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49,500 People  
Live within 20 miles of  
Waynesville—their ideal  
shopping center.

## All Committees Active Making Red Cross Drive

### Modern Machine Shop Is Being Constructed Here

### Old Jail Lot Will Be Site Of Modern Automotive And Machine Shop

Work has been started on a concrete and brick building for a new automotive and machine shop on Montgomery Street, on the site of the old Haywood county jail, before it was put on the third floor of the new court house.

The building and new business will be owned by Charles Underwood, Woodrow Campbell and Edward Moody, well known business men of this community.

The firm will specialize in the general repair of anything operated by a gasoline or diesel engine, it was said, in addition to maintaining a modern and fully equipped machine shop, specializing in repairs and manufacturing special equipment.

The excavation work required the moving of hundreds of yards of dirt, which is being hauled away.

The building will not have a basement, as the heavy equipment as well as the heavy pieces of machinery, that will be built or brought in for repairs will necessitate a solid floor. The building will be 36 by 84 feet, it was said. The lot is 95 feet deep and fronting 103 feet on Montgomery Street, and was recently purchased by the present owners from L. H. Bramlett.

With favorable weather, the owners plan to have the building completed within sixty to seventy days. No name has been given the firm.

Donald and Jack Haney, and Hugh Chambers, charged with transporting non-tax paid whiskey will be tried this afternoon at 2 o'clock before U. S. Commissioner Wade H. Noland.

The three men were arrested around 3:30 o'clock Saturday morning on Mt. Sterling by Deputies John Kerley, Wade McDaniel and Orvil Noland.

The car in which they were riding, a 1936 automobile, with 90 gallons of non-tax paid whiskey was seized at the time of their arrest.

The Haney brothers made bond each for \$300 while Chambers' bond was set at \$500.

A fourth member of the party made his escape, according to the officers.

## Three Arrested Whiskey Seized Trial Today

Democratic voters of the district will meet in Sunday night and name for the several offices to be filed on or before

Board chairman of the Republican executive decided last week no county meeting before the district meeting. The delegates will go down supporting I. H. Powell as a candidate for county Mr. Powell consents friends enter his name. Inaction in Florida, and available for a statement.

held call a meeting of the publishers by March 20 time the county ticket named.

## Haywood Enjoys Spring Weather

Haywood has enjoyed real spring weather for the past three days, as the mercury climbed into the 70 bracket, for a high of 74 on the 5th according to the official weather report as recorded by the State Test Farm here.

The official report for the week:

Date	Max.	Min.
Feb. 27	59	50
Feb. 28	57	31
Mar. 1	63	22
Mar. 2	63	33
Mar. 3	68	31
Mar. 4	72	33
Mar. 5	74	34

## Increase In Travel In Area Predicted By Advertising Dept.

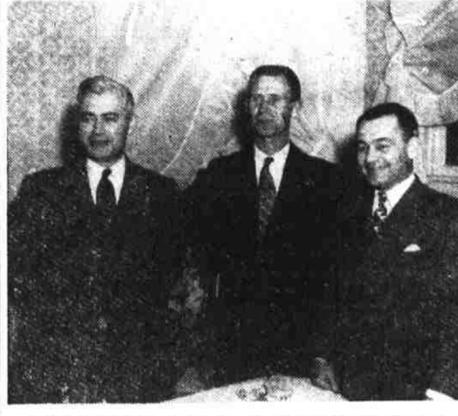
North Carolina's early opening. Asheville hotel and tourist operators predict a larger-than-ever season. Waynesville, Hendersonville, Blowing Rock and other places confirm the prediction. Inquiries to resort Chambers of Commerce are coming in earlier than usual.

Presaging coming events is announcement that visitors to Smoky Mountains Park and the National Forests of North Carolina are steadily increasing in numbers each month, and that current auto traffic already is within 11 per cent of 1940 levels.

AVA is expected shortly to sign a lease with interests to operate the construction village at Fontana as a huge resort, complete with cabins, cafeteria, recreation hall, and boat docks.

Plans for travel development have also been announced at Little Switzerland and other widely scattered places.

## National ABC Officer Visits Here



The Local chapter of the American Business Club was host during the past week to Pete Newman, of Danville, Va., secretary of the national organization and Roy Cagle, of Asheville, district governor. In the picture shown here, left to right, Mr. Cagle, Clyde Fisher, local chapter president, and Mr. Newman, national secretary. This is a Mountaineer photograph by Wallace Marley.

## Springdale Students Tour Tennessee

A group of students from the Springdale School are taking a tour through Tennessee this week with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Alexander in charge. The party will visit Nashville, Knoxville, Chattanooga, Gatlinburg and historical places in the state.

This is the first trip of the pre-war program of travel in connection with work at the school to be taken. Plans are to also visit New Orleans, Williamsburg, Va., and Charleston later in the year.

Those making the trip this week with Mr. Alexander are: John and Stanley Thompson of New Orleans, Bobbie Elliotts, of San Francisco, Bobbie Simmons and Jim Lepman, of Chicago, and Peter Martin and Joe Kirschenbaum, of New York.

## The Rev. H. Powell Retires As Pastor Of Inman Chapel

Rev. Hannah Powell, Universalist minister and social worker, leaves Haywood county today after nearly seventeen years as pastor of Inman Chapel in the Cecil section. She retires for a second time to make her home in Waterville, Maine, after a long period of active service with religious programs.

The Rev. Powell was in charge of the chapel for a period of 15 years, the first time, starting in 1921 and continuing through the early part of 1936. She retired from active work at that time and returned to her home in Maine, but was called back here in 1944 and has served for the past two years.

Mrs. Rosalie A. West, of Kirkland Lake, Ontario, Canada, who is a graduate of McGill University, of Canada, will succeed the Rev. Powell, as pastor of the Chapel. Mrs. West has had extensive experience in the activities of her church, having served in the mission fields of Labrador and India. Inman's Chapel was established in the county in 1903 by Rev. James A. Inman, Universalist minister, and he served the church as pastor until his death in 1913.

In 1921 the Woman's National organization of the Universalist church sent the Rev. Powell to have charge of the work, which has been financed by the National women's group and the local people of the county.

During the past few months the Rev. Powell has been assisted by Mrs. L. B. Brummitt, of Wilmington, who will remain here until Mrs. West takes over.

Inman's Chapel has served the community in many ways, not only as a religious center, but as a community center. A medical clinic has been sponsored for several years by the Chapel in cooperation with the County Health department. At various times handicrafts have been taught and those in charge of the work and aided the people in many other ways.

Rev. Powell was honored last Sunday evening when the Youth organization of the church held a combination service as a farewell to the pastor who had served them and as a memorial to the boys who had lost their lives in World War II, from that area of the county.

Waynes Warren, superintendent of the Sunday school of the Chapel and also in charge of the young people's work of the church, presided during the service.

The Rev. Powell made a farewell talk, reviewing her work during her years of residence and expressed her pleasure in serving and the appreciation of the fine cooperation of the people of the

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## Two Large Sawmills To Resume Operations Soon

Two Haywood sawmills are scheduled to resume operations, after being closed for the winter months.

The Grace Lumber Mills, on lower Fines Creek, already have about 100 men in the woods logging, according to Jere David Limer, general manager. He expects to start the hand mill on April first.

"We have more than a million feet of logs in the pond, and with 100 loggers in the woods, we should be able to maintain our 40,000 feet of lumber a day when the mill starts," he said. Another 100 men will be employed to operate the mill.

The roads in that section have been maintained by the mill's maintenance crew, and are in good condition, he reported.

Another mill, owned by H. S. Ward, in the Big Bend section, will start work this week. Mr. Ward is cutting in virgin timber, and has been operating the mill since 1943, and said this week he has five million more feet to cut. The lumber is hauled to Lake Junaluska for shipment.

Mr. Ward will employ about 20 men at the mill, and cuts about 15,000 feet of lumber daily.

## Veterans With Foreign Service To Organize Here

The Waynesville Chapter of Veterans of Foreign Wars will hold an organizational meeting here at the Armory Friday night at 7:30, according to an announcement made yesterday by temporary officers who were named last Saturday night in a gathering of some 40 veterans with overseas service records.

Officers of the Canton and Asheville posts were here and assisted the men in making plans for their organization.

Temporary officers named were Joe Sloan, commander, and Rufus Rateliff, historian. Money for the charter was raised, and it will be here for the Friday night meeting, it was announced.

The name of the post, and the election of officers for a year will be among the business matters to be taken up.

All veterans with foreign service records are urged to attend.

## OPA Considering Price Increase On Newsprint

NEW YORK—The Office of Price Administration is now considering another newsprint price increase, according to word from Washington. An application for an increase has been made by several U. S. Mills.

The present price of \$71 per ton was put into effect by all manufacturers (U. S., Canadian and Newfoundland) on January 1, 1946.

It is reported that the increase now being considered is based on an average of 15 cents per hour wage advance to mill workers and is being handled under the latest wage-price policy announced by President Truman recently in Washington.

Since OPA first placed a ceiling on newsprint prices effective May 1, 1942, there have been the following ceilings with increases:

- Effective March 1, 1943, \$4 per ton increase.
- Effective September 1, 1943, \$4 per ton increase.
- Effective April 1, 1945, \$3 per ton increase.
- Effective January 1, 1946, \$6 per ton increase.

The above four price increases total \$17 per ton.

## Haywood Shows Slight Increase In Farm Acreage

### County Now Credited With 3,030 Farms, Slightly Less Than Five Years Ago

In the last five year period, Haywood had an increase in farm acreage of 6.3 per cent, according to the University of North Carolina monthly News Letter.

The same medium of information points out that the county also had a decrease of 89 farm units in the five-year period, due to consolidations of smaller farms. The county is credited with 3,030 farms in 1945.

The same statistical table showed there were 291,178 farms in the state in 1945, with an increase in acreage over the five-year period of only 0.7 per cent, which is rather small, as compared with Haywood's acreage increase.

New Hanover led the state with an increase of 23 per cent, and Swain was last with a loss of 48 per cent, this was due to the completion of Fontana Lake, which covered a large farming area.

## Dr. Alexander In Occupied Germany

Dr. Thomas Alexander, founder and educational advisor of the Springdale Schools, of which his son is president, is now serving in Germany with the rank of Brigadier General in charge of an educational program for the Army in the American Occupied Zone of Germany.

Dr. Alexander is supervising all the teacher training schools and was selected for the post by the War Department for his general knowledge of the country. He has spent a number of years in Germany prior to the war and had taken his students there from New College, of Columbia University for special work in the German universities under his supervision.

"I wish that all American students could see conditions in Germany today and they would better understand the cost of war," wrote General Alexander recently to a member of the faculty of the Springdale School.

White Dr. Alexander will be given leave to return to the States his work will cover a period of two years in Germany in connection with the teacher training courses to be given.

Dr. Alexander was named to the post before the war was over but was not called to active duty until December, 1945, when he was flown to Germany.

## Fathers Take Over Hazelwood PTA With Success

Father's Night was observed on Friday night at the Hazelwood school with a hilarious program presented by the fathers, with Jonathan Woody in charge.

The attendance of the fathers was so large and as they voted for all grades, that it was decided to give the entire school a half holiday.

Among those taking part on the fun-provoking program were George Bischoff who made some timely suggestions for the school; Rev. S. R. Crockett, and R. L. Prevost also spoke. A group of songs, mountain ballads, was given by Richard Gerringer, George Bischoff, Rufus Gaddis and R. L. Prevost. Others taking part were Whitener Prevost, A. P. Ledbetter, and Aaron Prevost.

Lawrence Davis served as secretary and Bill Prevost as treasurer, both gave interesting and unusual reports.

One of the best suppers ever served at a Hazelwood PTA meeting was prepared by C. N. Allen and Ralph Summerrow. They were assisted in serving by a number of the fathers, no mother being allowed to take any part on the program.

## Rotarians To See Film Show How Paper is Made

A movie recently compiled by Champion Paper and Fibre company, "Paper Comes to Life" will be shown Rotarians here Friday. The film was first shown in Canton this week, and everyone was highly complimentary of the picture.

## Examination For Game Protector To Be Held On March 11th

An examination for the position of District Game Protector for District Number Two, will be held in the office of the Division of Game and Inland Fisheries in Asheville on Monday, March 11, at 10 a. m. Application blanks may be obtained from the Asheville office, according to W. L. Armstrong, division supervisor Game and Inland Fisheries, Asheville.

The qualifications for the position include: age, must be between 20 and 40 years of age; physical, heights not less than five feet eight inches; weight, not less than 150 pounds and pass rigid physical examination.

## Haywood Committeemen Work Out Details For New Crop Adjustments

### Haywood Hunters Guests Of Florida Governor On Hunt

A group of 13 Haywood bear hunters with 24 prize bear dogs, were guests of Gov. Millard Caldwell, of Florida, on a 4-day bear hunt last week, with a large group of Florida sportsmen making up a large party hunting near Perry, Florida.

The hunters found that the bear had hibernated, and did not make any kills, but found game plentiful in that area, and plans are being made for similar hunts early next fall.

The local arrangements were made here by James L. Stringfield and T. L. Campbell, Sr.

Among those making the trip from here, were besides Mr. Stringfield and Mr. Campbell, Robert L. Sutton, Bobby Sutton, Alonzo McGaha, Lester McGaha, Arthur Lewis, Jeff Lewis, Oliver Rathbone, Bragg Wood, Floyd Miller, T. L. Campbell, Jr., and Amos Conard.

Many of the Floridians on the hunt plan to come here next fall for a hunt in this area before staging a big hunt in Florida.

## W. E. McElrath Succumbs To Heart Attack

Funeral services were conducted at the Hazelwood Baptist church on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock for William Earl McElrath, 49, son of the late Alfred and Julia Jordan McElrath, of Haywood county, who died suddenly from a heart attack on Thursday at the Melliconey Furniture Manufacturing plant in Whitfield, N. H., of which he was general manager.

Rev. Murray, pastor of the church and Rev. L. B. Compton, of Asheville, officiated. Burial was in Green Hill cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers were: Sam Knight, Tom Queen, Berlin Brendle, Rufus Gaddis, Phil Massey, T. C. Summerrow, S. E. Kucken-dall and John Blaylock.

Mr. McElrath left here 18 years ago and was first employed by the Morgan Manufacturing company of Black Mountain, after which he went to Whitfield, where he has since lived.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Nettie Compton, three sons, Edward, Billy, and Howard; three daughters, Elizabeth Ann, Barbara, and Judy Gail, all of Whitfield; one sister, Mrs. Raymond Crawford of Hazelwood; and one brother John McElrath of this county.

The body was brought here on Tuesday, and Garrett Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

## New Laundry And Dry Cleaning Plant Under Construction By Moody

Construction has started on a modern laundry and dry cleaning plant on Miller street, by James R. Moody, well known young business man, and experienced laundryman.

The building will be of rock and concrete construction, and will be fifty by seventy-two feet, with a concrete floor, and every convenience for affording ideal working conditions.

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## All Day Tuesday Spent Working Out Details Necessitated By Recent Changes

Fifty-four committeemen of the Haywood County AAA met at the courthouse here Tuesday and spent a long, hard day at work, it was learned from R. C. Francis, county AAA chairman.

The purpose of the meeting was two-fold, including adjustment of tobacco allotments and a discussion of the 1946 program and the formulation of plans for completing all farm plan contracts.

The national ten per cent cut in allotment acreage and the increase in penalties will mean the decrease of around 300 acres of production of Burley tobacco in Haywood during the current year, according to M. H. Dulin, secretary of the county AAA.

Allotments for Burley for the current year will cover 1,610.3 acres while last year there were 1,757.3 acres of tobacco grown in the county. Some allotments were lost but others were gained, which brought up the totals.

Allotments were cancelled on 31 farms, in compliance with the policy of the AAA, because no tobacco had been produced for the past five years on the farms. The total acreage cancelled for his failure to produce tobacco was 18.5 acres.

Counteracting these lost allotments, 155 new growers, who took part on the program for the first time in 1945 were given allotments to produce tobacco on 18.6 acres.

It was brought out in the meeting that listing adjustment sheets must be sent to Raleigh for final approval by the State AAA after which the 1946 allotments for producers will be mailed to the growers. The date set for this is around March 25, according to Mr. Dulin.

There was also a total of 16 acres used by the community committeemen in adjusting allotments on Tuesday for old growers, it was learned from the secretary.

In the meeting it was announced that 40 per cent of the farm plan contracts had been completed, with 33 per cent of farms in the county tabulated. The committeemen have obligated about 33 per cent of the total funds for carrying on the conservation practices on these farms.

The total allotment amount granted Haywood county under the 1946 AAA program is \$65,818. Five concrete practices were outlined by the county committeemen on which money will be spent in Haywood county this year to those participating in the program. The practices include: the use of lime, phosphate, winter cover crops, permanent pasture and pasture improvement.

When this money is obligated in the county there will be no other funds available under the program and if a farmer has failed to make a farm plan no payment will be made under the AAA.

The county committeemen are asking that all farmers complete their contracts by March 31. Those who have not made their farm plans are asked to contact their community committeemen at once, if they wish to participate in the program.

Mrs. Harry Rotha and daughter, Miss Tillie Rotha are visiting relatives in Orlando, Fla.