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UNCLE ABE SEZ
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Is He Oldest?



DR. TOM STRINGFIELD observed his 77th birthday Friday, and is believed to have the distinction of having lived in Waynesville longer than any other citizen. While not the oldest person as far as years go, he is believed to hold the record for having lived here the longest. Dr. Tom has just about retired from his medical practice. He still assists with several operations a week. He is a member of the board of aldermen, and divides his time between the court house, city hall and hospital.

16 Forest Fires Burn 161 Acres

Sixteen forest fires have burned 161 1/2 acres in Haywood since February first, according to R. E. Caldwell, county fire warden. "We have had a greater number of fires but not as much acreage burned," Mr. Caldwell said. The fire warden reported that careless burning of tobacco beds, and new ground had accounted for almost every one of the fires. He warned that farmers wait until night, and when the woods are damp, to burn off beds and new land.

The fire tower atop Chambers Mountain has been manned since February first, and two-way radio now enables the lookout men to keep in touch with the fire wardens.

One day last week four fires broke out, two at the same time. Through the facilities of radio, the fire fighters were soon on the job and had the blaze under control.

Loaded Truck Of Feed Wrecks; Runs Into Scotts Creek

Two men narrowly escaped serious injuries when their loaded feed truck overturned just west of Balsam. The vehicle was a tractor-trailer unit, with a load of feed from an Asheville mill. The driver of the truck said he was crowded off the road onto soft shoulders by another truck. He lost control of the tractor, and the whole thing turned over the embankment towards Scott's Creek. The cab of the tractor was badly smashed, and considerable damage done to the trailer. The load of feed slid off the trailer and only a few bags were damaged.

The wrecked vehicles were brought to Watkins Chevrolet Company here.

Junior 4-H Club Receives Award

The Crabtree Junior 4-H Club held its regular meeting on Tuesday and was presented a banner as the outstanding club in Haywood county. The presentation was made by Joe Cline. Miss Elise DeLozier presented medals to the following girls who have completed their record books: Betty Ruth Ferguson, Bobby May Welch, Maxine Medford, Mattie Sue Medford, Doris Jean Kinsland, Eddie Louise Hill, Frances Emma Yates, Claudie Sue Crawford and Polly Kay McElroy.

Crabtree-Iron Duff School To Have Lockers

Individual lockers for high school students are under construction at the Crabtree-Iron Duff school. The work is being done by members of the vocational agriculture classes under the supervision of B. F. Nesbitt, instructor.

Commissioners Hold Third Monday Meeting

The board of commissioners held their regular third Monday meeting Monday, with only routine matters coming to their attention. A number of citizens attended the meeting to discuss highway matters with J. M. Knight, highway engineer, who comes here each third Monday.

Heavy Traffic On Highways; No Wrecks

Highway Patrolman O. R. Roberts reported heavy traffic throughout the county over the week-end, and especially on Highway No. 19 Sunday afternoon. As far as could be learned, no accidents were reported.

Firemen Save 4 Canton Dwellings

Canton firemen had to work fast and efficiently late Saturday to save a block of houses on North Main street. The 6-room home of Mrs. Ruth Rhyne was discovered ablaze by the owner, and before the department could reach the scene, was on fire all over. The high winds sent sparks and burning embers over a wide area, and at different times, four nearby houses caught. Firemen put out the roof fires, and kept the damage to a nearby house to a small damage of a burned gable, and a number of burned shingles.

Man Nurses

Pat David Boyd, here, saying he is in Marlburg, Ger- where last summer, Pacific, and had requested as- manly, mentioning the fact he had a lot of use was here three B. Boyd commen- German nurses.

Former AP Man Joins News Staff Of Mountaineer

Bill Lindau, the new Mountaineer reporter, his wife, and their four-year-old daughter, Sara, will make their home this week-end in an apartment at the residence of Mrs. S. H. Keller on the Asheville highway. The Lindaus lived in Charlotte for the last three years, where the reporter worked for the Associated Press bureau there. He started on his new job here Friday.

Busy Week-End For Police Department

Police here had a busy week-end, with six being arrested for being drunk, 2 drunken drivers, and the theft of one car. "It kept us on the go," Chief Orville Noland said.

Bethel FFA Boys Clear \$9,142 On Farm Projects

Sixty-four Bethel Future Farmers of America boys produced a net of \$9,142 worth on farm commodities last year, and turned in some production records their elders would be proud to claim. The gross value of the crops, livestock, and livestock products was \$14,193.26. To get this, the boys spent \$5,051.25 in rent and other expenses, worked 3,023 1/2 hours. Their labor itself was worth \$9,152.74. Here's what they did, according to the story figures told his (See B FFA—Page 4)

Twins Observe 83rd Birthday



Mrs. John Shoobred, and her sister, Mrs. H. L. Frost, are identical twins, observed their 83rd birthdays here Saturday. Both are still active, with Mrs. Frost doing a lot of painting, while Mrs. Shoobred prefers to sew. Mrs. Shoobred is on the right. (See Story on page three)

Series Meetings Slated On Community Programs

Meetings in connection with the community development program have been announced for this week as follows by citizens of the respective communities: Monday, 7:30 p.m. — Louisa Chapel at Clyde. Beaverdam Creek, Hunity Creek and Newfound Gap community organization and watershed test demonstration, at Beaverdam School. Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. — Ratchiff Cove community organization meeting at the Ratchiff Cove Methodist Church. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. — Jonathan Creek Community organization meeting at Rock Hill School. Thursday — Allens Creek community, already organized, will meet at Allens Creek School. Dellwood steering committee, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hub Caldwell. Pigeon and parts of Beaverdam, at Bethel School, for discussion (See Meetings—Page 4)

700 People At Appliance Show Here

More than 700 people attended the third annual Home Appliance Show at the Waynesville Armory before the two-day event closed at 1 p. m. Saturday. In spite of the cold, wet weather that kept Friday's opening day attendance low, the attendance was greater than last year's show, according to Haywood County Agent Wayne Corpening. The county agent termed the 1949 event a greater success than last year's also from the standpoint of program.

The program was sponsored by the Haywood Electric Membership Corporation, the Extension Service, and local appliance dealers. It was arranged by Corpening, Miss Mary Margaret Smith, home demonstration agent, and REA Manager R. C. Sheffield.

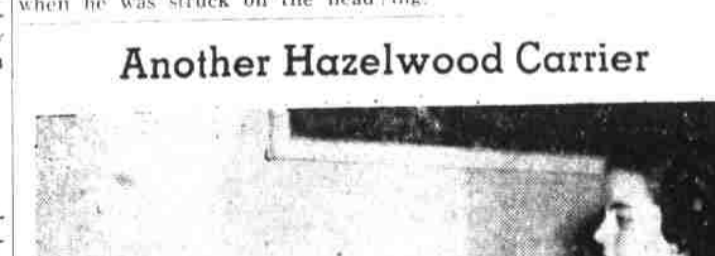
The greatest single group of spectators was made up of the 500 (See 700 People—Page 4)

Paul Miller Hit With Ball; Hearing Restored

For nearly six years, since the day he was shot down in an air raid over Rumana, Sgt. Paul M. Miller of Waynesville, had been deaf. Last Thursday, St. Patrick's Day, the proverbial "luck of the Irish" hit Miller, right on the head. And now he can hear again. Miller, serving with an Air Force group at the Point Mugu, Cal., Naval Base, was playing softball when he was struck on the head by the ball.

Another Hazelwood Carrier

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Musicians Entered In District Contests

More than 200 of Waynesville High School's crack musicians and singers will compete this week-end in the District Music Contest at Asheville. The winners will compete in the state contest which will be held later this spring at Greensboro. Waynesville High School Band Director Charles Isley announced Monday he has entered two bands in the Asheville contest, where this year's grading will range from one to six (easiest to hardest). One Waynesville band is entered in Grade 5 and will compete against Lee Edwards High of Asheville. The other, in Grade 3, will compete against Hickory and Valdese.

The Marion High band is the only one entered in Grade 4. The instrumental group competition will be staged Friday, with the choral groups to compete Saturday.

Mr. Isley also announced he was (See Musicians—Page 4)

Services Will Be Held Today For C. B. Russell

Charles B. Russell, 78, well-known Haywood County resident, died Sunday in the Haywood County Hospital as a result of a stroke suffered last Monday. Funeral services will be conducted at the First Presbyterian Church, Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, with the pastor, the Rev. Malcolm Williamson, and the Rev. L. G. Elliott, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will be in Green Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be nephews as follows: Woodrow Frazier, Robert Russell, Jack Paxton, Thomas Edwards, and Charles Russell. Mr. Russell, son of Marion and Elizabeth Stratton Russell, was born January 14, 1870 in Haywood County and spent his entire life here. He was a retired partner and a member of the First Presbyterian Church, a Woodman, an Odd Fellow, and a member of the Knights of Pythias.

Car With Liquor Is Nabbed On Highway 276

Patrolman H. Dayton caught two men with a case and a half of liquor on Highway No. 276 last week. The men have been bound over to court.

Small Fire On Balsam Road Home Saturday

Fire ridd about \$25 damage to the Harry Swanger home on Balsam road near Skyland Cottages Saturday morning. The Waynesville Fire Department answered the call. Chief Clem Fitzgerald reported the blaze started from a flue.

Lake Silt Equals Cheap Fertilizer, Experts Found

Technicians of TVA are here checking the content of the deep deposit of silt in the bed of Lake Junaluska. Analysis show it equal to low grade fertilizer. Dr. F. S. Love, superintendent, said that the flood gates would probably be closed this week, or just as soon as the technicians completed their checking of the silt. The water level of the Lake was lowered some months ago in order that workmen could install the large sewer line for the Assembly.

Rotarians Hear Contest Winner

Miss Cenie Ferguson gave her address on soil conservation at the Rotary meeting last Friday. She recently won the county contest, and also in the district contest. W. M. "Bill" Cobb was received as a new member. Among the guests present were Dr. J. Henry Highsmith of Raleigh, Charles G. Tennent of Asheville and Max Rogers, Waynesville.

Haywood Masons Hold District Meet At Bethel

Between 125 and 150 Haywood Masons and their wives attended the banquet of the four lodges of the county at the Somona Lodge, in Bethel last week. The Eastern Star of the Somona Lodge served the meal. George Stamey, district grand master, presided at the banquet, and Rev. L. E. Mabry, pastor of the First Methodist church of Canton, was the principal speaker. He discussed the basic principals of all the Masonic bodies. Plans are to have a supper meet- or early July.

Secretary



MRS. FRANK KNUTTI has assumed her duties as secretary of the Chamber of Commerce here. Mrs. Knutti was formerly with the Lake Wales, Fla. organization and moved here last July. Mr. Knutti is manager of radio station WICC. Photo by Ingram's Studio.

Highway To Sylva Being Widened

In about 60 days, U. S. Highway 19-A between Balsam Gap and Sylva will be 20 feet wide. The Asheville Paving Company of Asheville started work Saturday morning on the \$120,000 State highway project to add four feet to the width of the 10.6-mile stretch. Dan Furr, company vice president, gave the information to the Mountaineer in a telephone interview.

He said a crew of 15 men were laying crushed rock first. The width extension will be surfaced finally with hot asphaltic concrete. The company official added that there would be no more than 25 men on the job at any one time.

Jonathan Creek Citizens To Meet

Citizens of Jonathan Creek will meet at the Rock Hill school Wednesday night at 7:30 to organize for carrying out the community development program in that area. Nathan Carver is temporary chairman.

Officers will be elected, and every citizen of the community is urged to attend.

Severe Electrical Storm Hit Haywood Last Friday

Lightning struck several places in the county early Friday morning during the season's first electrical storm. A tree on Balsam road near Skyland Cottages was splintered, and the home of E. G. Hembree on Allens Creek was smoked on the outside when a bolt struck nearby. The cap from the electric meter was knocked 30 feet. The house did not catch on fire.

Police Here Move Into New Quarters

The police department is now occupying the former city hall office, which was moved last week-end to the new offices just completed. The radio equipment of the department, and all records have been moved to the new quarters. Chief Orville Noland said that most police court would be held in the new offices. Large crowds will be taken to the second floor court room.

Rep. Grover Davis Here On Week-End

Rep. Grover C. Davis spent the week-end at home. This was his first visit since he went to Raleigh early in January as a member of the General Assembly. He told friends he questioned the General Assembly adjourning by April second, a date often mentioned by legislative leaders.

Highway Record For 1949 (To Date) In Haywood Killed . . . 0 Injured . . . 9

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