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Hotel Gordon Is To Remain Open This Winter

Modern Steam Heating Plant Will Be Ready Within A Week, Said

Repairs are scheduled to complete the job of installing a modern heating system in the Hotel Gordon here within the next week. The thirty room, the lobby and dining room will be heated by the new system, and the hotel will remain open all winter, under the management of Q. M. Kipp, a brother-in-law of W. W. Phillips, owner. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips plan to return to the Black Mountain just as soon as the heating system is completed, to leave the operation of the hotel to Mr. Kipp. A large brick boiler room has been built in the rear of the hotel, and will house the boiler that generates the steam for the system. This is the first winter that the Hotel Gordon has ever remained open, it is said. The business done this winter will determine to a large degree the plans for the future.

Florida Man Sold On This Community

One of the most enthusiastic visitors of the season is H. A. Rowley, advertising manager of the Daytona Sun, who is spending two weeks in the community and is accompanied by Mrs. Rowley and son. Rowley predicts this immediate center of tourist activity on the mountains, saying: "You will find everything to attract summer visitors, and once they find out what there won't be any trouble about numbers." This was the first visit to this mountain country by Mr. Rowley, but he is expected to come again.

Phone Service Hit By Electrical Storm

An electrical storm late Sunday afternoon, put a number of telephones out of commission, and blew fuses on several transformers. The storm came suddenly about 5 o'clock. A chimney at the home of R. Q. Henson was struck. Telephones in the East Waynesville section suffered the greatest damage.

Musical Recital Set For Friday

Grace Crocker will present in a recital on Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the First Baptist church the following: Stacy Wilburn, Richard Ruby, Frances Brown, Betty Morgan, Ruth Burgin, Phil Medford, and Josephine Holtz. Josephine Holtz, the brilliant pianist, of Richmond, will present in two numbers. Miss Bobbie Jean Truesdale will sing a group of songs. The public is cordially invited.

Boiseless Spittoons' That Is The Subject Of 'Here and There'

By Hilda Way Gwyn
IN TODAY'S PAPER
Women usually write about fashions, the love-loan, and household problems, but this is different—and most interesting.

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Celebration On Labor Day Termed "Howling Success"

Citizens Warm In Praise Of Committee's Work; Want Another Celebration Next Year

The first Labor Day celebration staged by this community was a "howling success." Citizens were warm in their praise of the work of the celebration committee, headed by Bill Chambers, of Hazelwood, and are asking for a repetition of the celebration next year. Led by the prize-winning band of Spruce Pine, the parade from the Hotel Gordon to the Hazelwood ball park began the day's festivities. The band was followed in the parade by three uniformed troops of Boy Scouts, and one troop of Girl Scouts. Clowns, bicycle brigade, horses, buggies, marchers and automobiles made up the remainder of the parade. Arriving at the ball park the band entertained the huge crowd with several selections. After the band concert, the Hazelwood Manufacturers defeated the Brevard Tanners in a semi-professional baseball game, 6-0, before 2,500 persons. Robert Putnam and Andy Wyatt were stars of the game; both were Hazelwood players. In the afternoon a series of short athletic events kept the huge crowd interested until time for the softball game between the professional men of Hazelwood and Waynesville. Joe Way, a Boy Scout, won the first contest, a shoe race, and Jack Smith won the second event, a hundred yard dash. Mrs. Dorothy Hill won the rolling pin throwing contest for married women, and Evelyn Davis won the girls' cracker and whistle race.

The Unagusta Manufacturing Company's tug-o-war team "out-tugged" both the Royle-Pilkington Tapestry Mill and the Junaluska Tannery to win the prize. Betty Jo Noland won the show race for girls, and John Hill caught the greased pig. In the softball game, the professional men of Hazelwood defeated the "busy" men of Waynesville 18-15.

After the athletic contests, the crowd which numbered nearly three thousand enjoyed one thousand free watermelons, and at 8:30, nearly two thousand gathered on the street in Hazelwood and enjoyed an old time square dance.

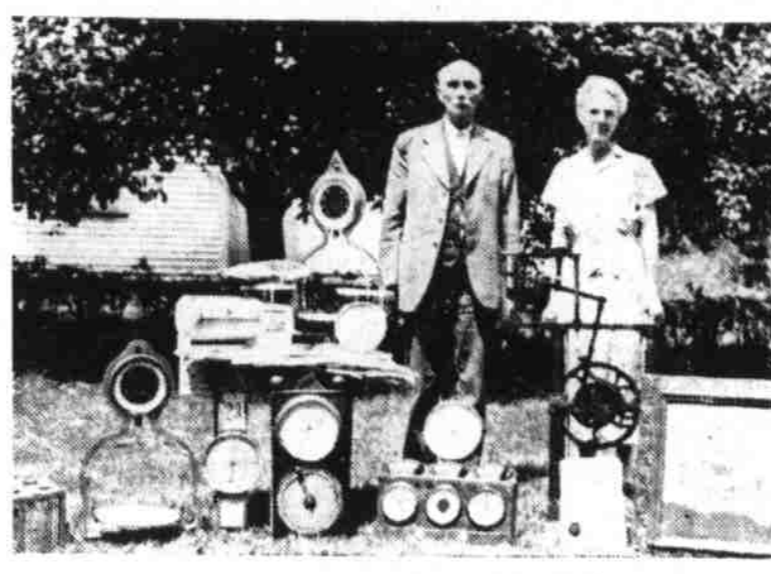
V. M. Grasty, 71, Taken By Death

Funeral services were held on Monday at the Poe Mills Baptist church in Greenville, for V. M. Grasty, 71, of Piedmont, S. C., former citizen of Haywood county. Burial was in the Pleasant Mt. cemetery of Greenville. Mr. Grasty's death was due to injuries he received in an automobile accident, on August the 15th in Greenville. Mr. Grasty had resided for the past five years in Piedmont, and prior to that time had lived in Greenville for several years. He was a native of this county, and was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William F. Grasty, of Waynesville. He is survived by his wife one daughter, of Piedmont, and two daughters living in Greenville, and one son, also of Greenville. Two sisters and three brothers also survive as follows: Mrs. Nettie McElroy and Mrs. Pink Edwards, of Waynesville, Oscar Grasty, of Maggie, Robert and John Grasty, both of Waynesville.

Judge Stack Passes After Short Illness

Judge A. M. Stack, a distinguished jurist, of the superior court of this state, passed away at his home in Monroe last Thursday. He was buried there the following day. He served on the bench on Monday, and was taken to the hospital Tuesday for an operation. Judge Stack has suffered from stomach trouble for many years. The well known jurist held court in Haywood many times, and is remembered by a large number of friends. Mrs. J. J. Burney and two children, of Wilmington, who have spent several weeks with the former's sister, Mrs. J. P. Dicus, returned this week to their home. Mrs. P. L. Turbyfill had as her guests over the week-end, Mrs. G. N. Henson and Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Henson, Jr., and baby of Spindale.

Haywood Man Is Noted Inventor



Calvin F. Christopher, of Bethel, inventor of computing scales and numerous other items which are now in use in every part of the globe, is shown with Mrs. Christopher and a few of his many inventions. At the extreme right is a picture of the ditch-digging machine he sold the French government during the war.

Scores Of Useful Items Invented By Haywood Man

Officers Chase CCC Boy For Breaking Thermometer Glass

William Anderson, of Alabama, a member of the CCC camp stationed at Catalochee, led local officers a merry chase last Saturday, after he is alleged to have broken the thermometer on the First National bank building on Main street. Anderson, it was said, broke the glass on the thermometer, and then ran up Main street followed by officer Norman Caldwell and several men and boys who saw the incident. The CCC member ran past Burgin's Department Store, on Main street, and turned down the hill on the opposite side of the street. Seeing that he would be caught if he continued his course, he crossed the street, and ran back toward Main street directly by the store. Hoyle Hancock, a candidate for Waynesville's football team, forced Anderson into the building, where he was quickly captured by the pursuers.

Bus Driver Rams Into Oil Truck To Save 23 Passengers

O. A. Yount, oil truck driver, Has Narrow Escape In Collision Near Lake. O. A. Yount truck driver of The Texas Company, narrowly escaped injury early Friday night, when a bus belonging to the Smoky Mountain Stages, Inc., rammed his truck from the rear, turning the truck over on Highway No. 19 about a mile east of Lake Junaluska. Mr. Yount was bruised and suffered from shock. He remained in bed until Tuesday, and was able to be at the plant again. The bus driver reported that his brakes failed as he started down the hill which ends in a sharp curve, and failing to get his bus into second gear, he decided it was better to ram the back of the oil truck rather than attempt to make the sharp curve with 23 passengers aboard. The truck was turned on its side, and was badly damaged. The gasoline compartments were empty, but about two cases of oil was lost, it was reported from the office of The Texas Company. As far as could be learned, none of the 23 passengers were injured. The bus came to a stop after hitting the truck, although it was damaged. The driver of the bus explained that his brakes were working just a few minutes before he started down the hill, as he had stopped for a passenger.

Calvin F. Christopher Has Given Up Work, Although Shop Is Filled With Unfinished Inventions

By W. C. Medford
No man in Haywood county, perhaps in all Western North Carolina, with the record of accomplishments of Calvin Christopher has had such little recognition. This is a broad statement, to be sure, but if you will follow me in this sketch of a most prolific inventor I think you will agree. Calvin F. Christopher—who is he? Where does he live? And what is his outstanding invention? I dare say that not more than one adult person out of twenty-five in Haywood county know even this much about the man. Our elderly inventor—he is now 79, having suffered a light stroke two or three years ago, has had to give up his work. He was able, however, to show us through his shop and through all the accumulation of maps, blueprints, patents, photographs and completed models of his inventions, ranging all the way from the cow-tether to improved computing scales.

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Work Started On New Laundry. To Be Ready Nov. 15

New Building Will Be Constructed Of Concrete and Brick. Limer Has Contract

Workmen started Tuesday morning digging for the foundation of the new Waynesville Laundry on the site where the old building was destroyed by fire early in August. Jerry Limer, contractor, plans to have the brick and concrete building completed, and turned over to J. W. Killian, owner by November 15th. Mr. Killian said yesterday that contracts have been made for all new equipment for the laundry. The new building will be 50 by 110 feet, while an "L" from the main building will be 50 by 30 feet. A concrete mill race will also be constructed and water-power used to operate the laundry. The present water wheel will be used as it was not damaged beyond being thrown out of line by the fire. Mr. Killian said that the new building and modern machinery will represent an investment of approximately \$25,000.

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C. S. Department of Agriculture WEATHER BUREAU Waynesville Cooperative Station H. M. HALL, Observer

Sept.	Max.	Min.	Prec.
2	83	55	
3	83	57	
4	85	58	
5	84	59	
6	84	61	0.15
7	81	62	0.06
8	80	63	0.59
Mean maximum			
Mean minimum			
Mean for week			
Highest for week			
Lowest for week			
Total precipitation			
Same Period Last Year			
No maximum temperature available for last year.			
Mean minimum			
Lowest for week, 1936			
Total precipitation			
Total precipitation to date 1936 43.25			
Total precipitation to date, 1937 39.25			
Deficiency for 1937			