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

Inspection Lane Has Busy Time



THE MECHANICAL INSPECTION lane which has been serving vehicle owners in the Waynesville area the past two weeks felt many "rush days" as drivers lined up to take the tests. The truck shown at the top is having its wheel alignment checked by an inspector. The lower section of the picture gives a better view of the inspection process on Boundary Street. Thursday the lane will shift its operations to Canton.

—A Mountaineer photo by Ingram's Studio.

Four Hurt When Wall Tumbles In Destructive Fire Sunday

Unofficial Estimates Place Sunday's Fire Loss To At Least \$20,000

Workmen are tearing down the walls and salvaging any useful material that remains in the fire-gutted Depot street building owned by David Underwood, scene of Waynesville's costliest fire disaster to date this year.

The Sunday morning surprise fire caused damage estimated unofficially at more than \$20,000 in the 60-odd year old brick structure, and when a portion of the front wall caved in two hours after the fire was extinguished four men were pinned under the crumbled brick, to be rescued with only minor injuries.

Entering the building to carry out some fixtures, Mr. Underwood, Fred Gaddis, Ed Greer and Jess West were trapped when the wall suddenly caved in. Mr. Underwood managed to free himself within a few minutes, while firemen dug out the other three. Mr. West was brought out from under the debris within 30 minutes. Mr. Gaddis in 45 minutes and Mr. Greer in about an hour.

All four suffered a number of bruises and abrasions and all but Mr. Underwood were taken to the hospital until released Monday. Mr. Gaddis also suffered a sprained ankle.

An investigation is being made as to the cause of the fire which seemed to have broken out in all sections of the two-story building, occupied by a barber shop, pool parlor, tap room, and large storage room in the rear.

Fifteen minutes before the alarm was sounded a patron tried the door of the pool parlor, found it unoccupied and no evidence of fire. Five minutes later another passer-by looked at the building, also noting nothing unusual.

It was James Moody from his home nearby who first saw the flames shooting out of the upper part of the building and called in the alarm about 7:45 o'clock Sunday morning. Fire Chief Clem Fitzgerald sounded the siren and took one fire truck to the site immediately, sending for the other shortly afterward in order to get more hose.

Four sprays of water were turned on the building. Flames shot from all openings and cold weather added to the firemen's difficulty. A strong wind was blowing, but fortunately was to the south and did not carry the flames towards the adjoining buildings which suffered only minor water damage.

Several members of the Canton fire department, who heard about the fire over the police radio, drove up in a police car and assisted in the fighting.

The fighters gained control over the conflagration in less than three hours, but continued spraying the feed and hay and other smoldering material. Part of the side wall buckled in during the fire and the front and rear walls were leaning dangerously.

A watch was kept over the building all day and the following night and Monday salvage operations were begun.

The entire building had been leased, effective April 1, to the Waynesville Feed and Seed company, a new business of which T. R. Telford is owner and manager.

Both the new tenant and former tenants of the building are understood to be making arrangements to re-open at new locations.

Mr. Underwood stated yesterday that he hoped to rebuild at the location, but had not had time to make definite plans.

Highway Record For 1948 (To Date)
In Haywood Injured - - 13 Killed - - - 1

(This information Compiled From Records of State Highway Patrol)

Haywood's 100 Bushel Corn Club



HAYWOOD COUNTY'S producers of 100 or more bushels of corn per acre were guests of the Waynesville Lions Club on March 18. Pictured above are Claud Rogers, club president; George E. Stamey, Fred Allison, J. B. James, Mrs. Quay Medford, John F. Rogers, Tom Ramier—the county champion who grew 125.7 bushels on one acre; C. V. Sorrells, T. W. Cathey and the district Extension service agent, R. W. Shoffner, who presented certificates to the eight Corn Club members.

—Photo by Ingram's Studio.

350 Attend Sunrise Services At Lake

About 350 attended the Sunrise Easter Services at the Mission Building at Lake Junaluska Sunday morning. The event was sponsored by the sub-district of the Youth Fellowship of the Methodist church. Miss Betty Lee Reno, is president of the group.

Besides special music, the program included the reading of the scripture by Miss Beulah Mae Mauney, with John Boone leading in prayer. The Waynesville youth choir under the direction of Charles Isley gave three numbers, followed by a poem by Arnold Robinson.

The meditation period was conducted by C. C. Poindexter of Canton.

Cannery Is Seeking 200 Acres Of Green Beans

New Owner Has 10,000 Pounds of Bean Seed On Hand For Farmers

Plans for getting the cannery in operation at Hazelwood this summer are now under way, and Field Manager Bill Hyatt, representing the new owner, is beginning to contact farmers of Haywood county this week in regards to contracting around 200 acres of tender green beans.

O. P. Crews, who bought the Haywood Mutual Canning association plant recently, returned to Waynesville from Greentown, Ind., last week to prepare for the season's operation.

Mr. Crews has set up his office at the plant, and has 10,000 pounds of bean seeds which will go to acreage contractors. In addition to green beans, he hopes to procure blackberries during the present season, and add spinach and other foods in the future.

A name for the cannery and brand names for the products will be selected within a short time. A few men will begin getting the

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Soco Gap Dancers Warmly Received By Floridians

Floridians gave Sam Queen and his group of musicians and square dancers a warm welcome at the 14 exhibitions staged in the state during the past few weeks.

Large crowds attended the exhibitions, and in every place, Mr. Queen recruited Floridians who had square danced here during the summer to participate in the dances. The 6-piece Carpenter string band accompanied Mr. Queen, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Queen and Miss Carmen Platt.

In every place where the exhibitions were staged, the crowds asked that they return again next season.

The group plan an extensive advertising campaign during the summer and fall, and plan to give a series of exhibitions throughout a large area.

Community Plunged In Darkness When Car Hits Power Pole On Highway

Being Prepared

Haywood county's physicians believe in preparedness, and during Saturday night's blackout their efforts were proved worthwhile.

The doctors have wanted the hospital to install an auxiliary power unit to supply electricity in cases where the power lines fail. Since the hospital was not in a position to get such a unit, the doctors went together about month ago and installed a smaller emergency light, working on a battery.

When the power line was cut in two Saturday night, the hospital lights went out. The three men hurt in the wreck were brought in badly injured, and the examining doctor then made good use of the emergency light.

A patient hurt in another auto accident was treated during the same period, and one baby was delivered during what was otherwise a blackout.

Three men were injured Saturday night when the car they were riding in rammed a power pole east of Medford farm near Clyde, throwing the Waynesville, Hazelwood and Lake Junaluska area into darkness for three and one-quarter hours.

The injured were Edgar Ernest Best and James Welch of Clyde, and Charlie Massey, of Crabtree. They were brought to the Haywood county hospital for examination, after which Welch, a former seaman, was sent to Moore General hospital. His injuries were described by the examining physician here as a broken left leg and fractured skull.

Best also sustained a fractured skull and lacerations about the face. Massey was said to have suffered minor lacerations.

The automobile, a 1936 Ford coupe, was driven by Welch. The car was reported heading towards

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Suffers Broken Arm In Accident Monday Morning

Ray Leatherwood of the Plott Creek section suffered a broken left arm when the car he was driving overturned about 1:30 a.m. Monday about three miles from Waynesville on the Pigeon Gap road.

Reports of the accident state that the Leatherwood car, a 1941 Ford sedan, was attempting to pass a truck, collided with a guard post, overturned and slid for some distance.

Apple Buds Not Out Far Enough For Cold To Nip

Orchardmen yesterday did not feel that the cold week-end had damaged any of the apple trees, as the buds are just beginning to swell. This is the stage which orchardmen term "The pink bud season."

Some orchardmen, however, did not take chances and built brush fires in their orchards Sunday night to help ward off excessive frost.

Kerr Scott Visits County; Pleased With Campaign

Candidate For Nomination As Governor Here Monday

Kerr Scott, candidate for the nomination as governor, spent several hours in various sections of Haywood Monday, enroute to Murphy where he spoke last night. Mr. Scott is due back here late this afternoon and will spend the night in Waynesville.

Mr. Scott said while here yesterday that "Things are looking mighty fine, and I am well pleased with the support I am gaining daily."

The candidate for governor stopped in Canton, Clyde, Waynesville and Hazelwood, before going on out to Murphy to make an address last night.

He is not scheduled for any address here on this trip, but hopes to be able to get back before long. Tonight he will confer with friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Gwyn.

Mr. Scott said he had not named his manager for Haywood, but would make the announcement at an early date. He had lunch with a number of Haywood friends. He was accompanied by Dale Thrash, district manager for Mr. Scott.

To Form Grange Thurs. At Crabtree-Iron Duff

All persons of the Crabtree-Iron Duff community are invited to a meeting Thursday night, April 1, at the school when a community Grange will be organized, and officers elected.

A meeting was held March 24, when E. T. Frisbee of Mills River made a very interesting speech on the Grange and its functions. There were not enough people there to organize, so it was decided to hold the second meeting this week.

Presentation Of Indian Drama Is Moved To 1949

Actual presentation of the Cherokee Indian and Pioneer drama was put off until 1949 in order to allow time for more thorough preparation, it was decided Thursday at the organization meeting of the Cherokee Historical Association, Inc.

James Kilpatrick, Waynesville Chamber of Commerce representative at the Cherokee meeting, was named to the board of trustees of

the association which will control the drama production.

Collection of financial pledges will be carried out, and construction of the stage and other facilities begun this summer. Trustees of the association will assemble again at Cherokee April 20 for a report on pledge collections and to decide when construction will start. The Indian Council has already secured

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Conference Slated For Laundry Owner And Union

The laundry continued to operate Monday, as a small picket line continued to march back and forth in front of the plant.

The Mountaineer learned from a reliable source that negotiations between J. W. Killian, owner, and union officials, are planned for an early date, probably today. No

statement could be obtained as to any points to be discussed, when negotiations are held.

A picket line has been active at all times while the plant has been in operation since last Monday. Since last Wednesday, everything has been quiet, and no disturbances of any kind reported.

Easter Paraders Faced Snow, Chilled Winds On Sunday; Many At Church

Easter paraders received a cool reception from the weatherman here Sunday. With overcast skies and snow "spitting" in small round balls, many a would-be parader dressed for the weather before venturing out.

Many Easter outfits were in evidence, including white straw hats and oodles and oodles of corsages. During the day the mercury slid down to 28 degrees, which

meant many a furnace was re-started. The sun in the afternoon tempered the atmosphere, but there was still a penetrating chill.

This was the first Easter since 1940 that this area had snow. Back in 1940 four inches of snow fell and on the following morning the mercury read 16 degrees.

Every church in town reported a large attendance at the morning services.

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