

Old Timers Recall When Town's Population Was 224

By W. C. MEDFORD

There are people still living in Haywood who can remember Waynesville in 1880—when it had a population of only 224. The town then lay almost entirely south and south west of the present corner of Main and Depot Streets as follows: Up Shelton branch to Pigeon, thence via Dr. Way and Quinlan places, to the Tate place, to west Church Street, thence through via Episcopal property to corner below Co-op, thence to present Garrett Furniture Store. These were a few residences North of there but not many.

So you can see that the old courthouse (corner Main and East Streets), was as near the center of the town then as the present one is now.

At that time—75 years ago, Haywood County had a population of 10,171—just about what Waynesville, Hazelwood and suburbs now have. While Waynesville's most noticeable growth has been during the last decade, the overall increase has been normal, or about the average of Western North Carolina towns.

Other Counties and Towns

Asheville in 1880 had only 2,116 population. The railroad reached the town in that year.

Webster was then the county seat of Jackson County, Sylva being unknown.

The village of Charleston (now Bryson City) was the county seat of Swain.

Madison County in 1880 had more population than Haywood; now it has much less.

In 1880 the courthouse was the old brick, corner Main and East Streets. The jail stood near the present Library, about where the filling station is now located.

McIntosh's Drug Store was right about where Garrett Furniture Store stands. Many drug stores in that day sold whiskey and wine on prescription—plenty of it, as did McIntosh's. They also bought roots and herbs for cash or in trade.

The railroad had not yet entered this county. However, Haywood White Sulphur Springs Hotel was doing a big summer business. Maj. W. W. Stringfield was the propri-

etor. The tourists were called "lowlanders".

A carriage road had been made to the top of Lickstone—rough, though it was. It made the "lowlanders" exclaim a plenty and hold to each other on the high seats, those who were brave enough to make the trip.

How Things Have Changed!

What is now Canton was then called Pigeon River, said to have been only a store or two and a few scattered residences. About two years later, in '83, it became a shipping point, the first, for this county, the railroad having been extended to that point. The Clyde community was called Lower Pigeon.

The communities of Woodrow, Bethel and Retreat was referred to as Bethel or Sonoma—Sonoma being the name of the postoffice.

Pigeon River was then—and on up to 1906, a fine fishing stream. The wolf was still to be found here in 1880. There were no restrictions on hunting and fishing. A bounty was placed on the wolf "sculp".

Hogs, cattle and sheep ran at large in the county. Sometimes they strayed onto the streets of Waynesville.

The Cherokees were referred to as the "Indian Nation," and their town was called "Yellow Hill". Nimrod Jarrett Smith was then chief, soon after Col. William H. Thomas gave up the place as head of the tribe. The Cherokees numbered considerably more than that at present.

A few years before, the first "ground scuffer" threshing machines had come into the county.

Bright tobacco was being raised here, and hauled to market (mostly to Asheville) on wagons.

There were few doctors, and they were all general practitioners. We are not quite sure, but are of the opinion that there was not a dentist in the county. Little could be done to prevent or cure disease, especially those of the contagious type, such as the fevers, smallpox, whooping cough, etc. Tuberculosis patients could not even be separated from the rest of the family, since there were no



STARTING YOUNG in the sport of matching wits against canny denizens of the deep is nine-year-old Phyllis Ann Pembroke, fishing at Lake Junaluska with her father, S. F. Pembroke, of Thickety. At this particular time, the Pembrokes were not doing too well, but both were hopeful of getting a nibble soon. (Mountaineer Photo).

hospitals.

House flies—known to be disease carriers, swarmed everywhere and over everything, there being no way to screen them out. Sanitation and preventive measures were not taught and seemed to be little considered. Many communities depended mostly on the mid-wives in case of childbirth.

So, as it was, disease and death prevailed, proportionately, much more than today. There were often epidemics in which sometimes almost entire families would be wiped out.

There were stretches of road that would be impassible for wagoners for maybe a week or ten days in a bad rainy spell. Timbers and "prize-poles" were kept lying by the road side in such places for the convenience of wagoners. Oftentimes two teams would purposely go together in order to "help each other out".

And, lastly, it was the day of

Canton Moose Lodge Names New Officers

Howell Pless was elected governor of Canton Moose Lodge No. 515 during a special meeting last night. Pless succeeds Jack Woody, who has headed the lodge during the past year.

Other officers elected were Clarence Rickman, junior governor; Jack Sharp, prelate; C. K. Sorrells, trustee, and J. E. Whitaker, treasurer.

All new officers are employees of the Champion Paper and Fibre Co. here. Installation ceremonies will be held within the next month.

Twenty-five to fifty cents daily wage for all ordinary work.

Who would want a return of "The Good Ol' Days"?

State Tax Deadline Is April 15

State Income Tax Returns for the year 1955 are due to be filed by April 15, penalty and interest filed with accompanying payment by April 15, penalty an-dinterest will accrue.

Returns are required of single persons with an income of \$1,000 or more, or a married man with an income of \$2,000 or more. A state return must be filed by a married woman with a separate income if the income is as much as \$1,000.

Taxpayers who filed last year have been mailed either a short form blank or a long form blank, depending on which type was used the year before. If conditions have changed and the other blank is desired this year, it may be obtained by writing the N. C. Department of Revenue in Raleigh or contacting the local representative of the department. Failure to receive a blank does not relieve the taxpayer of filing and those who for some reason have not received a blank but are required to file should request one as soon as possible.

Representatives of the State Revenue Department are at their office in the basement of the Haywood County courthouse each Friday all day, and also will be available to assist taxpayers on three Mondays—March 26, April 9, and April 16. They also will be at the Canton City Hall March 20-21, and at the Jackson County courthouse in Sylva April 4-5.

WTHS To Offer Beginners' Sewing Class For Adults

An adult sewing class for beginners will be offered by the Home Economics Department of Waynesville High School, starting Wednesday, April 11, according to Mrs. John Nesbitt, instructor.

Mrs. Nesbitt said the course will last a total of 12 hours, and the class will be limited to 12 members.

The first session Wednesday will be devoted to arranging a class schedule.

Women interested in the class are asked to call Mrs. Nesbitt at GL 6-8308 after 4 p.m.

Canton Seniors To Present Play Thursday, May 3

Canton seniors are preparing their annual play, "The Little Dog Laughed," which will be presented at Canton High School May 3.

The comedy will be given under the direction of Miss Mary Gillis in the newly decorated auditorium.

The cast has been selected and will include: Melissa Osborne, Linda Moore, Dale Childers, George Freeman, Bobbie Hall, Sandra Williams, Linville Robinson, Nancy Smathers, Darrell Hawkins, Lafayette Cagle, Vickie Smathers, Betty Lee Gaddy, Diane Thomason, Barbara Carswell, Violet Potter.

Ceremony Made Official

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP)—It was "Go Western Week" and everyone was supposed to dress up in frontier clothes. The first offenders to be clapped in a wooden-barred "jail" downtown for wearing ordinary clothes were Mayor Hugh Laird and Police Chief Worth Farley.

Toastmasters Club To Install Officers Monday Evening

New officers will be installed by the Waynesville Toastmasters' Club meeting Monday, April 9, at 7:15 p.m. at Spaldon's Restaurant.

A. H. Hunt will assume the presidency. Homer Justice is executive vice president and Jack Noland, educational vice president. Secretary-treasurer is John Thomas and John Reeves is sergeant at arms.

The invocation will be given by Al Marshall and instructions by Clifford Harrell. Toastmaster will be Virgil Smith.

Speakers include Jack Snyder, Ted Stackpole, Homer Justice and William Medford. Evaluators are Jack Dickerson, Charles Underwood, Jerry Rogers and John Reeves.

Others taking part on the program include Raymond Ellis, table topics; John Thomas, table topics evaluator; Jack Noland, grammarian; and Jack Felmet, master evaluator.

Canton Plans To Resurface Several Streets

Officials of the Town of Canton have announced plans to resurface some of the worn-out streets in various sections of the town.

Much of the street work in some areas of Canton was done by the WPA several years ago, it was pointed out, without cost to the property owner. This will not be true in the proposed improvement program, because the town proposes that the property owners share two-thirds of the cost of such improvements or paving.

On most of the streets the curb and guttering work has already been done, which will lower the cost of resurfacing.

Property owners, who want their streets resurfaced are asked to file their application with town officials as soon as possible, so an improvement program can be worked out.

Canton VFW Post Names Officers

Joe S. Thompson is the new commander of the Edwards-Clark-Messer Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars. Other officers are: Carl Gillis, senior vice commander; Dan Griffin, Jr., vice commander; Clyde Sharp, quartermaster; Dr. H. A. Matthews, Post surgeon; the Rev. J. C. Lime, chaplain; and Larry Cagle, judge advocate.

Harry Boone will serve as trustee for a three-year period.

Date of the installation ceremony will be announced later.

Navy To Conduct Job Interviews This Week

Interviews for stenographic and typist positions with the Navy Department in Washington, D. C. will be conducted at the Asheville post-office from Thursday through Saturday, April 12-14, according to an announcement from the civilian Navy representative, Miss Mary K. Ruwart, whose area headquarters is the Navy Recruiting Station in Knoxville.

Beginning salaries for these positions are \$3175 and \$3415 per year. According to Miss Ruwart, advantages include liberal vacation and sick leave allowances with excellent opportunities for advancement. Housing arrangements are made before new employees leave home.

Southern Baptists Plan To Add 2,666 Churches

According to Elmer Greene, Baptist associational missionary for Haywood County, Southern Baptist churches will seek to constitute, revive, or reactivate "2,666 new churches in 1956".

There are 24 million people in the 41-state territory of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention who are out of reach of a Baptist church that can serve them. There are 15,000 communities in this territory that have no Baptist church of any kind. Numerous communities have no church of any kind.

A new tract, "How to Establish a New Church," and a motion picture, "Reaching Out," have been released by the Home Mission Board to aid in achieving the goal. Also, the Home Mission Board awards a certificate to churches who sponsor a new church. The awards are available from the state superintendents of missions.

The goal of "2,666 in '56" was

Highlanders Meeting Set Monday Night

The Haywood County Highlanders will hold their regular monthly meeting Monday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the Courthouse, with L. E. DeVous in charge.

set by Southern Baptist state superintendents of missions, executive secretaries of the state Baptist conventions, and the Baptist Home Mission Board. In North Carolina, E. L. Spivey is superintendent of missions, and M. A. Huggins is executive secretary.

The North Carolina goal is 100.

There are 1,249 miles of fishing stream and 31,952 acres of lakes in the North Carolina National Forests.



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