



MAYOR GERALD FISH, left, was official host to the Clyde Rally, and next to him is Congressman George A. Shuford, Senator W. Kerr Scott, and Mrs. Sara Brown, precinct chairman. The four got together just prior to the Rally Thursday night. (Mountaineer Photo.)



SOME OF THE COMMITTEEMEN for the Clyde Rally are: from left: John Stephens, Mrs. Larry Cagle, Larry Cagle, Charles Beall, Manuel Lee, Gilmer Carver, Mark Brown, Pres., Haywood County Young Democrats. (Mountaineer Photo.)



PART OF THE CROWD of 700 Democrats who went down the serving line at the Clyde School Thursday night, at the Rally, headed by Senator W. Kerr Scott. From left; Charles Wood, his father, Frank Wood, Clyde; C. C. Francis and Johnny Ferguson, both of Waynesville.

## Federal Officials Will Be On Duty Tuesday To Check On Any Election Frauds

Federal officials will stand an election-day vote fraud watch next Tuesday on direct orders from Attorney General Herbert Brownell, Jr.

And Western District Attorney James M. Baley of Marshall who pushed Western North Carolina's large-scale 1954 election irregularity investigations, said his office "will be on the alert".

Brownell in a letter to district attorneys placed them on 24-hour vigilance against fraud or corruption surrounding the election.

He told them to be prepared to act on any allegations or reports that voters had been intimidated, coerced or prevented from voting. Any responsible complaint must be transmitted immediately to the FBI whose offices will also be open on a 24-hour basis, Brownell's directive said.

North Carolina Republicans brought charges of fraud in connection with the 1954 elections in Clay, Graham, Swain and Madison counties.

In reply to Brownell's letter, Baley recalled the "wide-spread election irregularities in this district during the 1954 election. . . we shall be on the alert to act immediately when there is reason

to believe that federal laws have been violated."

Baley also told Brownell that "our experience has indicated that misuse of the absentee ballot is the major problem in this area. Conspiracy to buy votes, to cast fraudulent or fictitious ballots, or otherwise to stuff ballot boxes frequently revolve around the improper use of the absentee ballot. Bribery of voters or purchase of votes is also a common offense, as well as intimidation of voters who received old age assistance or other federal relief funds. These federal violations and all reports concerning false or fictitious ballots or any device to dilute the true vote or prevent an accurate count will be acted upon promptly and, we hope, effectively."

Baley said Asst. District Attorney William I. Ward, Jr. will be in charge of the Charlotte office on Tuesday. He and Asst. District Attorney Hugh Monteith will be in charge in Asheville.

He assured Brownell that his office would maintain "constant contact" with the FBI and request investigations of probable violations.

In the WNC fraud cases, 41 in-

## Smith Completes 9th Year At First Baptist In Canton

Yesterday marked the ninth anniversary of the Rev. Horace L. Smith, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Canton.

Rev. Mr. Smith became pastor of the church in 1947 after having held pastorates in Marshall, Clinton and in Chattanooga.

Under the leadership of Mr. Smith, the church completed a new educational building in 1950 and plans are now under way for the construction of a new auditorium. The contract for the steel has been let and construction is expected to begin early in 1957.

In addition to the building expansion, the pastor has been instrumental in an expanded church program with increases in both enrollment and attendance in all of the church organizations.

## Former Chief Stringfield Recalls Experiences Of 40 Years On Police Force

By W. C. MEDFORD

"No, I don't think it can be said that I ever abused a man in my whole time as police officer." So said Ex-Chief J. L. Stringfield at his home here when he was interviewed about some of his experiences. "And I've handled some pretty tough ones," he remarked.

Chief Stringfield, now in his 81st year, was policeman for the town of Waynesville "nigh onto forty years," as he said. And nearly all that time he was chief.

But the veteran officer has had other interests, mostly back in his young man-years. He has been a great horse and dog fancier. Also he ran a livery barn for quite a while.

"But I got rid of my horses, and my dogs also. Couldn't look after them any longer—too expensive besides." This was a few years back—the fox hunted as long as he could well get to the mountains.

Quiet and easy-going when not provoked, Jim Stringfield has never sought publicity. Neither does he brag of his exploits. However, he right often tells of some experience when conversing with his friends. Of the trouble he had with some of the old Waynesville rowdies; of the time he put the traveling "evangelist" up for disturbing with his loudspeaker. Also about his '26 model Dodge Chief smiles when he tells how folks joked him about it.

"But I could go almost where a jeep could go," he said, "with that old car—Windy Gap, Big Stomp—and even to the Old Bald, 'Tripped On a Wire'."

I had sort of funny experience with a drunk one time, as I was a bringin' him out of Shingle Cove. I had him by the right arm as we was comin' out—when all at once I got tripped on a wire! When we fell he tried to get loose from me. But I held on to the man—meantime I was hollerin' to a woman at a house nearby to bring me a rope.

She brought the rope, and I soon had his hands tied good and fast,

## Civic Clubs Will See Film On Antarctica

Members of the Lions Club will see a film just made in the Antarctic circle by a member of the Associated Press staff who covered the expedition.

The same film will be shown at Rotary on Friday at the regular weekly meeting.

The film was secured for the two service clubs through The Mountaineer.

he said, "She's my wife. I told him I was—and him, too. Then he made at me—and I didn't have anything on me whatsoever; just had my walkin' stick—pretty strong stick with a crook-handle."

In the tussle, I managed to get the crook around his neck, then jerked him down. Well, he had got in two or three licks I guess—and he was a good fighter. Anyway, I felt somethin' tricklin' down my face, reached up—and it was blood! He'd bruised my forehead. I was on top of him then, and when I felt that blood it made me awful mad. I reached and got a rock, drew back, and held it there a minute tryin' to control myself. The woman, she was scared nearly to death. Well, I just laid down the rock and used my fist. Seven licks, I remember it was, I hit that man, and ever ytime I struck him I'd say what that lick was for. Then I took both on to jail.

That cost him a plenty at the trial—assault on an officer, resistin' arrest, disturbin' and all.

Yes, an officer of the law gets into some pretty close places sometimes," Chief Stringfield concluded.

## Training Of Scout Leaders Set

The first session of a three phase Adult Training Course for leaders in Boy Scout work will get under way tonight, 7:30, room 51, at the high school here.

The second session will be held Wednesday, Nov. 7, and the last on Monday, Nov. 12.

Tonight's session will be on "What A Boy Scout Is," while the second session subject will be "Troop Operation" and that of next Monday: "Meetings and Activities."

Each session will be for two hours, and 25 to 40 people are expected to attend. The sessions are being held under the supervision of the Leadership Training Committee, headed by M. H. Bowles and James Hurley.

The faculty for the three sessions, besides Bowles and Hurley, will include, James Anderson, Rudolph Carswell, Harry Whisenhunt, Francis Pless, and Tom Speed.

## Correct View Now

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Wyo. (AP)—Residents of this little southwestern Wyoming community and the post office department have finally agreed.

For years, residents of the town have spelled it "Mountain View" but the post office department has stuck to one word, "Mountain-view."

The post office department finally conceded. The latest postal guide spells it "Mountain View."



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## Pvt. Balding Finishes Course At Fort Knox

FORT KNOX, Ky. — Pvt. Arvil R. Balding, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd H. Balding, Route 3, recently was graduated from the parts supply course at the Army's Armory Training Center, Fort Knox, Ky.

During the eight-week course, Balding was trained in stock control and storage procedures and packaging methods.

Balding entered the Army last June and completed basic training at the fort. He is a 1956 graduate of Waynesville High School.

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