

Comments Received Mountaineer On Farm Edition

Former Local Boy Wins Valuable Scholarship



Robert E. Hopkins, 17-year-old son of Rev. and Mrs. Julian S. Hopkins of High Point, and formerly of Waynesville, has been awarded a four-year music scholarship to Ithaca College, Ithaca, N. Y.

In the communication from the New York college, Hopkins also was advised that he scored one of the highest ratings in the history of the college on his application tests. He rated at the top of 64 candidates for the scholarships. In addition to scoring high marks on his musical ability, he was commended for his high rating on the academic phases of the application tests.

Hopkins, who is organist at the Green Street Baptist church, is a senior at High Point high school.

He graduated from the High Point high school last night and was valedictorian of his class of 230 members. He made a rating of "A" on all subjects over the four-year period in high school.

Rev. Mr. Hopkins was pastor of the First Baptist church here, and left here to take up his duties as pastor of the Green Street Baptist church in High Point.

Two From Here At Research Farm

Kent Ketner and Raymond Caldwell recently returned from a visit to the Purina Research Farm at Gray Summit, Missouri, near St. Louis, where they saw practical feeding and management operations designed to help farmers produce more meat, milk and eggs from the poultry and livestock on their own farms.

On the Research Farm of 738 acres, the newest "ration" and methods of feeding were explained to Ketner, Caldwell and other visitors on the tour. Some of the many results of the program of feeding, breeding, management and sanitation which were pointed out, were dairy heifers ready for breeding at 12 to 15 months; sows from which an average of well over 17 fat hogs a year have been marketed and broilers that grew to an average of 3 to 3½ pounds at 11 weeks of age on only 10 pounds of feed.

Delphia, Drop That Gun, He's Plenty Scared

ST. LOUIS (U.P.)—Sam Ventignia's girl friend started shooting when he said he wanted to postpone their wedding.

Sam told police that Delphia Mercuro fired three shots into the wall over his head.

"I just wanted to scare him," the 38-year-old Delphia explained.

grateful to you for your promotional efforts.

"Let me congratulate you on the edition."

John B. Harris, Editor
The Stanly News and Press

FROM HIGH POINT

"May I congratulate you on an excellent job in your special farm edition. I am especially interested in your community development program, and can see why it would attract much attention from a wide area."

Robert L. Thompson, Editor
High Point Enterprise

FROM WASHINGTON

"I have just read a copy of the farm edition of The Mountaineer, and it is a very magnificent production."

As you know, I have had experience in the newspaper business and I know the amount of work and effort required to prepare and publish an edition of this character. I felicitate you and your associates on this fine achievement and I congratulate Haywood county on having such a progressive and outstanding newspaper.

Senator Clyde R. Hoyt

Carolina Editors Make Favorable Comment On 62-Page Farm Edition

FROM WINSTON-SALEM:

Chickens Live in "Hotels"—

HAYWOOD COUNTY'S FARM DIVERSIFICATION

A special edition of The Waynesville Mountaineer is a "County Fair" in prose and photographs—telling readers of an amazing experiment in farm development in Haywood County, a program of agricultural progress that has made its effects felt on the incomes of the county's farm population and augurs bright years ahead in six areas of agricultural enterprise.

Published twice a week in the resort town of Waynesville at the eastern entrance of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, the newspaper is published by Curtis Russ and Marion Bridges and edited by Mr. Russ.

This special edition is the "largest printed work of Asheville" and has 62 pages and nine sections, with six sections devoted to agriculture in Haywood County and

the other three featuring what has been named the "Community Development Program."

Improvement

Always a fertile area for crop and livestock production as well as an advanced dairy country, Haywood farmers are embarking on an intensive program of doing everything they do just a little bit better.

The result so far appears to be that the 3,100 farm families of that county will raise their income this year about fifty per cent, or \$2,500,000. The estimated income for 1948 was five million dollars, and the county agent said the 1949 income will total in the neighborhood of seven and a half million dollars.

According to official government reports, here is the annual income of the six major agricultural divisions in Haywood County:

Beef Cattle	\$2,000,000
Burley Tobacco	1,000,000

Dairying	7,000,000
Fruits-Vegetables	7,000,000
Poultry	300,500
Forestry	250,000

Those who think of beef cattle raising as exclusively the work of wild west cowboys ought to see the fine heaves produced on the pastures of North Carolina mountainsides. "Grass is our chief crop" many Haywood people say, and improved pastures have meant money to both the beef cattle farmers and the dairymen.

Last February 17th, three and a half months ago, several civic, business and agricultural leaders of Haywood County met in Waynesville and formally adopted a program for "Better Living for Rural People."

The formula was plain: Increased production—per person, per acre, per animal unit.

Six Commissions

It was and is a promotional program and an educational series of courses. Each of 26 farm areas in the county are organized, with volunteer officers and a central organization to direct the overall plan. Six commissions were named to spur improvement in production of burley, fruit-vegetables, dairying, poultry, beef cattle and forestry. Results have already been felt.

The enthusiasm of the farmers is contagious, and the plan is "snowballing". During the few weeks the plan has been under way, the most noticeable stepping-up of production has been in dairying and poultry raising. Farmers are building modern barns for cows for the reason that they make more than twice as much for Grade A milk as they earned for lesser grades of milk. One man has constructed a five-story chicken house. "Chicken house" really doesn't describe the place, so he calls it a "Chicken Hotel" for 40,000 fowls.

Variety of Produce

County agents, Home Demonstration agents and authorities from State College have been helping the Haywood people in their Community Development Program and people are being shown how they can produce more tobacco under the quotas already allocated, how more income can be realized in dairying, how to make more money from truck vegetables, how to double the poultry production in a 12 month period, and how to make the people wealthier by treating their forests as "crops". As they cut the trees off their land and sell them by the truck-loads to the Champion Paper and Fibre Company of Canton, the farmers are

planting seedlings to take the place of the forests. This is diversification at its best.

This Haywood County program is the kind of farm plan that other counties could take as a model. Haywood does not lead the State agriculturally, but for intensive efforts the people there seem to be making the greatest gains and will probably show the greatest increase in value of farm crops during 1949. The people have asked for no subsidies to help with this program. They have adopted a simple plan to produce more and better. Quality and quantity, as well as diversification, are the goals, and they are achieving these goals and providing an excellent lesson for others in North Carolina.

—The Twin-City Sentinel.

FROM MORGANTON:

A Special "Special Edition"

A special agricultural edition of The Waynesville Mountaineer, issued recently, is unusual, to say the least of it. It presents in stories and pictures the Community Development Program undertaken in Haywood county. After even a cursory examination of the 62-page edition of The Mountaineer it is not difficult to understand why the

program has been attracting much attention in agricultural circles through the South and will no doubt have nation-wide appeal.

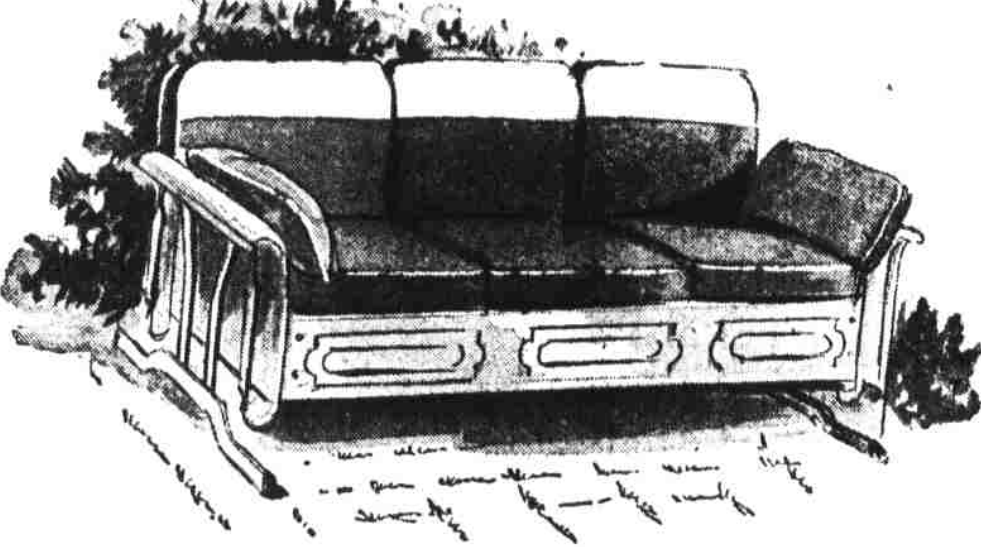
The program being followed in Haywood, as presented so well in the special edition, was planned to set up a "working Chamber of Commerce" in every rural community in the county. Through the organization, civic pride is being generated, and programs designed for better rural living are evidently being carried out.

"The results attained in Haywood county since January first are amazing — even far beyond our fondest expectations," states Editor Curtis Russ. "For example, when the program started, there were 3,000 commercial broilers in the county. Four months later there were 300,000."

"Several expensive rural churches are already under construction as a direct result of the program."

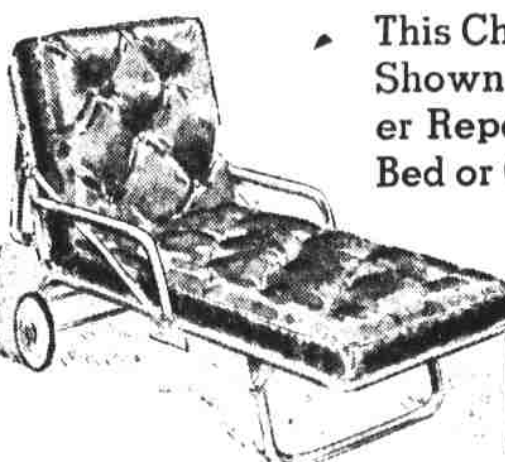
"It is truly a program that proves cooperation pays big dividends." Our hearty congratulations are extended to the promoters of and participants in the program, and especially to the publishers of The Mountaineer for their excellent presentation of what is being achieved. (See Editors Comment—Page 6)

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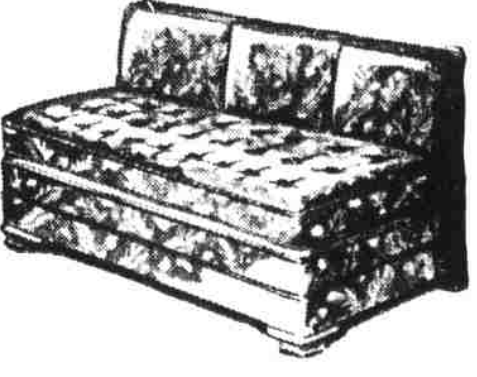
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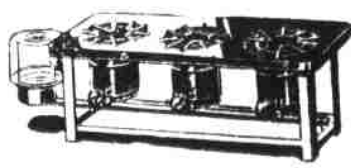


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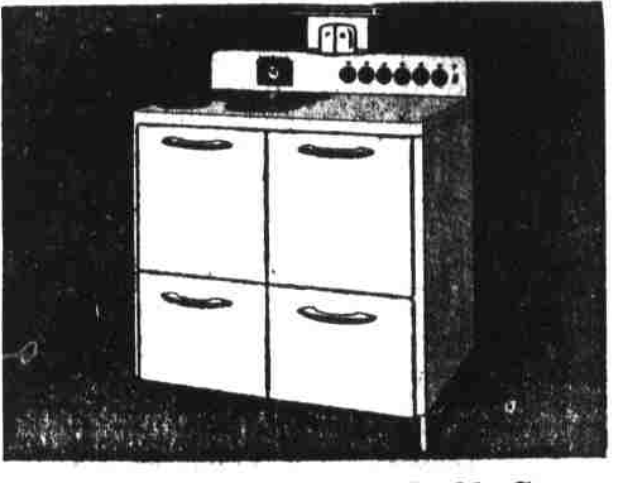
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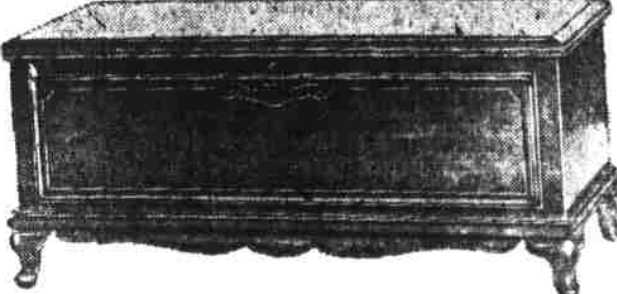
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