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TODAY'S SMILE
"I'm getting stronger."
"How do you know?"
"Because a few years ago I couldn't carry three dollars' worth of groceries, and now it's easy."

Election On Hospital Expansion Set Oct. 1

Federal And State To Pay Two-Thirds Of The Costs

The Haywood Board of Elections today set Saturday, October first, as the date for the \$225,000 hospital expansion bond election.

The board acted under the direction of the county commissioner, which had previously received a petition from a large number of Haywood voters, asking for the election.

The expansion of the hospital would be made with funds provided by the county, together with state and federal funds. Under the plan, Haywood would provide 29 1/2 per cent, and the state and federal government 70 1/2 per cent of the cost. It has been estimated that the project will cost about \$600,000, to expand the present building.

The voters will also vote on the question of authorizing a levy up to 10 cents per \$100 valuation for the purpose of financing the cost of operation of the hospital, purchase of equipment, and general maintenance. The present levy is slightly more than 6 cents.

Leaders from all parts of the county participated in getting the petitions signed asking for the election.

"While we can get a gift of more than two-thirds of the cost, it appears that now is the time to accept the gift, and go ahead and expand our hospital," George A. Brown, Jr., chairman of the board of commissioners said.

"The facilities of the hospital are far from being adequate," Lee Davis, administrator of the institution, said. "If ever a hospital needed more room, it is this one," he continued.

Jerry Rogers, chairman of the board of elections announced this morning that registration books would open Saturday, September 3rd, and remain open on the 10th and also the 17th. The regular challenge day has been set for the 24th, and the election on October first.

The registrars and judges have been named for the election as follows:

Beaverdam Township
Precinct No. 1: E. P. Hayes, Registrar, Tommie Smathers and Ted Walker, Judges.
Precinct No. 2: Jack Chapman, Registrar, Mrs. G. C. Bryson and (See Hospital—Page 2)

Auto, Truck Collide In City; No One Injured

An auto and a truck collided Friday morning on Academy St. near the intersection of Main.

Police Chief Orville Noland reported that no one was injured and that the approximately \$60 damages to the car was settled on the spot.

He said a laundry truck driven by Mr. Wolf was backing from Main into Academy when it collided with a two-door Ford sedan driven by Delsie Love, a negro, turning into Main Street.

The impact damaged the right front side and right rear fender of the car.

The accident occurred at about 8:45 o'clock.

Messer Attends State-Wide Meeting

Haywood County Schools Superintendent Jack Messer returned Friday from a two-day state-wide meeting of county school superintendents at Mars Hill.

The session opened Wednesday night and ended Thursday.

Highway Record For 1949 (To Date)

In Haywood Killed . . . 4 Injured . . . 31

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

REA President



CARTER OSBORNE is president of the board of directors of the Haywood Electric Membership Cooperative, which will hold its annual meeting here Saturday. Mr. Osborne has served in this capacity all but two years since 1941.

Depot Will Be Closed 2 Days A Week

Notices on the door of the Southern Railway depot here advise that the depot will be closed on Saturdays and Sundays, effective September first.

J. G. Terrell, agent here, said this morning that a change might be made from the notice, but at present, the depot will be open five days a week.

It was also learned that the Hazlewood depot will be kept open six days a week, as will the Canton depot.

The formal notice, signed by the company, points out: "To carry out findings of an emergency board appointed by the President of the United States under the National Railway Labor Act, the nation's railroads necessarily agreed with the non-operating Railway Labor Unions to establish a 5-day-40-hour work week effective September 1, 1949. This will require the closing on Saturdays and Sundays of many depots." (See Depot—Page 2)

Opening Of Haywood Schools Set For Aug. 29

Preparations continued this week for the opening of Haywood County's secondary schools for the new year on Aug. 29.

The principals started work on administrative matters last Monday. The job of distributing the approximately 10,000 textbooks was finished by late last week, and painters and carpenters were working on necessary repairs to the school buildings, which had been idle through the summer.

Canton's schools will open a week later than the county schools.

The office of Superintendent A. J. Hitchens announced the city schools would open for the new year on Sept. 6.

For the first time since early in the war, Canton High School will have a manual training department. A manual training teacher is being sought to take charge of this work.

The department was closed early in World War II because of the teacher shortage.

Dr. Hitchens met with his principals at the high school last Friday and will meet with the teachers at 9 a. m. Sept. 2.

Jack Messer, Haywood schools superintendent, announced a series of meetings will be held this week. (See School—Page 2)

Large Number Expected At 10th Annual Meeting Of REA Here On Saturday

Gwyn B. Price, chairman of the North Carolina Rural Electrification Authority, will be principal speaker Saturday at the annual meeting of the Haywood Electric Membership Corporation at the Waynesville Armory.

This tenth anniversary meeting will open at 10 a. m.

This was announced today by Ira H. Cogburn, Corporation secretary.

Scheduled for the meeting are the adoption of the Capital Credits Plan and the new rate schedules affecting every member of the organization, and the election of 11 directors.

Mr. Cogburn explained that the Capital Credits Plan will assure every patron of getting full credit for any service payments he makes in excess of the cost of service to him.

The committee on nominations will submit its choices to the members. Additional nominations may be made at the meeting, the secretary added.

The members also will hear the reports of the officers, and will receive copies of the Corporation's financial statement.

The meeting won't be all business, however.

For entertainment, there will be movies, singing by quartets, and other features. Preceding the meeting will be a parade and music by the Waynesville Township High School band, scheduled to start at 9:45 a. m.

Valuable attendance prizes also will be awarded.

Lunch will be served under the direction of the home demonstration agents.

Carter Osborne, Corporation president will call the meeting to order.

The business session is scheduled to get underway following the singing of "America" by the members and the offering of the invocation.

Mr. Osborne, Mr. Cogburn, and General Manager R. C. Sheffield will deliver their reports during the business meeting.

Mr. Price is scheduled to begin his address at 11 a. m., and immediately afterward the elections will be held.

After lunch, there will be an open forum on capital credits, followed by the showing of a film entitled "Cooperation." The entertainment features and the awarding of prizes will occupy the remainder of the afternoon, with adjournment scheduled for 4 o'clock.

Fire Causes Minor Damage To Filling Station

A blaze in the basement of Ward's Esso Service station near Lake Junaluska early today was discovered before it could do more than a negligible amount of damage. Fire Chief Clem Fitzgerald reported.

He said H. S. Ward, the operator of the station, saw no signs of fire when he unlocked the door to start work at about 7:45 a. m.

But shortly afterward, he saw clouds of smoke puff up suddenly from the floor and immediately turned in the alarm.

Chief Fitzgerald reported the blaze was extinguished in a few minutes before it could do more than scorch the underside of the floor.

He said some old crates and boxes had caught fire from an unknown cause.

Prices On Market Show An Increase

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Ray have returned from a week's buying trip in St. Louis.

"The market is stronger, with prices on many items showing a slight rise," Mr. Ray said.

"Many manufacturers are increasing prices, and the general feeling is that business will be good this fall. Many manufacturers are increasing their inventories, and also increasing production in preparation for the rise in business." They drove to St. Louis.

Local Man Gets \$531 For An Idea



Oscar Knight, center, is \$531 better off by having submitted an idea to officials of the A. C. Lawrence Leather Company at Hazlewood. Mr. Knight has been with the firm for 16 years, and works in the tannery division. He thought of a method of reclaiming certain tanning fluids, and the company found the method practical, and would save them \$5,310 a year, so Knight was given the customary 10 per cent. Shown handing Knight the \$531 check is L. K. Barber, superintendent, while Carl Swanger, chairman of the suggestions committee of the plant, offers congratulations. Not long ago Homer Moore received a check for \$400 for another suggestion. There have been numerous checks for smaller amounts given. (This photo by Ingram's Studio.)

More Than 1,000 Attend Annual Home-Field Day

More than 1,000 people from throughout Haywood County saw a panorama of the latest practices in farming, farm machinery, and its uses last Friday at R. F. Rogers' farm in Upper Crabtree.

The occasion was Haywood County's second annual Farm and Home Field Day, which had been postponed from Wednesday because the fields where the demonstrations had been scheduled had been made soggy by rain.

The spectators heard brief addresses by state and county agricultural leaders on virtually every aspect of farm and rural home life. The county Community Development Program organizations sponsored the Field Day, with County Agent Wayne Corpening in charge.

The dinner was in charge of the Upper Crabtree Community Development Club, headed by Chairman Jack Rogers.

Among the principal speakers were Dean I. O. Schaub, director of the N. C. State Agricultural Extension Service; C. F. Parrish, Extension poultry specialist; R. W. Schoffner, western district farm agent; Albert Fortune, a representative of the Fortune Paint and Hardware Company of Asheville; Miss Pauline Gordon, State College home management and house furnishings specialist; and Mrs. Corinne Grimsley, Extension specialist in family relations.

Dr. J. H. Hilton, dean of the (See Field Day—Page 8)

Four Hurt As Two Cars Crash Near Pigeon Gap

Mrs. M. H. Bowles is slowly but gradually improving from injuries sustained last Thursday in an automobile accident on Highway No. 276 at McCracken's Orchard, in which four persons were hurt.

Reports at noon today were that she will be able to leave the hospital Wednesday or Thursday. She is suffering from a concussion of the head and cuts.

Billy Woods, who received a fractured jaw in the accident, as a passenger of the second car, was released from the hospital on Saturday.

M. H. Bowles and daughter, Florence Ann, received bruises and suffered from shock. Billy Haywood McDonald of Ratcliffe Cove, driver of the other car, was bruised.

State Highway Patrolman Jeff May investigated the collision. Mr. Bowles was driving his car, and McDonald the other car. The Bowles car was damaged about \$325, and the McDonald car about \$150, it was said. The two cars met head-on in a curve.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowles were en route to visit relatives in Southern Georgia when the accident happened. Mr. Bowles is district superintendent of the Waynesville schools.

Gov. Scott Asks More Utilities For Farmers

North Carolina's court system, power companies, telephone firms, and the REA drew criticism from Governor Kerr Scott at Canton last Saturday afternoon.

In his speech before a large audience at the Farmers Federation Picnic at Canton High School, he blamed the private power and telephone agencies and the REA for failing to get electricity and phones into many rural homes.

He instructed the farmers who do not have these conveniences to write him, and that he would exert the power of his office to get them for them.

The governor declared that 118,000 farm homes in North Carolina do not have electricity, and that there will be an 50,000 more new homes built in the next few years that will need it.

Referring to the courts, he promised a streamlining of their procedure.

One of the defects, he indicated, was the time many farmers had to waste around court houses away from their work.

He declared that "under the present system a farmer hangs around the court house all day to find out whether he is going to work for the state for nothing, or go home."

The governor arrived at Canton in a State Highway Patrol car from Greenville, S. C., where he had had to leave his party.

The National Guard plane, bearing the governor, other officials, and radio newscasters and newspapermen, had been forced by the fog to circle an hour over the Greenville Air Base before landing.

The craft, a C-47 transport, had (See Scott—Page 8)

Veterans To File For Dividends

On the first of the year, the federal government will start paying out \$2,800,000,000 in dividends to the nation's 16,000,000 World War II veterans and the beneficiaries of dead veterans on National Service Life Insurance policies.

Haywood County Veterans Service Officer James H. Howell, Jr., said today he was informed that the application blanks would be available at the county post offices after August 29.

Charles Edwards, commander of the Haywood American Legion Post in Waynesville at the same time announced that his organization would assist county World War II veterans in filling out their application blanks properly.

He added he was advised that the Winston-Salem, N. C., Regional Office of the Veterans Administration would mail dividend application forms next Thursday to all of North Carolina's Legion posts.

The Haywood Legion organization hopes to have a worker on duty at the American Legion rooms in the old Citizens Bank building for several days after receiving the blanks.

VA officials have advised veterans, however, that such applications for dividends must not be (See Dividends—Page 8)

Driver Escapes Injury In Main Street Accident

An auto went out of control early Sunday, mounted the curb and crashed into the back of a parked car on Main Street near the Woolsey Heights gate at a sharp curve. No one was injured, Police Chief Orville Noland reported.

He said James Reeves, about 24, of Waynesville, route 2, was driving east when his car collided with the parked vehicle, owned by Bill Ferguson.

He added that Reeves was scheduled to answer a reckless driving charge this afternoon in Mayor J. H. Way's court.

The parked car escaped serious damage. The damage to Reeves' car was estimated by the officer at about \$50.

Accident Victim



THOMAS MEDFORD CUTSHAW, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Cutshaw of Waynesville, was fatally injured Aug. 11 in a logging accident near Cleveland, S. C. He was unloading a truck for his brother, a Georgia Lumber Co. contractor, when a log slipped and struck him. Five brothers and two sisters survive, in addition to his parents.

85 Extension Workers See 4-H Camp Project Here

Eighty-five Extension workers from 20 counties of Western North Carolina spent two days at the new 4-H Club camp at the State Test Farm here, making plans for completion of the camp, and the general 4-H Club program.

Dr. I. O. Schaub, director of the Extension Service in the state, headed the group. There were county agents, and home demonstration agents from each of the 20 counties of Western North Carolina.

The group gathered here Friday and left Sunday morning.

During the time a series of conferences were held, and Dr. Schaub said "most of the time was taken in shop talk, and discussing plans for the 4-H program. An exchange of ideas, and reports on different phases of the work took a greater part of the conference periods."

Among others from Raleigh who attended the two-day session, included C. F. Parrish, poultry specialist, Miss Pauline Gordon, family relation specialist, R. W. Schoffner, district county agent, Miss Ruth Current, State Home Demonstration Agent, L. R. Harrill, state 4-H Club leader, Jack Kelley, juvenile specialist, W. B. Collins and John Ford of TVA and Mr. Gibson, of the Texas Extension Service.

The dining hall, kitchen, and several cabins of the new 4-H Club camp have been completed. Plans are underway for construction of a swimming pool, and 20 cabins in all. The plan is for the 4-H Clubs of each of the 20 counties in this area to pay for a cabin at the camp.

Citizens of Haywood bought the land several years ago and donated it to the state.

Boy Suffers Broken Leg In Accident

An 18-year-old Jackson County boy suffered a broken leg Friday night when he was struck by a car as he was walking along the Allens Creek road near Highway 19-23.

Clyde Cope of Gay, the injured youth, was reported resting comfortably today at Haywood County Hospital.

Police Chief Orville Noland said the driver of the car, identified by officers as Eugene Rogers, 21, of Waynesville, was arrested on Main Street about two hours after the accident.

He added Rogers carried the injured youth to the hospital immediately after he was struck.

Officers quoted a witness as saying young Cope was hit from behind while walking with Billy Rhinehart of Allens Creek.

The witness added the car was travelling at a moderate rate when the accident occurred.

Officers Guy Messer and J. M. Rogers, Deputy Sheriff Wade McDaniel, and State Highway Patrolman Bill Sawyer investigated.

Chief Noland said the Jackson county youth was the first person (See Boy Suffers—Page 8)

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