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TODAY'S SMILE
With the high price of meat today, when a man bites a dog it isn't news—it's lunch.

Haywood Baptists Report Substantial Gains Made During Past Twelve Months

Re-Elected



REV. M. L. LEWIS, pastor of the Hazelwood Baptist church, was re-elected moderator at the 64th annual Association Meeting held Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

64th Annual Association Meeting Held With 800 Attending 2-Day Session

More Haywood Baptists gathered for the two-day session of the sixty-fourth annual session this week, and heard encouraging reports from all phases of the work. Approximately 800 attended the three sessions, which started Tuesday at the High Street church in Canton, then moved to the Beulah church for the evening service, and out to the North Canton church for the full day Wednesday.

Rev. M. L. Lewis, of Hazelwood, was re-elected moderator during the business session.

Substantial gains were reported in church membership, Sunday School enrollment, as well as the Training Union work. The reports also showed a marked increase in gifts for the past year.

The general theme of the association was "Bearing Witness". Miss Daphne Boone, association missionary, reported that there are almost 10,000 Baptists in Haywood.

A number of leaders of the Baptist work in the state attended sessions of the Association, and made brief addresses. Among them included Rev. Richard K. Young, of the Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem; Rev. Mr. Kendall, of Mars Hill; Rev. Ben Fisher, and Mr. Reid, of the Baptist Orphanage.

The annual sermon was preached by Rev. C. L. Bissett.

Officers elected, in addition to Rev. Mr. Lewis, included: M. C. Wyatt, vice-moderator, Mrs. Award Gaddis, clerk, Neal Webb, treasurer, R. E. Sentelle, historian, A. M. Wyatt, superintendent of evangelism, with Ben Ray and George McHaffey, associates of evangelism.

Harry Mashburn, director of brotherhood, M. H. Raby, associate, R. J. Morgan, chairman of stewardship, and O. F. Burnette, steward, Rev. H. L. Smith, chairman executive program committee, Rev. L. G. Elliott, chorister, and Mrs. Joe Cathey, pianist.

The Sunday school officers include Fred Fore, superintendent, Jack Medford, superintendent of enlargement, Mrs. Joe Stamey, superintendent of training, Mrs. Fred Fore, superintendent of Vacation Bible School, Miss Esther Mae Gibson, pianist, C. T. Taylor, chorister and Jean Delvin, secretary.

The department superintendent are Mrs. W. H. Burgin, cradle roll; Mrs. Hugh Gossett, nursery; Mrs. P. H. Gentry, beginners; Mrs. Buren Metcalf, primary; Mrs. L. L. Shaver, junior; Mrs. W. B. Sprinkle, intermediate; Rev. C. L. Bissett, young people; Mrs. C. T. Francis, adult; and Mrs. Raymond Wells, extension.

The training union associational officers named were: Mrs. Sam Knight, director; Robert Gaddis, associational director; Rev. H. L. Smith, pastor-advisor; Jarvis Brock, secretary; Grace Erwin, pianist; with the following group leaders: Mrs. David Cate, story hour; Mrs. Way Mease, junior; Marlon T. Bridges, intermediate; Mrs. Albert Messer, young people; and Miss Mary Holtzclaw, adult.

Inman Family Reunion To Be Held Sunday

The Inman Family Reunion and Homecoming Day will be held Sunday at the Inman Methodist Church near Lake Logan.

Jerry Francis, an official of the Reunion, said in the announcement today that all relatives and friends are cordially invited to bring a basket lunch and spend the day.

There will be singing and other events, with the Rev. W. H. Pless to be a featured speaker.

Draft Board Office To Close Tomorrow

The office of the Haywood Draft Board No. 45 will close tomorrow, but members of the board will continue to serve, W. A. Bradley, the chairman, said today.

The office is going out of operation under a government order closing all selective service offices in Western North Carolina except that at Asheville, which will assume the work of the closing units.

George A. Brown, chairman of the County Board of Commissioners, announced today at the same time that an acting veterans officer who will be named to handle veterans' affairs will also register candidates for induction in this area.

The records of the local board will be moved to Asheville.

Mr. Bradley said that though there will be no more regular meetings of the board, the members will hold called meetings from time to time on registration and other business.

Man Reported To Have Been Bitten By Rattlesnake

A report that could not be officially confirmed gave this story of a fishing incident in the Sherwood Forest about two weeks ago: A young man named Cogburn from the Cruso section slipped on a rock while fishing.

When he rose to his feet he found a large rattlesnake coiled around his arm, with its fangs sunk into his flesh.

After he was bitten he rushed to Canton where he reportedly was treated by a local physician.

He is said to be under treatment at a Veterans Administration hospital.

Pisgah National Forest District Ranger W. P. Duncan of Brevard, when questioned about the report Tuesday afternoon, said he had investigated but was unable to verify it.

FORMER RESIDENT VISITING HERE

Mrs. Thomas M. Seawell, of Winder, Ga., is spending a few days at Lake Junaluska before coming to Waynesville for the remainder of the season. Mrs. Seawell and the late Mr. Seawell were former residents of Waynesville.

Labor Day Celebration To Open At Canton High

The Canton Cub Scouts' annual Pet Show will open at 2 p. m. at the Canton High School stadium Saturday as a preliminary to the launching of the 43rd annual Labor Day Celebration and Fall Festival.

In charge of the show will be Harry Matthews, the Scout leader, C. C. Poindexter, general chairman of the Celebration, said in his announcement Tuesday.

Mr. Poindexter indicated prospects were that youngsters throughout Haywood County were to enter their pets in the event. He advised them to file their ap-

Band Assistant



ROBERT A. CAMPBELL of Charlotte arrived here this week to start work as assistant director of the Waynesville Township High School band. The appointment was announced last week by Band Director Charles Isley. Mr. Campbell graduated from Davidson College last spring and has had experience with the city symphony orchestras of Charlotte, Spartanburg, and Charleston.

Schools Of County All Set To Open Monday

Six thousand Haywood County children, tanned by days at the swimming hole and the fishing stream, will spend their last days of summer vacation this week end.

For Monday means the start of school days again. Haywood County's six district schools will launch the new class year that day.

Teachers are getting their last-minute instructions this week in a series of meetings throughout the county.

The pupils of Canton and St. John's School of Waynesville, however, will have at least one more week of grace before taking up their books and pencils again.

The office of Superintendent A. J. Hutches announced the Canton 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. Hutches 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 for teachers at the various district schools.

At the same time, he reminded parents that state law requires children scheduled to enter school to have health certificates showing they've been inoculated against smallpox, diphtheria, and whooping cough.

In regard to the minimum age requirements for school children, he pointed out that the state law provides a child may start the first grade if he's six years of age or will be that age on or before October 1.

If the child's sixth birthday is later than that date he will have to wait until the next school year starts before he can enter.

The Rev. A. F. Rohrbacher, superintendent of St. John's School. (See Schools—Page 8)

400 Visit County To See Results Of Program

Four hundred farmers, farm leaders, and agricultural scientists staged an educational invasion of Haywood County last Tuesday.

Their objective was to learn something about Haywood County's Community Development Program, which has excited interest far beyond North Carolina's borders.

The visitors toured the Rattlesnake Cove farms of Claude Francis and Reeves Noland during their afternoon visit. Directing the tour was R. W. Schoffner, western district farm agent.

The group had come here as part of the Farm and Home Week program being held at Western Carolina Teachers College. Guiding them on their visit were County Agent Wayne Corpening,

10th Annual Haywood REA Meeting To Open Saturday

Rural homeowners will hear North Carolina REA Chairman Gwyn Price of Raleigh and will elect officers at the annual meeting of the Haywood Electric Membership Corporation Saturday.

The members of the rural electric corporation will open their tenth annual meeting at 10 a. m. at the Waynesville Armory.

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 this week by Ira H. Cogburn, Corporation secretary.

Scheduled for the meeting are the adoptions 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." (See REA—Page 8)

David Hyatt Injured In Fall From Roof

David Hyatt, owner of the Hyatt Plumbing Company, is under treatment in Mission Hospital at Asheville for a broken collar bone and broken hip suffered in an 18-foot fall from a roof Monday afternoon.

Mr. Hyatt was working on the roof of Mrs. David Cate's home on Meadow St., Waynesville, when he slipped and plunged to the ground of the yard.

After X-rays were taken at Haywood County Hospital here, he was rushed to the Asheville hospital for further treatment.

Two months ago, his wife suffered a cracked shoulder bone when she slipped and fell on the back steps of their home on Walnut Street.

Traffic Charges Bring Fines In Police Court

Seven motorists paid sums ranging from costs to \$200 in fines and costs in Mayor J. H. Way's court Monday afternoon for traffic violations.

Hardest hit financially was one of three defendants charged with drunk driving. He was taxed with a \$200 fine and costs, in addition to losing his driver's license for a year.

Two others accused of the same offense were ordered to pay a fine of \$100 and court costs each, besides having their licenses revoked.

Two other defendants parted with \$50 and costs on reckless driving counts, while a speeder was also assessed that amount.

A prohibition law violation cost another defendant a \$10 fine and court assessments, and eight charged with public drunkenness were ordered to pay court costs.

HOME COMING SUNDAY

Sunday will be Homecoming Day for the members of the Inman Methodist Church.

Laundry Truck Demolished, Driver Escapes Scratchless

A Waynesville Laundry truck swerved off the highway in Hazelwood early this afternoon, crashed into a power pole, then turned over on the slope of a steep bank. The cab was crushed.

But the driver, Fredy Frady, walked away from the wreck uninjured. He was released from Haywood County Hospital after an examination.

The impact broke a power line charged with 11,000 volts, dropping it across the highway, Manager Harry Burselon of the Caro-

3 Men Hurt Enroute To Fight \$25,000 Blaze Near Balsam

Two Waynesville firemen and a companion were injured this morning when their car ran off the highway as they were rushing to a blazing house near Balsam Gap early today, leaving the handsome house in charred ruins.

Dr. and Mrs. Hugh Ford of Clearwater, Fla., and their two teen-aged daughters awoke as the flames were licking at the floor of one of the girl's bedrooms and escaped in their night clothes.

Meanwhile, two firemen—David Underwood and Alfred Fowler—were injured when their car ran off the fog shrouded highway near the Allens Creek road intersection and was wrecked when a wheel struck a manhole cover, sending the lid crashing into the underside of the vehicle.

In addition to his other injuries, Fowler lost several teeth. The car, driven by Underwood, sustained severe damage.

The damage to house and car, both destroyed, was estimated at \$20,000 to \$25,000.

Investigators said Mrs. Ford was awakened by the odor of smoke shortly after 6:30 A. M., and immediately aroused her family.

Dr. Ford ran into the garage to drive the blazing car into the open, but was beaten back by the searing flames.

The flames were out of control when the family awoke and had engulfed the building as Fire Chief Clem Fitzgerald led the firemen to the scene.

The house, located on the road to Cabin Flats just off the Balsam highway near Balsam Gap, was completed in August 1947. The first floor, housing the garage and playrooms, was of native stone construction, while the upper story was of lumber and contained the residence rooms.

The flaming auto sounded the first alarm. The fire caused a short circuit that made the horn start blowing and aroused the family.

The only effects saved from the house were some clothes one of the girls snatched from a rack as she was fleeing the blaze.

Another family car, however, parked outside the house, escaped destruction.

The fire chief said the cause of the blaze in the car that was in the first-floor section had not yet been determined.

Farmer Wounded In Argument Over Road

Troy Leatherwood, Jonathan Creek farmer wounded last Saturday, was reported in good condition at Haywood County Hospital today.

The Sheriff's department said Leatherwood was shot in the right leg with a 22 Caliber rifle at about noon Saturday by Burlo Carver of Jonathan Creek on the mountain above Leatherwood's home.

The report said the shooting grew out of a long-standing controversy over a road.

Carver is charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

He was released from jail yesterday after posting \$5,000 bond.

TRUCK TURNS OVER

A State Highway Department truck turned over on the Dellwood Road this morning, but no one was reported injured, police said.

The accident occurred at about 8:30 o'clock.

Highway Record For 1949 (To Date) In Haywood Killed . . . 4 Injured . . . 34 (This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol.)