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TODAY'S SMILE
"Are you in pain, my little man?" asked the kind old gentleman.
"No," answered the boy, "the pain's in me."

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Associated Press and United Press News WAYNESVILLE N.C. THURSDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 13, 1949 \$3.00 In Advance In Haywood and Jackson Counties

Ratcliffe Cove Wins Vote Prize

Ratcliffe Cove yesterday was formally declared winner of the Clyde Lion's Club's \$50 cash prize for turning out the largest percentage of its citizens to vote in the hospital bond election.

County Elections Board Chairman Jerry Rogers certified that 90 per cent of the community's registration cast ballots in the October 1 election.

One hundred and 41 Ratcliffe Cove people came to the polls.

The Rev. W. T. Medlin, secretary of the Clyde Club, will present the prize in behalf of his organization to the Ratcliffe Cove Community Development Program organization at the Ratcliffe Cove Community building. Governor Haynes is president of the club.

The meeting is scheduled to open at 8 p.m. with R. C. Francis, Ratcliffe Cove community chairman, presiding.

The award was offered to the Community Development organization which had the greatest percentage of its total registration voting.

Mr. Rogers said Francis Cove and South Clyde were the runners-up in the contest.

Haywood Plant Major Producer Of Power



This is the Walters Dam, backing up water in the 20,250-acre lake, which is formed by waters of the Pigeon river in the lower end of Haywood county. The water goes through a 14-foot tunnel for 6.3 miles to the power plant. Picture of the power plant on page five. The project is owned by Carolina Power & Light Company.

Carolina Power & Light Company Plant In County Major Unit In System

From a river which was relocated and piped through six miles of solid rock comes all of Haywood County's electric power, and yet few people have ever seen the unique development—one of the most important in Western North Carolina.

The Walters Dam and the Walters plant of the Carolina Power & Light Company are so difficult to access that many of the younger generation have never even heard of them. But the plant generates more power than is sufficient to electricity 350,000 residences, and more than enough to serve every farm in North Carolina.

The plant, named for Charles S. Walters, vice-president of the Carolina Power & Light Company, and manager of that company's western division, is located on the Pigeon River near the border of the Smokies Park and can be reached by way of Newport, Tenn., over N.C. Highway 284.

The dam, which lies 12 miles upstream, furnishes water power to the plant through a tunnel 14 feet in diameter and 6.3 miles long, but is accessible only by boats launched at the headquarters of the lake.

The power development grew out of a merger in 1926 of the Asheville Power & Light Company with the Pigeon River Power Company, which owned water rights and lands used by this electric generating plant. Three other companies entered the merger, creating the modern Carolina Power & Light Company.

The Walters plant, formerly called Waterville, was the first major undertaking of the new company. After three years of construction, the plant went into operation in 1930 and has generated as much as 400 million kilowatt hours per year—a record which will be eclipsed in 1949.

The dam, and the 20,250-acre lake it impounds, lie in a setting of rugged beauty. Nearby is lofty Mt. Sterling, a 5,835-foot peak reached by a three-mile foot-trail. From a 60-foot steel lookout tower there is a wide view of the wilderness area of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The large arch-type dam, 180 feet high and 870 feet wide stands in majestic

Honorary Tar Heels To Meet

The Honorary Tar Heels and adopted sons both started arriving at Catoochee Ranch this morning for tonight's informal dinner that will open the annual get-together.

Already at the Ranch on Pie Top are Bill Sharpe, who got the idea of organizing North Carolina's friends outside the state when he was Tar Heel advertising director; Aycock Brown, the native Tar Heel free lance writer who's been covering North Carolina's waterfront for years; Joe Massolotti, New York restaurateur; Ray Trullinger, staff writer of the New York World-Telegram; and Paul Harmon of The Washington, D.C., Times-Herald.

Ranch Owner Tom Alexander said an even dozen Honorary Tar Heels had made reservations for the week-long series of bear hunts, fishing, and hog-ribe shoots.

Most of the members and many native North Carolinians, including former Governor Gregg Cherry, are expected to arrive later this afternoon.

The dinner is scheduled to start at about 7 p.m.

More than 100 marksmen from at least three states will compete all day tomorrow for the prizes in the muzzle-loading rifle shoot. On Saturday and Monday, some of Haywood County's finest hunters will take their dogs out with the Honorary Tar Heels to track down bear.

Sunday will be a day of fishing at Fontana Lake. Arrangements are being handled by Dr. Kelly Bennett of Bryson City, a Western North Carolina civic leader and prominent sportsman.

At tonight's dinner, the Honorary Tar Heels will receive gifts from North Carolina manufacturers and businessmen in appreciation. (See Tar Heels—Page 5)

Children Star At Canton Lions Club Meeting

The youngsters took the spotlight Tuesday night at the meeting of the Canton Lions Club.

Assistant County Agent Turner Cathey worked up a program that featured the singing, musical, and declamation performances of 14 sons and daughters of the members of the Club.

Starring in the show were Soloist Ashley Neal, nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Neal; Emily Stone, nine-year-old piano soloist, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stone; Anne Cathey, 9, and Ashley Cathey, 5, who sang a duet. Mr. and Mrs. Turner Cathey's children.

Bonnie Matthews, piano soloist, 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Matthews; Annie Gates, 12, and Mary Cris Gates, soloists, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gates; Mary Reeves Hampton, 10, piano soloist, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hampton.

Nine-year-old Jackie Sue Williams, whose tap-dancing brought long applause from the audience, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williams; Sam and Kermit Duckert, who played the piano as a duet, sons of Dr. and Mrs. V. H. Duckert; Charles Duckert, another son of the physician and his wife, played a clarinet solo; Anita Brooks, daughter of Maurice T. Brooks, the president of the club, and Mrs. Brooks. She made a short speech on Lionism.

Gene Goodson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lon Goodson, entertained the audience also with his playing of several old favorites on the piano.

Ashby Cathey gave the blessing.

County's Share Of State Funds Recommended For Twelve Schools

WNCAC Proposes New Lab For Test Farm Here

A portable soil and plant testing unit and a poultry research laboratory for the Mountain Test Farm here were proposed last Monday at the quarterly meeting of the Western North Carolina Associated Communities at Fontana Village.

WNCAC's meeting with the Western North Carolina Tourist Association, said it would sponsor the purchase of the plant and soil unit and the establishment of the poultry laboratory.

WNCAC Secretary Charles Douglas of Revere said the laboratory would test the birds and give information in regard to diseases and emergency treatment.

The laboratory, operating for poultry men in the 11 WNCAC counties, would save the raisers the trouble of getting the information from Raleigh.

Named to a committee for the project were Mountain Test Farm Director Howard Clapp, J. L. Landon of Asheville, Douglas, C. R. Freed of Murphy, and W. B. Wiggins of Robbinsville.

The mobile plant and soil laboratory would be the type that is now used in communities of Georgia and Alabama.

The laboratory workers would analyze plants and soils for deficiencies and make recommendations for their correction.

Fourteen of the 16 western communities WNCAC includes were represented by 60 delegates at the meeting.

In other business, Charles E. Ray of Waynesville, chairman of the state parks commission, said that through Rep. Monroe Redden's efforts, Cherokee Reservation land had been transferred by the federal government for right-of-way purposes in the construction of the Parkway link between Soco Gap and Heintzloga.

He added that through the Congressman's efforts, \$500,000 of the federal budget has been tagged for a portion of the Fontana-Bryson City highway. The portion affected is at Bryson City.

Mrs. Edith Alley of Waynesville, secretary of the Western North Carolina Tourist Association, reported on the organization activities.

Dr. W. E. Bud, president of Western Carolina Teachers' College, told the group about the details and the possibilities of a recreational and scenic survey of the area covered by WNCAC. He is chairman of the organization's recreation and scenic survey committee.

Joe Jennings, Cherokee Reservation superintendent, and other officials reported a shortage of funds for financing the Cherokee pageant scheduled to be staged next July for the first time.

WNCAC President Percy Ferebee of Andrews and Mrs. Lucille Boyden took part in the report.

They attributed the shortage to the failure of a number of communities to pay their pledges.

Before adjourning, the members decided to hold their next meeting in Waynesville on January 2.

J. E. Massie Named Chairman Of First National Directors

J. E. Massie has been named chairman of the board of directors of the First National Bank succeeding the late J. R. Boyd. Mr. Massie has been vice chairman for many years.

Glenn C. Palmer has been named vice-chairman, to fill the place formerly held by Mr. Massie, and A. T. Ward has been named a director of the bank.

Since the bank was organized in 1902, there have been only three chairmen of the board, the late Dr. J. H. Way, the late J. R. Boyd, and the present chairman, Mr. Massie.

Haywood Polio Units To Meet Here Wednesday

A joint meeting of the Canton and Waynesville chapters of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis will be held next Wednesday, October 19th, at the Town House in Waynesville.

Following a "dutch treat" luncheon at 1 o'clock, the business session will be devoted to the annual election of officers for the two chapters and to the formulation of plans for the next March of Dimes campaign.

Dave Hyatt of Waynesville and W. B. Huger of Canton are chairmen of the two chapters at present.

This will be a county-wide meeting, and anyone interested in the humane work being accomplished by the Foundation is invited to attend.

R. H. Shelton Dies Suddenly At Home In Roxboro

R. Henegar Shelton died suddenly at his home in Roxboro this morning.

Mr. Henegar, a native of Waynesville, was the son of the late Rev. R. B. Shelton and Rachel Owens Shelton. He has resided in Roxboro for a number of years and has been engaged in the furniture business there.

Among the survivors are a sister, Mrs. C. M. Beam of Asheville; an uncle, C. F. Owen, of Waynesville and a first cousin, O. H. Shelton of Waynesville.

Funeral services will be held at Roxboro.

John Boyd Named On Building Loan Board of Directors

John Boyd has been named a director of the Haywood Home Building and Loan Association, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of his father, the late J. R. Boyd.

The late Mr. Boyd was a charter member of the organization, and held the office of secretary-treasurer for many years.

Board Decides on Appropriation of Funds

The Haywood County Board of Education this week recommended that the county's total share of state school money be used to improve the schools in the Waynesville and Bethel districts.

The request for this use of the \$346,583.10 share of the state school bonds and funds was mailed Monday after the county board approved a survey report at a meeting that morning in County School Superintendent Jack Messer's office.

The recommendation was made, Mr. Messer explained, on the findings that the 12 schools in these two districts needed such improvements, worse than any other schools in the county.

A State Board of Education investigation now must be made to determine whether the county board was correct in its decision as to where the greatest needs exist.

If the state agency's investigation supports the county board's findings, the money will be used to construct new buildings for East Waynesville Elementary, Central Elementary, Hazelwood Elementary, Saunook, Allens Creek, Lake Junaluska, Rock Hill, and Maggie, in the Waynesville district; and Bethel, Cecil, Spring Hill, and Cruso in the Bethel district. The board recommended \$170,000 be applied to the Waynesville district schools and \$176,583.10 to those in the Bethel district.

Mr. Messer reiterated, however, that the final decision as to how the county's share of school funds will be spent is up to the State Board.

Admitting that the state money will be a help in whipping the county's school buildings in shape, he declared that it would take a total of one and a half million dollars to repair adequately all the county buildings.

The county survey was made last Monday to supply information that the state agency had requested about the physical conditions of all the county schools.

The report gives the average daily attendance for each of the schools, physical facts in reference to the number of teachers, condition of the buildings, and other matters, maps, and complete statistics.

Mr. Messer said he did not know exactly when the state would make its own survey.

During the meeting, a committee of the Allens Creek Community Development Program, headed by the Rev. C. L. Allen, community chairman, told the board members of the needs of the Allens Creek School.

The board promised the delegation its full cooperation when the money was available to remedy the conditions as far as finances would permit.

North Carolinians' voters by an overwhelming majority approved the proposed \$25,000,000 state school bonds issue in the election held June 3.

Haywood County voted 5,301 to 367 for the issue.

The state road bond issue was carried on the same ballot.

Rotarians To Honor Dr. McCracken Friday

A special memorial service to the late Dr. J. R. McCracken will constitute the program for Rotary here Friday. The late physician was a charter member of the club.

James Gwyn will have charge of the program.

Parade To Close Fire Prevention Week Here

Students and teachers of eight schools were taken by surprise when the fire engine suddenly turned up yesterday morning on separate visits.

But they responded quickly enough to clear the buildings in good time.

The surprise visit was a feature of Fire Prevention Week being sponsored by the Waynesville Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Fire Chief Clem Fitzgerald, County Schools Superintendent Jack Messer, Waynesville District School Superintendent M. H. Bowles, Jaycee President Lester Burgin, and Bob Korte, Fire Prevention campaign chairman, made up the inspection party.

Of the eight schools, Hazelwood Elementary showed the best time. It took only 55 seconds for the 750 children to clear the building under the direction of Principal Lawrence Leatherwood.

At Bethel, the last of the 950 students left the building only one minute and 45 seconds after the alarm sounded.

The drills at Allens Creek, Waynesville junior and senior high schools, East Waynesville, Central Elementary, St. John's and the Negro school also showed good results.

However, the inspectors pointed out, some of the groups made mistakes against good safety practice. (See Fire Prevention—Page 5)

Parkway Gets Right Of Way In Reservation

President Truman last Monday signed a bill granting the Blue Ridge Parkway a right-of-way through the Cherokee Reservation.

Under the bill, about 80 acres of land in Swain County is transferred in exchange for 86 acres of Reservation land at the edge of the National Park.

Highway Record For 1949 (To Date) In Haywood Killed . . . 6 Injured . . . 38

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

Recreation Program Under Outlined

Communities wanting to visit other communities can get assistance in making the arrangements by contacting the county agent's office.

Under the scoring system, points for the variety program activities will be awarded as follows: recitation and declamation contests, ten each; singing and instrumental music, five each; one-act play, 25; talk or address on Community Development objectives, ten.

In debating and spelling activities, debates should be limited to ten minutes, with three minutes allowed for rebuttal, giving each side a total of 26 minutes for its debate team, to consist of two persons.

The Commission suggests these topics for debate: Resolved, that Haywood County should make available necessary facilities for having a County Fair; Resolved, that Haywood County should no longer support and maintain a County Home; Resolved, that poultry raising in Haywood County would be more profitable than corn as a money crop.

One team would argue in favor of such a resolution, while its opponent would argue against it.

Each community will select one of these questions, prepare one member of the team on negative arguments, and one on the affirmative, and then make arrangements for a debate with some other community.

Twenty-five points will be given for entering a debating team or participating in a debate. The two communities competing shall be responsible for furnishing their own judges.

A spelling team shall consist of five people of any age, but teachers are barred from competing. Twenty-five points will be given to the community entering a spelling team.

A checker tournament will be held in March. Each community is asked to enter one man and one woman. There is no age limit. The tournament will be held in Waynesville and Canton.

Twenty-five points will be awarded for each person or persons (no more than two) entering the check.

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Go-To-Church Campaign, Starts In Today's Issue, Sponsored By Local People

In The Mountaineer today a group of local citizens and business and professional firms have joined with this newspaper in a cooperative educational advertising program in support of a Go To Church movement that is being publicly encouraged on a national scale, by reorganized laymen in all walks of life.

This feature will be followed by one each Thursday, each with a special appeal and message. The idea has the full cooperation of the Haywood Ministerial Association.

With this feature each Thursday The Mountaineer joins with several hundred newspapers in more than 30 states and Canada in a movement to encourage more regular attendance at church and Sunday School, and to support church of all denominations. The campaign is being prepared by E. E. Kessler of Strasburg, Va.

Among the firms participating in the campaign include: Waynesville Auto Parts, Waynesville Coal Company, Waynesville Florist and Garden Shop, Waynesville Laundry, Waynesville Lumber Company, Waynesville Radio Service, Auto Parts and Equipment, Belk-Hudson Company, Bryson and Miller Motor Sales, Burgin's, Burgin's Department Store, Cagle Furniture Company, Canton Motor Company, Carolina Insurance Realty, Central Cleaners, Charlie's Place, (See Go To Church—Page 5)

900 Crowd School To See Lions Club Minstrel

An overflow audience that jammed the Waynesville Township High School Auditorium Tuesday night rocked with nearly continuous laughter as the members of the Waynesville Lions Club presented their 1949 Minstrel.

Every one of the 800 seats was filled and 100 more persons could find only standing room for what proved to be one of the most popular and hilarious shows the local Lions have ever produced.

One man, bombarded nightly by the gags of radio comedians, observed with surprise after the curtain dropped:

"Why, most of those jokes were new. It's very refreshing."

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Next week the show will go on the road for the sake of the Haywood County 4-H Camp at the Mountain Test Farm.

Sponsored by the county 4-H clubs in cooperation with the Community Development Program organizations of the three communities, the minstrel will give performances at Bethel School at 8 p.m. Monday, Crashtree-Iron Duff School at 8 p.m. Wednesday, and Finns Creek School at 8 p.m. Thursday (October 27).

The Minstrel also will give a performance at a date to be set for the Clyde Lions Club. Dick Bradley, Waynesville Club president, said today the performance.

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CLOUDY
Partly cloudy today. Friday mild. Saturday mild. High temperature 60. Min. Rainfall 49 30 54