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TODAY'S SMILE
Friend: From what I hear, your wife is a bit of an angel.
He: Yeah, she's always going up in the air and harping on something or other.

\$212,000 REA Loan Approved By State

Membership To Increase Over 680 In 5 Counties

An application by the Haywood Electric Membership Corporation of Waynesville for a \$212,000 project including funds for extension of membership to 680, improved service and installation of communication and equipment, has been approved by the state, according to R. C. Sheffield, general manager of the local corporation.

The rural electrification authority loan, which must be approved by the administration of Washington, will permit additional and extension of service along existing lines of the corporation in Haywood, Buncombe, Jackson, Transylvania and Macon counties.

In addition to the extension of membership, Mr. Sheffield said that the application included a project to increase the capacity of service for approximately 130 members during the next 12 months.

Also included in the application was a request for additional funds for a two-way radio communication system to be installed in the main office here and on all trucks of the corporation.

Mr. Sheffield stated that the Haywood Electric Membership Corporation is servicing approximately 3,000 members in five Western North Carolina counties with 625 miles of lines. Out of the 680 new memberships, about 300 will be from Haywood county. This new increase will add over 60 miles of lines in this county.

Plans are complete to build 75 miles of line to serve 300 members in Transylvania, Macon and Rabun county in Georgia. Funds were previously allotted for this project and work will start around January 1, Mr. Sheffield reported.

The Haywood Electric Membership Corporation (See REA Loan—Page 6)

Haywood County Voters Go To Polls Saturday To Elect District Senator



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E. A. Williamson Named Master Of Masonic Lodge

E. A. Williamson was named worshipful master of the Waynesville Lodge. He will assume office at a joint installation service of the four Lodges in the 41st Masonic District, on January 3rd, at Bethel.

Other officers elected by the Lodge included: Walter F. Sprinkle, senior warden; Robert M. Fie, junior warden; William A. Abel, treasurer; C. B. Hosaflook, secretary; Hugh J. Sloan, Jr., senior deacon; Chris R. Eckhoff, junior deacon; Jack Felmet, senior steward; Charles H. Metcalfe, junior steward; and Lloyd Kirkpatrick, Tyler.

Mr. Williamson has named his committee for the year, and plans an extensive program for 1949. He came here from Durham in 1942, and is district manager of the Imperial Life Insurance Company. He is an active Presbyterian and Rotarian.

Teachers To Get Checks Early This Christmas

Haywood county's school teachers can join the rest of the Christmas shoppers. Early pay checks have been given the State Board of Education's stamp of approval.

Board members, who voted last month to make no early payments this Christmas season, finally gave in to pleas of the superintendents.

Meeting in Raleigh several weeks ago, superintendents protested the board's decision not to make early payments. Teachers are counting on the checks, the superintendents explained.

As in past years, teachers must have put in 10 days of work in order to obtain the early checks. Normally, a teacher must teach 20 days to draw a month's pay.

The board action last month was taken, members explained, because pre-payments would complicate records that already are complicated through a special check system set up to take care of teachers in schools that were late in opening due to polio.

Local Lions Club Outfits Needy Children In County

There was more sunshine in this community Tuesday than any day since last December. The official weather report perhaps does not reveal as much in cold figures, but anyone who saw the 25 members of the Waynesville Lions Club outfitting 102 needy children know what is meant.

Tuesday was truly a Christmas for the 25 men—there was a butcher, baker, doctor, lawyer and others. Each had several boys and girls which were outfitted in much needed clothing. The smiles on the faces of both the men and the children outshone the sun two to one, although Ol' Sol was really doing his best.

Practically every school in the township had one or more students among the 102, according to Lester Burgin, Jr., chairman of the health and welfare committee of the club.

The 25 Lions took from 3 to 5 children each and saw to it that an average of \$10 was spent on clothing for each child. Some got coats, others shoes, dresses, shirts, underwear, hats, scarfs, hose, and

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W. H. Crawford Opposes Ferguson For Senate Seat

Saturday will mark the fourth time Haywood county voters have gone to the polls this year. The special election tomorrow is being held to fill the senatorial seat in the 32nd district, vacated by the late Mrs. E. L. McKee of Sylva.

Previous elections staged in Haywood county this year were held on May 29, first primary; June 26, second primary; and November 2, general election.

The county board of elections, headed by Jerry Rogers, is anticipating a tight vote Saturday. W. H. Crawford of Sylva is the Democratic nominee for the office, while his Republican opponent is Gola P. Ferguson of Cullowhee. Mr. Ferguson entered the race late Monday afternoon.

Mr. Crawford was defeated by Mrs. McKee in the May primary by a single vote. He has been connected with the Sylva school system for the past 12 years.

The polls will open Saturday morning at 6:30 a. m. and will close at 6:30 p. m. Jerry Rogers announced that the same registrars and judges will serve in the special election. They are:

South Ward of Waynesville—Mrs. C. B. Atkinson, Registrar; Mrs. W. A. Hyatt, D. Grady Farmer, R. Judges.

North Ward of Waynesville—Mrs. Ruth Kelly, Registrar; Harry Clay, D. Ida Mullis, R. Judges. Ivy Hill—J. E. Ferguson, Registrar; H. G. Moody, D. Ernest Moody, R. Judges.

Cecil—J. M. Francis, Registrar; S. L. Sanderson, D. J. A. Miller, R. Judges.

Pigeon—Walker Brown, Registrar; J. M. Cathey, D. W. H. Hargrove, R. Judges.

Iron Duff O. L. Yates, Registrar; T. C. Davis, D. Walter Wright, R. Judges.

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W. H. CRAWFORD of Sylva is the Democratic nominee for the senatorial seat in the 32nd district, which was vacated by the late Mrs. E. L. McKee.

Band, Team Honored At Banquet

In recognition for leading the football team and high school band in top performances all year, citizens of the community gave the leaders top coats at the annual team-banquet at the Hazelwood cafeteria Monday night.

Some 200 parents and patrons of the team and band joined with 150 members of the joint combination to pay tribute for their outstanding work in their respective fields this past year.

The annual event is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. The Eastern Star served the meal, while the Beta Sigma Phi provided the decorations with the gridiron and musical motif prevailing.

Coaches C. E. Weatherby and Charles Ratcliff, and Band Director Carl Isley were praised not only for producing winning teams and outstanding bands, but for setting high ideals, and molding character in their students.

Mr. Weatherby was presented first by Jonathan Woody, master of ceremonies, who in turn paid tribute to M. H. Bowles for his cooperation in giving boys and girls the things they need to make a success.

Using as his subject "Mr. Inside and Mr. Outside," Mr. Weatherby paraphrased the cooperative talk in football language, paying tribute to the band and its leader, as well as the band committee for their success.

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Motorists Urged To Renew Drivers License By Dec. 31

All motorists with surnames beginning with the letters E, F and G are urged to report to the examiners' office at the county court house immediately, as the deadline for these persons to take the new driver tests is December 31, W. M. Moore, license examiner, said today.

Also, all motor vehicles of the year model 1941 and 1949 must be inspected at the inspection lane before December 31. This is the final period for the inspection of various model cars.

Beginning January 1 and continuing through June 30, 1949, all drivers with names beginning with the letters H, I, J and K will be tested for new driver licenses. The L and M-named drivers will be examined the last half of the year, July 1 through December 31.

With good weather prevailing, now is the time for all motorists to take the driver tests, which are required by law. The local license examiner stated that a large number of these drivers have not as yet taken their tests. He urged them to come by the office immediately in order to avoid the last minute rush.

With the holidays approaching and with examiners having three days off, only a few days remain for the actual testing of the E, F and G-named drivers, it was pointed out.

Salvation Army Plans To Take Care Of Thousand

The Salvation Army Mountain Mission will give Christmas cheer to 1,000 individuals this year. Major Cecil Brown told The Mountaineer yesterday.

"We will have a Christmas tree with gifts, candy, fruit and nuts in eight of our mountain communities," Major Brown said. "Special fruit baskets will be given to all who are sick or unable to attend our Christmas programs," she continued.

Preparations are being made to distribute a number of Christmas dinner baskets.

Following a custom of many years, the Salvation Army have their Christmas kettle on the streets, and have also mailed letters to a number of friends asking for contributions.

Redden Talks To Y. D. Club About Civil Rights Issue

Congressman Monroe Redden of Hendersonville reviewed the hotly contested Civil Rights Bill before the Young Democratic Club of Haywood County at the annual banquet meeting of the organization in the Towne House Wednesday night.

Cole Cogburn, president of the county group, presided over the dinner meeting. W. G. Byers, chairman of the county Democratic executive committee, made a few brief remarks and praised the Young Democrats in their untiring efforts in the general election.

W. H. Crawford of Sylva, Democratic nominee for state senator from the 32nd district, delivered a short talk. Mr. Crawford is seeking the senatorial seat vacated by the late Mrs. E. L. McKee in the election Saturday. Superior Court (See Young Democrats—Page 6)

Little Symphony Will Not Appear Here Next Spring

The Little North Carolina Symphony will not appear here next spring, according to a letter written to the organization by James L. Kilpatrick, Jr., general chairman of the drive here.

The letter follows:

"I regret to inform you that our Little Symphony Drive was received locally with little success. It is, therefore, my unhappy duty to inform you that we cannot support its appearance in Waynesville this Spring.

"The members of our committee and those of our local populace who displayed their interest in your cause, join me in wishing for your continued success elsewhere in the State. We will endeavor to be present at your Asheville performance."

Mr. Kilpatrick thanked the membership committee for their efforts in the drive.

Caldwell Awarded Degree For Farm Progress In VA Wins Degree

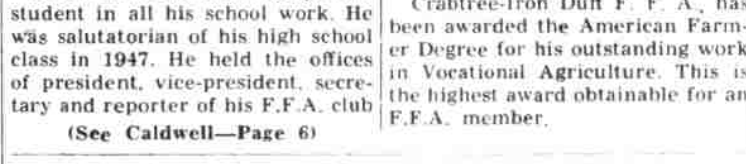
H. R. Caldwell, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Caldwell of the Iron Duff section of Haywood County, has just been awarded the American Farmer Degree for his outstanding work in Vocational Agriculture. This is the highest award obtainable for an F.F.A. boy.

The award was made at a recent meeting of the State College Agriculture club at Raleigh, where young Caldwell is now a sophomore, continuing his study in agriculture.

During his four years in vocational Agriculture, H. R. carried a total of 38 projects which has netted over \$4,000. His aim was to establish a purebred Polled Hereford herd of beef cattle, and grow the feed for them. At present, he has a registered bull, three registered cows, three registered heifers, and six grade Herefords. He fed six baby beef steers for the fat stock shows during his four years work.

Caldwell has been an exceptional student in all his school work. He was salutatorian of his high school class in 1947. He held the offices of president, vice-president, secretary and reporter of his F.F.A. club.

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H. R. CALDWELL, JR., member of Crabtree-Iron Duff F. F. A., has been awarded the American Farmer Degree for his outstanding work in Vocational Agriculture. This is the highest award obtainable for an F.F.A. member.

16 Families, With Needy Children, Face Prospect Of Bare Christmas

For most people it is only eight days until Christmas, but for 106 people listed by the Haywood County Welfare office, there will be no Christmas unless individuals and organizations open their hearts and pocketbooks to provide for these destitute people.

The Mountaineer knows the 106 destitute people are entitled to a happy Christmas, and for that reason, in cooperation with Mrs. Sam L. Queen, superintendent of Welfare, and her associates have compiled a list of destitute families in this county.

The needy cases are numbered, and those wishing to provide for a certain number are asked to call 125, Welfare office, and they will be supplied with the name of the family and other details.

Destitute Cases

The destitute cases are scattered all over Haywood county and they were selected as the most needy families by the Welfare Department. Are the citizens of Haywood in favor of letting these people go without a joyous Christmas? Unless assistance is provided some 92 children included in the list below will have no Santa Claus come December 25.

This is a yearly program sponsored by the Welfare Department, with the assistance of The Mountaineer in publishing the destitute cases. Last year many families in Haywood enjoyed Christmas as a result of persons providing their urgent necessities during this season.

Often in the past there have been duplications in dispensing Christmas cheer. Perhaps circumstances in one family are better known than in another. The first will be remembered by two or three groups or persons, while the latter will be forgotten.

The cases have all been investigated and the facts are authentic in each instance. In many cases, if employment could be provided,

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Crabtree Telephone Line Opening Will Be Delayed

Delay in receiving a vital coil for the Crabtree-Iron Duff telephone line will delay opening the circuit until the latter part of January or early February, J. Lovell Smith, district manager of Southern Bell, told The Mountaineer yesterday.

"We are going right ahead installing cable, and getting all set, because putting in the vital coil is not a time-taking job," he explained.

There is a possibility that some phones will be installed under what is termed "pre-installations" and will be connected when the lines are open.

Original plans were to open the lines by the first of the year, but the delay in receiving the coils has now made it necessary to postpone the date about 30 days, Mr. Smith explained.

There has been a heavy demand for these coils and the supply is exhausted," he said.

Yesterday near Burlington, high state officials took part in a ceremony which marked the installation of the 1,000,000th rural telephone since the war. The first call was made to President Truman by Senator-elect J. M. Broughton, Hal S. Dumas, president of Southern Bell, called Governor-elect Scott during the ceremonies.

School Bells Will Stop Ringing Here For Two Weeks

The school bells will give in to Christmas bells Friday afternoon, January 15 through 31, at an organizational meeting held in the court house Wednesday afternoon.

The schools will convene again on Monday, January 3, Jack Messer, superintendent of county schools, announced today.

The 9,000 students in the county school system streamed out of the school buildings this afternoon, some with books under their arms and others empty handed. Most of them wore broad smiles and were looking forward to a well-earned two-week vacation.

Heads Campaign



A. P. LEDBETTER has been named chairman of the polio drive in this end of the county. Plans are being worked out.

Dimes Drive Plans Made For Jan. 15

Plans were mapped for the annual March of Dimes campaign in Haywood county starting Saturday, January 15 through 31, at an organizational meeting held in the court house Wednesday afternoon.

David Hyatt, Waynesville area chairman of the Infantile Paralysis drive, said that a quota of \$13,000 has been set for Haywood county. This figure is \$4,000 more than was raised here last year.

Dr. Ledbetter is directing the March of Dimes campaign for the Waynesville area. Ed Haynes is in charge of the drive in the Canton district.

Mr. Hyatt announced that the Beta Sigma Phi sorority here will take charge of all women's activities in the March of Dimes drive in Waynesville.

The group met Wednesday afternoon and made plans for the campaign opening in the middle of January for two weeks. Those attending the meeting were: David Hyatt, Beckman Huger, Canton area chairman; Jack Messer, superintendent of county schools; Mrs. William Norris, secretary and treasurer of the county infantile paralysis organization; Ed Haynes, Dr. Ledbetter, and Mrs. Kirkpatrick, who will handle the Canton schools in connection with the drive.

During the 1948 March of Dimes campaign, the county raised a total of \$9,197.76, of which half was sent to the National Foundation and the other half remained here. Mr. Hyatt reported that the county has received \$1,400 back from the National Foundation. He stated that Haywood county needs \$2,800 in order to pay up all bills as of December 1. This amount has been requested from the National Foundation.

Haywood county had only 15 cases of polio, a slim number in comparison with neighboring counties, during the past epidemic. A total of 25 polio patients are now being treated in this county, Mr. Hyatt said.

Fire Loss In Waynesville Over \$20,000

The town of Waynesville sustained a fire loss of \$20,687.50 during 1948. G. C. Ferguson, town manager, reported this morning. The figure shows a slight increase over last year's fire damage.

The city fire department answered 51 calls during the year. Clem Fitzgerald, fire chief, stated.

The town of Hazelwood suffered a loss of \$500.85 in fires during this year.

A number of calls were answered outside the city limits, Mr. Fitzgerald reported. The largest fire outside the city was a saw mill fire last month. The saw mill was owned by Porter McClure and the loss was estimated around \$15,000.

The largest fire in Waynesville during the past year was a warehouse at the Underwood Lumber and Supply company. Fire department (See Fire Loss—Page 6)

Strand Observing First Anniversary

The Strand Theatre is observing the first anniversary of the opening of their business here in Waynesville, it was announced yesterday by C. J. Hughes, local manager.

"For the occasion we have brought in some outstanding pictures, and plan to present a series of programs which we consider tip-top," Mr. Hughes said.

The Strand seats 800 people, and was constructed under modern architectural lines, to offer the best in theatre entertainment.

Highway Record For 1948 (To Date)

In Haywood Killed 7 Injured 42

(This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol.)

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