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TODAY'S SMILE
"I guess you're pretty mad because I came home late last night with this black eye," the shame-faced husband said. "Not at all, dear. When you came home you didn't have that black eye."

4-H Achievement Day Award Winners



The winners of the awards at the annual 4-H Club Achievement Day event, which attracted 1,500 4-H club members, are shown above after receiving honors at the courthouse meeting. The county winners, left to right are: first row—Johnnie Mac Ferguson, Bobby Brown, Jimmy McElroy and Edgar Messer; second row—A. J. Hutcheson, Patsy McCracken, Peggy Noland, Burton Wells, Suzie Noland, Claudia Sue Crawford, Betty Medford, Burdell Gorrell, Mary Francis McCracken, and Thad Medford; third row—Nancy Poston, Peggy Bradshaw, Nancy Medford, Wade Francis, David Noland, Richard Hipps, Judge Gwyn, Edgar McElroy and Jack Messer. A Mountaineer photograph by Ingram's Studio.

Criminal Court To Open 7th

The February criminal session of Haywood County superior court will convene here Monday morning at 10 o'clock with Judge Dan K. Moore of Sylva presiding.

Indications are that we will have a relatively light docket this term. Solicitor Thad Bryson said this morning. He asserted that only two big cases appear on the court calendar, with most of the others being minor cases.

The two big cases that Solicitor Bryson gave reference to are the murder case against Glenn Hampton Bryson, 23, of Clyde, and Ransom Green, 22, in connection with the death of Frank E. Haynes, 73, retired farmer and former police judge and mayor of Clyde, last November 21.

Solicitor Bryson said that the Smith man from Asheville will be tried for robbery of \$15,000 from Mrs. Ellen Noland of Clyde on New Year's Day.

The jurors impaneled to serve during the first week of the court are as follows: Claude Williams, Beavertown; J. W. Ray, Waynesville; R. W. Green, Pines Creek; Wess Pless, East Fork; Mrs. Jim Jones, Waynesville; Taylor Ferguson, Ivy Hill; C. D. Kehler, Waynesville; J. T. Chappell, Beavertown; Dewey Carter, Ivy Hill; Walker Brown, Pigeon; Dr. J. E. Hair, Beavertown; Mary Ann McClure, Clyde; J. G. Treadwell, Waynesville; Jack Harris, Beavertown; Howard Leatherwood, Clyde.

Jack Ferguson, Pines Creek; Asberry Bradley, Ivy Hill; Kenneth Browning, Cecil; Gordon Reeves, Jonathan; Lucius Caldwell, Catalochee; Bill Franklin, Beavertown; J. M. Caldwell, Catalochee; Mark Ferguson, Pines Creek; Marvin Long, Pigeon; Dave Brown, Jonathan; S. E. Clark, Crabtree; C. T. (See Court—Page 8)

New Store Ready



J. C. JENNINGS, manager of Belk-Hudson, is announcing today the formal opening of the new enlarged store, which now has three floors, and more than 22,000 square feet of floor space. Photo by Ingram's Studio.

Belk-Hudson New Building Opens Today

The doors to the new and enlarged Belk-Hudson store will formally swing open today to the public, with top officials of the organization present to participate in the opening.

Friday will mark five months to the day that work got underway on the expansion program of the Belk-Hudson building. The firm now boasts of the largest floor space of any retail store in this entire area. The store is 42 feet wide and 136 feet deep. The three floors are modern in every detail, and accommodates 25 departments.

The store opened 10 years ago with 2,250 square feet of floor space, and has gradually enlarged until today there are 22,436 square feet of floor space in the building. In ten years the firm has enlarged exactly ten times the original size. When the store opened there were three clerks and a manager, today there are 35 regular clerks, with 14 extras for weekends, besides two janitors, and a manager.

Specially designed, and new fixtures have been used throughout the first and second floors of the firm. Modern fluorescent lighting extends over each counter against the walls, as well as three rows of lights down the full length of the building. The fixtures were made for special use in every department.

The front exterior of the store (See Belk-Hudson—Page 8)

Noland Gravels Roads Of District; In Good Shape For Surfacing

Thousands Of Tons Of Stone And Gravel Put On Roads In This District.

The Tenth Highway Division is in a position to benefit more than any area in the state from the highway program of Governor Kerr Scott, according to D. Reeves Noland, highway commissioner of this district.

Mr. Noland qualified his statement, by pointing out that he has "majored" on rural roads by putting down crushed stone to get people out of the mud, and that this base is all ready for black toping, if the rural road program is voted by the people of the state.

The records show that in the past three years, the State Highway and Public Works Commission has placed 2,138,614 tons of crushed stone and gravel on the roads of the Tenth Division. This amount of materials would require a train approximately 427 miles long to haul it, Mr. Noland said.

In Haywood County, there have been 214,173 tons of crushed gravel and stone placed on rural roads. A train 32 miles long would have been required to haul this amount, it was pointed out. Other counties in the division had stone placed on their rural roads in the same proportion to Haywood.

Mr. Noland pointed out: "With the base we now have on our rural roads, we are in a position to make great progress in surface treating when funds are available. This division should lead all the divisions in the state in this type of work when the money is in hand."

Commissioner Noland also pointed out: "It has been the policy of the Tenth Division to get as many people as we could out of the mud, before we started on a surface treating program on roads having less than 200 persons per day."

The Tenth District was complimented in a recent report by Charles Ross, former highway chairman, who made a survey of the conditions of roads over the state, when he pointed out the Tenth District's rural roads had been given more attention than in any other district.

Fights Mud



D. REEVES NOLAND, highway commissioner of the Tenth District, has consistently led the fight against mud in this district by putting crushed stone and gravel by the "train load" on rural roads.

Merchants To Discuss Problems On February 8

The Merchants Association will meet next Tuesday night to discuss three matters, it was announced by Dave Felmet, president of the organization.

The meeting will be held at the court house at 7:30 and the three matters of particular business will be:

First, a discussion of (See Merchants—Page 8)

Two In Jail For Setting Fire To Large Hay Stack

The bright light in the March 23 section about one o'clock, Wednesday morning was not northern lights, but a burning hay stack.

Deputies Wade McDaniel and Cal Rabb, with bloodhounds, went to the scene, and after an hours' race over the frozen ground, snow and frost, soon had Leon Bolden in custody. Bolden said Evans was a companion and had set the stack on fire when he dug out a hole to go to sleep.

Evans was arrested later in the day, and lodged in jail with Bolden, where both remained all week Thursday.

Bolden said he left Evans preparing to go to sleep, and when down the road a half mile or more, looked back and saw the smoke rolling up.

The hay stack belonged to Clifford Rich, and was valued at \$50, officers said.

Demonstration Groups Gather Here Saturday For Achievement Program

High School Office Cash Box Stolen

The high school office was entered sometime Wednesday night and about \$70 taken from a safety cash box.

Waynesville police, together with fingerprint experts, are working on the case. Everett E. Moore, identification and fingerprint expert of Canton, was called in on the case, and made a check-up of the area early Thursday when the robbery was discovered.

Policemen Hub Ruff and Jerry Rogers have been assigned to the case.

Officers would not say whether they have any clues in the case, other than to say, "We hope to have some news before too long."

YATES FOR DANIELS

Oral L. Yates will vote for Jonathan Daniels as national Democratic committeeman when the executive committee meets in Raleigh the 9th. The vacancy caused by the death of Senator Joe Blythe is being filled.

Dairy Meets Open Mon. In County

A series of dairy meetings will be conducted throughout the county, starting Monday, February 7, and will continue through Friday, February 11, it was revealed by Wayne Corpening, county agent.

The meetings are being held to assist the dairymen of the county in the control of mastitis and in other dairy problems. The meetings have been scheduled at dairy barns over the county where these issues will be discussed. (See Dairy Meeting—Page 8)

HOWARD CLAPP GOING TO RALEIGH FOR HEARING

Legislators will hear a bill about agriculture on next Tuesday, when all phases of agricultural work will be formally presented to the appropriations committee. Howard Clapp, director in charge of the State Test Farm here, will be among those appearing before the committee, asking for funds for operation of projects for the next two years.

Former Resident's Husband Dies In Washington

A H. Kroschel, husband of Mrs. Wilma Robert's Kroschel, died at his home in Auburn, Washington on January 22. He was a retired locomotive engineer on the Northern Pacific Railway and was a Shriner.

Funeral services were held in Auburn on January 25.

Mr. Kroschel, who is a native of Haywood County, is a sister of Mrs. Thad Howell and Mrs. James R. Boyd.

Local Hospital Gets Full Approval By College Of Surgeons

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Civic Groups Will Name 'Man Of The Year' This Month

Within a short time, the "man of the year" will be officially named for this community.

The project is being sponsored by the Civic Improvement Committee of the Lions Club, in cooperation with other civic groups of the community.

Those in charge of the project announced that members of each club would have an opportunity to cast a secret ballot for the candidate of their choice.

The announcement of the winner is expected to be made late in February.

County Is \$7,000 Over Goal

The residents of Haywood County were lauded today by the March of Dimes officials for their all-out support of the polio fund-raising drive as the county quota of \$13,000 was surpassed by nearly \$7,000, an amount just under the quota last year.

The announcement that the county overshot its goal was made yesterday by Dave Hyatt of Waynesville and Beckman Huger of Canton, co-chairmen of the drive in the county, when they reported that a total of \$19,790.08 had been collected.

\$10,744 Raised Here
A. P. Ledbetter, March of Dimes chairman in the Waynesville area, reported yesterday that the contributions in this section amounted to \$10,744.42, with several reports yet to be filed.

Edwin Haynes, who is serving in the capacity as manager of the Canton area, said yesterday afternoon that the fund in that district had reached a total of \$9,045.66.

The breakdown of collections in the Waynesville area as released by Mr. Ledbetter were as follows: Schools, \$2,093.06; dime board, \$1,271.77; A. C. Lawrence Leather Company, \$166.45; Royle-Pilkington Company, \$154; Unagusta Manufacturing Company, \$501; Welles Shoe Corporation, \$400.04; Dayton Rubber Company, \$1,137.31;

A Victory Smile



A. P. LEDBETTER has a right to be all smiles, because the polio campaign has gone far over the top under his direction and supervision. The area has raised \$10,744.42 against a quota of \$6,500.

benefit basketball game, \$181; singing convention, \$307.50; Rocky Branch Church, \$68.18; Strand (See Polio—Page 8)

Dayton Nets Over \$1,137 In Campaign

One of the largest contributions from the industries in Haywood county came from the Dayton Rubber company where the employees and the United Rubber Workers local union 277, combined to raise a total of \$1,137.31 in the polio campaign.

The planning committee, headed by Ned Tucker, personnel director for the company and Sam Killian, president of local 277, estimated that around \$800 would be raised in the drive. The collections overshot the goal by \$333.37.

The average contribution per employee at Dayton Rubber company was approximately \$2.50, drive officials estimated. One department averaged nearly \$5 per employee and several contributions above \$10 were received.

In the millroom where only men are employed, 60 workers gave \$265 for an average of \$4.42 per employee. This is a good example, company officials said, how stout hearted working men feel about (See Dayton—Page 8)

Two Men Held Here Confess To \$58,000 Robbery



Kenneth Scheetz, left and Robert Brady, Jr., Virginia ex-convicts confessed Tuesday night in the Haywood county jail to a \$58,000 warehouse robbery at Knoxville Christmas night. The two men have been lodged in jail here since they were arrested near Franklin by Patrolman Richard Smith. Picture by Ingram's Studio.

A pair of former Virginia convicts sat nonchalantly in the Haywood County jail Wednesday morning and related their \$58,000 robbery of the Cas Walker Grocery Warehouse safe on December 26 after confessing to officers here Tuesday night around 10 o'clock.

The confession by Kenneth Scheetz, 28, and Robert Brady, Jr., 28, climaxed 10 days of grilling and an all-day questioning session Tuesday by officers from three states. A marked \$100 bill found in possession of one of the two suspects was the "final convict" which brought full confession from the pair, according to officers.

Trial Set Here
Brady will be tried at the April term of Haywood County superior court on charges of possession of burglary tools and firearms, it was understood by Thad Bryson, solicitor of this district.

Scheetz will be returned to the Virginia state penitentiary to complete the serving of a 20-year term for burglary imposed in 1939. A warrant charging violation of parole against Scheetz was received here Tuesday from Virginia authorities. (See Safe Crackers—Page 8)

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

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Desires To Wash Away
Winter Groundhog
A Busy Thursday
Getting Fake Reports
Some Snow
Campaign Is Success
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