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UNCLE ABE SEZ...

Some fokes air jist like an ol' cow burd—alays tryin' to take over the nes' other "smart" burds has made.

## East Pigeon Community Officers



Shown here are three officers of the East Pigeon Community Development program. They are, left to right, C. S. Rollins, vice chairman, Mrs. Will Kuykendall, reporter and Van Wells, chairman. The group have held several meetings, and are getting their program organized for constructive projects. This is a Mountaineer photograph by Ingram's Studio.

## Registration To Start Saturday For Road, School Bond Elections

### Waynesville Post Office Had Nice Gain In Business

In some manner, the figures for the Waynesville Post Office became reversed in the Thursday issue, much to the embarrassment of Postmaster J. H. Howell, as well as this newspaper. The post office had a gain of \$769.56 during the first quarter of this year over the same period last year. This year's business totaled \$13,228.07 for the first three months, as against \$12,458.51 for last year. A nice gain, and one the officials can justly be proud. The Mountaineer regrets the error was made.

### Memorial Marker Is Erected Here; Dedication Set

The Memorial Marker has been erected at Memorial Plot in Green Hill cemetery, according to Mrs. Will A. Medford, chairman, of the group who are sponsoring the project. Mrs. Medford represents the Gold Star parents, in cooperation with the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the auxiliaries. Mrs. Medford announced that she and her committee were anxious to get all pledges to the Marker paid by Saturday, May 7th. Plans are being completed for the dedication on May 29th, and the sponsors are anxious to get the marker paid for in full by the 7th.

### CLEAN-UP COMMITTEE TO MEET

The clean-up week committee will meet at the Chamber of Commerce office Tuesday at 3 o'clock. G. C. Ferguson, chairman, said that detailed plans for a community-wide campaign would be launched at that time.

## Waynesville FFA Team Wins Judging Event

The Waynesville team won the beef and hog judging contest Friday in the annual Nantahala Future Farmers of America Federation event for FFA members of 14 chapters. The team from the Glensville FFA, however, walked off with first prize in dairy judging. Waynesville's Jimmy Farmer captured individual honors in the beef cattle and hog judging, with 388 points—six points better than his teammate, James Boyd, who finished second. The third mem-

Citizens of Haywood County will join other Tar Heels at the polls June 4 to vote on proposals to issue bonds for road and school construction.

The separate elections for the bond issues were provided in measures enacted by the 1949 state legislature. Governor Scott in a proclamation called on state and county boards and elections officials to hold these elections.

Haywood Elections Board Chairman Jerry Rogers announced today the plans which were made in accordance with the governor's proclamation.

He said registration books will be open next Saturday (May 7) for eligible Haywood citizens not now registered, and will remain open through May 21.

He added Saturday, May 28, will be challenge day.

"Those who are already registered on the regular county books," Mr. Rogers' announcement said, "will not have to register to vote in this special election."

## 98 Arrested Here During April; Is New High Record

Police records here were shattered in April, as 98 arrests were made by the department, Chief Orville Noland reported. "This is the heaviest month in seven years," he commented.

Over the week-end 20 were arrested by the officers here. Two were charged with speeding, one for driving without a license, one reckless driving, four disorderly, and 12 for being drunk.

## Two Vehicles Collide During Rain Storm

Damages of about \$175 were reported by Patrolman O. R. Roberts, resulting from an unavoidable collision in East Waynesville during a rain late Friday.

A 1939 Ford driven by a Mr. Johnson, of Sylva, and a station wagon, driven by Richard Barber, collided. The Johnson car suffered damages about \$125, and the Barber vehicle about \$50, the patrolman said.

## Dead Man Found Down Steep Bank Off Alley

BULLETIN

A coroner's jury decided today the death of Houston McClure was due to natural causes.

The body of a middle-aged man, identified by police as Houston McClure of Waynesville, was found at about 3:30 p.m. today in a lot just off Main Street behind the Pure Oil service station.

Dr. J. F. Pate, Haywood County coroner, called a jury to hold an inquest at the Garrett Funeral Home in the death of McClure. After viewing the body, Dr. Pate said Mr. McClure had been dead 24 hours or longer.

He added death could have been caused by a fall from the top of the bank, but that would be up to the jury to decide.

There was a small pool of blood near the man's mouth. But officers pointed out that bleeding could have been produced by an internal hemorrhage from natural causes.

The body, dressed in work trousers and a jacket, was discovered by Freddie Garrett, a young Hazelwood boy, as he was walking on the bank above the lot.

Police described Mr. McClure as a handy man in his early 40's who worked at odd jobs.

## Optimistic



LEO WEILL has just returned from an extensive tour of Europe, and feels elated over the manner in which conditions have improved since a year ago.

## Europe Is Fast Getting Back On Feet, Says Weill

"American money, food and clothing has brought about a different Europe in the past few years," Leo Weill, who recently returned from an extensive trip abroad, told Rotarians here Friday.

He pointed out that conditions were greatly improved, and "you can feel the relaxation of the people and the better condition through the American aid called the Marshall Plan," he pointed out.

New buildings have been erected, and you can see on all these buildings posters showing the public what American aid did for them. The posters say "United States pays for the manpower and the wages for all the work that is done."

"The European Recovery Program has pavilions erected at fairs for industrial and agricultural exhibitions, and these should impress the countries to increase their industrial and agricultural output and enable them to stay on their feet when our aid program is finished," Mr. Weill continued.

Mr. Weill made a comparison of what he saw of the Berlin air lift on his last trip and this time. He said, "I thought it was enormous the last time, but it was nothing compared to what I saw this time and it is really over our imagination what these American flyers are doing to supply Berlin with food and necessary materials."

The former industrialist here pointed out that "while conditions are improving, it would be perfect if the people would start to change their thinking."

Mr. Weill speaks five languages, and understood the expressions and sentiments of the people on the street in regard to the program, and the possibility of another war. He said in this respect, "A lot of educational work has to be done." (See Weill—Page 6)

## Ramp Folk To Work For Tourists

Officials of the Ramp Convention elected Girtwood Smathers of Canton, as their president Thursday night and decided to hold next year's convention in May to take advantage of the warmer weather and the tourist season.

After considering the record attendance of nearly 6,000 that was registered for the 1949 convention on April 24 at Black Camp Gap, they also elected a board of directors for the first time and discussed plans for installing sanitary facilities and beautifying the grounds.

Clarence Medford, who was re-elected secretary, reported that North Carolina Secretary of State Thad Eure telephoned earlier in the week he would come to next year's session.

The convention officials approved him again as principal speaker. Mr. Eure gave the principal address at the 1947 session, but late adjournment of the General Assembly prevented him from appearing at this year's event.

The convention officials set no specific date for the 1950 session, but said it would be held two or three weeks later than this year's session.

In their meeting at Palmer's Furniture Store, they elected Dick Powell of Canton, vice-president. (See Ramps—Page 6)

## Three Hurt When Train Hits Work Bus At Clyde

A number of Clyde men narrowly escaped death early Saturday morning when the work bus on which they were riding was struck by a diesel engine at a railroad crossing in the center of the town.

The driver, Ransom Green, and two passengers, E. M. Green, Sr., and Floyd Mackey received injuries, while the other passengers were reportedly unharmed.

Mr. Green was dismissed from the Hospital here on Sunday. Cpl. E. W. Jones, who investigated the wreck, quoted the driver as

saying that bushes on the side of the track obstructed his view and he did not see the train until he had pulled slightly on the track.

Green, according to the story he told Corporal Jones, said that he attempted to drive forward when he sighted the engine, but that he started too late to clear the track. The diesel, traveling east from Waynesville, was said to be pulling 27 loaded cars.

Jones said that the engine struck the left front of the hood, and (See Bus Wreck—Page 6)

## Canton Preparing For City Election Tuesday

Canton Elections Chairman Clarence Medford said everything is ready for Tuesday's municipal election.

He reported few new names were added to the registration books which were opened in preparation for the election.

Predicting a light vote, Mr. Medford reported that actively during the past week was not nearly so "hot" as it had been the previous week.

Some observers, however, forecast up to 2,500 of the city's 3,

000-odd registered voters would go to the polls next Tuesday to select their city officials.

Mayor J. Paul Murray, seeking his third consecutive term, faces Floyd Woody, Standard Oil Company distributor, in the major contest of the election.

Also seeking re-election to their offices are Aldermen Albert B. Robinson and P. D. DeWeese, both running on the same ticket with Mayor Murray.

Running for their first terms as

## Route 19 Named Smoky Mountain Highway By Board As Noland Leaves

### Building Line Established Along Soco Gap Road From Lake To Beyond Maggie

Two things for this immediate section were accomplished by D. Reeves Noland at his last session of the State Highway Commission. On the day before Governor Scott named J. Dale Thrash as commissioner of the Tenth District, Mr. Noland, while attending a session of the commissioner officially named Highway No. 19-23, from Asheville to the Parkway — either at Soco or Balsam Gaps — as the Smoky Mountain Highway.

The other matter deals with the building line on Highway No. 19 from Lake Junaluska to the intersection of the road to Cataloochee Ranch, above Maggie. No building can be placed within fifty feet of the center of the highway in that area, the ruling now on the books of the Highway Department reads.

Mr. Noland said the property owners in that area had requested the building line along the highway, and that he had had in mind for sometime the naming of the Highway from Asheville west as the Smoky Mountain Highway. (See Noland—Page 6)

## Mr. Newman Elected Civitan Head

Ivey Newman of the Osborne Lumber Company, Canton, was elected president of the Canton Civitan Club Thursday.

He succeeds Beekman Huger of The Champion Paper and Fibre Company.

The other new officers elected at the club's regular noon meeting at the Hotel Canton were Norman Freel of the Freel Furniture Company, vice-president; and Edwin Haynes of Haynes Insurance Company, secretary-treasurer.

They will be installed at a meeting some time in June, Mr. Huger said.

## \$218 Donated To Dime Board In Cancer Drive

During Friday and Saturday, men, women and children dropped small change and bills onto the dime board operated by members of the Waynesville Business and Professional Women's Club.

Mrs. W. M. Cobb, commander of the Haywood County Cancer Drive for 1949, reported today that these donations totaled \$218.

The board has been set up on Main Street by club members.

## Six Choruses Of E. Waynesville School To Sing

Six choruses of 240 pupils in the East Waynesville Elementary School will give recitals at the school on Thursday.

The choruses of approximately 40 voices each under the direction of Mrs. Cliff Senne will be from each of the first six grades.

The concerts will start at 1:30 p. m. and will be resumed at 8 p. m., with Mrs. W. L. Matney playing the piano accompaniment.

The sixth grade chorus will sing four selections, and the others will sing three each.

## Women Look Forward To Special Farm Edition

"Haywood women are very much interested in the Community Development Program, and look forward to the special edition based on this program which will be published soon by The Mountaineer," Mrs. W. D. Ketter, chairman of the Haywood County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs, said this week.

"Any farm program which means progress has the interest of the farm women of this county," Mrs. Ketter said.

## Grandpa Trout, and His Grandson



The big trout on the right, being held by William Harrison, is the grandpa at the Balsam Fish Hatchery, while the little fellow being held by Leo Reiger, superintendent of the Hatchery, is a grandson. These trout are just two of a half million at the Hatchery. The grandson is about a year old, while "the old man" is several years old. A Mountaineer photograph by Ingram's Studio.

## Half Million Trout Produced At Hatchery Here For WNC Streams

### Woody Slated To Get High Office In Banker's Group

PINEHURST—(Special To The Mountaineer)—Jonathan Woody is slated to be named third vice president of the North Carolina Bankers Association, in session here today. The election is slated to take place Monday afternoon.

Mr. Woody, president of the three banks, at Waynesville, Hazelwood and Brevard, has held several important committee assignments with the Bankers Association. He formerly headed the agricultural committee and sponsored several projects of state-wide interest for better farming.

The association elevates its vice presidents each year, and in three years Mr. Woody is slated to be the state president.

Here for the convention from Waynesville are Mr. and Mrs. Woody, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Aaron Prevost. Mr. Prevost is a director of the First National Bank, Waynesville.

## Methodists Give Good Reports At Mid-Year District Meet At Clyde

More than 150 Methodists representing churches all the way from Murphy and Shooting Creek, to Morning Star, met at Clyde Saturday for the mid-year Waynesville District Conference.

The ministers and laymen, who came from 32 churches in seven counties, heard budget reports and discussed special causes and in-

If you are a trout fisherman, and happen to come back from a fishing trip some day with an empty creel, and a nasty disposition, be careful what you say. Don't kick the cat around and fume that "there ain't no fish."

The records, and facts are dead against you.

There are trout, and trout and then some more trout. At least a half million of them in the mountain streams of ten Western North Carolina counties that were not there last year. All because of the 365-day job done by experienced men at the Balsam Trout Hatchery, near here.

Leo Reiger, superintendent of the Hatchery since 1935, said this week that a half million trout are hatched and distributed into the streams each year.

Almost daily, a truck loaded with brook trout, rainbow trout, and brown trout, leave the Hatchery for some designated stream. The fish are 8 to 10 inches long, and provide a fisherman with a thrill everytime he hooks one.

The Balsam Hatchery, the largest in the state, and one of the finest in the south, has been providing the finest specimen of trout (Continued on page 1, section 2)

terests sponsored by the Western North Carolina Conference. Dr. C. N. Clark of Waynesville, district superintendent, presided. Many of the churches reported (See Methodist—Page 4)

Highway Record For 1949 (To Date)

In Haywood Killed . . . 1 Injured . . . 15

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