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TODAY'S SMILE
"If this storm continues," the captain remarked with some apprehension, "I'll have to heave-to."
The seasick passenger looked up with deep sympathy.

Top Producers of the Haywood Hundred Bushel Corn Club



This photograph was made during the annual meeting of the Haywood Hundred Bushel Corn Club at the Towne House recently. Will A. Medford had just been declared winner for having produced 135 bushels per acre. Those seated, left to right, are John Rogers, president, G. C. Palmer, Jr., vice-president, Frank M. Davis, secretary, and Sam Ferguson, secretary. Those standing, left to right, are Mrs. R. C. Long, Mrs. Quay Medford, C. V. Sorrells, George Stamey, Joe Palmer, Tom Rainer, Richard Boone, Will A. Medford, winner of the 1948 cup, shown in front of Mr. Rainer, Dave Boyd, Albert J. McCracken, and Oral L. Yates. The group seem mighty happy over the event. This is a Mountaineer photograph, by Ingram's Studio.

War On Rats Set To Open Here Today

The war on rats in Waynesville will be officially declared Tuesday and all local persons are urged to cooperate in the movement to rid the town of the destructive rodents. Wayne Corpening, county agent, emphasized.

The rat poison arrived in Waynesville yesterday afternoon and will be spread throughout the town today and Wednesday by city employees.

The rat campaign will be carried out in Canton Thursday afternoon and will close in Hazelwood Friday, January 28.

L. C. Whitehead, representative of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Mr. Brown from the State Health Department arrived here yesterday to supervise the spreading of the rat poison in Haywood county.

The war on rats in the rural districts (See War On Rats—Page 6)

Annual Achievement Day Program To Honor 1000 4-H Club Members

Polio Victims Of County Relate Many Experiences While Taking Treatments

Rotarians featured a program in which former victims of polio told of some of their experiences in hospitals, and in taking treatment, and the results.

Peggy Bradshaw, of the Crabtree-Iron Duff school told how she spent 21 weeks in the Hickory hospital back in 1944, and suffered paralysis in first the right side, then the left, and then again in the right, but never in both sides at the same time. After undergoing treatments, she came home and her mother continued giving her treatments. She is now completely well, a star player on the basketball team, and a talented musician. She is in the ninth grade, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Bradshaw.

Keith Gibson, of the East Waynesville school, told of his experiences in the Hickory hospital for over six months, and later going to the Charlotte hospital. Keith is in the third grade of the East Waynesville school, and will continue to take periodic treatment for some time. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gibson.

Juanita Lowe, of Fines Creek, and of the third grade, spent some time in the Hickory hospital, and is also taking treatment every month or so in Asheville. She is (See Polio Victims—Page 6)

County Clubs Set Meeting Thursday

Approximately 1,000 members of the 4-H clubs in Haywood county will be honored at the annual 4-H Club Achievement Day program Thursday morning, January 27, starting at 10:30 o'clock in the county courthouse.

The guest speaker for the annual occasion will be Judge Allen H. Gwyn of Reidsville, who has been quite active in 4-H club activities during the past few years. Judge Gwyn is a renown authority on youth and their present day problems. His address should prove of paramount importance to the 4-H club members in the county.

Miss Mozelle Limer, president of the county council of 4-H Clubs, will preside over the meeting. The speaker will be introduced by Wayne Corpening, county farm agent.

The program for the Achievement Day will be as follows: Invocation, Rev. L. G. Elliott; welcome, Jimmy McElroy; recognition of guests, Pete Noland; display of 4-H club equipment, Morris Broyles and Hiawatha Williams; introduction of Charles Ray, Birdell Gorrell; expression of appreciation, Max Rogers; awarding of leadership medals, R. W. Shoffner; district agent with the extension service; awarding of medals for achievement, Miss Elise DeLozier. (See Achievement Day—Page 6)

Redden Leads Party Whip In House



Rep. Monroe M. Redden of Hendersonville, was appointed assistant Democratic whip in the House of Representatives, it was made known recently.

Redden succeeds Rep. Harold D. Cooley of Nashville, N. C., who gave up the post due to heavy pressure of new duties as chairman of the Agriculture Committee.

The appointment was made by Rep. Percy Priest of Tennessee, on recommendation of Cooley, who has been assistant whip since he went to Congress in the mid-1930's.

Redden's new duties will consist primarily of liaison work between House Democratic leaders and the party Congressmen from North Carolina, Virginia and Maryland.

Rep. Redden is also a member of the Public Lands Committee and the District of Columbia Committee. He has been asked to accept the chairmanship of the Public Lands group's sub-committee on territories and insular possessions. He is beginning his second term in the House from the twelfth district.

Final Plans Pushed For Ball Friday

Final preparations are being made for the gala Roosevelt Ball Friday night, January 28, at the Waynesville Armory under the sponsorship of the Beta Sigma Phi sorority to raise funds for the March of Dimes drive here.

Miss Elise DeLozier and Mrs. Ethel Hayes Fisher, co-chairmen of the dance, announced today that rehearsals for girls and their escorts that are participating in the grand march, will be held at the armory Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock.

The sorority dance officials said this morning that tickets are selling fast for the Roosevelt Ball and persons are urged to obtain their tickets before Friday. The following places are selling tickets: Charlie's Place, Waynesville Flor. (See Dance Friday—Page 6)

Two Safecracking Suspects Lodged In County Jail For Investigation

Two safecracking suspects are being held in the Haywood jail, while officers of two states push their investigation, trying to connect the men with having had a part in robbing a Knoxville wholesale house of \$60,000 on December 27th.

The two former convicts were arrested near Franklin Saturday, and transferred to the Haywood jail about five o'clock Sunday. The two men were said to have burglary tools in their possession that matched those used in the Knoxville robbery. Detective Chief C. B. Wells, of Knoxville is in charge of the investigation, together with Sgt. T. A. Sandlin, of the state highway patrol.

Members of the Sheriff's office said Monday noon that "we are just holding the men for Macon county officers. We understand their bond is \$10,000 each."

The two men were identified as Robert Burris Brady and Kenneth Bruce Scheetz, alias, both of Norfolk, Va. In addition to the two new cars, purchased since January 1, and \$1,221 in cash. Detective Wells reported.

The two men were arrested by Patrolmen Pritchard Smith during a routine check at Franklin. After being jailed there, they were (See Two Suspects—Page 6)

County Schools Raise \$1,763 In First Week Of March Of Dimes Drive

The schools of Haywood county have raised \$1,763.28 during the first week of the March of Dimes campaign, it was announced yesterday by Jack Messick, superintendent of county schools.

Several of the county schools already exceeded their quota of \$10 per home room and Mr. Messick expressed appreciation for the interest being shown by the students and teachers in the polio drive.

Waynesville Township high school is leading the schools in Haywood county with a collection of \$412.96 through Friday, January 21. Bethel high school ranks second with a total of \$304.27 and Clyde school is holding third place honors with an amount of \$266.24 being raised.

The amount donated in the other schools during the initial week of the drive are as follows: East Waynesville, \$122; Maggie, \$52; Hazelwood, \$205.51; Lake Junaluska, \$91.90; Central Elementary, \$138.01; Crabtree, \$111.39; Cecil, \$17; and Cruso, \$42.57.

W. R. Francis And Others, Pay \$40,000 For Building

W. R. Francis and associates, bought the Masonic Temple at public auction Monday morning for \$40,000.

Penny Brothers conducted the sale, with a large crowd attending.

The building was bought several years ago by W. H. F. Millar, attorney here.

Mr. Francis said that he had no statement to make at this time as to plans for the building.

Mrs. Rogers Turns In Resignation As Hospital Supt.

Mrs. Irene Rogers has resigned as superintendent of the Haywood county hospital, effective February first. It is understood that Mrs. Rogers will be succeeded by Mrs. Ellen Freeman, a native of Haywood, and the former Miss Ellen Campbell.

Mrs. Rogers announced that in a few days she and Mrs. Evelyn Osborne, who is also a former superintendent of the hospital here for three years, would make an announcement of the opening of a convalescent home. The two have leased the residence of the late Mrs. R. L. Allen on Church street, and plan to make some renovations soon.

Mrs. Rogers has been superintendent for the past four years, having succeeded Mrs. Osborne, who left to assume a similar position at Mission Hospital in Asheville.

Hazelwood Board Publishes Two Statements On Merger

The Hazelwood mayor and board of aldermen are today publishing two statements in paid advertisements in this newspaper, relative to the proposed bill to merge Waynesville and Hazelwood.

In a page advertisement (page 11) the board has a lengthy statement addressed to Representative Grover C. Davis, and the people of Waynesville. The Hazelwood officials stress the fact they have not been consulted about the bill, and do not want the proposed piece of legislation introduced in the General Assembly.

On the opposite page (page 10) the Hazelwood board and mayor, are publishing in another paid advertisement, the signatures of 685 Hazelwood voters, who signed petitions asking that the merger not be effected.

The petitions were put into circulation at a mass meeting in (See Hazelwood—Page 6)

Davis Introduces Bill To Permit Sale Of Timber

Rep. Grover C. Davis of Waynesville introduced a bill in the House authorizing the mayor and board of aldermen of Waynesville to sell timber from the unused portion of the Waynesville watershed.

The bill was introduced to clear up a legal technicality which was imposed by the State Legislature in 1936.

It follows on the heels of the announcement that the Waynesville Board of Aldermen have issued invitations for bids on selectively marked trees on the Old Bald drainage area of the watershed. The area containing 600 acres has an estimated 1,614,000 board feet of timber. Bids will be opened February 11th.

The bill specifies that sales would be made upon sealed bids, under strict supervision, and for the improvement and development of said watershed, and for the protection of said watershed. (See Sale Of Timber—Page 6)

Clyde School Tops Quota In March Of Dimes Drive

Clyde School, with a self-imposed quota of \$190 in the current March of Dimes campaign, had raised about \$75 more than its goal through Friday afternoon.

Reports to Stanly Livingston, principal, showed that each home room had contributed an average of 35 cents per pupil during first week of the drive to over-shoot the quota by a wide margin.

Mr. Livingston, who expressed his appreciation to pupils and teachers for their generous giving, estimated total donations for the week at \$263.

The school children went into the drive with hands and heart, working like trojans to meet the goal.

Many sixth, seventh, and eighth graders went without lunch on Friday so they could contribute their money to the drive.

A few over-zealous pupils in one room went so far as to throw their (See Clyde Schools—Page 6)

Rev. Mr. Williamson Has Not Made Decision On Church Call To Fla.

Rev. M. R. Williamson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church here, told The Mountaineer yesterday that he had not reached a decision on the call extended him by the Sebring, Fla., Presbyterian church.

Rev. Mr. Williamson met with the session of his church Sunday night, and stated that when he reaches a decision, he will tell his congregation immediately.

The call was extended last week.

Mrs. Dicus Named To Tax Position

The Board of Commissioners on Monday morning named Mrs. J. P. Dicus as assistant tax collector for the county. Mrs. Dicus will assume the same position as held by the late Mr. Dicus, who died suddenly about ten days ago.

Mrs. W. H. Luther Dies Sunday At Florida Home

Mrs. Lillie Luther, widow of W. H. Luther, died at her home in Oviedo, Fla., Sunday night.

Funeral services will be held in Oviedo today.

Mrs. Luther lived in Waynesville for over twenty years, having moved here from Florida with her husband when the latter retired. They returned to Florida in June, 1946 and Mr. Luther died in June, 1948.

Mrs. Luther has been a frequent visitor to Waynesville since returning to Florida to reside.

County Farm Bureau Favors Huskins Bill

At a mass meeting of the Haywood County Farm Bureau Saturday morning, the group drafted a resolution favoring the passage of the Huskins bill reducing the commission of burley warehouse operators and made plans for the state farm bureau convention set for Asheville February 13 through 16.

Nearly 100 county farmers assembled in the court room and heard affirmative arguments in favor of reducing the warehouse commissions on burley tobacco from 4% to 2 1/2%. The bill would permit warehousemen to continue charging the fee of 25 cents a basket now in effect but would prohibit other fees or commissions.

Byers Hills Profits

W. G. Byers pointed out the unfairness of the 4% commission charge by showing the tremendous profits the warehouses were making, and how they had expanded their buildings and facilities at the expense of the tobacco farmer.

Oral L. Yates gave a very illustrative talk on the angles the warehousemen were using to extract all the money they could from the tobacco farmer. He criticized the lush profits they were making on their efforts and the very small services they were rendering the burley farmer.

Charles C. Francis gave a talk on what the average tobacco warehouseman thinks of the burley tobacco grower here. In a statement of a warehouseman to Mr. Francis, the warehouseman said he wished he had a warehouse in Haywood county because he could clean up \$20,000 in a single year.

Thurman Davis reported on petitions being circulated at warehouses to tobacco men as they were receiving their checks and without explaining the purpose of the petition, the farmers were told to sign them. After consideration of what they had done the farmers asked to see the petitions and were refused their requests.

Several farm bureau members stated that they were misled into signing certain petitions being circulated by W. B. Murray on the (See Farm Bureau—Page 6)

Highway Record For 1949 (To Date)
In Haywood
Killed . . . 0
Injured . . . 1
(This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol.)

Look! Learn walk again!
Join the **MARCH OF DIMES**
JANUARY 14-27
The annual achievement day meeting of the Demonstration Farmers and Home Demonstration club will be held Saturday, February 5, in the county courthouse starting at 10:30 o'clock.

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