

THE WAYNESVILLE MOUNTAINEER

TODAY'S SMILE
Preacher — "Stop! Do you think a glass of that vile stuff will quench your thirst?"
Sot — "No, I'm going to drink the whole bottle."

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Heavy Deposit In Waynesville Bank



Graceland Farm's new prize-winning Hereford bull is now familiar to newspaper readers from Richmond to New Orleans. The Associated Press Photo Service has distributed this Ingram's Studio picture of Helmsman Bill on display in Waynesville's First National Bank to its member papers throughout the Southeast. More than 200 people came to the bank the morning of December 10 to see the 1,600-pound bull. So far this photo has been published in the Raleigh News & Observer and the Charlotte News, among other papers throughout the area. Officials of the bank looking over the \$7,000 bull include (left to right) L. N. Davis, director, J. H. Way, Jr., vice-president, Jonathan Woody, president, Joe S. Davis, cashier, and Joe Jack Atkins, assistant cashier. M. O. Galloway and Dwight Williams, co-owners of Graceland Farm, stand next to Atkins.

Welfare Cases Dwindle To 26; New Appeals For Aid Made

Christmas Concert Set For Tuesday

Waynesville High School's concert band of 55 musicians and mixed chorus of 90 voices will give their annual Christmas Concert at 8 p. m. Tuesday in the school auditorium. But for 30 minutes before the concert opens, a brass choir will play the old favorite Christmas carols on the school lawn. The main concert of light music will have a Latin-American touch, however, and it took a lot of work to put it there. Director Charles Isley's boys and girls will play Burnett's arrangement of Morton Gould's "Tropical". Director Charles Isley and Associate Director Robert A. Campbell spent a lot of time begging, borrowing and buying the Latin- (See Concert—Page 8)

Rural People To Discuss Road Needs Wednesday



Swan Hendrix, a member of the township roads committee, has called a meeting of residents of Allens Creek, Balsam, Hyatt Creek, Saunook and Platt Creek to discuss local rural road problems. The meeting will be held at 7 p. m. Wednesday at Allens Creek School. Hendrix said in his announcement today that there will be discussions concerning the conditions of local roads, needs for new road construction, and proposed locations for roads. The township committee was one of several appointed recently by District Highway Commissioner Dale Thrash to discuss local problems and needs in reference to the state's proposed \$200,000,000 rural road program. Hendrix pointed out that the committee doesn't have the authority to build roads itself. Its job is to find out where the needs exist, and make recommendations to the state highway officials. He said he would have right-of-way forms with him at the meeting and would explain them to the audience. He added he wants the names of all roads in the communities concerned. In the event that a particular road does not have a name, he said, he would like the residents living along the road to name it themselves.

Welfare Department Sees Many Needy People "Without Christmas" Unless Help Comes Soon

The list of needy families on the Welfare rolls dwindled from 43 to 26 over the week-end, according to Mrs. Sam Queen, superintendent of the Welfare Department here. There are several organizations considering helping a number of the cases, but they have not selected the actual cases to date, Mrs. Queen said. The Bethel Parent Teachers Association plan to do a lot of charity work over the holidays, Mrs. Queen reported, and the leaders are to check with her in a day or so regarding the cases they select. Several church organizations have taken several of the cases listed by the department. "Unless someone comes and takes these remaining 26 cases, it looks like they will not have too much of a Christmas," Mrs. Queen said. Thus far, only 17 cases of the original 17 have been definitely assigned to people who said they would provide for all the people listed in each of the cases. The Welfare Department will deliver all the baskets or boxes to the 43 families, Mrs. Queen said. This work will be done by the staff of the department Thursday afternoon, December 22nd. The remaining cases on the rolls of the department, as of noon today, were as follows: Case 4—Mother and five children. Father deserted — mother cannot leave children to secure employment. Children's ages: Girls (See Welfare—Page 6)

Business Here Shows Substantial Increase

Waynesville merchants reported after the first big Christmas-shopping weekend last week that the volume of sales was as great or greater than last season—but receipts were down. They explained this puzzle this way. People are buying more but paying less for it. Some local businessmen estimated that prices were as much as 20 per cent lower on most gift items this season, and that sales income was down correspondingly. Meanwhile, most merchants prepared well in advance to handle the usual last-minute buying rush by engaging extra clerks and salesmen and women. They expected the peak of the late buying season to come Saturday, the last weekend before Christmas, and during the days immediately following the big holiday. At the same time they expressed the wish that shoppers would prepare for Christmas earlier than they do. "By the time many of them get (See Business—Page 8)

Add Two More Pretty Christmas Trees To List
Add to the list of beautiful outdoor Christmas trees, the one at the Methodist church here, and the one on the square at Clyde. Both of the living trees, are elaborately decorated by many colorful lights. These two trees rival closely the one on the court house lawn.

Dellwood-Maggie Area Hit By A Hard Wind Storm
Strong winds struck the Dellwood-Maggie section of the county shortly after dark Saturday night. Several roofs suffered damage, and some of the utility wires were reported damaged. The gale swept up the valley, accompanied by heavy rains. Small buildings, and loose roofing suffered the most.

Raymond A. Hart, Industrialist, Died Early Today

Raymond A. Hart, 52, manager of the Cut Sole department of the A. C. Lawrence Leather Company, Hazelwood, died suddenly about 8:30 this morning of a heart attack. The attack struck Mr. Hart at his office in the plant. He was rushed to the Haywood county Hospital, but was pronounced dead upon arrival. Funeral services will be held at St. John's Wednesday morning, the hour to be set later. Rev. A. F. Rhoebacher, and Rev. R. Rahe will be in charge. The body will be returned to the (See R. A. Hart—Page 8)

E. A. Williamson Named To Head Masonic Group

Edgar Allen Williamson was elected Eminent Commander of Waynesville Commandery No. 31, Knights Templars, at a recent stated convocation of the members. Edwin Paul Martin was elected generalissimo; Christian Riches Eckhoff, captain-general; Ralph Raymond Whitehouse, senior warden; Shirley Elbert Conatser, junior warden; Frank E. Worthington, prelate; William Albert Abel, treasurer; Claude Benton Hosaflook, secretary; Noble W. Garrett, sword bearer; William A. Bradley, standard bearer; and Everett Austin McElroy, warder. The officers will be installed the night of January 13 by Most Excellent Companion William A. Coble, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina. The installation session will open at 7:30 p. m.

Lions' Radio Broadcast Earns \$130 First Night

Last Thursday night, more than 50 people phoned the First National Bank lobby and requested friends to sing. That meant \$130 to the Waynesville Lions Club's Christmas Cheer fund and extra steps for Santa Claus at the homes of needy children. The requests came in a steady stream during the three hours after the first of the two annual Lions Club Christmas broadcasts (See Radio—Page 8)

Special Program Slated At Baptist Church Wed.

"I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day," a program of candlelight, carols and bells, will be featured at the First Baptist church here Wednesday night at 7:30. The program is said to be "just a little different" from the usual such event, in that the music, lighting, and general theme are all blended together, including participation on the part of the audience. The music will be under the direction of Charles Isley, with the pastor, Rev. L. G. Elliott, in charge of the brief devotional. Eliene Geringer will play the special set of chimes brought up from Davidson College for the occasion. At the conclusion of the service, each person in the audience will be given a lighted candle, while the choir sings the last number on the program.

Library To Observe Holiday

The Haywood County Library will close at 5 p. m. Friday, December 23, and remain closed until the following Wednesday morning for Christmas holidays.

School Will Be Out Wednesday For Christmas

This will be a mighty short week for Haywood County's school boys and girls and their teachers. School will be out, County Schools Superintendent Jack Messer says, on Wednesday afternoon. It won't be in again till January 5 at the usual time right after breakfast. The short week and the long holiday is the main event of the Christmas season for the school folks.

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.

'Happy Drunks' Land In Jail

The week-end passed quietly here, except for a few "Christmas-happy" drunks, who were soon arrested by the police. People in general were too busy to get into trouble, according to the police department.

New Hardware Stages Formal Opening Today

This morning marked the formal opening of the L-B Hardware Store in Hazelwood. The new firm is owned by W. A. and Richard Bradley and A. P. "Oit" Ledbetter. The location is in the Bradley building on the highway, next to the Bradley Super Market. The owners are well known in the merchantile field here. Mr. Ledbetter, active manager, started in the hardware business with Waynesville Hardware Company in 1922. The firm has a large stock of nationally known brands.

Haywood Citizens Invested \$25,200 In Bonds In Nov.

Haywood county citizens invested \$25,200 in Series E Savings Bonds during November, according to a report made public today by J. E. Massie, general chairman here. The report showed that no sales were made of either F or G series of bonds here during the past month. The total for the state of all type of bonds during November exceeded \$3,600,000.

Coble Elected Head Of Masonic Organization

William A. Coble was elected Illustrious Master of the Doric Council No. 20, Royal and Select Masters, at a recent meeting of the Masonic organization here. Joseph W. Howell was elected deputy master; Harry A. Lantz, printer of work; William A. Abel, treasurer; Claude B. Hosaflook, recorder; Edwin P. Martin, captain of guard; Benjamin F. Clark, son of council; and Ralph E. Calhoun, steward. The elections were held at a Stated Assembly. The officers will be installed at a Special Assembly opening at 7:30 p. m. Friday, January 13.

\$600 In Seals Sold To Date

Contributions to the Christmas Seal fund was exactly short \$400 of the goal of \$1,000. According to A. J. Fancher, treasurer, 477 people have contributed exactly \$600.85. Mrs. R. C. Lane, general seal sale chairman, and her associates, sent out 2,500 letters to individuals and firms in the community. Three-fourths of the money collected remains here to aid in the consistent fight against tuberculosis.

C. of C. Directors To Meet 4:30 Tues.

The board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce will meet at 4:30 Tuesday for the election of officers. It was announced this morning by James L. Kilpatrick, president. Both the old boards, and newly elected members will meet on Tuesday. Officers will come from the board of directors.

GOING TO FLORIDA

Mr. and Mrs. Oral L. Yates and family leave Wednesday for a two-week trip to Miami, and other Florida points.

CLLOUDY

December 19 — Mostly mild today and Tuesday. Waynesville tempered by the staff of the (See Forecast—Page 8)

Max.	Min.	Rainfall
43	25	.24
50	13	
55	18	.02
56	43	.25

Lions Find Playing Santa Claus To Needy Is Lots Of 'Fun'

Playing Santa Claus is a lot of fun. The men of the Waynesville Lions Club did it last Friday, taking the kids shopping so Christmas would be a merrier one than the limited family funds would normally permit. In fact, the Lions are still doing it today, and will keep it up until Christmas Eve, using the money people have been contributing to the dime board and the radio program. The kids generally were too shy to put their thanks into words. But it showed in their faces when they were taken back to their schools, holding their presents tightly under their arms. Lion Jimmy Howell put two little boys and a little girl in his car after picking them up at their schools, and drove down town. Then the shopping tour started. First he consulted a list of things each child needed worst. Then he consulted the children. Then they trooped into a nearby department store. "Now how about a cap first?" he asked the boys as a sales lady led the eight-year-old blond girl to the women's section. "Sure," the 12-year-old red head answered. His companion, about a year older, smiled his consent. "Could I get a hunting cap, with ear muffs?" the older boy asked. "Sure," Jimmy smiled. The boy tried on a blue plaid cap and studied himself gravely in the mirror. Then a bright red one caught his eye, and he tried that one. He settled for the blue one. "I like coon-hunting," he stated. The red-head was studying a bright wool-flannel shirt, feeling the warm material with his thin fingers. "You want this one?" the clerk smiled. The boy grinned, Howell nodded. It was settled. The boys got new overall trousers with shiny brass buttons, and heavy woolen underwear. "Now," Jimmy asked, checking off the items on the list, "you need anything else?" The red-head shook his head and grinned. His companion studied the toe of his worn work shoe. "How about a belt?" Jimmy asked him. The boy's old Army web belt was held together apparently by little more than hope. The boy brightened and nodded. "Yep," he laughed, "never would have thought of that and I should have." Downstairs, the eight-year-old girl was waiting by a counter with the sales girl, looking pleased. A new green-plaid skirt lay on top of a small pile of other articles of feminine wear that gentlemen aren't supposed to mention. Thick wool socks and other things. She couldn't think of anything else that she needed. But when the suggestion was made, she admitted she needed something warm to wear over her thin, faded dress. She pointed to a yellow "button-down" sweater. "That's the right color for my new skirt," she suggested shyly. That took care of the essentials for the three of them. The Waynesville businessmen give the Lions discounts on the (See Lions—Page 8)

Dime Board Collections Are Lagging

The weather smiled last week long enough to give the Lions Club's Dime Board collections a boost, but then started weeping last week-end. Dr. Boyd Owen, chairman of the club's health and welfare committee handling the drive to raise funds to give needy children a Merry Christmas, indicated today that collections so far total slightly more than \$250. The dime board swung into action a week ago Saturday and will continue through Christmas Eve.

Sister Of Mrs. Stretcher Dies In Raleigh

Mrs. Wiley G. Barnes, sister of Mrs. Robert H. Stretcher of Waynesville, died at her home in Raleigh last Wednesday after a long illness. Funeral services were held Friday. Surviving in addition to Mrs. Stretcher are the mother, Mrs. Lulu Uzzie of Waynesville; a sister, Mrs. Nat D. Peirson of Raleigh, and a brother, T. M. Uzzie of Charleston, S. C.

Health Offices To Be Closed Dec. 23 - 26

The District Health offices here and in Canton will be closed Friday through Monday for the Christmas holidays. The offices will reopen for business on Tuesday morning at the usual time.

Highway Record For 1949 (To Date) In Haywood Killed . . . 7 Injured . . . 38
(This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol.)