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**TODAY'S SMILE**  
A man six feet eight inches tall applied for a job as a life guard. "Can you swim?" asked the official.  
"No, but I can wade to beat the band."

## Board Of Aldermen Hold Town Tax Rate To \$1.40

### Budget for Year Adopted; Valuation Shows Half Million Increase

The Town board of Aldermen this week adopted a budget calling for over a quarter of a million dollars for the coming year, but kept the tax rate at the same as last year—\$1.40 per \$100 valuation.

The budget from tax income is broken down into three parts, with 48 cents going into the general fund; 25 cents into the street fund, and 67 cents into the debt service.

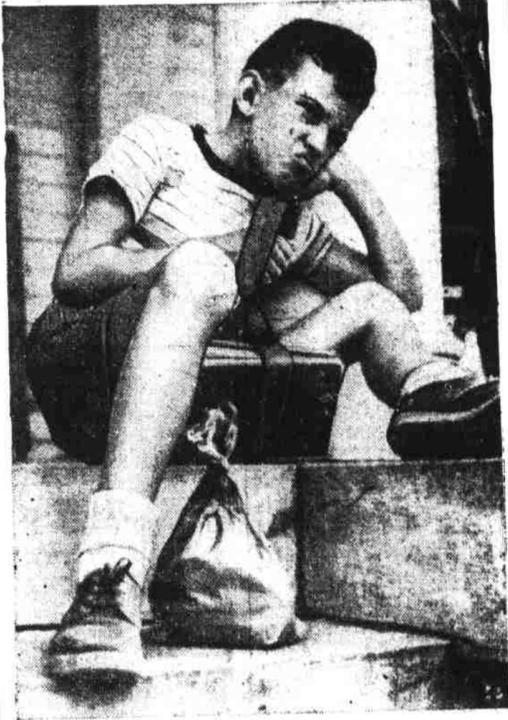
Since the town owns the light and water department, no taxes are levied for carrying these two items. The town does not levy taxes for street lighting, but pays for the street lights out of the profits of the light department. The maintenance and operation of the water department is also carried on without funds from taxes.

The assessed valuation of property in Waynesville is about a half million more than last year. Some of this is accounted for by the additional territory annexed in East Waynesville. Although several other areas are now within the corporate limits of Waynesville, they will not be on the tax books until next year. The present valuation is set at \$3,300,000.

While the town budget is set at \$238,850, the taxes levied will account for only \$46,200 of this amount, the official budget as published elsewhere in this issue shows.

The budget shows an estimated income of \$75,875 from lights and \$25,785 from water.

### Cheer Up Son, Only 35 More Weeks



This young fellow can't quite reconcile himself to school after enjoying a 3-month vacation.

## Haywood Set For Labor Day Events

Canton's 43rd annual Labor Day Celebration and Fall Festival will continue to highlight Haywood's long holiday week-end.

Throughout the county, workers and employers generally will observe the traditional Labor Day holiday, taking the day off Monday.

George A. Brown, Jr., chairman of the Haywood County Board of Commissioners, announced that all county offices would be closed for the day.

Also to be closed are all Waynesville stores, Haywood County schools, and banks and other business places.

William Cobb, president of the Merchants Association, Waynesville Chamber of Commerce, said in his announcement that the Waynesville stores also would close as usual at noon the following Wednesday.

If the weather is good, however, Labor Day will mean labor to the Waynesville Township High School graders, who are scheduled to continue their grid lessons.

It will be the same thing for the members of the high school's crack band, except in a larger dose. Director Charles Isley will take his boys and girls to Canton Monday morning to play in the climax of the Labor Day celebration, and

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## Field Day Held At Test Farm

A large gathering of farmers, warehousemen, and agricultural specialists observed the annual Burley Tobacco Field Day yesterday at the Mountain Test Farm.

Lectures and discussions on burley growing, curing, and marketing occupied the morning hours, with demonstrations in the field following in the afternoon.

Dr. Roy Bennett, N. C. State College extension tobacco specialist, discussed curing methods before the audience.

Dr. Luther Shaw of the Test Farm discussed experiments that had been made with burley tobacco at the station over the last five years.

Another featured speaker during the morning was Assistant Agriculture Commissioner Hugh Harrell, who greeted the delegates in behalf of the state agency and discussed the benefits which tobacco men have realized from research work.

Howard Clapp, Test Farm director, was in charge of the program.

## Mail Should Bear House Number, Street Name

Col. J. Harden Howell, Waynesville postmaster, today urged residents to have their friends address them by street and house number.

Now that all houses in Waynesville have been numbered, he said, this complete address should appear on all mail received by the Waynesville post office for delivery to townpeople.

"Up to 25 per cent of the mail received for delivery by our city carriers does not bear a house number or street name," the postmaster declared.

"To avoid delay, have your mail addressed to street and number, post office box, or general delivery," Colonel Howell said, urging all residents to help writers comply with this request.

## Work To Start Soon On \$18,000 Water Line In Allens Creek Area

## 6,789 Babies Born At Haywood Hospital Since It Opened In March 1928

There have been enough babies born at the Haywood county Hospital since it opened in 1928 to populate a good sized town.

To be exact, there have been 6,789 babies born in the hospital since March 17, 1928—that is to noon yesterday. That is a lot of babies.

The records show that the first baby born in the Haywood Hospital was William I. Millar, now a successful law student at Duke University. Bill, as he is better known, was born on St. Patrick's day—March 17, 1928. Since that day, 6,788 others have first seen the light of day within the Hospital here.

Bill is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. F. Millar, and he graduated from Waynesville high school in 1945, and received his AB degree at Duke in the spring of this year. He is still a student at Duke studying law, which is following in his father's footsteps. Bill and his bride of last December live in Durham.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. F. Millar went to Asheville in the spring of 1927, because of Mr. Millar's health. They stayed until September of that year, but in the meantime looked over Western North Carolina and were much impressed with Waynesville. After spending

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## First Baby Born At Hospital Here



WILLIAM I. MILLAR was the first baby born at the Haywood County Hospital, according to the records of the institution. Bill is a Duke law student, and was born March 17, 1928. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. F. Millar.

## 6-Inch Cast Iron Pipe Already on Ground; Crews To Start Work Immediately

Work is scheduled to begin within a few days on installing a 6-inch water main in the Country Club and Allens Creek areas by the Town of Waynesville.

Already 2,500 feet of 6-inch cast iron pipe has been unloaded on the site, according to G. C. Ferguson, town manager, and equipment is ready to start digging the ditch for the mains.

The line will start in front of the Country Club, then go out to the highway at five points, then up the highway to Allens Creek, and follow the highway out as far as the town line.

Mr. Ferguson estimated the project would cost between \$15,000 and \$18,000.

"Our plans are to push the project to completion as fast as possible, and get the customers tapped on the line," he said.

He further explained that the tapping would be pushed just as fast as the work can be done.

"It is hard to tell just when such work will be completed, because we do not know how much rock might be hit in digging the ditches, and then bad weather delays such work. Our plans are to get the project completed just the first possible minute," he continued.

The citizens of Allens Creek voted to become a part of Waynesville in an election on July 30. On August 30, the cast iron water pipe for water mains in the area were unloaded. "That is pretty quick work," Mr. Ferguson said. "We were lucky in getting delivery of the cast iron pipe that quick."

The whole line calls for a mile and a half of six inch water mains.

## Mountaineer Will Be Published Early

In order to give our staff as much time off as possible on Labor Day, The Mountaineer will go to press early Monday morning. All news for the Monday afternoon edition must be in the office by 8:30 Monday morning.

## Enrollment Is Rising In Haywood County Schools

### Collections Of Garbage Starts Fri. at Allens Cr.

Garbage collections in the Allens Creek area will start Friday morning, it was announced by G. C. Ferguson, town manager, here yesterday.

The garbage trucks will operate all day each Friday, and part of each Saturday, collecting garbage, he said.

He urged all citizens in the area to put their garbage in cans, and place them near the street, so the truck could easily and quickly make the rounds.

"This is the first time the area has had a garbage operate in the section."

## Apple Growers Map Advertising Campaign Plans

The members of the Smoky Mountain Apple Growers Association last Monday night mapped a campaign to advertise Baywood County's apples.

The producers decided to tell the people about the fine quality of the county fruit through advertisements in newspapers, radio broadcasts, and by posters attached to autos and fruit trucks.

Hugh Massie and Bolling Hall were placed in charge of the campaign.

The members, with Bob Boone presiding, also discussed fruit problems during their meeting at the Haywood County Court House.

## Everything To Close For Labor Day Holiday

The First National Bank of Waynesville will be closed all day Monday in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

Also to be closed are all stores, schools, and the Haywood County Library.

## Bad Brakes Causes Car To Plunge Down 130-Foot Embankment At Soco Gap

Driving down the mountain from Soco Gap Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. E. C. Morris of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, suddenly found her foot brakes useless.

As the car picked up speed, she slowed it down with her hand brake as she guided it around the sharp curves.

Then the hand brake gave way. She put the car into low gear, but it ran faster and faster when the clutch burned out.

With rising horror, the 54-year-old woman and her husband saw the speedometer needle climb to 60.

In a last desperate effort to slow the car, Mrs. Morris turned off the switch and drove off the highway into a concrete water ditch by the embankment to their right.

The speeding sedan careened down the groove about 270 feet, then swung over to the right side of the road.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris caught a fleeting glimpse of trees far below as the car flew over the embankment, four miles west of Soco.

Turning to each other, they

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## Francis Cove Group Wins Honors In County Show

### Wellco To Stage Annual Labor Day Picnic On Monday

The annual Labor Day picnic of Wellco Shoe Company has been set for 11 o'clock Monday, at the Allens Creek Community Center. The event is being given for employees of the firm and their families.

The program will get underway at 11 o'clock, and after the picnic dinner, a series of games and other recreational activities will be staged. It was announced by Heinz Rollman, president and general manager.

Among the things on the menu, are barbecued ham, potato salad, pie, ice cream and soft drinks.

About 400 people are expected. The first picnic was held in 1942.

## Canton Men Bound Over To Higher Court

Earl Smathers, 30, and Billy Robinson, 21, both of Canton, were bound over to Haywood Superior Court this morning on charges of breaking, entering and larceny. The charges grew out of thefts from Ralph Boyd's store in Jonathan Creek the night of Aug. 25.

They were still held in county jail here at noon in default of \$2,500 bond each.

Meanwhile, the Haywood County

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## Balentine Sells All His Stocks

The stocks of Balentine's Man Store were moved on Wednesday. Emmett Balentine, owner, sold the entire stock on Tuesday to Bower's, Inc. The stock was moved out of town.

Mr. Balentine announced several weeks ago that he was selling his entire stocks. After a sale of several weeks, he sold the remainder of the stock.

He had no announcement to make as to his future plans. Neither did he have a statement to make regarding the building which is now vacated.

Top prize among the duets went to the Morning Star combination of Miss Gertrude Hall and Thomas G. Hall.

Mrs. Jack Klopp of Lake Junaluska community, accompanied on

## Power In Allens Creek To Be Off

The power will be off from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday in the Allens Creek and Hyatt Creek sections, as well as along Highway No. 19-A and 23 in the Allens Creek area.

Harry Burleson, manager for Carolina Power and Light Company said the interruption was necessitated in order to replace a power pole broken recently when a truck left the highway.

## Waynesville Man Injured In Accident

Hugh Thomas Russell, 41, of Waynesville, escaped with minor injuries when his panel truck and a one-and-a-half-ton truck collided yesterday morning at the intersection of Highways 19 and 284.

Russell was released after treatment at Haywood County Hospital.

State Highway Patrolman Bill Sawyer said the driver of the larger truck, a 1949 Chevrolet, was 21-year-old Rowe Edward Partin, also of Waynesville. Partin was not injured.

Damages amounted to about \$50 to each of the vehicles, the officer said.

This was one of two traffic collisions that occurred in the county yesterday.

In the other accident, the patrolman reported, a 1941 Ford sedan driven by Howard Best, 30, Clyde, Route 1, and a 1946 pickup truck driven by Joseph Monroe Massie, 20, also of Clyde, Route 1, collided head on on the narrow Big Branch road about two miles south of Crabtree-Iron Duff School early yesterday afternoon.

Neither of the drivers was injured, the officer said.

## County Baptists To Hold Mission Emphasis Week

A county-wide mass meeting at the First Baptist Church of Waynesville, Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, will launch the Mission Emphasis Week for the Baptists of Haywood County.

Twenty visiting missionaries in the State, Home, and Foreign fields will participate in the program which will reach every Baptist church in the county.

The mass meeting Sunday afternoon will bring together all visiting missionaries who are stationed in the various communities.

This will be the only time dur-

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Min. Rainfall  
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**Highway Record For 1949 (To Date)**  
**In Haywood Killed . . . 4 Injured . . . 38**  
(This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol.)