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UNCLE ABE SEZ

Don't know which buris the  
wurse, gettin' yore shin  
bumped, or sum 'un telling  
what aint so about ye.

## Waynesville Man Spends 31 Years In Army



Just another happy family and "Pop," better known as Master Sergeant Walter D. Brown with nearly 31 years service in the Army and Air Force, re-enlisted this week at Pope Air Force Base for another three-years. Since 1924, the Sergeant and his family have lived for 19 years on the base. "I like my job and I like the Air Force, that's why I'm staying in," the Sergeant said. Shown above are Master Sergeant Brown, his wife, and six children. Left to right standing: Walter D. Jr., age 15; Norma Jean, age 16; Peggy, age 17; Betty, age 18; (Seated) Lucille, age 19; Mrs. Brown, the former Pearl L. Davis of Overhills, N. C.; Master Sergeant Walter D. "Pop" Brown and Bobby, age 8. U. S. A. F. Photo.

## Many Major Improvements Are Being Made At Hospital

### Ministers Talk About Approaching Election

Members of the Haywood Ministerial Association discussed the proposed election on abolishing wine and beer, at their regular monthly meeting at Longs Chapel Monday.

Rev. R. L. Young, president, presided at the meeting.

The group disposed of several matters of business, and discussed some of the phases of the approaching election. The consensus of opinion was that the proposed statewide referendum would not be called. The association had held up formal presentation of the petitions asking for a county election, pending the final decision on the statewide election.

"It looks like the proposed referendum for the state has died in committee of the Legislature," Rev. M. R. Williamson, chairman of the committee charged with presenting the petitions to the board of elections.

### A Big One That Stayed Caught



Max Rogers is shown holding the 33-inch trout which he caught at Glenville Lake Sunday. His two fishing companions, Phil Sutton, left, and Harry Kent, right, look on as proudly as the owner of the 14-pound whopper, which was landed after a 20-minute struggle, near the mouth of Pine Creek in Glenville Lake, not far from the dam. More than 2,500 people have visited Rogers Electric on Main street here and viewed the trout, which is frozen, and kept in a deep freeze box. The fish will be mounted in a few days.

### Institution Operated In Black For Past Year

The Haywood County Hospital operated within its income for 1948, and had a fair balance left over, according to the auditor's report made public yesterday.

R. Lee Davis, administrator for the institution, presented the 1948 financial report to the board of trustees Tuesday night. They were warm in their praise of the work done by Mr. Davis, and for operating the hospital in the "black" for 1948.

The auditor's report showed that a \$6,000 deficit of 1947 had been paid, and a balance of over \$8,500 on hand as of January 1 of this year.

A number of improvements have been made, and others are nearing completion. Among them is the renovation and painting of the entire interior of the building. Many organizations and individuals are contributing to this phase of the work, Mr. Davis said. There are yet one or two units to be repaired.

Among the contributions on the improvement program in 1948 was the \$600 set of reception room furniture donated by the Champion Paper and Fibre Company.

The institution has 72 beds, with 68 persons employed full time for the operation of the place. There are 19 registered nurses, four supervisors, in addition to manager, clerical help, cooks, orderlies and maintenance men.

Some of the improvements on the building include changing of plumbing in baths, and a remodeled nursery, with a large glass door for the public to see the babies. The nursery is one of the units yet to be painted. New basins, and curtains will be installed in the room.

Mr. Davis said that the plan now is for "everyone to see the babies all they want through the" (See Hospital—Page 6)

## Twice Daily Mail Service Is Started

### Two Sets Of Twins Born Wednesday

Wednesday was "Twin Day" at the Haywood County Hospital, as two sets were born during the day. Of the four new arrivals, only one is a boy.

The experience was nothing new to Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Ruff, of the Test Farm. It was their third set of twins—a boy and a girl.

The other set, two girls, of identical weight, were born to Mr. and Mrs. William T. Willis, of Canton, Route one.

### Death Claims Mrs. Sallie Duckett

Mrs. Sallie Leatherwood Duckett, 71, of the Jonathan Creek section of Haywood county, died Thursday morning at the Haywood County Hospital following a long illness. She was a life-long resident of the county.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Alice McCracken of Canton and Mrs. Erastus Medford of Waynesville, Route 2; four brothers, Verlin Leatherwood of the Pigeon section, Lucius Leatherwood, Horace Leatherwood and Charlie Leatherwood, all of Waynesville, Route 2.

Funeral arrangements, under the direction of Crawford Funeral Home, were incomplete Thursday afternoon.

### A Business Man In The Making



CHARLIE BIRCHFIELD, of Hazelwood, is a hardworking carrier boy for The Mountaineer, having started with a small route, and now serves 130 customers twice a week. Charlie's two older brothers are also carriers for this newspaper. (Continued on Page 3).

### Walter Brown Has Served Uncle Sam For 31 Years

(Special to The Mountaineer)

With nearly 31 years service in the United States Army and Air Force, Master Sergeant Walter D. Brown, re-enlisted for another three years this week at Pope Air Base, Fort Bragg.

A veteran of two wars, Sergeant Brown enlisted in the Army September 29th, 1917, and was assigned to the 88th Central Postal Directory.

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### Allens Creek To Discuss Program Of Community

Members of the Allens Creek community met at the Allens Creek school on Monday night, March 7, to discuss the forming of a Community Organization under the Community Development Program which is being started in Haywood county.

After much discussion and explaining of this program by Joe C. Cline, assistant county agent, it was decided to hold another meeting on Friday night, March 11, to formulate and organize under the Community Development Program.

The leaders in Allens Creek urged all the people in that community to be sure and attend this meeting, which will be held on Friday night, March 11, at 7:30 o'clock, at the Allens Creek school.

### Concrete Wall Being Built At Stadium

Workmen are building a concrete wall at the high school stadium to replace a section of wooden fence. The work is being done under the GI training program, under the direction of Charles Gaddis.

Included in the program is the construction of a cement block ticket booth near the main entrance to the stadium.

The work is scheduled to be completed late this week, or early next week, according to M. H. Bowles, district superintendent.

## Expansion Program For 4-H Clubs Started

An expansion of 4-H club work in Haywood was announced yesterday by the Extension offices.

The expansion of the present 21 clubs with 1,500 members, will include the scope of activities as well as membership, it was said. Among the major program for Haywood, will be the development of the 4-H Camp at the State Test Farm for use this summer. The construction of the camp is already underway, and every effort is being made to complete the camp by June.

The announcement of the expansion of 4-H club work in Haywood came right in the heart of the annual National 4-H Club Week, which started Sunday, and extends through this Sunday.

The other motivating factor in the expansion program is the recently adopted community development program for Haywood county. The 4-H Clubs of the county will be called upon to take a definite part in carrying on this program, according to Joe Cline, assistant county agent, who is charged with activities of 4-H Club boys, and Miss Elise DeLozier, in charge of the girls.

Mr. Cline said yesterday, "We have five senior 4-H Clubs, and 17 junior clubs, with a total membership of 1,500. The object of these clubs is to work with rural boys and girls to make them better citizens through project work, recreation and other activities."

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### Building Permits For February Hit An Even \$25,000

Building permits issued during February totaled an even \$25,000, according to the records of Hugh Jolly, building inspector for the Town of Waynesville.

Mr. Jolly's report showed the following departments of construction:

Business buildings	\$ 4,500
Dwellings	15,000
Alterations and repairs on Main Street	5,500
Total	\$25,000

The reports showed permits issued to the following: J. E. Massie, Massie Department Store, Town of Waynesville, W. H. Burgin, M. D. Brannen and Mrs. Lydia Holtzclaw.

### Wreck Victims Still In Hospital

Harold Cope, 19, and Aaron Robinson, 20, both of Bryson City, remained in the Haywood County Hospital Thursday noon, recuperating from injuries sustained early Sunday morning in an automobile wreck.

Four other occupants of the car which wrecked on the Soco Gap road, have been dismissed from the hospital.

The car was demolished after leaving the highway and landing in Jonathan Creek. Joseph Ellis Estes, also of Bryson City, was the driver and owner of the car.

### Pigeon Farmers To Meet Monday

All farmers of the Pigeon River watershed are being urged to meet Monday night at 7:30 at the Bethel school for a forestry meeting. The program will feature extension specialists and movies.

A specialist on blister rust will also be present.

The meeting is being called by Wayne Corpening, county agent, and W. L. Franklin, assistant county agent.

## Committees Named For Iron Duff C. D. Program

### Hospital Was Busy Place During 1948

One of the busiest places in Haywood during 1948 was the hospital.

A review of the records yesterday showed some of the following facts, to prove how busy the place was:

Patients admitted	3,551
Major operations	662
Minor operations	344
White babies born	947
Colored babies born	18

An average of 10 patients admitted daily, and an average of three babies born each week-day.

### Resigns



STANLEY HENRY, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, has tendered his resignation, effective March 15th, and will re-enter Western Carolina Teachers College at Cullowhee, majoring in commercial education. James L. Kilpatrick, president of the Chamber of Commerce, said the matter of a successor to Mr. Henry would be taken up by the board of directors next Tuesday night.

### Merchants Study Credit Bureau, To Make Report Soon

The directors of the Merchants Association met this week and discussed the proposed credit bureau. The matter was discussed at the recent annual meeting, and the directors are making a study of the plans.

W. M. "Bill" Cobb, president of the organization, said that several plans have been studied, and the directors are now working on definite details to present to the organization at an early date.

### NO ACTION ON BILL

No action has been taken by the Senate committee on House Bill No. 491 to extend the city limits of Waynesville. The bill passed the House and went to the Senate several days ago. The measure was introduced by Rep. Grover C. Davis.

### BACK FROM ATLANTA

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Galusha have returned from Atlanta where they bought merchandise for The Book Store.

## Mars Hill Glee Club To Give 3 Concerts Sunday

Fourteen musicians from Mars Hill Glee Club will give three concerts in Haywood Sunday. The College Glee club of 42 voices will be featured at the First Baptist church in Canton at 11 o'clock; at the Clyde Baptist church at three, and at the First Baptist in Waynesville at 7:30. The 7:30 concert will be broadcast over WFCB.

Mrs. Elizabeth Logan Souther, teacher of voice at the College, is director of the group. The violinist is Edward Gelzman of Athens, Ga., and the pianists are Miss Matha Biggers, head of the music department at Mars Hill; Edward Collins, of Avon Park, Fla., and Bert Clay Edwards, of Mars Hill. Miss Patricia Roberts, of Lenoir, is organist.

Dean R. M. Lee is accompanying. (See Mars Hill—Page 5)

Highway Record For 1949 (To Date)  
In Haywood Killed . . . 0 Injured . . . 9  
(This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol).

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