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TODAY'S SMILE
 "Many a man who boasts that he wears the pants in the family has to put an apron over them right after supper."
 —Ed Gardner

SHIRLEY GETS DIVORCE DECREE



ENDING WHAT HOLLYWOOD considered "a perfect marriage," screen actress Shirley Temple signs final divorce papers against actor John Agar in a Los Angeles Superior Court. Seated is Clore Warne, a witness, and standing is Attorney George Stahlman. (International Soundphoto)

Allens Creek Petitions For Separate Voting Place

Allens Creek Community Development Program officers have petitioned the county and state boards of elections to make their section a separate voting precinct.

Copies of the petitions, addressed to the boards, are signed by the Rev. C. L. Allen, chairman of the Allens Creek community organization, and Elmer D. Hendrix, CD secretary.

The petition says Allens Creek should become a separate voting precinct on the grounds of the community's size and population.

More than five hundred eligible voters live in this community which covers an area five miles long and a mile wide, the letter points out, and "these people are required to travel across and through another town to cast their vote, several miles away."

"The precinct in which they are required to vote has some eighteen or nineteen hundred voters who must cast their vote also."

"It is making a great hardship on our people to leave their own community and vote at this large..." (See Allens Creek—Page 3)

County To Issue \$25,000 In Bonds In Order That

All School Boiler Rooms Soon To Be Fireproofed

Re-Elected



REV. M. R. WILLIAMSON was re-elected chairman of the Waynesville Chapter of the Red Cross at the meeting of the board of directors here this week. Mr. Williamson has held the post for the past few years.

Williamson Again Heads Red Cross Chapter

The newly elected board of directors of the Waynesville chapter of the Red Cross have re-elected Rev. M. R. Williamson as chairman.

All other officers were also retained by the board, as they met for their second meeting after being elected at the annual Red Cross meeting several weeks ago. Other officers of the chapter include: W. Curtis Russ, vice chairman, Joe S. Davis, treasurer, Mrs. R. N. Barber, Jr., secretary, and Mrs. J. C. McDaris, executive secretary.

Mrs. Jonathan Woody is home service chairman. Mrs. David Hyatt, Junior Red Cross chairman, and Mrs. Ben Sloan, chairman of publicity.

The finance committee is composed of Mr. Williamson, Mrs. McDaris, Mr. Davis, together with Leo Weill and N. W. Garrett.

The board named Oral L. Yates as chairman of the annual fund drive which will be held in March. Mr. Williamson announced that the quota assigned the chapter this year is about \$500 less than last year, with the current quota being \$2,775.

The board of directors elected at the recent meeting, and now serving include: one year term, Mrs. Charles E. Ray, Leo Weill, N. W. Garrett and Wayne Corpening. Two year terms, Rev. M. R. Williamson, Mrs. Jonathan Woody, Joe Davis and O. L. Yates. Three year terms, Mrs. David Hyatt, W. Curtis Russ, Mrs. Frieda Knopf, and Mrs. R. N. Barber, Jr.

The present fiscal year ends June 30th.

Heads Campaign



ORAL L. YATES has been named chairman of the annual Red Cross fund drive, which will be held in March. The quota for the Waynesville chapter is \$2,775. He was named at a recent meeting of the board of directors of the chapter.

Haywood Board Follows Recommendation Of State Group And Jury

Every boiler room in Haywood school buildings will soon be fireproofed. This announcement came after the county commissioners approved authorization for selling \$25,000 in bonds with which to do the work.

Jack Messer, county superintendent, presented the recommendations of the State School Inspection committee and also those of Haywood grand juries, which called for immediate fireproofing of all boiler rooms in school buildings.

Mr. Messer estimated that it would take almost all of \$25,000 to fix the buildings to meet state requirements. "If there is any left, we have a lot of needed repairs that we can certainly use the balance on," he told The Mountaineer this morning.

Only buildings erected in recent years have fireproofed boiler rooms, Mr. Messer pointed out. All the others will have to be fixed.

The sale of the bonds will be pushed as rapidly as possible, in the hopes that the work can get underway right after the first of the year.

Sheriff Is Back Home; Much Better

Haywood County's Sheriff R. V. Welch has improved considerably since he suffered a paralytic stroke last September.

Resting in his Court House apartment yesterday afternoon, he was in excellent spirits and appeared to be in good health.

Aside from some loss of weight, he looked about the same as he did before he was stricken.

The veteran officer said he felt that the treatments he had undergone have had good results.

He is continuing the treatments and daily massages and exercises that he has been undergoing since he started his period of recuperation.

The sheriff's condition was regarded as very serious when he suffered the stroke the night of September 21 shortly after he had gone to bed.

However, his condition improved and he responded to treatment in hospitals here and in Asheville.

He returned home in time to spend Thanksgiving Day with his family.

Gifts Are Needed For Community Christmas Tree

Dr. Mary Michal, chairman of the Welfare Committee of the Waynesville Woman's Club, is working on plans for the annual Community Christmas Tree, sponsored by the club for needy children in the community.

Dr. Michal is making an appeal to the public for toys to assure a suitable gift for each child. These donations will supplement the toys given each year by the Rotary Club.

The program is scheduled for Christmas Eve at the Court House and will include special numbers by the Waynesville Township High School Glee Club, under the direction of Charles Isley, The Rev. J. E. Yount, pastor of the First Methodist Church, will speak.

All children present will receive toys, candy, nuts and fruit.

Serving on the committee with Dr. Michal are Mrs. Noble Garrett, Mrs. C. F. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. James R. Boyd, Mrs. E. A. Williamson, Mrs. Charles Ray, Mrs. Grover Davis, Mrs. J. W. Killian, Mrs. J. R. Hipps, and Mrs. T. L. Bramlett.

Dr. Michal asks that gifts be left at the Health Department in the Court House as soon as possible.

Jimmy Mann Steadily Improving From Illness

Word has been received here that Jimmy Mann, owner of the Waynesville Art Gallery, is steadily improving at his Hollywood, Fla., home. He suffered a heart attack here last September, and was a patient at the Haywood County Hospital for a number of weeks.

MRS. HALL BETTER

Friends here will be glad to learn that Mrs. Harry M. Hall, now of Charleston, is much improved after suffering a severe stroke last January in Columbia. She is with her brother in Charleston, and can use her hand again. Her entire right side was affected.

Mrs. Sara Murray Buys Wayneville Motor Court

Mrs. Sara W. Murray of Dayton, Ohio, has purchased the Wayneville Motor Court on the Asheville highway in East Waynesville for \$50,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Patterson, Jr.

The deed covering the transfer of the modern tourist facility was titled yesterday with Register of Deeds Bryan Medford.

Mrs. Murray, sister of Sheriff R. V. Welch, in confirming the transaction, said she planned to make her home in Wayneville again to operate her new business.

The Motor Court, built about three years ago, now includes 18 modern cabins, and a modern tea room and restaurant.

The property has a 286-foot front along the Asheville highway.

Mrs. Murray said she planned to keep the court closed this winter until about mid-March, but that she would operate it all year round after that if business was great enough to justify it.

Retail Business Is Big Business In Haywood

Haywood county's 484 active merchants did a gross retail sales business of \$15,092,914 during the fiscal year which ended last July 1.

The figures, contained in a recent issue of the State Employment Security Commission's official magazine, also shows the merchants of the county paid \$282,885.20 in sales and use taxes.

In all, North Carolina's 59,068 merchants during the last fiscal year did a gross business of \$2,137,223,018, and paid out more than 40 and one-half million dollars in sales and use taxes.

The state's gross retail business was more than three per cent above that of the previous year.

Mecklenburg county's 3,169 merchants led all others of the state in gross retail business, showing a total \$209,431,852 in gross sales at the end of the fiscal year.

Sale Of Christmas Seals Reach \$350

The sale of tuberculosis seals have reached about \$350, according to Mrs. R. C. Lane, seal sale chairman.

The sale of seals this year is being handled entirely by mail. The committee sent out seals to prospects, with the request that checks be mailed for the number of seals sent.

According to A. J. Fancher, treasurer, about 15 per cent of the prospective buyers of seals have responded.

The committee this morning urged that those who have not sent in their checks do so at once in order to avoid further congestion of the mails, and also to help expedite the completion of the campaign.

Singing Session Scheduled For Sunday Night

Tom Queen, secretary of the Haywood County Singing Convention today announced that the regular quarterly singing would be held at the Haywood County Court House at 7:30 p. m. Sunday.

Many singers, both in solo and in choral groups from surrounding counties, as well as Haywood, are expected to attend the melodious session.

Ray Parker, president of the Convention, will take charge of the proceedings.

Prof. John E. Kinsland Dies In Tennessee

News has been received here of the death of one of Haywood's best known educators, the Professor John E. Kinsland, who died November 21st at his home in Jappa, Tennessee.

Prof. Kinsland was about 80, and taught at the old Haywood Institute at Clyde from 1886 to 1890. He was the third teacher at the former educational center.

C. of C. Balloting For Directors Ends Friday

The polls will close at 4 p. m. tomorrow in the election of nine directors of the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce.

The members of the Chamber started casting their ballots this morning of December 1.

The remaining 15 directors on the board are named by various organizations and municipalities. The board of 24 members will officially take office on Tuesday, December 20th, and from their group elect officers for the coming year.

James L. Kilpatrick, president for 1949, today urged every member to get a ballot and vote. There are six groups of names on the ballot, each representing a particular group in the community. The nominees are as follows:

One to be elected to represent (See Balloting—Page 2)

\$7,000 Bull Comes To Haywood



This is the prize winning bull, which was bought last October by Graceland Farms, owned by M. O. Galloway and Dwight Williams. The bull recently won third place in the International Livestock Show in Chicago, and the Haywood cattlemen paid \$7,000 for the animal. The bull will be on display in the lobby of the First National Bank Saturday. Other details about the animal on page one of the second section.

Ministers Elect Gross As President

The Rev. D. D. Gross, pastor of the Clyde Baptist church, is the new president of the Haywood County Ministerial Association.

He and the other officers for the new year were elected last Monday at a meeting of 50 Haywood ministers representing the Episcopal, Presbyterian, Methodist, Free Methodist, Wesleyan Methodist and Baptist churches; the Church of God and the Salvation Army. The session was held at Long's Chapel Methodist church.

The Rev. Robert McCloskey, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal church at Canton, was named vice-president, and Major Cecil Brown of the Salvation Army, secretary and treasurer.

These officers will assume their duties formally in January.

This was the Association's final meeting of the year.

The chairmen and members of its various committees will be named at the January meeting.

Carswell Is New President Of The Boosters Club

Rudolph Carswell has been elected president of the Hazelwood Boosters Club, succeeding M. H. Bowles.

Sam H. Lane is the new secretary, succeeding Durand Tichenor, and G. C. Summerrow is treasurer.

The new officers have assumed their duties, of one of the largest civic clubs in the community. The club meets monthly, holding regular dinner meetings at the Presbyterian church, except for the special meetings which are devoted to ladies' night.

The Younger Set

—That is the name of a new column starting today in The Mountaineer. This column about the young people of Haywood is being written by Mildred Medford, senior of the Waynesville High School.

The column will include news and comments of interest to all high school students of the county. Today Mildred is visiting another high school gathering material for future columns. She will visit each school in the near future.

Her column today will be found on page one of the second section.

Plans Are Complete For Club Achievement Day

Plans are complete for the annual Achievement Day program of the Haywood County Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs which will be held at the First Methodist church, Friday, December 9, at 10:30 a. m.

Miss Carolyn Smith, member of the Andrews 4-H Club and North Carolina delegate to Norway in the International Foreign Youth Exchange, will be the guest speaker. She will talk on her experiences in the eight foreign countries which she visited during her stay abroad.

Other special guests will be Miss Nell Kennett, district home agent,

Modern Fire Department Is Goal Of Clyde Folk

By BOB MEDFORD
 Mountaineer Correspondent

Citizens of Clyde viewed modern fire fighting equipment on Tuesday afternoon and plans are being discussed for establishing a fire department in the town.

The project is being sponsored by the Clyde Lions Club.

The sponsors brought a late-model \$10,000 fire truck to town Tuesday, in order to give the citizens an opportunity to see what is being proposed.

In addition to the truck, town officials have under consideration

an additional water tank, with a capacity of 35,000 to supplement the present 50,000-gallon tank. The pressure at Clyde is said to be the highest in Western North Carolina.

The proposed program will bring a reduction in insurance rates of 20 cents per hundred, it was pointed out.

While the truck under consideration is the smallest made in the fire-fighting line, it is fully approved by the Underwriters Association.

The truck is a six-cylinder job, and carries a 200-gallon booster (See Clyde Fire Dept.—Page 6)

Highway Record For 1949 (To Date)

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