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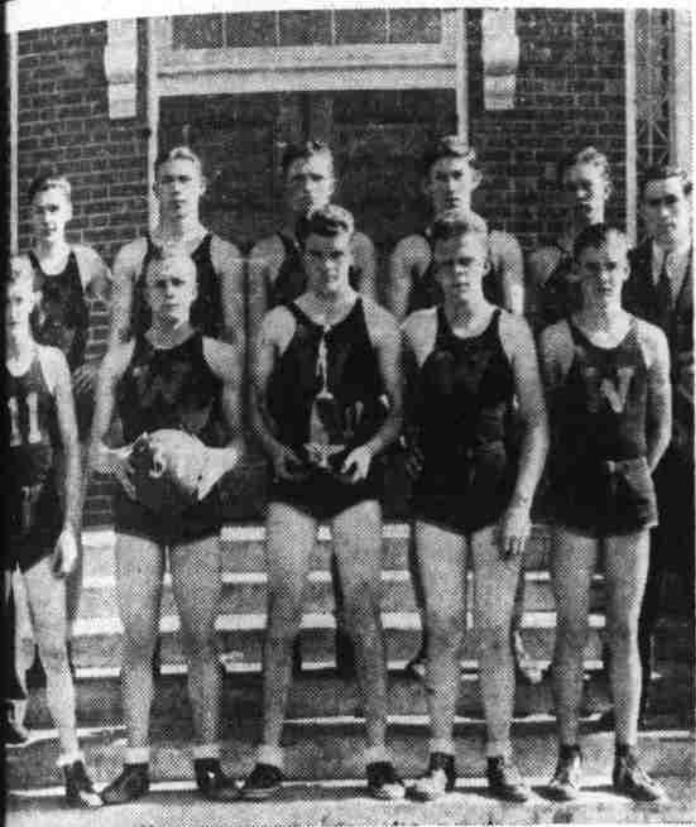
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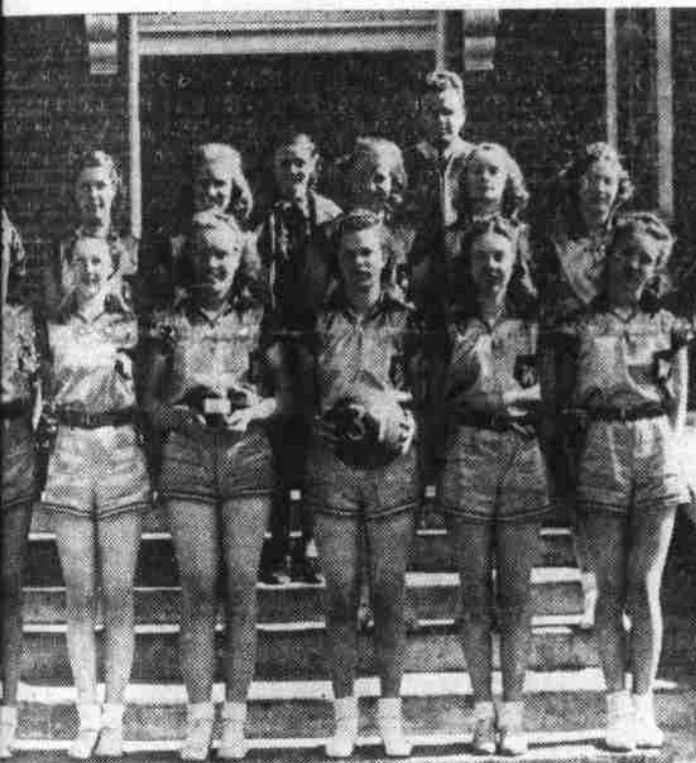
\$1.50 IN ADVANCE IN COUNTY

Haywood County Cage Champions



This is a picture of the Waynesville Mountaineers Basketball squad, who Haywood County championship crown in basketball. Front row, left—Reeves, Shook, Collins, Tate and Henry. Back row—Manager Taylor, Knight, Messer, Milner, Leatherwood, and Coach Ratcliff. —Photo by Homer Davis.

End Successful Season



These are the Mountaineer girls, runner-up in the Blue Ridge Conference basketball tournament. They have just completed one of the most successful seasons in several years. Front row, left to right—Derrick, M. Messer, Phillips, Stentz, Trout. Back row—McClure, Ledford, Rathbone, Plott and Boyd. Coach and Mrs. Weatherby are in background. —Photo by Homer Davis.

Scotts Creek Citizens Plan To Renew Plans For Annexation

Some Of Movement Think There Is Possibility Of Being Part Of Haywood

is going ahead."

Some of the announcement of this week when a representative of the Mountaineer visited Scotts Creek township in Jackson county to get the reactions of citizens regarding Senator Cogburn's statement that he probably would not sponsor in the North Carolina Senate the bill which would add to township from Jackson county and add it to Haywood.

According to the Scotts Creek women whom it was possible to get in touch with, they were far from over the apparent impasse; they intended to keep up the fight they have had their way.

T. Jones, Scotts Creek farmer, one of the prime leaders in movement for union with Haywood county, pointed out that Senator Cogburn's statement was not a flat statement that he had merely said he would not introduce the

bill. He said that he had in mind other possible lines of action—"to see in the hole." That action will introduce our bill if we (Continued on page 12)

Famous Main Street Tree Has Horse Shoe Imbedded In Trunk

Harry Evans is going around with a puzzled look on his face. It all came about when he split open a block of wood, and out fell a perfectly good horseshoe.

Harry became possessor of the tree that was cut down to make way for the new building next to the Park Theatre.

"The shoe was not rusty, and in perfect condition. It was in the center of the block, and there were no outward signs that anything had ever happened to that part of the tree," he said in explaining his find.

Dr. Hunter Heard By Rotarians At Inter-City Meeting

Dr. H. T. Hunter, president of W. C. T. C. stressed the personal side of Rotary here last Friday night, when the clubs from Bryson City, Sylva, Franklin and Waynesville met in an inter-city meeting.

The speaker pointed out the individual's responsibility to one's self, and society, bringing in the four points on which Rotary is founded.

Dr. Hunter devoted much comment to the value of friends, and the value of the habit of being friendly.

M. H. Bowles, president of the local club, presided over the meeting which was attended by about 75.

ROBBERY MONEY SPENT HERE

Pet Company Has Plans For Buying Bulls For Farmers

Production Bred Bulls Would Be Financed By Dairy Over Two Year Period

Definite plans have been presented to farmers-dairymen in nine communities of Haywood, Jackson and Swain counties, by representatives of the Pet Dairy Products Company, whereby the firm will finance, over a period of two years, the purchase of production bred bulls.

The plans have been presented by H. L. Hunt, field man of the Pet Company, and Fred H. Yearout, local manager.

With an average attendance of 225 at each meeting, the Pet officials were gratified at the enthusiastic response. During the course of the meeting, the Pet representatives carried out the theme of producing quality milk and building up better producing herds.

Mr. Hunt said that in Eastern Tennessee, in three years, between 600 and 700 animals had been bought and placed on farms. Two breeds are recommended for this area, Guernseys, or Jerseys, the former being preferred. Mr. Hunt carefully goes over the record of all animals before they are bought.

At each meeting two short movies were shown, and the Pet Male Quartette rendered several selections.

Meetings were held at Bethel, Morning Star, Clyde, Rock Hill, Fines Creek and Ratcliff Cove. Two were held in Jackson and one in Swain.

In discussing milk as a source of (Continued on page 12)

Haywood County Cow To Be Shown At World's Fair

Purbred Guernsey From Famous Herd Owned By H. A. Osborne To Be Exhibited

"Mona of Garden Creek," owned by Arthur Osborne, of Canton, has been selected by the Guernsey representatives as eligible to be one of the thirty Guernseys chosen from among the best of the breed to form the Guernsey contingent in the herd of 150 purebreds that will be on display from April until October in The Dairy World of Tomorrow, a dairy industry exhibit sponsored by The Borden Company.

Mr. Osborne's herd at present contains about 150 animals and continuous regular official testing has been done since 1921—and many state records have been made. "Mona of Garden Creek" is the daughter of "King's Judge of Garden Creek" and "Mildred of Garden Creek" and has a very fine producing record.

The Dairy World of Tomorrow is to be one of the striking exhibits at the 1939 fair. Here 150 dairy cows, each a queen on the basis of her type and performance, will be on exhibit. These cows will be selected by the Breed Association's representing the following breeds—Jersey, Guernsey, Holstein-Friesian, Brown-Swiss and Ayrshire. These cows will be milked three times daily on a Rotolactor—giving the public a chance to observe the most modern methods of handling milk. In addition to the cows mentioned, representative calves and a bull of each breed will be on display.

Educational Bill Introduced By Senator Cogburn

To Provide Nursery Schools and Kindergartens As Part Of State School System

"It is to be hoped that the citizens of Haywood County, members of the Parent Teacher Associations, members of other civic and educational groups, county officials, town officials, and all those interested in this phase of education will let Senator Cogburn know they are in favor of the recent bill he has introduced," said Mrs. Doyle D. Alley, state president of the North Carolina Parent Teacher Congress in speaking yesterday of the bill providing for kindergarten and nursery schools in connection with the state public school educational program.

The bill "to be entitled an act to provide for the establishment and regulation of nursery schools and kindergartens, public and private in North Carolina." Section 1, portions of which are set forth as follows: That in accordance with the provisions of this act, the Board of Education in any city or county administrative unit may provide nursery (Continued on page 12)

Eagle Scout



JACK RICHESON was awarded Eagle Scout honors at the March Court of Honor Tuesday night. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Richeson.

Eagle Scout Honors Bestowed Upon Jack Richeson Here Tues.

Attendance At March Court Of Honor Largest In History Of Scouting Here

Before an interested audience of parents and friends, the largest number of awards ever made by the Haywood district, at one time, were presented at the court of honor held in the court house here on Tuesday evening. There were 147 awards made to 57 boys of the district.

The impressive ceremony of the award of Eagle Scout to Jack Richeson, was conducted by William Medford, court of honor chairman. Standing with young Richeson, when he receive this outstanding award, parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Richeson, J. C. Brown, his scoutmaster. Jack is the second boy, Ben Colkitt, Jr., the first, in the Waynesville-Lake Junaluska and Hazelwood area, to receive this outstanding award.

Young Richeson has been a Boy Scout for five years, being during that time a high ranking member of his troop. Last summer at the Boy Scout camp he was awarded a badge for attending more camps than any other boy, having to his credit a total of six camping seasons.

Other awards made on Tuesday evening were: Tenderfoot, by Lloyd New, assistant scout executive, of Asheville, to Jimmy Clark, Canton Troop 1, Edgar Sharp, Canton Troop 1, William Dover, Waynesville Troop 3, Sewell Moore, Hazelwood Troop 5, Edward C. Fortner, Hazelwood Troop 5, James A. Hartsell, Hazelwood Troop 5, William H. Griffin, Hazelwood Troop 5, Carl Haney, Canton Troop 6, Tommy Painter, Canton Troop 7, Earl Lindsey, Canton Troop 7, Jack Jenkins, Canton Troop 7, Billy Jenkins, Canton Troop 7, Herschel Deweese, Canton Troop 7, Louis Messer, Clyde Troop 9, Billy Haynes, Clyde Troop 9.

The second class awards were made by W. A. Bradley to the following: Houston Blackwell, of Canton Troop 1, Clifton Ward, of Canton Troop 4, Max Muse, of Canton Troop 4, Joe Roberts, of Canton Troop 7, Leyton Meares, of Canton Troop 7, A. J. Summer, Jr., of Canton Troop 7, David Gillett, of Lake Junaluska Troop 8, Henry Farmer, of Lake Junaluska Troop 8, Wallace Burnett, of Lake Junaluska Troop 8.

First class badges were presented by Carleton Peyton, to Joe Haliburton, Canton Troop 1, Luther Rollins, Canton Troop 1, Carl Painter, Canton (Continued on page 12)

Local Men Hear Clay Williams In Asheville

Among those attending the annual dinner of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce Saturday night, and hearing Clay Williams, chairman of the board of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., included: Chas. E. Ray, Jr., Frank Miller, Ben Colkitt and J. Dale Stentz.

GOING SOUTH SUNDAY

C. D. Ketner, owner and manager of the Farmers Exchange, leaves Sunday for a ten-day trip through several southern states on business. He plans to confer with a number of producers and buyers of vegetables and fruits.

Two Madison Boys Spent 5 Days Here After Alleged Theft

Money and Jewelry Recovered Here Believed To Part Of Madison Robbery Loot

TWO COUSINS ARRESTED AS MURDER SUSPECTS

William Doyle Duckett, 20, and Edward B. Duckett, 21, cousin of Spring Creek, who were arrested by Sheriff Guy English, of Madison, in connection with the slaying of Willie Ledford, 64-year-old Madison farmer and well known in Haywood, are reported to have spent four or five nights in Waynesville, the week prior to the murder, which is said to have occurred sometime last Saturday night.

On Sunday the 5th, while Mr. Ledford, a bachelor, was away from home, the house was entered and \$130 in cash, much of it in one dollar bills, stolen. While the theft was reported by Mr. Ledford to Sheriff English, of Madison, it was kept under cover and a quiet search started to identify the robbers.

The sheriff's department here heard of two men in Waynesville who were spending an unusual amount of cash, and became suspicious and started an investigation. The story got abroad that the men had come from Tennessee, where they had killed an old man for his money. Last Thursday Sheriff Welch got in touch with the authorities in Cooke County, Tennessee, where the men claimed to have been before coming here, to check up on any recent robberies in that section.

While they were here the men are said to have stayed at the home of Bob Gaddy, one night and the other four or five at the home of Vine Lanning. Fantastic tales of how the men, in the dead of night, counted their money are being reported about town.

They gave two of the Gaddy children a couple of gold watches, one a man's wrist watch, and the other a woman's old fashioned pocket watch. The watches did not run, so they were taken to a local jewelry store, where the name of Laura Ledford was found in one, which meant nothing as the first theft was at that time unknown here.

The one dollar bills, which were of a 1923 series of the large sized type, have attracted a lot of attention about town.

It was learned that Deputy Noble Ferguson, of the sheriff's department, has in his possession 16 of them that he has secured from the local stores.

The body of Mr. Ledford who lived alone at his home on Spring Creek, was found on the floor of a bedroom partially covered with bed clothing early Sunday morning. His hands and feet were bound and his head had been crushed in by a series of blows from some heavy instrument.

Three pieces of blood stained timber were also found near the body. The house showed signs of having been ransacked from one end to the other, and a hammer had been used to break a trunk where the farmer's money is believed to have been hidden. Three handkerchiefs, in which money apparently had been tied were found near the body. A window sill in room had a lock of hair on it, presumably from the head of one of the slayers, which he lost as he forced his way into the house.

A pool of blood in the kitchen and a trail of blood stains leading from that point to the room where the body was found, was discovered. There was evidence that Mr. Ledford had been in the act of preparing his supper when he was attacked.

One clue left at the scene of the murder which Sheriff English has re- (Continued on page 12)

JOINS DRUG FIRM

Billy Justus, of Hendersonville, has accepted a position as soda dispenser at Smiths Drug Store here. Mr. Justus has been associated with drug stores in Hendersonville for a number of years.

OUT AFTER ILLNESS

J. G. Galusha, owner and manager of the Western Auto Associate Store, was out this week after being confined to his bed for over a week.

MAKES BUSINESS TRIP

L. E. Hudson, manager of Belk-Hudson Company, spent Tuesday of this week in Charlotte on business.