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TODAY'S SMILE
Mary: "Mother, when does a boy become a man?"
Mother: "When he goes around a puddle instead of through it."

3 Former Polio Victims Tell Experiences



This picture was taken during last week's meeting of the Rotary Club at which time three former polio victims of the county related their experiences in hospitals and in taking treatments for the disease. Those seated, left to right, are: Juanita Love of Fines Creek, Peggy Bradshaw of Crabtree, Mrs. Howard Bryson, and Keith Gibson of East Waynesville. Those standing, left to right, are: J. H. Woody, Hallett Ward, C. E. Ray, Jr., A. P. Ledbetter, David Hyatt, W. C. Russ and Jack Messer.

Nearly 1500 4-H Club Members Attend Gala Achievement Day Here

850 Pounds Of Poison Raids Rats

An extensive rat campaign is underway in the towns of Haywood County this week in an effort to wipe out the destructive rodents that destroy between \$200,000 and \$500,000 worth of property in this county each year.

The rat poison was spread in every nook and corner of Waynesville Tuesday by city employees. It was estimated that around 850 pounds of Fortified Red Squill was used here during the two-day campaign.

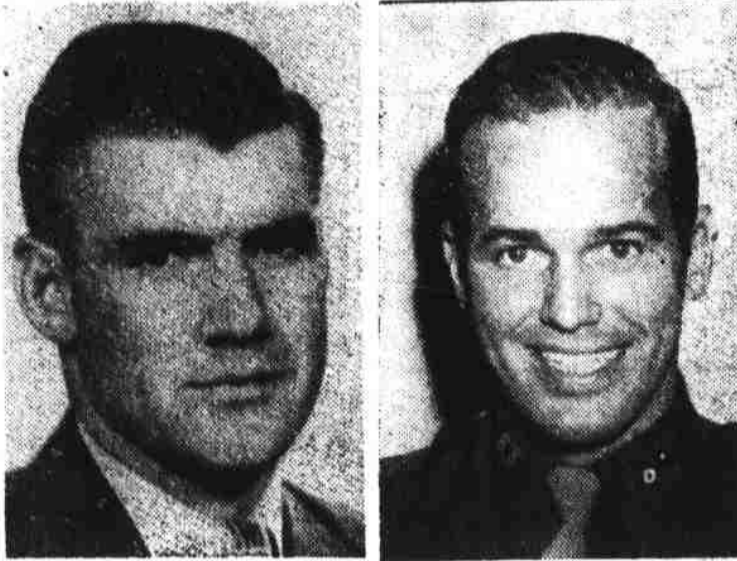
The war on rats in the county is headed by L. C. Whitehead, representative of Fish and Wildlife Service, and C. R. Brown, assistant director of typhus control of the State Health Department.

Around 1,000 pounds of rat poison was distributed in Canton yesterday and the campaign will close Friday as city employees of Hazelwood will spread 500 pounds of rat poison in that community. A total of 50 pounds was spread in Clyde yesterday.

According to a statistical report compiled by Mr. Brown, it was estimated that Haywood County has a rat population of 27,000. The report showed that it cost approximately \$21 a year to feed a single rat. The persons that sustain most of the loss due to rats are farmers, feed manufacturers, wholesale and retail feed dealers.

The county-wide rat campaign will be launched the first week of February. This drive will be under the supervision of Mr. Whitehead and Mr. Brown. Wayne Corpening, county agent, said this morning that approximately 500 pounds of rat poison had been ordered by farmers of the county.

Head Chamber Of Commerce



STANLEY HENRY has been named to serve again this year as the secretary.

JAMES KILPATRICK has been elected president of the Chamber of Commerce.

James Kilpatrick Chosen President Of C of C Body

City, State License Tags Must Be Secured Before Tuesday, Feb. 1

All motor vehicle drivers in North Carolina must have state licenses by the deadline Monday, January 31. State officials said that no extension will be granted this year.

Police Chief Orville Noland said this morning that all vehicles in Waynesville must have a city tag on or before February 1st, or be subject to a fine. The tags are on sale at the City Hall for one dollar each.

Farmers, Home Demonstration Groups Set Meet

Several hundred Demonstration Farmers and Home Demonstration clubs will gather at the county court house Saturday, February 5, for the annual achievement day starting at 10:30 o'clock.

The main address at the program will be delivered by T. B. Hutcheson, dean of agriculture at V. P. I. in Blacksburg, Va. Mr. Hutcheson is regarded as one of the outstanding authorities of agriculture in the South.

Haywood Street Is Being Widened

The street department of Waynesville is widening Haywood street in front of the new Davis-Liner Motor Sales building. Excavating has been completed, and plans are to put in crushed stone and pave the section next spring.

The new street lines on Haywood street straighten the curves on the street from Depote to Church streets.

Judge Gwyn Addresses Large Group

One of the largest crowds ever to pack the county courtroom marked the annual Achievement Day program, as 1,500 4-H Club members, representing 24 clubs in Haywood County, were honored in a gala event Thursday morning.

Birdell Gorrell, member of Cruso 4-H Club, won the honor as the most outstanding 4-H girl in the county, while Wade Francis, 4-H Club member of Waynesville Township High School, was named the outstanding boy. Wade is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Francis of Waynesville.

Judge Gwyn Speaks

An address by Judge Allen H. Gwyn of Reidsville, highlighted the Achievement Day program. Judge Gwyn placed emphasis on farming and agriculture as important cornerstones of democracy. He stressed to the 4-H Club members that their ultimate goal should be to operate their own business. He pointed out that three out of four people in the country are working for someone else.

Judge Gwyn admitted that the older people of the county have made several mistakes, and urged the younger generation to profit by these errors in the future. In conclusion, Judge Gwyn told the large group of 4-H Club members to "use their accomplishments as a stepping stone to do better than their predecessors." Wayne Corpening, county agent, introduced the speaker.

The Waynesville High School boys' and girls' clubs were chosen as the outstanding senior clubs in the county. In the junior division, (See 4-H Achievement—Page 6)

Warm Weather Marks Winter Season Here

Don't be surprised if your overcoats have moths in them from lack of use, because this has been one of the mildest winter seasons in the past two decades and considerably warmer than a year ago. The lowest temperature recorded in Haywood county since January 15th is 27 degrees. The same day in 1948, the thermometer tumbled to one degree.

The highest temperature registered during the past two weeks was on Sunday, January 23, when the local citizens sweltered under a 79 degree heat, especially warm at this time of the year.

Haywood county has not felt the bitter sting of winter yet, but as the old saying goes it never gets too late for the bug to bite.

The comparative low temperature reading from January 15 to January 23 for the past and present is as follows:

| | 1948 | 1949 |
|------------|------|------|
| January 15 | 10 | 29 |
| " 16 | 1 | 27 |
| " 17 | 20 | 87 |
| " 18 | 3 | 52 |
| " 19 | 7 | 46 |
| " 20 | 21 | 40 |
| " 21 | 31 | 23 |
| " 22 | 26 | 47 |
| " 23 | 19 | 49 |

SENTELE AT DUKE HOSPITAL

R. E. Sentelle, a Waynesville attorney, is in Duke Hospital undergoing a series of examinations. As of Wednesday, the doctors had not found any trouble that would require an operation, it was learned.

Highway Record For 1949 (To Date)

In Haywood Killed . . . 0 Injured . . . 1

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

Tremendous Signs Of Progress Mark County Library In Past Five Years

During the past five years, the Haywood County Public Library has almost grown out of its present day stone building as tremendous signs of progress have marked the period since Miss Margaret Johnston assumed the position as librarian back in February, 1944.

In this span of years, the circulation of books at the library has increased more than four times. When Miss Johnston came here from Fayetteville Public Library, the circulation was 11,111 and the yearly report compiled for 1947-48 showed a remarkable figure of 45,036.

Lack Of Space The bookshelves in the library are packed and some books are even stored in boxes until ample shelf space can be secured. A total of 7,325 books have been added to the public library in the past five years. It was reported that Haywood County still needs 5,058 books to have one-half book per capita.

One of the most noted achievements of the county library since Miss Johnston took over the helm



MISS MARGARET JOHNSTON was the inauguration of county-wide library service through the bookmobile. The bookmobile was purchased

March Of Dimes Drive Closes Monday; Roosevelt Ball Set For Armory Friday

Dance Proceeds Go To Campaign; Grand March Set

One of the highlights of the current March of Dimes drive will be reeled off Friday night as a record crowd is expected to attend the Roosevelt Ball in the Waynesville Armory starting at 9 o'clock. All proceeds from the dance will go into the polio fund.

The gala affair is being sponsored by the Beta Sigma Phi sorority and tickets for the dance were reported going at a fast pace this morning. All persons are urged to obtain tickets before the doors open tonight.

Around 90 girls from Waynesville, Hazelwood, Canton and Lake Junaluska will take part in the colorful grand march at 10 o'clock. Bill Prevost of Hazelwood will serve as master of ceremonies during the program.

The anticipated throng of people will dance to the music of Teddy Martin and his orchestra, a local group of musicians which have won much acclaim at dances here in the past few months.

An additional 17 girls from Canton will participate in the grand march to swell the number to nearly 100. The entire group held a rehearsal session Wednesday night under the direction of Miss Elise DeLozier and Mrs. Ethel Hayes Fisher, co-chairmen of the dance.

The new additions to the grand march affair include: Haywood Electric Company, Brent Chapman; Hyatt and Company, Edna Callahan; Underwood Lumber and Supply Company, Nancy Furtado; Crawford Funeral Home, Velma Crawford; Dayton Rubber Company, Mary Massie; Rulane Gas (See Dance Proceeds—Page 6)

Large Group Attends Tour On Poultry

Around 37 persons from Haywood county interested in the possibility of growing broilers here made a two-day inspection tour of several poultry farms in Chatham county last Tuesday and Wednesday.

The tour was sponsored by the county agent and the First National Bank of Waynesville in an effort to give the people of the county a first hand report on the future of broiler production and other phases of poultry.

"This new project is being started, not to take the place of dairy, beef cattle or any other phases of livestock industry in the county, but a way which we think will enable the incomes on many farms to be increased," Wayne Corpening remarked. "It is absolutely necessary that the farmer gets a good cash income, if we are to keep the progress we are now making on our farms and farm homes in Haywood county."

Several small farms were visited where farmers were keeping as many as 20,000 broilers on each farm with only one person to care for them. Much of the success of the poultry business is determined by the volume kept, Mr. Corpening asserted.

The county agent said that many people are wondering whether this is the wrong time to start a new enterprise. However, by checking it has been found that the poultry business in Chatham county was a baby of the depression as that was when poultry business started in log chicken house and now the industry is booming.

Ledbetter Says \$4,000 Collected In Drive Here

The 1949 March of Dimes campaign ends in another three days. A. P. Ledbetter, who heads the drive here, today reports that the goal for 1949 may still be reached if the citizens of the Waynesville area put their shoulders to the wheel during the few days left for fund-raising.

"When January 31 has passed," Mr. Ledbetter said, "we will know just how well equipped we will be for the hot polo months of summer time. Let us not forget that this 18-day drive must produce results sufficient to provide care for all those who may be stricken during the next twelve months period."

Entering its final week, workers in the 1949 March of Dimes campaign to support the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation will intensify their efforts to reach the Waynesville area goal of \$6,500.

A. P. Ledbetter, chairman of the Waynesville area March of Dimes drive, said this morning that approximately \$4,000 had been collected through Thursday afternoon. This amount includes all money collected through the county schools, dime board and other donations.

Mr. Ledbetter urged that all people in this community to go all out during the final week of the drive in an effort to reach the goal.

Warrants Issued For Two Suspects Held In Jail Here

Ken Scheetz and Bob Brady, Norfolk ex-convicts, wanted or suspected by police in six states and the District of Columbia, were served warrants in the Haywood county jail yesterday charging them with safe-cracking and breaking and entering. Scheetz was charged with kidnapping and armed theft on an automobile and personal property.

State Highway Patrolman Pritchard Smith, Jr., said the pair would be kept in the Haywood county jail here until investigations are complete.

Haywood county Sheriff Robert Welch said this morning that FBI agents and police officers from several out-of-state towns are on hand to investigate recent activity of the two men.

Patrolman Smith said officers in a number of towns across Tennessee, West Virginia, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and South Carolina were interested in the case, as well as police in the nation's capital.

Senator Penny Urges Vote On Wet, Dry Issue In N.C.

"There's a lot of revenue sources still available in North Carolina," Senator George F. Penny said here this week, as he and his famous twin brother were here to conduct an auction sale. Senator Penny is a leader in the state senate, and the author of the bill which would call for a referendum on the wet and dry issue.

"My bill will come to the floor of the senate, and there will be discussed at length," the husky voiced auctioneer-senator said. "My bill provides that the state be all wet or all dry. If we go wet then we will be able to manufacture liquor, beer and wine in the state, under the terms of my bill. If the people vote dry, then the entire state will be dry, and not a county here and there with liquor stores. I am for a state law that is all wet or all dry, and not this thing of having a county here and there wet and the next door a dry county. We should be consistent," he continued. Senator Penny said he felt that a tax should be added on patent

medicines, and perhaps soda water. "In the last legislature we doubled the tax on wine and it did not cut consumption," he pointed out. "The people could afford a tax on patent medicines very easily."

"Now I am for the better educational program. If we are to ever do anything for the children of the state, now is the time. The commission made an excellent report, and I think we should go ahead and put the program into practice. It is now or never with this educational legislation. And while it is going to take a lot of money, I favor getting it from the sources not now paying the bill," he continued.

"The legislation will get warmed up about next week, and then get down to brass tacks on big statewide issues," he said. "There are going to be a lot of hard fights, and I am hopeful that a constructive program will come from all the legislation that is passed," he added, as he stepped up on the back platform of the car to begin the auction sale with his brother, Jim.

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