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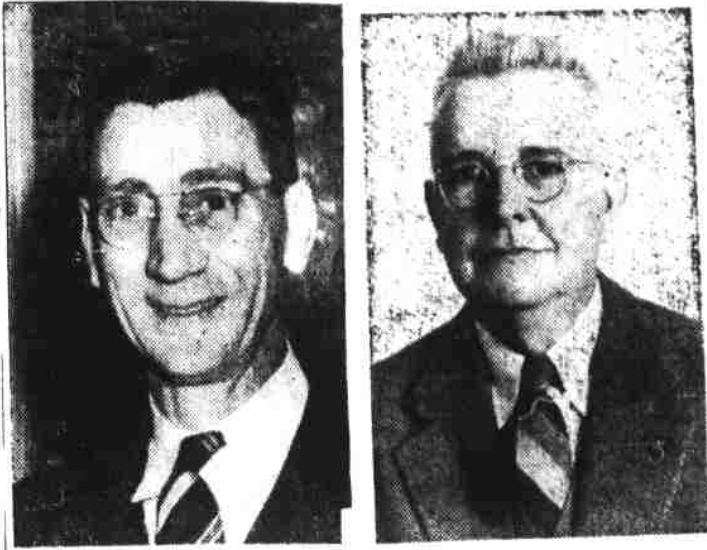
WAYNESVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY AFTERNOON, DEC. 15, 1949

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**TODAY'S SMILE**  
Small boy writing answers on an anatomy test: "Your legs is what if you ain't got two pretty good ones you can't get to first base, and neither can your sister."

## St. John's Will Open Modern Boys' Camp

To Open New Store



The new L-B Hardware Store on Balsam Road in Hazelwood will join this area's business family Monday morning when it opens for its first day of business. A. P. (Ot) Ledbetter, (left), W. A. Bradley (right), and Richard Bradley are the owners of Haywood County's newest firm.

St. John's School of Waynesville will open a boys' camp late next spring on 100 acres of mountain land on Hemphill between Moody Knob Branch and Roaring Branch. The plans were announced today by school officials, who revealed the 100-acre site was bought last month from Linton and Marion Holcombe of Hemphill.

Raymond Fane, Sr., of Pittsburgh, Pa., father of one of the St. John's priests, bought the property, which is about two-thirds timberland, for the school.

The purchase price was not disclosed, but the Rev. Fane said this morning that when the camp is completed will represent an investment of \$15,000.

Workers currently are building four cabins large enough to hold ten boys each, a swimming pool, and a main lodge which will contain the mess hall and living quarters for the director.

Father Fane added that officials also are considering building a school.

A Long Picture - A Long Record



(Photo by Ingram's Studio)

## Sale Of Yule Decorations To Be Held Saturday

A sale of Christmas decorations for the home, sponsored by the Richland Garden Club, will be held in the R.E.A. Building on Main Street, Saturday morning.

The decorations, to be made by club members will include table and mantel arrangements, wreaths and swags for doors, miniature Christmas trees, and party favors. Special pieces are being made upon request.

Advance orders are being taken by Mrs. James L. Elwood and Mrs. J. W. Ray until noon tomorrow.

Mrs. Ray will be hostess of an informal luncheon for the garden club at her home tomorrow, at which time the club members will work on the decorations.

## Elections Open Today for 1950 PMA Officials

Haywood County farmers taking part in the U. S. Production and Management Administration conservation program today started casting their votes for 1950 local and county officers.

The voting opened at 8 A. M. in 20 precincts for the selection of three community committees from each of the 23 communities. Tomorrow, they will cast their ballots at the County PMA office in the Court House to elect the three members of the county committee.

A simple majority will determine who the local and county officers will be for the year starting January 1. The County PMA committee members now in office are Chairman A. W. Ferguson of Crabtree, Vice-Chairman J. B. Hipps, and C. R. Linder, regular member. Miss Sarah Fullbright, County PMA secretary, reminded farmers today that all those participating in the PMA program are eligible to vote.

DWIGHT WILLIAMS has not been "officially" the winner of the corn growing contest in the state, but so far his record is the best. Mr. Williams, a Haywood farmer and cattleman, grew 141.34 bushels of corn to the acre. Mr. Williams, together with M. O. Galloway, own and operate Graeceland Farms. They are also the owners of the \$7,000 Hereford bull just brought to Haywood. Mr. Williams is shown holding some of the 141 bushels of corn which he grew. The official announcement is due to be made soon.

## 35 Needy Families Are Without Sponsors

## Salvation Army Might Have To Curtail Help To Poor; Need More Funds

## School Holidays To Begin On 21st

Christmas holidays for Waynesville schools will begin Wednesday, December 21, at three o'clock. The students will be free from classes until Thursday, January 5th.

## Signs Point To Good Christmas Season This Year

The signs say Christmas 1949 will be considerably merrier for Waynesville area folks than Christmas 1948 was.

Col. J. H. Howell, Sr., Waynesville postmaster, said yesterday the increase of business on Monday and Tuesday point to this.

He indicated, however, it was a little too early to tell, since at that time the Christmas mail volume hadn't begun to start flowing, aside from Christmas cards mailed and delivered locally.

But judging from the sales of stamps during those two days, this Christmas should be better than last Christmas.

Col. Howell reminded everyone to get their packages mailed as soon as possible, instead of waiting until the last minute.

He said he had engaged three extra employees to help handle the usual late Christmas rush, and that the post office would remain open later than usual on the last two Saturdays before Christmas.

This coming Saturday, he said, the stamp and general delivery windows would be open until 4 p. m., and on December 24—Christmas Eve—all departments of the post office would remain open until 6 p. m.

The post office will be closed all day December 26, however, he added.

The Salvation Army faces a sharp curtailment of their usual Christmas activities unless contributions increase in the next few days, according to Major Cecil Brown, in charge of the work here. Major Brown's plans call for providing Christmas cheer for some 900 people, and six Christmas tree programs. She estimated the cost would be \$1,000. To date, only about \$300 has been received. The appeal by mail has brought in about \$200, while the kettles on Main Street average about \$20 per day. Major Brown pointed out that none of the families which the Salvation Army will care for are among the 43 as listed by the Welfare Department. "We check with the department before helping any family, in order to avoid duplication," she said. The first of the Christmas tree programs is slated to be held at Maple Springs Sunday morning at 10, and the other at 2 down at Shelton Laurel. On Monday the program will shift to Little Creek, on Tuesday at Bonnie Hill, on Wednesday here in Waynesville. The last will be on December 26, when the staff will go into the Big Bend section. That is an all-day trip, requiring about 5 miles of hiking. The program covers caring for the complete Christmas needs of some 25 families, Major Brown said.

As of noon today, eight of the 43 cases had been assigned to Sunday classes or individuals. Mrs. Sam Queen, superintendent of Welfare, said this morning that there had been several other inquiries about some of the cases, but only eight had actually been assigned. The remaining 35 cases present an acute need for assistance. These families will not have any Christmas cheer unless some help is received before the 22nd. This year the Welfare Department is making plans to deliver all baskets or boxes which are brought to their office. All packages must be in the office by noon of the 22nd. The cases still available, include: Case 1—Mother and father and four children. Father desperately ill. Mother not able to leave home to find employment. Children's ages: Twin boys 4 years; boy 6 years; and girl 8 years. Case 2—Father, mother, and four children. Father partially blind—mother sick and unable to work. Children's ages: Girls age 10, 5 and 1. Boy age 3 years. Case 3—Father, mother and seven children. (See Welfare—Page 6)

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## E. Pigeon Takes Ratcliffe Cove Debate Challenge

They say Haywood county folks will accept a challenge at the drop of a hat. Well, somebody must have dropped a hat, because Ratcliffe Cove's citizens have a couple of contests lined up. Last week, Bob Francis, Ratcliffe Cove chairman and one of the stalwarts of his community's debating team, issued a challenge inviting anybody to meet the Ratcliffe Cove debating and spelling teams anywhere, any time. The ink was barely dry on Thursday's Mountaineer when Assistant County Agent Turner Cathey's phone rang. The man on the other end of the line was Van Wells, East Pigeon Community chairman, accepting the challenge. A few minutes later, Cathey issued his challenge. Ratcliffe Cove and East Pigeon will meet in an intercommunity debate and spelling bee on January 5 at the Ratcliffe Cove Community Building.

## Lighted Tree On Court House Lawn Attracts Attention

One of the prettiest Christmas scenes in the area, is the lighted tree on the court house lawn. Members of the town light department strung hundreds of colored lights on the tree Wednesday. A huge star tops the decoration. The lights were turned on Wednesday night, and presented a "perfect Christmas tree."

## Police Issue Stern Warning In Use Of Fireworks Here

All persons caught shooting fireworks will be arrested, the police department warned today. "The law prohibiting shooting of fireworks is still in force, and our instructions are to arrest any person violating this law," the officers pointed out. The law enforcement officers pointed out that the law was county-wide, and not just a town ordinance. Miss Jean Ann Bradley has arrived from Brenau College to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bradley. (See Dr. Stringfield—Page 5)

## Only 8 Cases Of 43 Have Been Taken To Date; Time Is Drawing Near

Thirty-five of the original 43 destitute cases on rolls of the Welfare Department face a dreary Christmas unless some person or group agrees to help before December 22nd. As of noon today, eight of the 43 cases had been assigned to Sunday classes or individuals. Mrs. Sam Queen, superintendent of Welfare, said this morning that there had been several other inquiries about some of the cases, but only eight had actually been assigned. The remaining 35 cases present an acute need for assistance. These families will not have any Christmas cheer unless some help is received before the 22nd. This year the Welfare Department is making plans to deliver all baskets or boxes which are brought to their office. All packages must be in the office by noon of the 22nd. The cases still available, include: Case 1—Mother and father and four children. Father desperately ill. Mother not able to leave home to find employment. Children's ages: Twin boys 4 years; boy 6 years; and girl 8 years. Case 2—Father, mother, and four children. Father partially blind—mother sick and unable to work. Children's ages: Girls age 10, 5 and 1. Boy age 3 years. Case 3—Father, mother and seven children. (See Welfare—Page 6)

## Rain Cuts Lions Club Dime Board Contributions

The bad weather this week was rough on the children. The Waynesville Lions Club's Dime Board did very little business Monday and Tuesday as the cold rain kept shoppers and everybody else off the streets. Boyd Owen, chairman of the club's health and welfare committee, reported today the Board took in more last Saturday than it did the rest of the week. On Saturday, the first day the annual campaign to get Christmas gifts for Waynesville's needy children got underway, shoppers and visitors gave nearly \$100. The next few days, however, the Board workers collected only about \$75. The chairman reported all receipts up to yesterday totalled only about \$175. However, the coming of the sun this morning brightened the prospects. Dr. Owen forecast clearing skies would be followed by showers of nickels and dimes.

## Light Snow Fell Here Late Wednesday Night

This area had a light snowfall Wednesday night, following 4-days of light rains. By noon most of the snow had melted, with only light traces in protected shaded areas. EDW. N. NEWMAN, JR., LEASES HOTEL IN FLORIDA

## Highway Record For 1949 (To Date) In Haywood Killed . . . 7 Injured . . . 38

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

## Publicity Group Set Up By Tourist Association

Directors of the Western North Carolina Tourist Association yesterday morning approved a publicity committee and discussed a survey of tourist accommodations the organization is now making. During the busy meeting in the office of the State Park Commission here, Association President James Myers announced the appointment of Paul Hyatt of Waynesville as chairman of the new publicity committee, and Mrs. J. B. Tweed of Hot Springs, William S. Pruett of Asheville, and James C. Gaither of Brevard as members. The major share of the discussion was centered on the survey being made covering the listing of all facilities in the western counties to prepare for the heavy volume of visitors expected to come to this section next season. A great number of tourists is expected to come to see the first performance of the Cherokee pageant which will be held July 1 on the Cherokee Reservation. When the list of facilities is completed, the information will be included in publicity literature which will be sent out after the first of the year. State Park Commission Chairman Charles E. Ray urged the (See Tourists—Page 6)

## Prof. Allen To Observe 90th Birthday Sunday

Prof. W. C. Allen, author, historian, teacher, and editor, will observe his 90th birthday Sunday at his home on Church Street. Friends are invited to call during the hours from three to five o'clock in the afternoon. A special invitation is extended to former pupils of the high school classes he taught from 1901 to 1913. No formal invitations are being issued. Prof. Allen, who has lived in Haywood County for half a century, is still active and in good health. Only last year, he visited every one of North Carolina's 100 counties, travelling by bus and train, in connection with his most recent edition of a textbook on state history. He also is the author of "The Annals of Haywood County," and at one time served as superintendent of county schools. A native of Halifax County and a graduate of Wake Forest College, Prof. Allen taught school for 38 years.

## Appeal Is Made For Toys For Community Tree

An appeal for toys is being made by Dr. Mary Michal, chairman of the welfare committee of the Women's Club, who is in charge of the annual community Christmas tree sponsored by the organization for needy children. The Town of Waynesville and the Waynesville Rotary club make contributions each year, but additional toys are needed in order that every child present will receive a gift. Gifts may be left at the Health Department in the basement of the courthouse. The program, which will include a lighted tree on the courthouse grounds, will be held Christmas Eve. At this time candy, nuts, and fruits will be given to the children in addition to a toy. A concert will be given by the high school band prior to the distribution of gifts.

## Sloan New Head Of Royal Arch Mason Unit Here

Hugh Johnstone Sloan, Jr., was elected high priest of the Waynesville Chapter 69, Royal Arch Masons, last Friday night when the York Rite Masonic Bodies named their officers for the coming year. Other officers named were: Charles H. Metcalfe, king; Harry Adrian Lanz, scribe; William Albert Hosafook, secretary; Frank E. Worthington, captain of host; Joseph Way Howell, prin. soujrn; Edwin Paul Martin, R. A. Captain; Ralph Edwin Calhoun, master of 3. veil; Ralph R. Whitehouse, master of 2. veil; James Wood Reed, Jr., master of 1. veil; Louis Nathaniel Green, sentinel; and Benjamin Franklin Clark, chaplain.

## College Football Star Of The 1890's Says Football Today Played On Scientific Basis; More Thrills Than 'Back Then'

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## Elaborate Plans Complete For Christmas Edition

Elaborate preparations are being made for the annual Christmas edition of The Mountaineer, which will be published on Thursday, December 22. A number of additional features have been added this year, and present plans are to have the entire front page of art work, with the front page news on page three. Many special features, of art, pictures and stories have been gathered for incorporation into the edition. This year, through special arrangements with a group of artists, the advertising department has secured an unusual assortment of artistically designed greetings for use in the edition. There is no extra charge for this art work. Those wishing to have a message of greetings in the edition should call the advertising department at 700 immediately.

every season from 1892 to 1897, says just as flatly that a modern team would score a touchdown a minute. "The game's much more scientific, and much more interesting than it was when I was playing," observed the man who was recognized as the strongest boy in this section when he was in his late teens. "But," he added with a strong note of conviction, "these boys today certainly aren't more rugged than we were." He backed up the statement by asking a simple question: "How many modern football players could go 60 minutes—two full halves of 30 minutes each—without substitution?" "And how many of them could do that every game a season?" This particular writer can think of one man, if you're allowed to go back to 1929 and still call it (See Dr. Stringfield—Page 5)

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## Coon Hunters In National Forests Have Good Luck

Sixty-four coons were bagged the first night in the annual Pisgah coon hunt this week, it was learned this morning from Malcolm Edwards, refuge supervisor of the Wildlife Commission. The Pisgah hunts will continue from Monday through Friday nights next week. The Sherwood Forest area will be thrown open for coon hunting on Wednesday and Thursday nights of next week, the 21st and 22nd. Each party of five hunters are allowed two dogs, and a gun. The bag limit is one coon per man, and hunting hours are from 6 p. m. to 6 a. m. Permits are \$5 per party of five people. The checking station for the Sherwood hunt is just above Sunburst, and the Pisgah checking stations are at the Pink Beds and the North Mills River campsite. Hunters on the Pisgah hunts this week reported coons were plentiful, and predictions are that the Sherwood hunt will result in many a kill.

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