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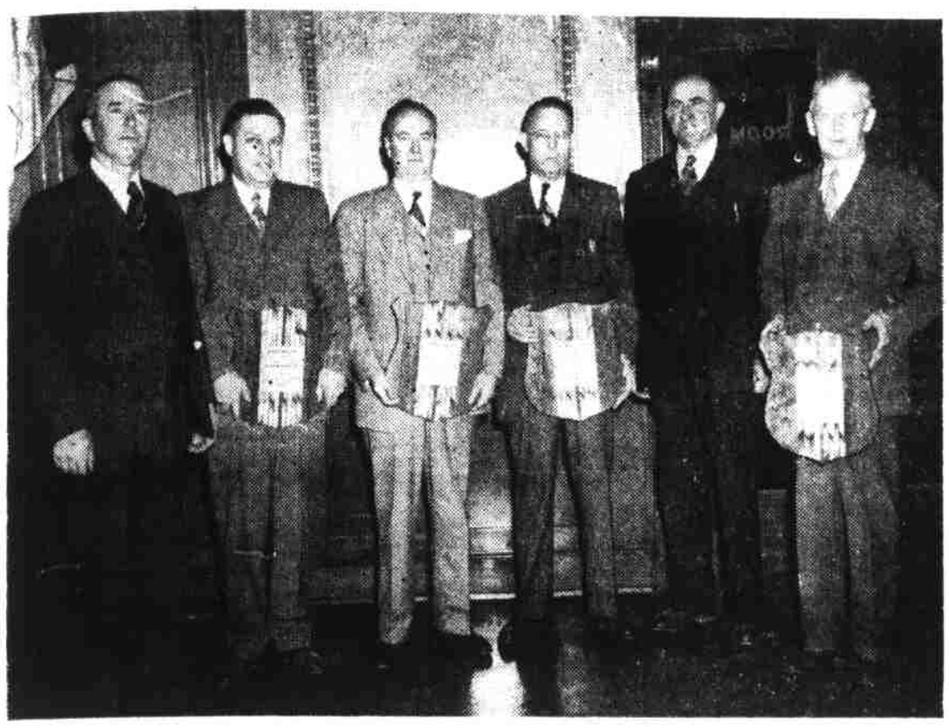
TODAY'S SMILE

"I was so cold last night I couldn't sleep. I just lay there and shivered."
"Did your teeth chatter?"
"I don't know—we don't sleep together."

Farmers Award Four Achievements Plaques



The Haywood Demonstration farmers on Saturday gave four firms 1948 Agricultural Achievements Plaques for their contribution to the promotion of better farming in the county. Shown here, left to right, J. L. Westmoreland, president of the farm group last year; W. Curtis Russ, editor The Mountaineer; Jonathan Woody, president, First National Bank; J. Harley Wright, publisher The Enterprise, Canton; R. C. Francis, who presented the awards in behalf of the farmers, and J. Walter Damtoft, of Champion Paper and Fibre Company. This photo by Ingram's Studio.

Farm Groups Accomplish Many Projects In 1948

Many Attended Annual Achievement Day Meeting Here Saturday; Officers Named

Many of Haywood's leading farmers and farm women met here Saturday for the annual achievement day program. They elected officers, heard a practical farm talk by Dr. T. B. Hutcheson, of V.P.I., Blacksburg, Va., and awarded plaques to four firms for their interest and assistance in carrying on the farm program in the county.

Reports of the activities and achievements of the past year for both groups were encouraging, and showed much progress in the agricultural and home making field in the county during the past year. Mrs. Otis Cole, made the report for the women's work, and George E. Stamey for the men's division.

The farmers elected George E. Stamey, as president, to succeed J. L. Westmoreland; R. C. Francis was named vice president, succeeding T. W. Cathey; William Osborne of Clyde, was named secretary, succeeding Mr. Stamey, and T. C.

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Farmers Told To Prepare For Lower Prices; Virginia Professor Is Speaker

Haywood farmers were warned here Saturday that inflated farm prices were due for a tumble, and that lands should be built up now for the time when there would not be high prices for farm products.

Dr. T. B. Hutcheson, dean of agriculture, of V.P.I., in a practical address, told the Achievement Day audience, "the best help you can have is self-help." Work within your own fence line, he stressed, as he called for farmers to "keep up with the times" as this is a critical period for the farmers.

Dr. Hutcheson told his audience that farmers must learn to maintain a good standard of living with lower prices. Now is the time to get your farm in condition, cull undesirable cattle, and prepare for

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Reports Show Much Activity On Farm In Both Men and Women's Groups

Haywood's farm men and women apparently broke all achievement records during 1948 according to the reports made at their annual meetings here Saturday.

There are 435 women in the Home Demonstration work, and 134 demonstration farms in five watershed areas, the report revealed.

Mrs. Otis Cole, reporting for the women's work, said there were 19 clubs, with 435 members, who have assisted 2,000 families in improving food production and conservation, health, home grounds, equipment and clothing. Some 1,200 nondatum families were also reached. The two demonstration agents have made contact with 12,250 people through meetings, home visits and the office. In 28 meetings the attendance was 572 and 390 members participated with the program.

Club members contributed $836 toward the purchase of the Haywood Library Bookmobile, in ad-

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MISS CABE RETURNS FROM EUROPE

Miss Josephine Cabe returned on Saturday from an extensive tour of Europe. She was the guest of her niece, Miss Virginia Roberts in Frankfort, Germany, and with Miss Roberts spent a week in Paris and visited in Geneva, Rome, Milan, Munich, and several cities in Austria.

In Geneva Miss Cabe and Miss Roberts visited Bishop and Mrs. Paul N. Garber, who have a summer home at Lake Junaluska.

En route home from Europe Miss Cabe spent four days sightseeing in London.

CPL. JONES ON DUTY

Cpl. E. W. Jones, of the state highway patrol, was back in uniform Monday. He recently underwent an operation, and was confined to his home in Clyde for several weeks.

Military Order Sets Meeting Wednesday Night

A dinner meeting of the Military Order of World Wars will be held Wednesday evening, February 9, at 7 o'clock in the pine room of Patrick's Cafeteria. The meeting has been called by Col. J. H. Howell, Waynesville post commander.

All former officers of the army, navy, coast guard, and marines are asked to attend as important matters will be discussed.

Truck And Taxi Crash On Fines Creek Road

A taxi and pick-up truck collided near James' Store on Fines Creek Sunday. A woman passenger in the taxi was taken to a doctor for a routine check-up, according to Patrolman Jeff May.

The accident was ruled as unavoidable, and no arrests made, and no injuries reported. The taxi was badly damaged, the patrolman said.

Officers Still Working On High School Robbery

Police and detectives are following through on some clues and fingerprints gathered from the high school robbery. A cash box with $70 was taken from the high school office sometime last Wednesday night or Thursday morning.

"We got some excellent fingerprints," Chief Orville Noland said.

Car Leaves Road, Lands Into Pigeon River

A car went off Highway No. 276 near the steel bridge within Pisgah Forest Sunday, and went down the steep embankment into the river.

Highway Patrolman Jeff May said no one was injured, and the driver just failed to make the curve. The car did not turn over.

More Funds Sought For Needed Health Program

"We are only meeting the needs of five per cent of the school children in Haywood," Dr. Mary Michal, district health officer said this week.

"The only way we can increase services is to have a larger staff, and that means more funds," she continued.

Dr. Michal pointed out that the state health department has asked the budget commission for $1,850,000 per year for the next two years, and the commission had recommended $175,000.

"If the requested amount is granted, it will mean from $10,000 to $15,000 more per year for Haywood, which would give us several additional staff members.

"For an estimated population of 40,000, we have only 2 nurses and 1 sanitarian. We should have eight nurses and four sanitarians to do a thorough job," Dr. Michal said. The national recommendation is one nurse for every 5,000 people and one sanitarian for each 10,000.

"Right now we are working on a budget of $17,750," Dr. Michal

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Dairy Meets Underway In County

A large group of dairymen from the Hyatt Creek section of Haywood County attended the meeting held yesterday afternoon at the farm of Mrs. W. F. Swift on control of mastitis, Wayne Corpening, county agent, reported today.

Various subjects on dairying were discussed during the two-hour session and the main topic for comment was the ways of controlling mastitis. This disease has been causing considerable trouble to the cattle of the county, it was understood.

F. R. Farnham, dairy specialist from State College, and Dr. Husman, veterinarian working with the federal government on Bangs disease, led the discussion with around

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Sunday School Mass Meeting Set February 10

The Haywood Associational-wide Sunday School mass meeting will be staged at the Clyde Baptist Church Thursday, February 10, with conferences set to start at 6:30 o'clock, Miss Daphne Boone, Baptist field worker, said this morning.

A mass meeting of the Sunday School departments throughout the county will be held at 7:30 o'clock with a large crowd expected to attend.

Fred Fore, Sunday School superintendent, will preside over the meeting. Miss Esther Mae Gibson is pianist and Jarvis Brock will serve as chorister.

The separate conferences starting Thursday night at 6:30 o'clock are as follows: pastors and super-

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Many From Here Going To Farm Bureau Meeting

A large delegation of Haywood county Farm Bureau members are expected to attend the 13th annual meeting of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation in Asheville, February 13 through 16.

National and State leaders in the fields of government, industry and agriculture will participate in the program. Among those officials to attend are Governor W. Kerr Scott, Senator J. Melville Broughton, Commissioner of Agriculture L. Y. Ballentine, Superintendent of Public Instruction Clyde Erwin and R. Harold Cooley.

The county Farm Bureau will be in charge of entertainment during

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Timber Bill Passes In Legislature

A bill introduced in the general assembly by Rep. Grover C. Davis, authorizing the Town of Waynesville to sell surplus timber from the watershed has been passed and ratified.

The Town will open bids on the title for some 1,600,000 feet of timber from a 600-acre tract of an unused portion of the watershed.

The bill was just a technical matter in order to clear up some portions of a law not quite clear, it was said by J. R. Morgan, attorney, for Waynesville.

O. L. Yates To Attend Democratic Meeting In Raleigh On Wednesday

O. L. Yates, a member of the State Democratic Executive Committee, plans to attend the special meeting in Raleigh next week, at which time a national committeeman will be named to fill the vacancy of the late Senator Joe Blythe, of Charlotte.

Mr. Yates said he plans to endorse Jonathan Daniels, who has been recommended by Governor Scott.

Judge Moore Raps Drunken Drivers As Court Opens

Solicitor

THAD BRYSON, JR., solicitor of this district, who is preparing to clear many cases from the current docket. Photo by Ingram's Studio.

New Grand Jury Named For 1949; Told To Carefully Check Public Buildings

Mark Ferguson, of Fines Creek, was named foreman of the 1949 grand jury of Haywood county, shortly after the February term of criminal court convened here Monday morning.

Judge Dan K. Moore, of Sylva, is presiding, and after the charge to the new grand jury, Solicitor Thad Bryson, sent a large number of bills to the jury.

Judge Moore explained in detail the duties of the grand jury, and then rapped drunken and reckless driving on the highways.

"Both type of drivers are dangerous to themselves, as well as all others on the highways," he said.

"The highway patrolmen are doing an excellent job of protecting everyone on the highway, and unless our traffic laws are enforced there will be countless deaths on our roads. Traffic is getting heavier, and more conjested, and all of us need to support these

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Grand Jury Foreman

MARK FERGUSON was named foreman of the Haywood grand jury, when the February term of court convened Monday morning. Mr. Ferguson is a farmer of Fines Creek.

Park Theatre Is Being Repainted, More Lights Added

An extensive renovation and redecorating program is underway at the Park Theatre here. The entire lobby is being repainted, and three rows of fluorescent lights, the width of the lobby is being added.

A modernized box office will be part of the program, according to J. E. Massie, owner of the theatre.

The lounge of the theatre, together with the ladies' room has been completely refinished, with brighter color paints, Mr. Massie said plans included renovation of the carpet.

Other extensive improvements are planned in the near future.

Local Painter Found Dead In Bed On Monday

Lee Sutherland, well known painter, was found dead in bed Monday morning. A coroner's inquest, called by Dr. J. F. Pate, said the man died of natural causes.

Funeral services will be held this morning at Garrett funeral home at 11 o'clock, with Rev. J. M. Woodward in charge. Burial will be at Green Hill cemetery.

The deceased was a native of Cherokee county, and had lived here for several years.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Tiny Campbell, of Asheville, one sister, Mrs. Josie Gibson, of Franklin; two half sisters, Mrs. Fred Ensley, of Pelzer, S. C., and Mrs. Arthur Walls, of Newport News, Va., and a half brother, Woodrow Campbell, Waynesville.

Baptists Postpone Church Conference

A discussion of building plans was postponed at the First Baptist church Sunday until a later date.

J. R. Morgan, chairman of the board of deacons, announced, "due to our inability to get a final statement from parties concerned makes it impossible to make a report at this time."

The church officers are working on plans for an expansion program.

NOLAND IN RALEIGH

D. Reeves Noland left last night for Raleigh, where he will attend a road hearing. Mr. Noland is highway commissioner of the 10th district.

Rotarians Favor Larger Funds For State Library

Rotarians asked for an increase in the state library fund from the General Assembly here Friday.

J. H. Howell, a member of the Haywood library board, said the $500,000 budget requested for the North Carolina Library Commission would help the state reach the goal of half a book per capita. The average now is about a quarter of a book.

"Here in Haywood the average is less than a quarter of a book per person," he continued.

The club voted unanimously in favor of the $500,000 going to the Library Commission, instead of the $350,000 as recommended by the budget commission.

Safecracker Out On $7,000 Bond

Robert Brady, Jr., who has been lodged in the Haywood county jail for the past two weeks, was released on $7,000 bond Friday afternoon, Roy T. Francis, attorney, announced yesterday.

Brady, along with Kenneth Scheetz, confessed to the $58,000 robbery of Cass Walker Grocery Warehouse safe on December 26.

It was understood that Scheetz would be returned to Virginia to complete a three and one-half years on his probational sentence.

Brady will be tried at the April term of Macon county superior court on charges of possession of burglary tools and firearms, Mr. Francis said.

The attorneys for Brady are Mr. Francis and Homer Stockton of Franklin.

KNOXVILLE (UP)—City police reported that a suspect in the $60,000 Cas Walker safecracking

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Boosters Club Will Discuss Fourth Of July Celebration

Members of the Boosters Club will discuss plans for the annual Fourth of July program as they meet next Thursday night at the Hazelwood Presbyterian Church for the regular monthly meeting.

M. H. Bowles is president of the organization.

Merchants To Discuss Problems At 7:30 Tonight

The Merchants Association will gather Tuesday night at the court house to discuss several important matters, Dave Feimel, president of the association, stated yesterday.

The group will meet at 7:30 o'clock tonight and the three matters of business to be discussed are the following:

First, a discussion of the question of closing on Wednesday afternoons.

Second, a further discussion of the proposed credit report agency for the area.

Third, the annual election of officers.

During the meeting, a report of the activities of the organization of the past year will be made. All business firms are urged to have a representative attend the meeting.

County Farmers Order 350 Pounds Of Poison In Campaign On Rats

A total of 350 pounds of rat poison has been ordered by farmers of Haywood county in an effort to combat rats on their farms.

The county rat campaign came on the heels of a similar drive held in Waynesville, Canton, Clyde and Hazelwood last week.

The Waynesville town officials termed the local rat campaign a success and it was estimated that several thousand dollars worth of property will be saved as results of the campaign.

President Truman Urged To Reappoint Ferguson On Trade Commission

President Truman has been asked to reappoint Garland S. Ferguson of Waynesville to the Federal Trade Commission.

The request in behalf of Ferguson, who has been on the commission for 21 years, was made by North Carolina's two Democratic Senators Clyde R. Hoey and J. Melville Broughton.

Charter Granted Business And Professional Women's Club

The Waynesville Business and Professional Women's Club received their charter Friday night, in an impressive dinner meeting at the Towne House. Mrs. Kathryn Shipman, state president of High Point, presented the charter to Mrs. M. G. Stamey, president of the local organization.

The Waynesville unit was organized last July, and was sponsored by the Canton Club, which had fifteen representatives here for the charter presentation. Other clubs from Brevard, Asheville, Statesville and Shelby were also represented. Powell, of Canton, Miss Lois Griffith, Asheville.

Mrs. Shipman, in her presentation address, discussed the growth and accomplishments of the organization for the past thirty years.

Miss Dorothy Johnson of the Brevard Club, and state membership chairman, presented the books

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Two Civic Groups Favor Auto Inspection Laws

Two civic groups voted in favor of the annual motor vehicle inspection law at their meetings last week. The Rotary and Lions Clubs were unanimous in their action, in asking the General Assembly to maintain the once-a-year law.

The Rotarians also went on record as favoring the $500,000 budget for the North Carolina Library Commission.

The civic groups heard Patrolman O. R. Roberts give some figures of highway accidents, both before and since the inspection and drivers license law became effective, and the clubs voted that both laws be kept as now on the books.

Patrolman Roberts pointed out that in 1946 the death toll on North Carolina highways was 1,028, and for 1948 had been reduced to 734, a drop of 29 per cent in the face of an increase in registration of motor vehicles of about 250,000.

"More accidents are being reported today than ever, because we have some 220 additional patrolmen, and they can get the facts on accidents, where it was impossible before," he said.

Highway Record For 1949

(To Date)

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Injured 1

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