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People  
in 20 miles of  
center.

Employment  
Gets  
For  
In Year  
ment Activity  
During Past  
Months, Expected  
Decline

ment activity at the  
county offices, N. C. Em-  
ployment Service, was nearly four  
times as many during the last two  
years, reports Miss De-  
cker, manager. At the  
same time, however, job oppor-  
tunities in the local area are lim-  
ited. It is expected to be that  
warm weather brings a  
boom in construction work.  
The past year the offices  
in Canton secured  
117 persons in the local  
area and 24,737  
contacts, many of which  
were week visits of persons  
seeking employment. This figure  
is 17 visits of employers  
seeking jobs, a practice  
which has been in vogue in recent  
months. The Employment Service  
has 605 visits of persons  
seeking employment. Service per-  
sonnel are kept busy with  
job opportunities and to  
use of ES facilities in  
the right persons for spe-

re 1,293 new applica-  
tions filed during the  
year, reports 317 by  
the remainder non-  
employees. This figure  
includes persons of  
the veterans. Of the  
placements, 47 were  
made as physically hand-  
icapped. Compensation  
readjustment  
during the year showed  
an increase, reports Van C.  
Siler, taker at the local  
office. There has been  
usual since the war, the  
number of persons  
growing since  
winter because of the  
fewer job opportunities  
the year.  
registered for work-  
ing unemployed claims  
county number approx-  
imately 1,000, reports Mr.  
Haynes. Claims by non-  
veterans have not  
shown post employment  
allowances are in  
line, and 15 non-veteran  
whose unemployment  
paid by other states in  
formerly were employ-

Veith, veterans em-  
ployee representative, remarks  
that "there is an abun-  
dant supply of unskilled  
labor, but the local area."  
There are openings for  
clerks under the Federal  
and state merit sys-  
tems, if qualified workers  
to leave this area.  
Industrial labor picture is  
bright, with little turnover,  
comments. It is  
touch with the smaller  
and listing job oppor-  
tunities in the clerical, retail,  
and day labor fields, that  
ment Service fulfills  
use of placing the best  
persons in the most suit-  
able positions which are available.

ers Club To  
On Thursday  
zelwood Boosters club  
Thursday night at the  
in church at 7 o'clock.  
first meeting with new  
charge. Ernest Green,  
announced that commit-  
tee for the coming year and  
a program will be an-  
nounced. Mrs. Green is  
secretary. Meetings of  
the church will  
be held on Thursdays.  
Weather  
United Press)  
Jan. 6—Slightly cloudy  
change in temperature.  
Waynesville tempera-  
ture recorded by the staff of  
Test Farm:  
Max. Min. Rainfall  
63 44 .46  
57 26  
47 23  
42 26

## Head Haywood Polio Work



**DAVID HYATT**, chairman of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, plans are underway to start the annual March of Dimes campaign within a few days.

## Get License Early, Moore Advises C, D Drivers

**Examinations Given To Over 900 In Haywood During Past Five Months**  
Persons with surnames beginning with the letters "C" and "D" should plan to take their vehicle license renewal examination at an early date and avoid waiting until near the July 1st deadline, advises W. W. Moore, examiner for Haywood and Jackson counties.

There still are a number of "A" and "B" named persons who failed to take their test before Jan. 1, and thus are without a license and subject to a fine of \$25 if caught driving, Mr. Moore reports. Several persons in this category are coming in now for their examinations, but are required to be accompanied by someone who has a valid license.

Since August 18, 1947, there have been 395 operators permits issued, 68 duplicates secured, and 30 chauffeur licenses granted in Haywood. At Canton Mr. Moore gave examinations for 498 regular licenses, 60 duplicates, and 34 chauffeur licenses.

He expects to continue the present schedule of visits to Waynesville, all day on Mondays and until 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

## Schools Are On Normal Schedule After Holidays

Haywood schools opened yesterday after a 14-day Christmas holiday with normal attendance, according to Jack Messer, county superintendent.

Students from schools in Crabtree and the Fines Creek area had to travel over slick, snow-covered roads, but most of them got to their destinations without difficulty.

M. H. Bowles, superintendent of the Waynesville schools, reported attendance in the Waynesville district schools were normal, and only one bus late.

School officials said "things started off smoother than usual after a two-week holiday."

## Visual Teaching Specialist To Visit County Schools

Mrs. Ruth Liverman Kilgore of Philadelphia, Pa., nationally recognized specialist and author in the field of visual education, has been secured by the Haywood County Board of Education to conduct a series of film demonstrations during the week of January 12-19, announces Supt. Jack Messer.

## Mountains Are Covered By Six-Inch Snow Sunday

**Soco Gap Highway Is Made Dangerous But Most Of County Escapes Effects**

Tom Alexander, owner of Cataloochee Ranch, reported six inches of snow on the ground there Monday morning and the mercury down to four above zero.

Highway 19 over Soco Gap was made dangerous by the heavy fall, which started floating down from the sky about 9:30 o'clock Sunday morning, and bus service was rerouted around Balsam Gap that afternoon. Work crews were placing sand and sawdust on the road Monday and it was expected to be safe for limited use by last night.

Although the snow did not lay on the lowlands around Waynesville and Bethel, there was considerable in the Crabtree and Fines Creek area, and roads were reported slick. No wrecks have been investigated by the State Highway Patrolmen.

"In an hour after it started snowing there was three inches on the ground," said Mr. Alexander. "This was the hardest I have ever seen it snow." Their children, he added, have been enjoying their skis.

## Saturday Evening Post Writer Will Arrive Wednesday

**Plans To Interview Sam Queen For Feature Story On Square Dances**

Bill Sharpe of the State News Bureau, and Harold Martin, of the Atlanta Constitution, and special writer for the Saturday Evening Post, are scheduled to come here Wednesday for an interview with Sam Queen on native square dancing.

Mr. Martin is anxious to write a special article for the Post and is coming here to gather materials with that idea in mind.

Mr. Sharpe recently wrote a feature about the Queens and square dancing in this area, and because of this feature, there are several special writers interested in getting additional material.

## Many Pictures At The Mountaineer Ready To Return

During the past few years The Mountaineer has accumulated several hundred pictures of men in service, brides and some baby pictures. We presume many families want these pictures, and they are available by calling at the office. In order to avoid confusion, we prefer not to mail these pictures.

The printing plates of all pictures used in the paper are on file, and will be retained for possible further use.

## On Committee



Reuben B. Robertson, president of Champion Paper and Fibre Company, has been appointed as a member of the national committee on Economic Development, according to an announcement by Paul G. Hocman of Chicago, CED president.

## First Arrival Of '48



**LITTLE VEDA JO HANEY**, Haywood county's first new citizen of 1948 who was born 48 minutes after the new year arrived, looks calmly at the cameraman while her mother, Mrs. Willard Haney of Canton, smiles proudly at her young daughter. This picture was taken at the Haywood County Hospital.

## Gig Young Chosen For Role In "Musketeers"

Movie Actor Gig Young, who in his unprofessional life is Byron Barr, son of J. E. Barr of Waynesville, has been signed by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios to play the role of Porthos in "The Three Musketeers," his first to be made since leaving Warner Brothers to become a free lance player.

Presently making the rounds, and scheduled for showing here within the next month, is "Escape Me Never," in which Errol Flynn, Ida Lupino, Eleanor Parker and Gig are the leading players. This is the first movie the young actor played in since being discharged after three and one-half years in Coast Guard service during the war.

Another Warner Brothers production Young portrayed the male lead in, opposite Alexis Smith, is "Woman In White," which has not yet been released.

Gig, who is a native of Minnesota, first went to Hollywood in 1937, and after three years' stage experience signed a movie contract and rose quickly to stardom. He has visited his father here on several occasions in recent years.

Announcement of his new major role in the adventure classic based on the Alexandre Dumas novel was made by Thomas F. Brady's special column to the New York Times. Pandro S. Berman is producing the "Musketeers." Young was cast for the Porthos role after the studio switched Cesar Romero, originally selected for the part, to another film.

## January 22nd Should Be Big Date In Park History

January 22nd may become one of the important dates in the history of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, ranking with May 22, 1926—when the park was authorized by act of congress; February 6, 1930—when it was established to a limited degree; and September 2, 1940—the day on which the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt dedicated the Smokies to the enjoyment of the American people.

The possible importance of January 22 arises from the fact that this will be the day when a plan for development of the park is presented key personalities in the national legislature by a large delegation of officials from North Carolina and Tennessee. If the congressional leaders can be convinced of the necessity for appropriating \$2,204,000 for the Smokies during fiscal 1949, the already-popular park would be assured of additional roads and other facilities that would increase its attractiveness considerably.

Federal development of the park was promised by the government after it received title to the land. Development has lagged in recent years, due to the war and its various effects on public construction. The Mayflower hotel meeting this month should at least produce a definite stand by Congress regarding how far, and how soon the im-

## Marriage Licenses Show Decline In '47

The postwar marriage boom apparently is on the decline in Haywood county. A check of marriage licenses issued at the register of deeds office here showed that 138 wedlock permits were given in 1947, dropping from 175 in the previous year.

Since 1948 is leap year, however, it is felt that figures may be revised upward again.

## 400 Newspaper People To Visit Waynesville About Middle Of May

**Members Of National Editorial Association To Hold Convention In State**  
Plans have been completed for over 400 newspaper publishers and editors to have a barbecue here during their two-day visit in Western North Carolina the middle of May, it was learned yesterday from the committee in charge of the National Editorial Association convention.

Representatives from almost every state in the union will attend the convention which will meet at Pinehurst on May 8th. After a three day session, will board buses for a tour of the state, going first to Raleigh, Wilson, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, and Elkin, arriving at Asheville on the night of May 12th.

Early Thursday the group will leave Asheville for a trip in the Smokies, being feted to a picnic luncheon atop Clingman's Dome or at Newfound Gap. The communities west of here will provide the luncheon.

The group plans to return here for a barbecue to be served by Rufus Siler that night, May 13th. The North Carolina Press Association met here for a barbecue several years ago, and by special request have asked for a "repeat performance" of the barbecue supper and entertainment by the Cherokee Indians, similar to what was staged two years ago for the press.

The convention members will return to Asheville for the night, and the following day visit Euclid at Brevard and the Biltmore House, ending the convention with a banquet given by Asheville on Friday night.

This is the first time the National Editorial Association has ever met in North Carolina. So anxious are states to get the convention that bids are made years ahead of time. Texas had the convention last year, and claimed they received over \$500,000 in publicity from the news papers throughout the nation.

The North Carolina Press Association will act as official host, being assisted by Governor Cherry and other state officials.

## Rotarians Discuss Outlook For 1948

The average Rotarian is looking for business in 1948 to be about average 1947, according to the brief discussions made at the club Friday.

S. E. Conatser, program chairman, called on a number of members to express themselves on the 1948 outlook and a slight one of pessimism was prevalent but this was overshadowed by general statements that "better management, initiative and caution" would see the average business through the year with profits at a satisfactory point, although perhaps not as large as in 1947 for many lines of business.

M. R. Williamson, president, urged the members to enjoy the freedom and joys of life during the coming year.

## Marleys Return After 5-Month Visit Abroad

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Marley arrived yesterday morning from England to visit the former's mother, Mrs. F. H. Marley, at Oak Park. The Marleys have spent the past five months in Birmingham, England, where they visited relatives of Mrs. Marley. Mr. Marley has been engaged in doing photography for Graphic House during his stay abroad.

## Three Waynesville Youths Are Now Marine Recruits

Three Waynesville youths, Glenn E. Arrington, Leonard B. Messer, and Edgar W. Robinson, have enlisted as privates in the U. S. Marine Corps and currently are undergoing training with Platoon 122 of the First Recruit Training Battalion at the Parris Island, S. C., recruit depot.

Upon completion of their present training period, they will receive 10-day leaves and return for assignment to a marine field unit or specialist school.

Messer, 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey F. Messer, route 2, Waynesville, was an outstanding athlete at high school here, playing football, basketball and baseball. After graduation last spring he enrolled in the University of

South Carolina prior to enlisting Dec. 4, 1947, in the Marine Corps at Raleigh. He is taking courses in the Marine Corps Institute, and has requested assignment as a mechanic in a motor transport unit.

Pvt. Robinson, 18, son of Mrs. James H. Wycott, route 1, Waynesville, and Pvt. Arrington, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Arrington of Lee street, also are former Waynesville high school students and football players. They were members of the local National Guard unit prior to enlisting in the marines. Both have enrolled for the free high school courses of the Marine Corps Institute in an effort to complete high school while in service.

Arrington has requested assignment to the motor mechanic school, and Robinson to the field telephone school following their 10-day leave.

Highway  
Record For  
1948  
(To Date)  
In Haywood  
Injured --- 0  
Killed ---- 0  
(This information Compiled From Records of State Highway Patrol)