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TODAY'S SMILE

Seven Ages of Woman: The infant, the little girl, the miss, the young woman, the young woman, the young woman, the young woman.

Officers Are Looking For Bear Traps In This Area; 8 Bears Claimed Trapped

Officers are hunting Haywood County's hills for bear traps and bear trappers. This was reported last weekend by Deputy State Game Warden W. H. Harkins of Canton.

Harkins said reports have been received that at least eight bears have been trapped illegally along the eastern edge of the National Park this summer and that Park rangers, game wardens, and county officers have found approximately half a dozen baited traps—steel spring, pen type, or dead fall. These have been either confiscated or destroyed.

Bear trapping, he pointed out, is illegal anywhere, any time in North Carolina, and violations carry heavy penalties.

The rangers are particularly concerned about trapping in the National Park and along the Blue Ridge Parkway right of way.

Earlier this summer, one man was fined \$300 and placed under a suspended prison sentence after being caught baiting a bear trap in the Park near Smokemont.

Recently, one bear was killed in the Park, and taken outside and skinned.

National Park Ranger Cliff Senne of the Waynesville district, who is aiding in the campaign against the illegal trapping, admitted: "There is quite a lot of trapping going on."

He added, however, he didn't know why anyone would want to kill bear at this time of the year. "Neither the meat nor the hides are any good at this period," he said.

No arrests have been made, Harkins said, since the Smokemont case.

Alexander Says Regrets Horne's Resignation

Tom Alexander, owner of Cataloochee Ranch, last Tuesday expressed regret over the resignation of Josh Horne, Rocky Mount publisher, from the State Board of Conservation and Development.

"I certainly regret it," he said, "but under the circumstances I don't blame him."

"The state has lost an extremely valuable man."

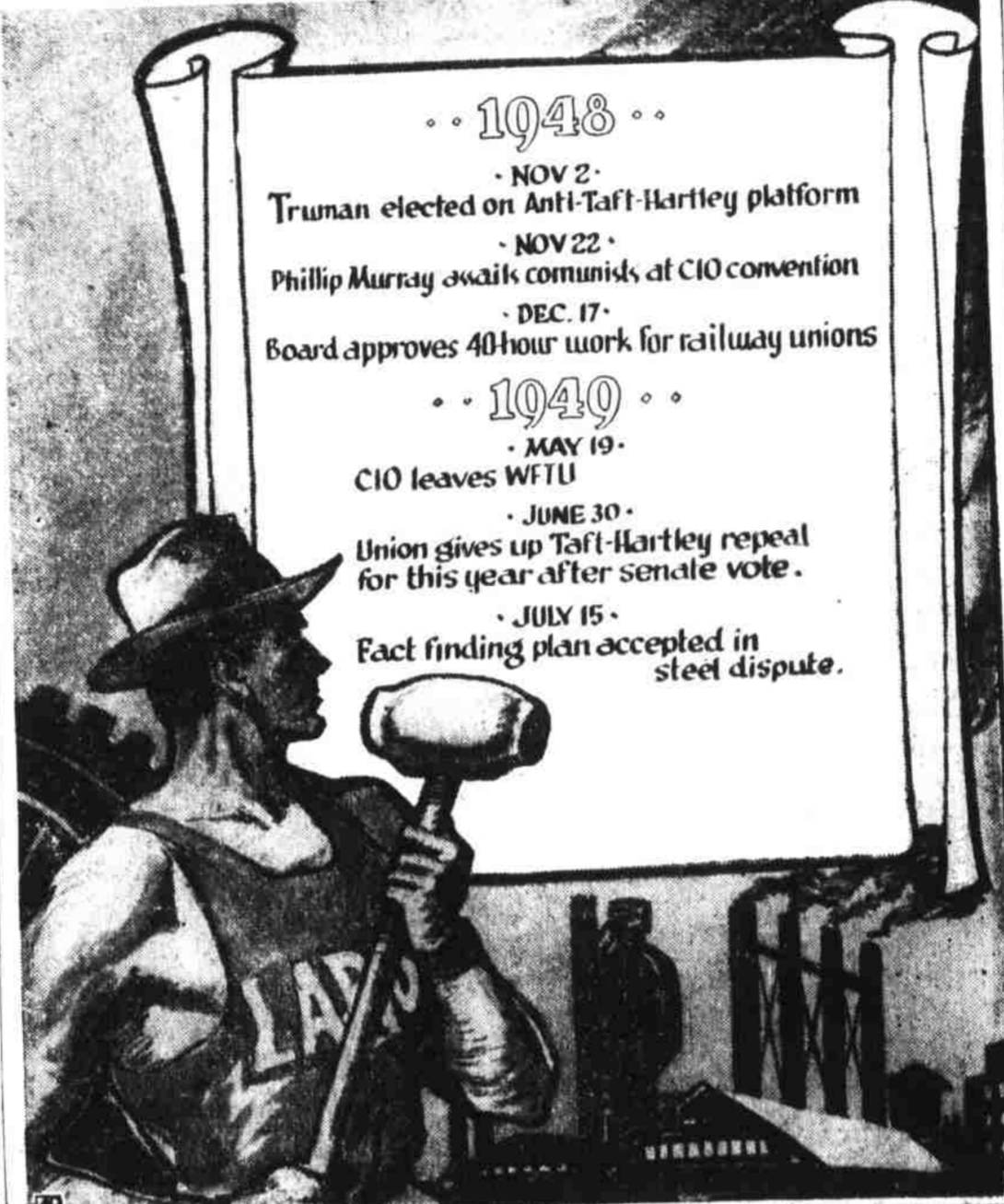
Mr. Alexander himself resigned from the board early last month following the argument that arose between the Governor and the agency over the handling of the state advertising contract.

After learning of Mr. Horne's resignation, which was confirmed Monday night by the Governor, Mr. Alexander sent the Rocky Mount newspaperman a telegram expressing his regret over Mr. Horne's leaving the agency he had served nearly 16 years.

He told him he knew how much it hurt him to take the action, but that it was understandable in view of the conditions.

Labor Looks At Its Year

LABOR DAY, 1949



.. 1948 ..
- NOV 2 -
Truman elected on Anti-Taft-Hartley platform
- NOV 22 -
Phillip Murray swears communists at CIO convention
- DEC. 17 -
Board approves 40-hour work for railway unions
.. 1949 ..
- MAY 19 -
CIO leaves WFTU
- JUNE 30 -
Union gives up Taft-Hartley repeal for this year after senate vote.
- JULY 15 -
Fact finding plan accepted in steel dispute.

Expansion Of School Facilities At Bethel And Waynesville Sought

Hunters Are Killing Many Squirrel Out Of Season

Haywood County officers are cracking down on illegal squirrel hunters, game officials warned this weekend.

Deputy Game Warden W. H. Harkins said complaints have been received from farmers throughout the county that some hunters have been jumping the gun on the squirrel season and have been invading their lands.

He reminded sportsmen that the squirrel season will not open until October 1.

Hunting before that will cost the hunter an average \$17.75 in fines and court assessments—provided it's his first offense. If he's been convicted of the same violation before, the penalties will be much stiffer.

James Massie of Waynesville, president of the Haywood County Wild Life Club, reported at the same time that farmers from every section of the county have been complaining about this out-of-season squirrel shooting.

One farmer, he said, told him he counted 40 shots fired in the woodland on his property one day, that he had heard firing also the day before and the next morning.

"The sportsmen who stick by the rules and wait for the season to open," Mr. Massie declared, "are disgusted with these poachers and violators."

"It's getting so that they feel it's not much use to have a license and comply with the regulations when these poachers are killing off the game long before the season opens."

But, he indicated, things will be rough for the violators.

"Under the laws of the State Game Commission," he pointed out, "every law enforcement officer in the county is a game protector whose duty is to prosecute poachers."

That means, he said, that every sheriff's officer, state highway patrolman, constable, and policeman in the county—not only the game warden and deputy wardens—are authorized to enforce the game laws and prosecute offenders.

He added that officers are in every section of the county ready to enforce these laws.

"And we want to get before the public the fact that the squirrel season does not open until October 1."

County School Board Has Plans For Additional Buildings; Need More Money

Haywood school officials are working on a program that will relieve congested school conditions in the Waynesville and Bethel areas.

A \$400,000 science and cafeteria building for the Waynesville high school has been approved as far as plans and specifications are concerned, according to Jack Messer.

Plans are also being completed for a 20-room addition to the Bethel plant, in addition to a 6-room and auditorium building for Springhill, also in the Bethel district, he said.

"The trouble is, we have projects that will cost a million and a half dollars and only have about \$366,000 with which to do the work," Mr. Messer said.

Haywood county is getting \$530,000 from the state school bond program, and the appropriation made by the legislature. Of this sum, 31 per cent goes to Canton, leaving the remainder of the county about \$366,000.

Mr. Messer did not say just when he expected the projects would get underway in either district. Both districts have consistently had an increased enrollment through the years, and the crowded conditions in the schools have gone beyond what anyone expected they could.

Haywood Has Good Record For Buying Saving Bonds

Haywood County U. S. Savings Bonds Chairman J. E. Massie reported today the county topped its Opportunity Drive goal with the purchase of \$134,995.50.

After the returns were counted following the close of the drive on July 16, it was found that Haywood citizens had purchased \$1,995.50 more than the quota which had been set for the county.

Haywood was one of the state's 81 counties to go over the top and hit the state as a whole top its quota of \$12,000,000 by more than \$1,751,000.

Other reports indicated the national quota of \$1,040,000,000 for Series E bond sales also was exceeded.

In making his report, Mr. Massie said the Opportunity Drive has given particular impetus to the payroll savings plan whereby employees arrange for part of their wages to be invested in savings bonds.

He expressed the thanks and appreciation of the county savings bonds committee to the county's business and industrial firms, civic organizations, and private citizens who helped make the drive successful.

Soldier Killed In White Oak Section As Car Turns Over

Cpl. Maynard R. Cooper, 23, of St. Augustine, Fla., was killed Saturday at 6 p.m. in an automobile accident on a county road five miles northeast of Highway 284 in the White Oak section, State Highway Patrolman Jeff May reported.

Cooper apparently lost control of his machine, which struck the right shoulder of the road and toppled over an embankment, landing 50 feet away at the edge of a cornfield.

Two passengers, Pfc. Paul E. Mondizzi, 24, of Asheville, and Pfc. Don K. Gray, 21, of Tennessee, received bruises and lacerations.

J. Frank Pate, Haywood County coroner, said Cooper died of a crushed neck and that an inquest would not be necessary.

Cooper was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cooper of St. Augustine, Fla., and was attached to the 316th Troop Carrier Wing at (See Soldier Killed—Page 8)

Soco Group Hear Rep. M. Redden

U. S. Representative Monroe Redden of Hendersonville declared Thursday night that American billions are being spent in Europe now so that American blood and many billions more won't be spent later.

Reminding the 85 members and guests of the Soco Gap Road Boosters Club at Moody's Tourist Farm that this was the tenth anniversary of Hitler's invasion of Poland, the western North Carolina congressman declared:

"I expect to go down the line for that type of foreign policy."

Billions are being spent, he continued, "because our World War II ally has turned out to be worse than any enemy we had during the war."

He added: "The hardest vote I ever cast was when I was called on to vote for billions to be sent to Europe to stop the march of the nation that has turned out to be Democracy's deadliest foe."

Explaining the R1st Congress' action in voting the huge appropriation, he said the decision was made after some of the world's outstanding military and government leaders testified before the House military affairs committee.

The testimony of every investor—(See Rep. Redden—Page 8)

Business Suspends For Labor Day; Big Crowds Attend Canton Programs

All Haywood County business, except restaurant and police business, came to a standstill today as men, women and children observed the traditional Labor Day holiday.

It was the first day off of the new school year also for the county's more than 6,000 students who resumed their summer play briefly before returning to books and pencils.

Police, sheriff's deputies, and (See Business—Page 8)

Pigeon Flood Control Is Up To Citizens

Whether a flood control system is built for the Pigeon River is in the hands of Haywood County citizens themselves.

U. S. Rep. Monroe Redden, in Haywood for an address last Thursday, said in reply to a question that in effect it would be up to the people to ask for it.

A TVA engineer earlier this summer also said the same thing in other words. He pointed out that the TVA cannot initiate flood control programs itself, but can merely make recommendations for them. If the citizens want flood control, he added, they should first ask Congress for it.

Another source mentioned, however, that many considerations must be taken into account for instance, whether the cost of such a project, involving as it does multi-million-dollar installations and the flooding of farm land, would justify the savings and other benefits it would bring—in short, whether the cost in land and money would be worth it.

Gaston Woman Is Killed When Car Leaves Soco Road

Mrs. Nellie Marr Grant, 40, of Gastonia was instantly killed in an automobile crash Saturday afternoon on U. S. Highway 19 in the Soco Gap section about six miles east of Cherokee.

Officers said her husband, Ed Grant, driver of the car, suffered fractured ribs and nose, and Miss Pauline Saunders of Franklin, a passenger, received lacerations and bruises.

The car struck a slick place in the highway while rounding a curve and Grant lost control in attempting to apply the brakes, officers reported. The car plunged down an embankment at the right side of the highway.

Coroner H. S. Dills of Jackson County empaneled a jury which termed the death accidental.

Mrs. Grant was formerly of Bryson City.

Scouts To Hold Court Of Honor Here Tonight

The Boy Scouts of the Pigeon River District, Daniel Boone Council, will hold their Court of Honor at 8 p.m. today at the Haywood County Court House.

Awards will be presented to Scouts of Bethel, Crabtree, Canton, Waynesville, Hazelwood, Allens Creek, and Clyde.

Presiding will be D. W. Randolph of Canton, district Scout Advancement chairman.

The Pigeon River District Committee members will hold their regular business meeting after Court, with District Chairman Bill Prevost presiding.

Schools In Waynesville And Bethel Crowded

Waynesville High School and Bethel Elementary School could use three more teachers each—and more space to put them in.

Haywood County Schools Superintendent Jack Messer said today Waynesville High was allotted 18 teachers last school year on the basis of 541 registered pupils.

Bethel was allotted the same number on the basis of 568 grade school students registered.

But 656 students had enrolled in Waynesville High School by Monday for the new school term. (See Schools Jammed—Page 8)

County Board Names School Supervisors

The Haywood County Board of Education this week designated Mrs. Lucy Tate Jones and Mrs. Alice P. Brown, veteran Waynesville teachers, as county high school supervisors.

The action of the board was announced Tuesday by County Schools Superintendent Jack Messer.

Mrs. Jones taught mathematics at Waynesville Township High School for many years and Mrs. Brown saw a long period of service on the faculty of Waynesville Junior High School.

Mr. Messer said the two supervisors are to assist other teachers in the county system in classroom problems relating to instruction, supply of materials, and testing—conducting examinations to measure intelligence, achievement, and other qualities.

He explained the supervisors were named to the positions in accordance with a state provision which has allotted a total of 325 special teachers in the state's public schools.

Gerald Colkitt Dies At Home In Wilmington

Gerald W. Colkitt, 52, a former resident of Waynesville, died at his home in Wilmington, N. C., Monday night.

Funeral services were conducted in Wilmington Wednesday.

Mr. Colkitt was, for a number of years, associated with Royle-Pilkinson Company at Hazelwood. He went to Wilmington in 1941 to accept a position with the Wilmington Shipbuilding Company.

Surviving are the widow and two daughters, Miss Geraldyn Colkitt, a student at Woman's College of the University of North Carolina in Greensboro, and Mrs. Sankey Blanton of Chapel Hill; one granddaughter; one brother, Ben Colkitt of Waynesville; and one sister, Mrs. Gertrude Warrell of Hicksville, Long Island.

Ben Colkitt and his son, Bobby Colkitt, left Tuesday to attend the services.

Milk Producers To Meet Wednesday

Haywood County's Grade A milk producers will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Haywood County Court House to discuss their problems.

In charge of the meeting, held by the Haywood County Milk Producers Association, will be James Kirkpatrick, Association president.

Varied Experiences Had On 15,000-Mile Trip To Alaska By H. S. Ward, Jr.

H. S. Ward, Jr., gave Rotarians an interesting account of his 15,000-mile trip to Alaska this summer. He arrived home last Monday, after being on the road since June 27, with a group of 14 other high school seniors, and a leader.

The trip took the group from the burning sands of a South Dakota desert, to the glaciers and frozen north of Alaska.

Their experiences included almost everything from killing a bear, to a 2,000-mile trip by boat, and some plane trips. Their troubles mounted, as mechanical breakdowns became almost a daily occurrence, especially on the rough roads of northern Canada.

Young Ward explained he went on the trip to get in some good fishing, and from his description of some experiences on Canadian lakes, he got what he went after. "On one lake, we caught a trout every cast—it really got tiring on some after a while." At another favorite spot, the fish were from 4 to 12 pounds each, and game more.

Tom Alexander, owner of Cataloochee Ranch, reported last week that the starving bears killed at least two of his calves, possibly more.

Hungry Bears Coming Out Of Park Killing Cattle

Bear troubles have been light this summer for the Duluth, Minn., citizens, compared to those of Haywood farmers living on the edge of the Smoky Mountains National Park.

The people living in Duluth suburbs recently had to build "cafeterias" outside the city limits to keep hungry bears from private garbage cans.

But in Haywood, cattlemen report, the bears have proven much more costly.

The hungry animals, deprived of their natural source of food when the early spring frosts killed berries and nuts, have been killing valuable cattle.

Tom Alexander, owner of Cataloochee Ranch, reported last week that the starving bears killed at least two of his calves, possibly more.

Last year, he said, the animals killed nearly \$1,000 worth of his cattle and a neighbor lost a full-grown steer.

This summer, Mr. Alexander added, there are more bear than ever, and have become dangerous to humans. Recently, he said, he had heard that a bear had chased a young girl at the Smokemont camp grounds.

In addition to the losses in stock, the cattlemen are also losing time through the necessity of patrolling their pastures to protect their cattle from the marauders.

One factor handicapping the efforts of the cattlemen to guard against the raids is the federal law applying to hunting in the National Park.

The bears, he said, come out of the park at night, kill the cattle, (See Hungry Bears—Page 8)

County-Wide Field Day Is Set For Saturday 17; Big Program Arranged

The first county-wide Community Development Program Field Day will be held September 17 to determine the county's individual and community team champions.

The plans were made Friday night by the six-member recreation committee for the Field Day.

Competing in the games and contests will be the winners in each of the six divisions comprising the organized communities of the county: White Oak, East Pigeon, Upper Crabtree, Saunook, Thickety, and the Ratcliffe Cove-Lake Junaluska winner.

The division representatives were determined in the series of inter- (See Field Day—Page 8)

Highway Record For 1949 (To Date)
In Haywood Killed . . . 5 Injured . . . 38
(This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol.)

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