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TODAY'S SMILE
"I've insured my life for \$10,000 so that if anything happens to me, you and the children will be provided for."
"How thoughtful of you, darling. Now you won't have to see the doctor every time you feel sick, will you?"

Delights of The News
Snow, Not Sun, in California
Simpson longs to stay in California.
Official Would 'Know Truth'
Clark, now district attorney of the Waynesville Methodist Church, is newspaper editor.
Again Saves His Mother
The ill-fated plane of the Greenland ice weeks ago was a Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Prellot, First Lieut. James is from Chattanooga, is a Baptist minister. Prellot's mother said, "He always depends on me and he believes in prayer."
The war Lieut. Prellot was over the North Sea, and consciousness while icy water of the sea, saving his life preserved to stay afloat long as he picked up by rescue.
The Re-Models Street Shop
The shop is remodeling the Park Theatre, and make a modernistic front building. The store was occupied by Roy Moser-stand.
The shop said that it would like to get the remodeling.
The plans for the shop are complete. Mr. Massie said, "We will know in a day or two what will be used for."
Local Market
The collection... 50c-50c
... 20c-20c
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... 10c
... 32c-36c
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... 22.00-23.00
... 24.25-25.50

Directors Are Named For C. O. C.

The twenty-four directors of the Chamber of Commerce have been selected as results of an election held last week, according to an announcement made this morning by Stanley Henry, secretary.

Only two members of the board of directors are yet to be named. The two are representatives from the town of Hazelwood and the Boosters Club. Five of the directors are holdovers from last year.

The newly elected 1949 directors and the group they represent are as follows:

Agriculture and Livestock—Richard Barber; **Automobile Service, Sales and Repairs**—H. S. Ward; **Industry**—L. Kim Barber; **Business and Professional**—Alvin T. Ward; **Hotels, Boarding Houses, and Restaurants**—J. C. Patrick and Paul Hyatt; **Merchants**—W. M. Cobb and William Ray.

Rotary Club—Leo Weill; **Lions**—Johnny Cuddeback; **Junior Chamber of Commerce**—Lester Burgin, Jr.; **The Waynesville Mountaineer**—W. Curtis Russ; **Park Service**—Charles Ray; **Merchants**—Dave Felmet; **Western North Carolina Associated Communities**—Jim Kilpatrick; and **Town of Waynesville**—G. C. Ferguson.

The holdover directors include: Wayne Corpening, Bill Prevost, Dick Bradley, S. E. Connater, and Jonathan Woody.

Prisoner Hangs Self In Camp

Harold Hawley, 53-year-old negro of Granville county, hung himself with a bed sheet at the state prison camp in Hazelwood shortly after noon Tuesday.

Hawley, a life termer, had been at the camp about three weeks. W. F. Swift, superintendent of the camp, said that Hawley had complained of being sick, and had not gone out on the roads to work Tuesday. The camp physician failed to find anything wrong with Hawley, but had him confined to the camp infirmary.

The prisoner ate a hearty dinner, and shortly afterwards, guards found the body hanging with a broken neck. The man had tied a sheet around his neck and the other end around some electrical conduit on the ceiling, and jumped from the top of the double bunk.

Coroner Dr. J. F. Tate pronounced the case as suicide, and no inquest was held.

Hawley was in prison for killing his wife last September. He was scheduled to have died in November for the crime, but former Governor Cherry commuted the sentence to life in prison.

County Apple Growers Attend Disease School

Several apple growers of Haywood county are attending the apple disease school now being held in Hendersonville high school.

The two-day school, which closes Friday afternoon, is sponsored by the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service in cooperation with the N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Around 15 apple growers from this county attended the opening session yesterday morning, according to a report from the county agent's office.

8,063 In Sunday Schools . . . 48 Baptist Churches Have 8,839 Members In County

There are 8,839 Baptists attending 46 churches in Haywood county, according to a survey made by the Haywood Baptist Association which was released in its annual report.

The survey was organized at the Haywood Association held at Hazelwood, West Canton and Waynesville First Baptist churches last August.

Sunday School enrollment in Haywood Baptist churches, the survey shows, totals 8,063. This figure shows an increase of nearly 3,000 over the report issued last September by the Sunday School revival in the county.

The First Baptist Church in Canton has the largest membership of any church in the county with a total membership of 910. The

Haywood's Legislators Get Important Assignments



W. H. CRAWFORD, of Sylva, senator of the 32nd district, is chairman of the committee on pensions, also chairman of the committee on immigration, and a member of the following other committees: agriculture, appropriations, conservation and development; library; journal; mining; health; teachers; and state commission for the blind.



W. B. HODGES, of Hendersonville, senator of the 32nd district, is serving on the following committees in the Senate: Chairman of the committee on cities, towns and counties; banks and currency; corporations; education; finance; insurance; mining; penal institutions; propositions and grievances; public health; roads; welfare; rules, wildlife resources.



GROVER C. DAVIS, representative, has been named to serve on ten committees of the House of Representatives, including appropriations, and roads, two of the most important committees in the General Assembly. Besides those two, Rep. Davis is a member of the following committees: agriculture; counties, cities, and towns; health; Institutions for the deaf; journal; Judiciary No. 2; Mental Institutions; and Salaries and fees.

March Of Dimes Drive Opens Today In Waynesville Area; \$6,500 Goal

Sorority To Sponsor Polio Ball

The Beta Sigma Phi sorority will sponsor a March of Dimes dance Friday night, January 28, in the Waynesville Armory in connection with the polio drive now underway in Haywood county.

The highlight of the polio ball will be a grand march during the mission with approximately 35 girls and their escorts taking part in the program. Merchants and business establishments in the Waynesville area are sponsoring representatives in the grand march.

The band to play for the dance has not been named, according to Miss Bernice Harrell, publicity chairman of the sorority. The group held a meeting Monday night for the purpose of deciding on a name. (See Sorority—Page 2)

Poultry Meeting Scheduled For Thursday, Jan. 20

There will be a meeting at the court house Thursday, January 20, at 2 o'clock for all persons in the county interested in poultry. Wayne Corpening, county agent, announced today.

C. F. Parrish, extension poultry specialist, will address the group on the future of broilers for market in this area.

Mr. Corpening stated that there is a need for more broilers as an added income for smaller farmers in the county and the market for broilers is available. The only need now is production of broilers, the farm agent commented.

A tour of broiler producing areas in North Carolina and Georgia will be made if there is enough interest shown in the movement, Mr. Corpening said.

Civil Court Ends After Short Term

The January civil term of superior court adjourned shortly after noon yesterday as several civil suits and divorce cases were cleared from the docket in the closing morning's session.

In the top civil case of the court, the Flowers Holding Company was ordered to pay Matt L. Burress the sum of \$1,720. The case had previously been on the court docket for the past three terms.

In another civil judgment handed down, Ben Noland was ordered to pay a sum of \$281.08 to Bradford E. Mehaffey and Blue Ridge Insurance Company. The civil suit between John E. Sentelle against Clifford E. Brown was continued until the next session of civil court.

The jury granted a divorce to Leonard Brooks from Vernie Brooks Wednesday afternoon.

Judge Dan K. Moore of Sylva presided over the four-day session of the January civil term.

Rites Are Held Thursday For Rev. Yoder Davis

Funeral services for the Rev. Joseph Yoder Davis, 53, of the Crabtree section of Haywood County, who died early Wednesday in a Waynesville hospital after a long illness, were held Thursday at 11 a. m. in Panther Creek Baptist Church.

Burial was in the church cemetery. Rev. Davis was a widely known preacher for the Baptist denomination in Haywood, Buncombe and Madison counties.

He was a native of Haywood County and a farmer and preacher. Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Bertha Moore Davis; two sons, Carlyle and Joe Davis, both of the Crabtree section; two sisters and five brothers.

Join the MARCH OF DIMES

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30	31					

County Corn Club Holds Banquet Event January 19

The 100 Bushel Corn Club Banquet will be held Wednesday night, January 19, at 7 o'clock, in the Towne House under the sponsorship of the Chamber of Commerce.

The 48 members of the Corn Club in the county will be special guests at the banquet. A corn show is being planned during the program and all members are asked to bring ten ears of corn to the banquet.

Dr. B. A. Krantz from the experiment station at State College will be principal speaker for the dinner meeting. Wayne Corpening, county agent, announced this morning.

Dr. Krantz is an authority on fertilizer and its application, and farmers of the county will benefit greatly from his address.

Burley Tobacco Sells For \$48.89 Average

A total of 312,256 pounds of tobacco were sold on the Asheville Burley Market yesterday for \$152,665.87, or an average of \$48.89 a hundred pounds.

Yesterday's sales brought the total for the season to nearly seven million pounds. Figures for the season through yesterday are 6,993,480 pounds sold at an average of \$50.39 a hundredweight.

Tax Collector Is Being Kept Busy

Sebe Bryson, Haywood tax collector, estimates that by the end of January, between 65 and 70 per cent of the current taxes will have been paid into the county. "January has been a busy month, and most tax payers want to get their paid before the one per cent penalty goes into effect on February first," he said.

Property Owned By Town Valued At Over Two Million

Tax Listing Begins In County; Listers Named

Will North Carolina Get To Vote On The Liquor Question?

Will North Carolina get to vote on the liquor question during the next two years?

That question is being discussed freely these days, since Gov. Scott has asked for a referendum on the matter.

The special Raleigh writer of The Mountaineer gives her opinion today. The answer will be found in the Raleigh Roundup on the editorial page.

J. P. Dicus Died Unexpectedly Early Thursday

James Perry Dicus, 64, deputy tax collector of Haywood County, died at his home on Boundary Street early Thursday morning. He had been in declining health for some time but his death was unexpected.

Mr. Dicus, a native of Scottsboro, Ala., came to Waynesville in 1925. He was a Shriner and a life member of the Shrine Temple of Mobile, Ala.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Mela Barefoot Dicus; four daughters, Mrs. J. W. Robertson of Pompano, Fla., Mrs. B. G. Pig of Richmond, Washington, Mrs. W. W. Gordon of Sumter, S. C., and Miss Salinda Dicus of the home; two sons, J. P. Dicus, Jr., of Tabor City and Freddie Dicus of the home; and three brothers, Mark Dicus of Waynesville; Frank Dicus of Asheville, and Will Dicus of Clinton, S. C.

Funeral arrangements under the direction of Garrett Funeral Home were incomplete Thursday noon.

Chief Warns About Getting City Tags

Chief of Police Orville Noland warned Waynesville motorists yesterday of the necessity of having a city tag on or before February first.

"All motor vehicles registered from within the city limits must have a city tag on or before the first of February or be subject to a fine," the chief of police said.

During 1948 a total of 476 tags were sold. Chief Noland estimated that 550 would be sold this year. Already 200 have been sold, and the price is one dollar each. The tags can be had by applying at the city hall.

Plans Of Memorial Marker Reviewed By V.F.W. At Meeting

Around 30 or 40 prospective members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars attended a special meeting of the group Tuesday night.

Mrs. W. A. Medford showed the group a set of plans for the memorial marker at the Green Hill Cemetery.

A. E. Marshall, senior vice-commander, presided over the meeting.

Know Your Hospital . . . Hospital Official Gives Reasons For County Aid

By LEE F. DAVIS

Occasionally some people, either uninformed or misinformed, will ask the question, "Why should I help the hospital, by paying tax or in any other way?" Most of the time this question is followed by the statement, "The hospital certainly does charge enough."

I feel that in every form of benevolence, without any exception, the cause of the sick should come first—before the orphans' home, before the schools, before any and all civic groups. My reasons for this are as follows:

1. The question "Why help the hospital—it charges enough" is the principal reason why the hospital needs help. If it did not cost any

Tax listing began in Haywood this week, with listers pushing hard to complete the work within the month of January. A delay of several days was experienced while the board discussed whether to make a reevaluation of all property. The decision to make a five per cent horizontal raise was made, and the listing got underway.

Tax listers for the townships in the county are as follows: Beaverdam, V. H. Byers, Cataloochee, Boyd Hannah, Cecil Ken Browning, Clyde Carter Osborne, Crabtree, Fred Noland, East Fork, Wes Pless, Fines Creek, Cauley Rogers, Iron Duff, J. Manson Medford, Ivy Hill, J. E. Ferguson, Jonathan Creek, N. W. Carver, Pigeon, Way Mease, Waynesville, D. A. Howell, White Oak, Robert Williams.

Book Drive In County Set Monday

A campaign to collect books and magazines in Haywood county for shipment to schools in Germany and other European countries will get underway here Monday, January 17, it was announced today by Oral L. Yates, district chairman.

The books and magazines will be collected through the schools, and civic organizations and Boy Scouts will be asked to assist in packing them for shipment overseas.

All types of books and magazines will be shipped except those dealing with crime, sex and comic books, it was pointed out by the campaign chairman.

English school books are especially needed, as well as reading books, and children's books for first and second grade children. Desirable selections are picture books for young ages, readers, story books, histories, social science, art, music, classics, Bibles, dictionaries, reference books and wholesome magazines.

"During the past few years, several million copies of books and magazines have been shipped to Germany and other countries, and there has been a decided improvement in morale and attitude towards America as a result of this," Mr. Yates commented.

Mr. Yates has charge of 14 counties and is launching the campaign in each of the counties on January 17.

"We should get thousands of pounds of books and magazines from this district which will prove beneficial in trying to educate a large population in Germany and Europe," Mr. Yates said.

BREEDING GROUP MEETS

A meeting will be held Monday night, January 17, in the county agent's office at 7:30 o'clock for all officers and directors of Haywood Cooperative Breeding Association. Joe H. Palmer, president, announced this morning.

War On Rats Set In County During First Week In Feb.

A war on rats of Haywood county will be declared during the first week of February. This annual campaign is being jointly sponsored by the County Extension Service and Health Department, in cooperation with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

It is estimated that rats each year cost the people of Haywood county around \$200,000.00. This does not include the deadly disease which they spread and annoyance of having these pests around the premises.

During the local rat campaign, Fortified Red Squill will be used, according to Wayne Corpening, county agent. This poison is harmless to people and domestic animals and has proved deadly effective on rats in other control campaigns conducted over the state.

The bait will be prepared on campaign day and put in small packages, in the amount needed to bait the average farm. Complete instructions for using the bait will be furnished with each package. The cost will be only \$1.00 and all orders must be sent to the county agent's office before the deadline Thursday, January 20.

Auditor's Report Places Conservative Value On Town's Utilities At One Million

The Town of Waynesville owns about two millions in utilities, property and equipment, according to an audited report made public this week by town officials, and published in accordance to municipal state laws.

The same report shows that while the town owns about two millions in properties, based on a conservative estimate, the total bonded indebtedness of the town is \$388,000. The report of the properties and the bonded indebtedness is as of December 31, 1948, the audit showed. Auditors told the town officials that based on today's market, the value of utilities would be doubled.

The recent rumors that the water shed of Waynesville, consisting of some 9,000 acres, is miserably leased, is without foundation, and entirely false, G. C. Ferguson, town manager, said.

The water system is carried on the town books at a value of \$556,523, while the electric system is carried at \$210,200, the sewer system at \$95,000 and the jointly owned Waynesville-Hazelwood sewer line at \$154,540, making the total value of utilities at \$1,016,272.

Street improvements are the next greatest single item in the auditor's report, showing streets and sidewalks at \$747,213, and concrete bridges at \$48,300, for a total of \$795,513.

Equipment for the various departments adds up to \$47,702. This equipment includes \$18,491 for the fire department, \$10,614 for the street department, \$8,245 for the water department, \$6,746 for the light department, \$2,476 for the police department, a posting machine of \$1,396, and general purpose equipment at \$1,731.

Land owned by the town is the fourth largest item, totaling \$52,240. The park land is carried at a value of \$5,823, and the Armory grounds at \$1,250, with un-sold cemetery lots amounting to \$3,560, and the parking lot at \$1,664, with all other land at \$19,941.

The town has an \$10,163 equity in the Armory, and have the city hall lot, building and garage on (See Town Property—Page 2)

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Highway Record For 1949 (To Date) In Haywood Killed . . . 0 Injured . . . 1

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