have sales space for this week's Sales for 1,000,000 pounds.

These two houses will sell Tuesday and Wednesday and possibly Thursday.

All three houses—No. 1, 2 and 3 will during the holidays have floor space for one and 1/2 million pounds of deliveries.

The Greenville Market not only sells annually 5 to 20 million pounds more tobacco than other markets, but sells more medium and common grades which embodies a large percent of the remnants and tail-end of the crop—yet with rare exceptions its total annual average exceeds that of any of the outlying ill-equipped sale points. Its deliveries being from far and near is representative of the average quality of this tobacco belt. As evidence of this fact the

Government records show the combined average of the other 13 markets for the 1951 crop was \$40.80 per 1000 and that of the 1932 crop \$30.90 less than the Greenville average.

There is usually a uniform price at all sales points for the top grades, but the lack of competition for the medium and common grades account for the high average obtainable on the Greenville Market.

Although there is always a variation of one to three dollars in quality of different sales floors, the sales average of Bernard houses often increases the daily sales average of the Greenville Market.

Make Do



A BEDSIDE SCREEN can provide a handy bedside table if you fit a triangular shelf of plywood with angle brackets to slip into U-brackets formed from mending plates.

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