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Graduates of Crabtree - Iron Duff School



PICTURED ABOVE is the 1948 senior class of Crabtree-Iron Duff high school, which was graduated Thursday night. The graduates are, from left to right: Katherine Wells, Pauline Bishop, Mary Jean Clark, Bill Davis, Naomi Massie, Russell McCracken, Blanche Sanford, Sam Best, Audrey Sanford, John Welch, Edith Chambers and Geneva Messer. The mascots are little Betty Davis and John McCracken. (Photo by Ingram's Studio.)

Clean Up Activities Under Way This Week

Many Improvements Being Made In Waynesville and Hazelwood During Drive

Clean Up activity is apparent in all sections of Waynesville and Hazelwood as the communities carry out the spring cleaning and improvement theme during the special week now under way.

Extra trips are being made by garbage trucks to haul away trash collections. Many basements, attics and storage places are being cleared of winter collections of rubbish for hauling to the incinerator.

Paint brushes are placing a better look on many homes and business places in putting their best foot forward for the warm weather months. Indications are that the communities will be at their prettiest before the week is over.

Lawns and gardens are feeling the effects of the recent dry spell. Home owners can be seen daily putting their garden hose and sprinklers to use in combating the fancies of the weatherman.

The Clean-Up week is sponsored by officials of Waynesville and Hazelwood, with the cooperation of the

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Large Tree Cut Down



INGRAM'S STUDIO caught this picture just as the large oak in the yard of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Davis on Church street, started to fall, after being cut by several crews of workmen. The tree was one of the largest in the community. It measures 62 inches at the base, and had 125 rings, which indicates it was 125 years old. The tree was solid at the base, but the upper part had begun to decay. Many of the larger limbs were cut off and lowered by means of a block and tackle before the main trunk of the tree was cut. Crews from the city light department, the telephone construction crew and others were on hand. The tedious process was completed without damage to any wires or nearby buildings.

A Mountaineer photo by Ingram's Studio.

One-Third Of Names On Hospital Petitions

Over 100 Signatures Have Been Secured In Less Than Week, Davis Reports

Petitions which request a special bond election in Haywood county to provide funds for the expansion and maintenance of the public hospital now have more than 100 signatures of qualified freeholders, it was reported yesterday by Joe S. Davis, head of the Haywood Health and Hospital council.

A total of 300 signatures must be secured before the petitions are to be presented to the county Board of Commissioners as the basis on which they can authorize the election.

Mr. Davis states that copies of the petition were signed by all members of the Lions and rotary clubs at their meetings last week who would be eligible to vote in a tax election.

Frank Campbell of Canton, vice president of the Health and Hospital council, is in charge of circulating the petitions in that community, and R. L. Prevost, Sr., is securing signatures in Hazelwood. It is anticipated that the required minimum of signatures will be reached in time to present the request at the May 17th meeting of the county board.

The proposition is to call an election authorizing the county to issue up to \$200,000 in bonds as its share of construction cost. This is based on the plan to secure 71 per cent of the cost from federal and state funds allotted for such a purpose.

\$12,000 Goal Sought As Chamber Of Commerce Drive Starts Here Today

Lions To Elect Officers At Meet Thursday Night

Club Will Make Tour Of Champion Paper Plant On Wednesday Afternoon

Officers for the next yearly term will be elected at the meeting Thursday night of the Waynesville Lions club. Following the business session and meal at the Towne House, the club will adjourn and attend as a group the revival service under way at the First Baptist church.

Wednesday afternoon as many of the club members as can arrange the time will attend the open house program of Champion Paper and Fibre Co. at Canton. The group will assemble at 2:30 p. m. at the court house here, travel to the plant, and be taken through by Lions Jack Felmet, Lee Davis and Earl Messer.

Herbert Saunders of Black Mountain, governor of district 31-A, Lions International, spoke to the club last week concerning Lionism. He was accompanied on his trip here by Mr. McDougal, a past president of the Black Mountain group.

Special Kick-Off Will Be Staged At 12:15 Today With A 30-Minute Program

The annual Chamber of Commerce membership drive, to support the largest program ever undertaken by the group, will officially get under way with a kick-off program today. Plans are to complete the \$12,000 campaign Saturday.

The Waynesville Township high school band will parade from the First Baptist church down Main street to the courthouse, and present an outdoor concert starting at 1 o'clock. Three brief talks on the value of the Chamber to this area will follow the 15 minute concert, the whole program being carried over radio station WHCC.

Preceding the public program, a luncheon meeting of the membership and finance committee will be held at the Towne House. Final preparations for drive activities will be made at this time.

Letters have been sent during the week end advising business firms of their assessment.

Ribbons stating "This is a good place to live. Like it here" will be worn by all businessmen and employees throughout the week. The membership drive is being directed by David Felmet, committee chairman.

Student and farmer memberships are being sought for the first time due to the wide variety of activities in the Chamber's 1948 program, which will benefit all groups in this section of the county.

Three Hurt In Accidents Last Week On Route 19

Car Overtakes Friday At Mount Valley Inn, Injuring Two

Two men were reported slightly injured from a wreck Friday afternoon, in which their car overturned in front of the Mount Valley Inn, on highway 19 near Maggie.

Joe Howell Cope, driving a 1947 Plymouth sedan, and Rufus Rector, passenger in the car, both of Hazelwood, were reported to have sustained minor cuts and bruises when the sedan ran off the right side of the road, while traveling eastward, swerved back on the highway and overturned several times. The vehicle came to rest on its top at the lawn of the inn, being completely demolished.

Another auto accident last week on highway 19, investigated by Patrolman O. R. Roberts, happened Monday afternoon.

A 1946 Chevrolet truck, property of the Farmers Federation, was going east, being operated by William Lester Franklin, 36, of Rt. 2, Waynesville. It attempted a left turn into the driveway of the Charles Owens property, near Dellwood. At the same time a 1942 Pontiac sedan attempted to pass the truck, the vehicles sideswiped, and the Pontiac rolled over a 20-foot embankment, landing on its top, while the truck managed to halt on the roadway.

In the sedan were the driver, William Shackleton, 26, of Rt. 1, Waynesville; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Furtado, and a small child. Mrs. Furtado, who sustained an ankle injury, was the only person who was reported to have been hurt. There was considerable property damage to the sedan.

Revival Starts At First Baptist Church For Week

Twenty Haywood Baptist Churches Are Conducting Service This Week

Rev. Walter N. Long gave the first of a series of evangelistic sermons at the First Baptist church last night. The revival is one of 20 now in session throughout Haywood county. Rev. L. G. Elliott, pastor, opened the meeting on Sunday morning.

The movement is being held under the general direction of Rev. J. C. Canipe, secretary of evangelism for the N. C. State Baptist Convention.

The visiting ministers in the county are conducting the morning devotionals over WHCC each morning this week.

Clyde Favored As One Of Several Cattle Buying Centers In This Area

State Opening New Program For Marketing Cattle in Western North Carolina

It was announced in Raleigh yesterday that at the request of many farmers and stockraisers in Western North Carolina, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture is expecting to expand the marketing facilities for beef cattle in Western North Carolina during the coming season, beginning during the late summer and continuing during the fall months. Buying centers will probably be set up at Clyde, West Jefferson and either Boone or North Wilkesboro and probably other points. T. Lenoir Gunn, of Waynesville, and Harry Hamilton of Boone, both of whom are employed by the Department of Agriculture as beef cattle marketing specialists, will handle the grading and shipping of cattle in truck and carload lots.

Livestock men have felt for a long time that our present system of marketing was insufficient, especially during the heavy seasonal movement of cattle during the fall months, and that a wider distribution for our better grades could and should be worked out. Also that a closer and more direct contact might be established between the producing and feeding areas that would benefit all parts of the state.

Where individual farmers own as many as a carload of uniform cattle, they can, of course, handle their own cattle, either by selling direct or shipping to terminal markets. There are, however, only a few farmers who are in a position to do this. A large majority

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May Term Civil Court Is Begun

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Rock Hill School Commencement On Wednesday

A commencement program will be presented by the primary and grammar grades of the Rock Hill School tomorrow night at eight o'clock in the school auditorium.

The program will include two plays, "The Pumpkin Hill Grammar School Graduation," and "Welcome Queen Happiness," and a group of songs by the primary grades.

An admission of 10 and 25 cents will be charged and proceeds will be used for the audio-visual education program of the school.

Bethel Seniors To Present Play On Friday Night

"Dude Ranch," a comedy with songs in three acts, will be presented Friday evening, May 7, at 8 o'clock, by the senior class of the Bethel high school.

Those taking part in the play are Bett Clark, Hilliard Phillips, Edna Mae West, Mickey Farmer, Sue Cooke, Gerald Blazer, Gerald Deaver, Davis Whitesides, Eileen Wells, Bobby Hall, Catherine Johnson, Carolyn Medford, Nana Lee Himes and George Cogburn.

Music Week Being Observed Here

The 25th annual observance of National Music Week began May 2 and will continue through Sunday, having as its keynote, "Foster American Music."

A feature which is being stressed this year is home musical evenings, announces Dr. Mary Michal, president of the Waynesville Music club. Whatever can be done to stimulate the practice of making music in the home aids the growth of the country as a truly musical nation, she states.

LYTLE WILL ADDRESS HAYWOOD DAIRYMEN

R. G. Lytle, manager of the North Carolina Milk Producers Federation cooperative, Greensboro, will speak to dairymen of Haywood county at the courthouse tonight. The program will include the showing of the movie "The Challenge," and start at 8 o'clock.

The annual election of officers for the county Grade A Milk Producers association will be held.

New Phone Book To Be Issued Here In June

A new Waynesville telephone directory will be issued during June, it is announced by Mrs. Fay Toy, business manager for the local Southern Bell exchange.

Listings taken through May 27 will be included, and the directory is expected to be ready for distribution about June 20. About 500 more listings will be included over those in the present directory.

Bound Over On Charge Of Passing Bad Check

Robert Caldwell, 28, of the Band Mill community has been bound over for trial in the Haywood Superior Court on the charge of passing a bad check. The hearing was held last week in Mayor's Court here. It was alleged that Caldwell presented a worthless check for \$15 at the Dixie Store.

He is in the county jail in default of making \$500 bond.

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THIS IS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERSHIP WEEK

The above is a reproduction of the ribbons which will be worn by citizens throughout the community this week, as part of the annual Chamber of Commerce membership campaign.

Several thousand of these will be worn by clerks, office workers, professional people, merchants, taxi drivers and all others who meet the public.

Strand Theater Reported Sold To Everett Co.

Five North Carolina Theaters Included in Transfer Effective May 8

According to a United Press story from Charlotte, Everett Enterprises has negotiated to take over the management of five North Carolina theaters, including the Strand in Waynesville, from the H. B. Meiselman circuit.

The transfer, which does not involve real estate, is reported to be put into effect May 8. In addition to the Strand here, the deal includes two movie houses in Fayetteville, and theaters at Rockingham and Wilmington.

At present, Everett Enterprises, of which H. H. Everett is president, operates 52 theaters in North and South Carolina.

Mr. Meiselman stated Saturday that "the Meiselman theaters that were named in the paper, five in all, have not been sold but have been incorporated with the Everett circuit in which Mr. Meiselman still has the controlling stock in said theaters."

The local manager of the Strand is W. B. Chick. So far as is known, no change in this position is contemplated. The theater building is owned by Dr. Charles Owen of Canton.

4-H BOYS TO ENTER DISTRICT PIG SHOW

Four members of Haywood 4-H clubs will enter pigs in the annual Sears Roebuck show, to be held Wednesday at Planter's Tobacco warehouse in Biltmore. The show will open at 10 a. m., and judging begin an hour later.

Highway Record For 1948 (To Date)

In Haywood Injured - - 13 Killed - - - 1

(This information Compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol)

Clyde F.F.A. Livestock Teams Highest During Federation Contest Here

By scoring 1,350 points out of a possible 1,800, the Clyde chapter of Future Farmers of America won the Nantahala Federation of F. F. A. livestock judging contest held Saturday at the Mountain Experiment Station and Graceland farms in Waynesville. Franklin was second with 1,328.

The federation is composed of all Future Farmer chapters in Hay-

Cherokee, Graham and Clay counties.

Three classes of dairy cattle, one of hogs and two of beef cattle were judged. The Clyde team, coached by Robert C. Evans, agriculture teacher, was composed of Massie Osborne, Carl Mann and Blount Osborne. Mann copped top honors in the dairy division by

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