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A woman was mailing the old family Bible to her brother in a distant city. The postal clerk examined the heavy package carefully and inquired if it contained anything breakable. "Nothing but the Ten Commandments," was the quick reply.

Four Predecessors See Scott Inaugurated



North Carolina's Gov. Kerr Scott was inaugurated at Raleigh in the presence of his four immediate predecessors in office, and here they are. Left to right: U. S. Senator J. Melville Broughton who became governor in 1941; retiring Gov. R. Gregg Cherry who took office in 1945; Gov. Scott; U. S. Senator Clyde R. Hoey, governor from 1937 to 1941, and J. C. B. Ehringhaus who became governor in 1933. (AP Photo.)

Twice Daily Mail Delivery Service Planned For Paved Street Residents

Howell Says New Service Policy Will Start Soon

The Haywood county offices of the U. S. Employment Service enjoyed their best year since the war years when the employers were forced to hire through the office. Miss DeBrayda Fisher, manager, reported in making a survey of employment activities here during 1948.

Job placement activity reached nearly an all-time high in Haywood county last year as the Waynesville and Canton employment offices secured work for 1107 persons in the local area. This figure shows an increase of around 400 over the 1947 report.

Employment Off

"At the present time employment is dropping off in the Waynesville area," Miss Fisher related. She stated that it was not alarming and usually occurs during this season. The employment manager here said that job opportunities would more than likely be better during the spring since construction and other work starts in warmer weather.

Miss Fisher reported that an estimated 300 men and 500 women in Haywood county are not employed at the present time. She said that quite a few good paying jobs are open out of the Waynesville area and information concerning these jobs may be obtained at the local employment office.

Miss Fisher indicated that figures show that unemployment among veterans in the county is dropping off considerably since (See Employment—Page 5)

Employment Service Places 1104 Persons In Jobs Here

Rites Slated



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Lt. McKee Rites To Be Held At Long's Chapel

Funeral services for Lieut. Thomas Wilbur McKee, U. S. Army Air Forces, who was killed in a plane crash in India on July 18, 1945, will be held Wednesday at 2 o'clock from the Long's Chapel Methodist Church at Lake Junaluska, with Rev. Paul Duckwall, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow in Green Hill Cemetery.

Lieut. McKee was born Sept. 9, 1921, at Cleveland, Ohio, the son of Thos. C. and Arlene McCoy McKee. He attended the Waynesville Schools and the University of Florida, where he was a member of the Beta Zeta Chapter of the Kappa Alpha social fraternity. He enlisted in the Air Corps while a student at (See Lt. McKee—Page 5)

Services Are Held Saturday For Mrs. Kerley

Funeral services for Mrs. Robena Bingham Kerley, 89, who died Thursday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Henry Miller, were held Saturday afternoon at the First Baptist Church with the pastor, Rev. L. G. Elliott, officiating. Interment was in Green Hill Cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers were R. V. Welch, Hugh Leatherwood, Noble Ferguson, W. R. Francis, H. W. Burnett, and John Queen, Sr.

Mrs. Kerley was born March 29, (See Mrs. Kerley—Page 5)

Six Divorces Are Granted In Opening Day Of Court

The opening session of the civil term of Haywood county superior court adjourned shortly after noon Monday as the jury granted six divorces and a number of civil suits continued until the February court.

Judge Dan K. Moore of Sylva, presiding judge, said that the court would possibly adjourn after the session Thursday since so many of the cases have been continued to the next term.

The jury granted the following divorces in the opening session yesterday morning:

Billy McHaffey from Glenna McHaffey, W. D. Harkins from Bertha Harkins, Nora Parks from General Parks, Mary Ellen Harris from Rufus Harris, Jr., Morris Cochran from Oma S. Cochran, and Bettie Shippman from James Shippman.

The civil suit against Roy Moseman filed by Jim Massie will not be tried in court since Moseman has moved from the building on Main Street over which the action resulted.

Among the cases continued were: Watson vs. Watson, Gibson vs. Gibson, Holcombe vs. Holcombe, George vs. Reeves, Turner vs. Shuler, Sentelle vs. Murray, Hall vs. Abel and Patton vs. Bowers Construction company.

Dr. Matthews Chosen President Of Medical Group

Dr. Hugh A. Matthews was elected president of the Haywood County Medical Society at a recent meeting of the group here. He succeeds Dr. Boyd Owen of Waynesville.

Other officers named were: Dr. R. S. Roberson, vice president; Dr. J. E. Fender, secretary and treasurer; and Dr. Boyd Owen, a delegate to the N. C. Medical Association convention. Dr. Matthews and Dr. V. H. Duckett were named alternate delegates.

Dr. N. F. Lancaster of Waynesville, was named president of the hospital staff; Dr. J. R. Westmoreland, Canton, vice-president; Dr. Fender, secretary; and Dr. Duckett, laboratory chief.

A large number of Haywood county doctors were in attendance at the meeting last week.

Three members were recognized for a perfect attendance record during the year 1948: Dr. Duckett, Dr. Matthews and Dr. Boyd Owen. Dr. J. E. Fender, the latest member of the group, has a perfect attendance record since coming to this county. Dr. Lancaster was absent on two occasions.

Representative Davis Has Seat 95 In House

Representative Grover C. Davis is occupying seat number 95 on the left of the speaker's stand in the House of Representatives at Raleigh.

Senator W. H. Crawford from the 32nd district has been placed in seat 45 in the Senate, while Senator W. B. Hodges, also of the 32nd district, is occupying seat number 33 on the left side of the president's chair.

652 Arrests Made Here During 1948

A total of 652 arrests were made in Waynesville during 1948, showing an increase of 13 over the previous year, and \$10,750.56 was collected in fines and costs as results of the arrests. G. C. Ferguson, town manager, reported this morning.

A breakdown of the arrest report tabulated by Mr. Ferguson is as follows: public drunkenness, 501; driving drunk, 11; reckless driving, 26; violating parole law, 8; trespass on watershed, 18; traffic violations, 27; larceny and breaking and entering, 10; affrays, 13; assault, 6; gambling, 3; and other violations, 25.

Mr. Ferguson said that the total fines for the year amounting to \$3,522.40 would go into the county schools fund. The amount of cost totaling \$7,228.16 in 1948 will go into the town's general fund. The total amount of both fines and costs were slightly below last year's figures.

Post Office Here Has Big Increase During Past Year

The Waynesville Post Office broke all records in 1948 with total receipts of \$38,293 for a gain of \$11,723 over the gross business of \$46,570 in 1947. These figures were released yesterday by Postmaster J. H. Howell.

"We are proud of our gain of \$11,723, for several reasons. For one thing, it has enabled us to get the twice-a-day delivery to every residence on a paved street in Waynesville.

Annual Symphony Drive Reaches Half-Way Mark

The annual membership campaign of the North Carolina Symphony Society which was resumed here last Thursday is now over the half-way mark. The membership goal, which will bring the Little Symphony Orchestra to the community, is \$750.00.

The orchestra, directed by Dr. Benjamin F. Swalin, will play two concerts, one for adults in the evening and an admission-free concert for school students in the afternoon. Any membership in the Symphony Society entitles the member to admission to all Society sponsored concerts by both the Little and Full North Carolina Symphony Orchestras throughout the entire state.

This season the Little Symphony will play in Waynesville, Hendersonville, Murphy, Franklin and at other points in the western section of the state. The Full Symphony will play in Asheville, Morganton, Hickory, and Shelby.

The State Institution

The North Carolina Symphony was put on a professional basis in 1949 and since that time has had unprecedented development and recognition until now it is one of (See Symphony—Page 5)

Clyde Woman Charges Asheville Man With Theft of \$15,000

Probable Cause Found Against Smith; Held Under \$4,000 Bond

Mrs. Ellen Noland of Clyde, reputed to be one of the wealthiest women in Haywood county, has charged an Asheville silverware salesman with the theft on New Year's Day of approximately \$2,200 in cash and \$12,000 in notes.

The defendant, a Mr. Smith, about 22 or 23 years of age, was arraigned Wednesday before Clyde Police Judge N. C. West, who found probable cause and bound him for appearance at February term of Haywood county superior court.

Smith was released under \$4,000 bond, West said.

Story of the alleged theft, as told to the police judge by Mrs. Noland, is that on January 1 Smith, who is said to be a salesman for a silverware company, was at the home of Mrs. Noland in Clyde.

West quoted Mrs. Noland as saying that she had bought silverware from Smith on previous occasions when he came to her house. On the day in question, Smith had bought some quilts from Mrs. Noland, West said. (The elderly lady is well-known in this vicinity for her beautiful handwork on quilts and bedspreads.)

"Mrs. Noland told me," West continued, "that on the same afternoon she rode in Smith's car to Crabtree, where she resided before (See Theft—Page 5)

Motorists Warned About Speed Limit Through Clyde

N. C. West, police court judge, of Clyde, said yesterday that "speeders" were still being caught and hauled into court.

"The situation is somewhat better, but still too many are violating the speed law," he pointed out.

"The Boy Scouts and school are cooperating with us during the hours school convenes and recesses. This is a big aid, but still some motorists come through too fast. When they do, they are brought to court, and given the penalty of the law," he continued.

Polio Drive Gets Started Here Friday

The annual March of Dimes swings into line throughout the nation January 14 and will continue to the end of the month. A. P. Ledbetter, 1949 March of Dimes chairman for the Waynesville area announced today, urging everyone to give at least 50% more this year.

"The record polio epidemics of last summer and the soaring costs of care and treatment of patients," Mr. Ledbetter said, "point to the urgent need of putting on the greatest March of Dimes drive in history. This annual appeal is the sole source of funds through which the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis can carry on the fight against polio."

The Waynesville Campaign Chairman disclosed that the National Foundation exhausted its emergency epidemic aid fund last summer in servicing stricken areas during the recent epidemics. "Consequently," Mr. Ledbetter said, "we must all put our shoulders to the wheel and help roll up a new high mark during the March of Dimes."

Mr. Ledbetter revealed that (See Polio—Page 5)

Inspection Lane Moves To Canton, Jan. 11-13

The mechanical inspection lane has moved to Canton and will remain there from Tuesday, January 11 through 13, after being in Waynesville for the past week.

Inspection lane officials stated that several Waynesville vehicles were inspected during the past week in the first semi-annual inspection period. The lane will return to Waynesville for the last time February 22-26.

MEDFORD IN RALEIGH

William Medford is in Raleigh attending a hearing before the State Utilities Commission.

Rotarians Discuss General Outlook Of Business In '49

Rotarians look with general optimism on 1949 business, according to the brief talks made Friday during a general discussion of the outlook for the year.

Ed Williamson, program chairman, called on several from different lines of business.

Ben J. Colkitt, general manager of Royle and Pilkington Co., Inc., said that while business in the textile field at the moment was a little slow, there was every indication that the trend upward would begin in the spring, certainly by May or June. He indicated that Charles E. Ray, merchant, pointed out that the national trends, the balance of the year looked favorable.

"A five per cent drop on the national market is clearly shown here at the same percentage, which means business in this area is the same as the national pattern."

Mr. Ray emphasized that 1949 looked like a good year, but that it was going to take harder work to accomplish the same results as experienced in 1948. The cost of living is predicted as going to be 10 per cent lower in 1949 than last (See Rotarians—Page 5)

Highlights The News

Two Pairs Shoes Found

Two pairs of child's shoes were found in a local cup truck just before being called by The News.

Enjoys Helping Gov. Scott

Reports coming from her with pictures. Governor Kerr Scott minute of the ceremonies that followed in last Thursday.

Worked On Road in Raleigh.

Noland, district high-roller was in Raleigh duration, and to do some highway mat-

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Rat Campaign Gets Underway In County Feb. 1

A campaign to deal the rats of Haywood county a death blow is being planned for the first week of February. This campaign is being sponsored by the County Extension Service and Health Department, in cooperation with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Rats each year cost the people of Haywood county an estimated \$200,000.00. This is in addition to the deadly disease which they spread and annoyance of having (See Rat Campaign—Page 5)

Hub. Messer Injured In First Highway Accident of 1949

Hub Messer, of Cove Creek, veteran of World War II, was injured as result of an automobile accident near the entrance of Hemphill road in the Jonathans Creek section of Haywood county. Patrolman O. R. Roberts, reported this morning.

The accident occurred on Friday afternoon and Messer became the first person injured on the highways of the county this year.

Messer was taken to the Moore General Hospital in Asheville. The extent of his injuries was not reported. He was driving a 1946 Chevrolet with a New Jersey license tag. The car was almost completely demolished.

HERE FROM FLORIDA

C. A. George arrived Sunday night from Florida. He plans to join his family after spending several days here on business.

Highway Record For 1949

(To Date)

In Haywood Killed . . . 0

Injured . . . 1

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

Singing Convention Raises \$311 For Polio Campaign

An audience that packed the court room to overflowing enjoyed a two hour and a half musical program here Sunday afternoon, with 12 musical groups participating. At the close of the program a collection of \$311.35 was taken for the current Polio drive.

Rev. Kay Allen was in charge, and assisted by Tom Queen. During the program, Dave Hyatt, general chairman, and Ott Ledbetter, campaign chairman, spoke briefly. Rev. L. G. Elliott, pastor of the First Baptist church gave a brief outline of the polio fund and its accom-

plishments. During the afternoon eight quartettes took part, as well as two soloists, a choir, and a trio. Each group gave two selections. Among those taking part, included the Smile Awhile quartette, Canton; The Melody Five, of Canton; The Shelton quartette, Waynesville; Jamerson quartette, Sylva; The Addie Quartette, of Addie; The Tone-Masters, of Asheville, and the Guiding Star quartette of Asheville.

The Shelton Trio, of Waynesville. (See Singing—Page 5)