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Dental Survey To Be Made In County, Beginning Tuesday, 20 Average Of 20 Cents Received For 1290 Pounds Of Tobacco

Five Haywood Dentists Will Visit Schools of County And Report Conditions

Members of the North Carolina Dental Society will make a Mouth Health Survey of the public schools of the State on Tuesday, February 20th, and Thursday, February 22nd. These gentlemen are giving their time without any remuneration but as their contribution toward improving the health conditions of our children.

This survey will be conducted in Haywood county school by Doctors S. P. Gay, and N. M. Medford, of Waynesville, and A. P. Cline, Carrey Wells and Charles Bottoms, of Canton.

It is expected that 700 dentists will visit the schools on these two days and during this time they will inspect the teeth of at least two thousand children for dental defects. This is the greatest effort ever to be undertaken in Haywood county in the health annals of the state.

It is reported that undernourishment is a factor first in the physical defects of our school children, and in many instances undernourishment is reflected in the mouth of the child by improper development of the teeth. The dentist has an unusual opportunity to find it.

It is hoped that the child to be found to have dental defects will be referred to the regular dentist. It is hoped that the regular dentist will improve conditions and

Grand Jury Makes Report To Court

Recommendations Are Made As To Repairing Several School Buildings In This County

The Haywood county grand jury made the following report to Judge P. A. McElroy last week who was presiding over the February criminal term of Superior Court in part:

The Waynesville Elementary school has an outside heating system which is loose in one room and is very dangerous. It is recommended that this be repaired as soon as possible. This building has some broken switches on the light system and in a dangerous condition. There are a few minor leaks on the water system. It is recommended that an outside drinking fountain be installed.

High school building in good condition except a few leaks in the roof.

East Waynesville school in excellent condition.

Hazelwood school has unsatisfactory heating plant. Furnace pipes should be covered with asbestos. Roof has several leaks.

Canton high school in excellent condition.

Pennsylvania Avenue school in excellent condition.

North Canton school has poor water system.

Clyde school has no fire system of any kind.

Haywood county prison camp in excellent condition.

Haywood county hospital in excellent condition.

County home at present has 15 men and 14 women, together with 13 children. All comfortable and well cared for. Following supplies on hand: 1,000 pounds bacon, 700 bushels of corn, 15 hogs, 11 cows, 150 chickens, 2 mules, plenty of feed for all live stock; 125 bushels of wheat 125 bushels of potatoes, 500 cans of fruits and vegetables and other miscellaneous supplies.

County jail being well kept.

Records in office of clerk of court and register of deeds well kept.

The report is signed by D. A. Howell, foreman of the grand jury.

ARE YOU BLUE? DISGUSTED? DOWN AND OUT

Then turn to page 7 and read Gee McGee's Column under the heading, "Nobody's Business."

The writer is recognized as one of the outstanding human interest writers in the South. Begin today and read his clever phrases.

R. C. Chambers, of Cove Creek, Gets Highest Price Yet Reported, Crop Brings In Over \$500.

Contrary to general reports, some Haywood county farmers received good money for their tobacco this year. Last week, R. C. Chambers, of Cove Creek, sold 1290 pounds of the Greenville Term, market and received \$254.97, or an average of about 20 cents a pound.

The remainder of Mr. Chambers' crop averaged 14 1/2 cents. His total for the entire tobacco crop was more than \$500. A greater part of his crop was at least 1 with root rot, he said, but the 1290 pounds was grown on a "special tract" of land which was better than an acre.

During the busy tobacco season, the market has advanced at times about Haywood farmers were getting good prices for their crop. Last week the question was asked, "Is there anyone who can beat an average of 18 1/2 to 20 cents?"

This week the question is, "Is there anyone who can beat a 20 cent average?"

John M. Miller, 73, Passed Away Friday At Hazelwood Home

Was Retired Lumberman And Had Been In Ill Health For Past Few Months

John M. Miller, 73, retired lumberman, died at his home in Hazelwood at five o'clock last Friday afternoon following an illness of six weeks. He suffered a stroke of apoplexy last December.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon. Interment was made at the Camp Ground at Shoal Creek near Whittier.

Mr. Miller was a native of Jackson county. He was born in 1861. He moved to Hazelwood in 1918 and engaged in the lumber business, retiring two years ago. At one time, while living in Jackson county, he served as a school commissioner. He was interested in politics but never aspired to public office.

Surviving are his widow, three sons, T. G. of Brevard, J. R. of Robbinsville, and Fred J. of Canton; two daughters, Mrs. Pearl Coleman of Anderson, S. C., and Mrs. F. A. Ashe of Whittier; one brother, J. L. of Waynesville; two sisters, Mrs. E. T. Wood of Whittier, and Mrs. Carrey Allison, of Sylva; and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Grocerymen To Meet In Asheville On Next Tuesday

Election of Administrator of National Food and Grocery Distributor's Code to be Named

A R. Turnbull, chairman of the NRA compliance board, announced yesterday that there would be a meeting called for Tuesday, February 20, at 8 o'clock at the Battery Park Hotel, in Asheville, for the purpose of electing a local food and grocery distributor's authority to be in charge of the administration of the code in this area.

All wholesale and retail food distributors and grocery distributors are covered by the National Food and Grocery Distributor's Code Authority, and it is very important that every retail and wholesale establishment be represented. Mr. Turnbull said.

Bishop To Preach Here Sunday At 11

Word was received late Wednesday night that the Right Rev. R. E. Gribbin, newly elected Bishop of the Western district of the Episcopal church, will preach at Grace Episcopal church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. He will administer the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Prisoners Carried To State Prison

Sheriff J. A. Lowe left Wednesday morning carrying three prisoners to the state penitentiary in Raleigh. The ones being carried were Dave H. Clark, Albert Trantham and Gertrude Wilson.

Officers Destroy Outfit Of A Bragging Haywood Distiller

In the future a certain Haywood county distiller will be more careful when and where he talks, especially the day before the fifth—because his carelessness cost him his 40-gallon copper outfit, eight and a half gallons of "merchandise" and 180 gallons of beer.

Monday afternoon in the court house this distiller was telling around that "he was afraid of him" and it wasn't long before Deputy Sheriff J. C. Cline, Cole of Canton, and Township Constable J. C. Kerley got together and made arrangements for the show down.

Two days the two officers went to the vicinity where the bragging distiller lived and after a search found 120 gallons of beer on the side of the

mountain. A certain search revealed another lot of 60 gallons a short distance away.

After destroying the beer the officers searched the man's house and found the still together with eight and a half gallons of liquor, all of which was brought to the court house.

While the officers were in the house the owner of the beer still and liquor appeared on the scene, but when he saw the officers he immediately took to the tall timber. One of the raiders said, "All this took place on the Eagles Nest Road."

Friday the fifth is generally looked upon as unlucky but no doubt this particular distiller will regard Friday the fifth as being just as unlucky if not more so.

Three Schools Are Closed In County Because Of Measles

Bethel, Cruso and Cecil Schools Will Be Closed Two Weeks While Epidemic Is Raging

Three schools in Haywood county have been closed because of measles. The three schools are Bethel, Cruso and Cecil.

It was reported that these schools had a total of 100 cases of measles. As far as possible the schools are being kept closed for two weeks. The Bethel school has an enrollment of 100 pupils, Cruso 248, and Cecil 228.

The school will be closed for at least two weeks. The best time will be made up at the end of the term.

Rotary Ladies Night Will Be Held Friday

Dr. S. P. Gay, president of the Waynesville Rotary Club, announced yesterday that ladies night would be observed by the club Friday night at seven o'clock. All members are urged to be present and bring their wives.

Trantham Sentenced 7 To 10 Years For Killing School Boy

Dellwood Man Enters Plea Of Guilty Of Killing Clifford Swanger At Canton Last Fall

Albert Trantham, 35, of the Dellwood section, entered a plea of guilty to the murder of Clifford Swanger, 14, of the Dellwood section, on Thursday morning, February 12, at West Canton.

The jury accepted the plea and Judge Pender A. McElroy, of Marshall, presiding, sentenced Trantham to five years from seven to 10 years at hard labor in State Prison, Raleigh.

After Trantham entered the plea of guilty of manslaughter, Judge McElroy heard three witnesses before passing sentence. These witnesses, all school children, were: Glenn Swanger, brother of Clifford Swanger; Leota Hicks, and Alma Robinson.

The three witnesses testified they were working with Clifford Swanger on a sidewalk near the West Canton school last October 1 when a truck drove up. They said that Trantham, who was sitting on the seat on the truck, reached out and seized Clifford Swanger by the arm and shoulder and pulled him under the truck. The boy was killed instantly.

About 6,000 Calls Are Made Daily Over 500 Local Telephones. Other Interesting Phone Facts Revealed

Waynesville Only Had One Telephone 31 Years Ago. Operators Handle As High As 200 Calls An Hour

Thirty four years ago there was only one telephone in Waynesville. Today there are approximately 500, with each phone averaging twenty local calls daily—about 6,000 times a day that the six operators say "number please." The long distance calls are separate, but necessitate the operators completing about 2,000 such calls per month.

The average person does not realize just what takes place when they take the receiver from the hook. Little do they think of the many operations that must be completed before their line is connected with the party to whom they wish to speak.

It is only after a visit to the local telephone exchange, which is managed by W. L. Lampkin, who for the past 21 years has been with Southern Bell Telephone Company, and for 18 years in Waynesville, that one can get a clear conception of what takes place to make a phone call.

It would be almost impossible to describe the switch board and the manner in which it works. After spending thirty minutes at the exchange one is impressed with the careful and systematic way in which the work is handled. When the customer lifts the receiver, a small light indicates on the board who is calling. The operator promptly connects her hand phone with the customer's number and receives the call. The caller and the party wanted are connected and the operator does the ringing herself, this being one of the few things that is not done automatically.

Besides the local switch board, there is the long distance panel, which is perhaps the most interesting of the entire outfit, that is from the standpoint of the operator. It was explained how accurate time is kept on long distance calls. When the call is placed, a time clock stamps the time on the slip, and when the call is completed another clock check is made and the time consumed is easily checked.

One of the longest long distance conversations ever held through the local exchange took place several months ago when a local party talked to New York for 66 minutes. The charges

16 Haywood Men On TVA-CWA Work Are Given Stop Order

Mr. McDaniel, assistant district supervisor of TVA-CWA sanitary projects while in Waynesville Wednesday afternoon received a wire from TVA headquarters in Knoxville stating that all TVA-CWA health projects are to be closed effective Thursday night, February 15th.

The message did not state how long the projects would be closed. The order will effect sixteen men in Haywood county.

Only 37 Per Cent Of Families Of County Are Farm Families

Statistics Reveal That No Negro Farmers Own Their Farms In County

Haywood county is one of the three counties in the state which does not have a negro farm family owning their farm, according to the University of North Carolina News Letter.

The same source of information reveals that 62 1/2 per cent of the white families living on farms own their own farms, while 37 1/2 per cent of all the farms in Haywood county are farm families.

This county is little lower in the matter of farms of farm families than the state average, which is 60 1/2.

The other two counties which are credited with not having any negro farm owners are Dare, on the eastern coast, and Swain, Haywood county, being an exception.

Criminal Court Adjourned Tuesday Many Cases Heard

Smallest Number of Cases On Docket in Years Does Not Consume Two Weeks Court

The February criminal term of Superior Court, adjourned Tuesday afternoon and a half day of the scheduled two week term had to be held. The small number of cases on the docket for a number of years made it possible to complete the hearing of the cases presented.

The docket was composed of minor cases, there being only one major case and the defendant, Albert Trantham, entered a plea of guilty which did not necessitate the consuming of time to hear the trial.

The term of court was presided over by Judge P. A. McElroy of Marshall.

The cases disposed of and the sentences are as follows:

Carter, George, abandonment, sentenced nine months in jail.

Floyd, Hightower, violation production law, not processed.

Loye, Ben, assault with deadly weapon, continued.

Tom Justice, an indictment, not processed.

Ed Sutton, on Frank Edger, violation of prohibition law, continued.

Albert Trantham, a murder, sentenced seven to ten years in state prison.

Hillard Barnett, and Mrs. Edna Barnett, assault with deadly weapon and resisting officers, continued.

Ovville, Bend, assault, sentenced six months for unlawful possession.

Charlie Woodward, assault with deadly weapon, sentenced to work nine months under direction of County Commissioners.

Howard Childers and Paul Medford, affray, one third of the cost and \$10 each.

Frank Seay, breaking and entering, larceny and receiving, 18 months on bond.

Dorothea Wilson, granted absolute divorce from Solomon Wilson.

Bill Mull, assault with deadly weapon on defendant to pay cost and report at July term of court.

Algie Price, McClure, granted absolute divorce from Herman McClure.

H. F. Pressley granted absolute divorce from Velma Pressley.

Grover Ginet, granted absolute divorce from Dollie Ginet.

Gertrude Wilson, manslaughter, one to two years in state prison.

Dave H. Clark, manslaughter, sentenced four to six years in prison.

Robert Caldwell, setting out fire, payment of cost.

Chas. G. Medford, sale of liquor, continued.

Claud Hoyle, sale of liquor, fined \$15 and half of cost.

Contract To Be Let Today For Widening No. 10 To Hazelwood

Sidewalks To Be Built Between Waynesville And Hazelwood, Curve To Be Eliminated

The state highway commission today will let the contract for widening of highway No. 10 between Waynesville and Hazelwood and the building of a sidewalk between the two towns.

The highway will be widened to the same width as Main street at the cemetery entrance. The sharp curve on that particular stretch of road will also be eliminated. The cost for widening of the highway is estimated to be \$100,000.

The heavy traffic between Waynesville and Hazelwood and the narrow highway between these two points makes traveling rather dangerous, especially for pedestrians. Several auto accidents have occurred on this stretch of road during the past few months.

Work is expected to begin immediately.

Frank W. White, manager of the highway commission, will be holding a meeting at the board of Raleigh on Wednesday afternoon, February 14, at 10 o'clock, at which time the contract will be let. The local project is one of 15 which will be let. The estimated cost for the 15 projects is about \$100,000.

BRIEF ITEMS NEWS

North Carolina politicians now in Washington think they will be no longer lined up in the 1934 campaign for an anti-Clyde R. Hoey of Shelby county, whether or not he will be a candidate.

Col. Charles A. Lindbergh Sunday night telegraphed President Roosevelt that "the condemnation of commercial aviation by cancellation of mail contracts and the use of the Army on commercial air lines will unnecessarily and greatly damage all American aviation." The telegram added that "your order of cancellation of all air mail contract conditions the largest portion of our commercial aviation without a just trial" and "your present action does not discriminate between innocent and guilty and places to prosecution before a business."

Plemon Carter, Democratic, assured the world this week that there was no danger of a revision in France. He stated that he was confident the French people would place the Republic's "democratic and free" system of government in the hands of the people, "the country's 'strong man'." He stated that the people could turn to confidence and good government and he was certain they would not fall behind.

Department of Justice investigators are working for the land of kidnaping, or responsible for the seizure of Edward G. Bremer to start paying down a total of 25,000 ems—the \$200,000 ransom paid by his release. Adolf Bremer is adding the impending paper chase that may result in apprehension of the outlaws. The 60-year-old brewer, convicted felon, or a quarter should be extended criminals, made it possible for the federal agent to obtain the serial numbers of all the yellow and red bills in the ransom.

With huge orders pouring in for railroad cars, locomotives, equipment and rails, and steady support coming from automobile factories, the steel industry, Bell Western and American Business has ordered its engineers to crowd on more steam. The combined railroad orders already received and those just waiting for virtually routine approval are estimated at more than \$100,000,000. The widespread influence in the general steel improvement, numerous mills are increasing production.

Doris Duke, widely publicized the "richest girl in the world" is being annoyed by kidnaping threats. Miss Duke is closely guarded to prevent possibility of her being kidnaped. Today she is almost a self-exiled prisoner on her 5,000-acre estate at Somerville, N. J., and the "poor little rich girl" has not been able to go about incognito as she used to do.

Sp. in one of the largest wheat producing countries is enjoying a noticeable boom in viticulture, due to anticipated large export increase with the reopening of its old United States market.

Play To Be Given At Clyde Friday Night, 7:30

The Clyde Chapter of the Eastern Star will present a play entitled "Eyes of Love" at the Clyde High School Friday night at 7:30.

Special Prayer Service To Be Observed

"World Day of Prayer for Peace," will be observed here Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the Episcopal church with Rector, Albert New, assisted by the pastors of the community taking part.

This is an interdenominational event and the public is invited to attend and take part in this service. It was announced that the service would not be long.

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