

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

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### 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."

### Miss Haywood 1949 Soon To Be One Year Old



Little Carolyn Sue Winchester will soon observe her first birthday. In fact, right after the New Year rolls in Sunday morning, Carolyn Sue will be a year old. She was the first baby born in Haywood county in 1949, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Beecher Winchester, of route one. She is shown here checking the calendar, as her picture was made by Ingram's Studio.

### Santa Claus Was Very Good To Merchants Here

#### Christmas Here Nearly 'Wreckless'

A freak accident which gave a 12-year-old boy a minor injury Monday night was the only incident during a Christmas weekend that was one of the mildest Haywood County has experienced since the automobile and the gun were invented. Otherwise, state, county and town officers reported in effect, peace on earth was a literal truth for Haywood's citizens. Even the usual holiday celebrations which find some of their cheer in bottles were scarce. Scarcely, in fact, than they are on any other weekend. No other town can beat Clyde's Christmas record. One officer said: "I didn't see a single drunk, and haven't been able to find anyone else who saw one. If there was one in town Christmas weekend, he must have gone through awfully fast." There were no traffic accidents. (See Christmas—Page 8)

The Waynesville area's merchants had a Merry Christmas. A spot check today indicated that the Christmas sales season this year was at least as good if not better than last year's. Some merchants reported that both sales receipts and sales volume reached last year's figures, and passed them in some instances. Others reported that the volume of sales was as great or greater but that in some instances the receipts were slightly lower. The principal cause of this was, in the general opinion of the merchants, that people spent less money but bought more. Prices also were ten to 20 per cent lower than they were during the 1948 Christmas sales season. The buying trends showed that where a person bought a suit as a gift last year, he bought a couple of shirts for Christmas this year. Both merchants and customers showed new trends in Christmas selling and shopping that were absent last year, store owners indicated. One innovation that made the volume comfortably high was the holding of winter bargain sales before the holiday instead of after Christmas. The customers also diverted from the almost traditional custom of creating the last-minute shopping rush. One merchant said he did more business the week to ten days before Christmas than he did last year. This year, they bought earlier and they bought steadier. One merchant reported that his main Christmas business came during the week before December 19. The sales of expensive luxury items was lower generally than they were last year. But the sales of the less expensive gifts rose correspondingly higher. In the sales of individual items, nylon goods for men and women and toys generally led the gift parade. Several stores sold out of their toy stocks completely several days before the weekend, while others reported their stocks were close to rock bottom shortly before the sales week closed. The gross sales receipts for the stores of the area had not been computed by the time the Mountaineer went to press. But it was difficult to find a sad face on Main Street this morning.

### Honored



GEORGE WALLACE BROWN, son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Brown, Jr., of Waynesville, was one of the two North Carolina college delegates who attended the convention of Beta Beta Beta, national honorary science fraternity, in New York City last Tuesday. The 20-year-old Waynesville youth, a senior at Wake Forest College, was selected to attend the convention on the basis of his outstanding academic record.

### Waynesville Boy Named Delegate To Science Meet

George Wallace Brown, 20-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Brown, Jr., of Waynesville, was one of the only two North Carolina college and university students named to attend this week's convention of their national honorary science fraternity. He left Monday afternoon by train in time for the opening of the convention in New York City the following day. The organization is Beta Beta Beta, a national fraternity of biology students. Young Brown, a 1947 graduate of Waynesville Township High School, was chosen to represent Wake Forest where he is studying as a senior in pre-medical school. The youth attended Mars Hill College for two years before transferring to Wake Forest. He will receive his Bachelor of Science degree next spring, winding up his pre-med studies in three years by virtue of the fact that he continued his studies during his summer vacations. Brown's classroom work has landed him in the top ten students of his class and his record earned him an appointment as an assistant instructor last fall. When he applied to be admitted next fall to the University of North Carolina School of Medicine, the officials there studied his record, then immediately approved his application. "This boy," said one of the University officials, "has one of the finest scholastic records we have ever received from an applicant to the school." Only three other Wake Forest pre-med students were accepted for admission to the school next year. The Waynesville boy is scheduled to return to his home here from New York today or tomorrow.

### New Fertilizer Plant Here May Open Feb. 1

#### Folks Aid Homeless Family Here

Waynesville's new \$100,000 fertilizer plant is expected to go into production about February 1. This was reported this week by C. G. Thompson, president of the newly-organized Smoky Mountains Fertilizer Company, which will operate the factory—"if all goes well," as he put it. David Underwood, local contractor who is handling the construction, reported last week that the building job was nearly 50 per cent complete. The new plant will produce an estimated 25,000 to 50,000 tons of chemical plant foods during its first year of operation. Mr. Thompson, a veteran of nearly a quarter of a century in the fertilizer industry, reported the new factory would produce: 3-9-6 Tobacco Special; 4-10-6 fertilizer; 6-8-6 Truck and Corn Special; 7-7-7 Apple Grower; 5-10-5 fertilizer; 2-12-12, 0-14-14, and 0-9-27 alfalfa and pasture. The last three grades, he added, would be put out either with or without borax added. He also said the plant would feature Blue Ridge brands. One of them probably named Pigeon River 3-9-6 Tobacco Special, another probably will be called Mt. Pisgah 6-8-6 Truck and Corn Special, and the rest will carry the Blue Ridge label. The owners bought five acres of land last November near the Royle and Pilkington Company building as the site for the new factory. Serving with Mr. Thompson as principal officers of the company are his wife, Mrs. E. F. Thompson as secretary; and W. L. Harwell of Kingston, Tenn., vice-president and treasurer. For 20 years, Mr. Thompson was associated with the Atlanta, Ga., office of International Minerals and Chemical Corporation of Chicago, Ill., then joined the Louisville. (See New Plant—Page 8)

Within 48 hours after a fire left Carl Stanley and his family homeless, people from Waynesville and the surrounding country had replaced practically everything they had lost. "About all we need now," said Stanley, "is a house." The fire that destroyed their home on Smathers Street the Wednesday before Christmas, left Mr. Stanley and his wife and their three children with practically nothing but the clothes they wore and two water-soaked beds. Mrs. Stanley learned of the fire only afterward, for she was in an Asheville hospital with the Stanley's newborn infant. Waynesville policemen immediately went to work appealing to the people for help. Jim Aldridge, Mrs. Stanley's father, opened his home on Smathers street to the family. And people began showering them with cash, food, furniture, and clothing. Up to today, they had given them \$130 in cash, a large supply of groceries, a cook stove and heater, clothing for the children, beds, mattresses, and bed clothing.

### Lions Club Christmas Fund Tops \$1700

Haywood county folks, both as individuals and organizations, poured \$1,720 into the Waynesville Lions Club's Christmas Cheer fund and gave enough toys to make more than 300 children happy. Chairman Boyd Owen of the club's health and welfare committee gave the figures today in reporting the success of the 1949 campaign. After estimating the funds the club members spent in taking care of the needy children, and in paying for advertising, he said these contributions had been great enough to leave a small surplus which will be used subsequently in the organization's other welfare projects. The club's first three-hour radio program drew \$130 from radio listeners who wanted to hear their neighbors sing. But the second did twice as good. Listeners contributed approximately \$240 to the Cheer Fund in making their requests for performances on the second and final broadcast which was held last Thursday night. Radio Chairman Lester Burgin, Jr., reported that the response was so enthusiastic the program had to extend its time by a full 30 minutes to take care of all the requests. The funds contributed in the radio broadcast are included in the (See Lions Club—Page 8)

### Boy Escapes With Minor Injury In Auto Accident

A freak traffic accident Monday evening sent 12-year-old Bobby Lewis McCracken of Saunook to the hospital with a gash at the back of his head. He returned home the next day, however. State Highway Patrolman H. Dayton gave these details. Holding his raincoat over his head to shield himself from the steady rain, the boy waited by the side of Highway 19A-23 near the Fish Hatchery until a car passed. Then he started walking diagonally across the road. James Edward Clay, Jr., of Sylva, driving several yards behind the first car, saw the boy, blew his horn, swerved to his left, and jammed on his brakes to avoid hitting him. But the boy apparently walked into the right front side of Clay's car as it reached the center of the highway, and struck his head against the post beside the windshield. Clay's car continued across the road and ran into the ditch. The boy was taken to Haywood County Hospital by his brother, Carl McCracken, who was working at a filling station a few yards from the scene of the accident when the boy was injured. Patrolman Dayton reported Clay's car didn't have so much as a scratch to show for the accident.

### Woody Named A Director Of Federal Bank

Jonathan Woody recently was named a director of the Charlotte Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Va. His appointment is for a three-year term which will start officially Sunday. The announcement was made by Charles P. McCormick, board chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank.

### Car Damaged, No One Hurt In Mishap Wed.

A 1949 Chevrolet sedan collided with a telephone pole shortly after midnight yesterday near the Dayton Rubber Company plant in Hazelwood. Investigating officers Arthur P. Evans and Hub Ruff reported no one was injured, however, and the damage amounted to about \$250.

### Deadline Is Dec. 31 For Filing Late State Income Tax

Only two more days to file your back state income taxes. Deputy State Tax Collector Fred Walston today reminded eligible Haywood and Jackson County citizens of the rapid passage of time. He explained that those who voluntarily file their delinquent returns for 1946, 1947, or 1948 before the New Year's Eve deadline will not be subject to the state penalties assessed for delinquent returns. The returns for the current year 1949, however, may be filed any time up to midnight March 15, 1950. Mr. Walston has the proper tax return forms in his office in the basement of the Haywood County Court House.

### Alert Workers Save 100-Year-Old Clyde Church From Burning Down

Alert church workers quickly formed an old-fashioned bucket brigade Saturday night to save the 100-year-old Camp Ground Church of Clyde from certain destruction by fire. The six people were preparing the main chapel of the old Northern Methodist church for a Christmas program which was to be held that night when one of them noticed a portion of the wall next to the outlet of the pipe from the stove was burning. They organized themselves into a bucket brigade, obtaining water from a neighboring house. When Clyde firemen with their hose cart and a Canton fire department truck arrived, they found the blaze already under control. The firemen removed part of the scorched wall to check the adjacent storeroom for smoldering matter. The Clyde Police Department gave the church workers full credit for saving the old frame building, praising them for their alertness and swift action. If the blaze had gained any headway at all, one official declared, it would have swept through the entire structure. It is one of the oldest churches in Haywood County. The damage was estimated at \$20 at the most.

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### Babson Gives 1950 Business Outlook

BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL OUTLOOK FOR 1950 By ROGER W. BABSON

1. The total volume of business for 1950 will be less than that of 1949, due primarily to the unfortunate labor conflicts. Considering that the innocent consumer will be the chief sufferer and will be obliged to pay the bills, it seems too bad that labor troubles should upset the appreciator. LABOR OUTLOOK 2. Even with all the threats, there will be few wage increases during 1950. On the other hand, all labor negotiations take the minds of both the employees and the management off their regular business. However these negotiations come out, they result in a loss from the standpoint of the county as a whole. 3. There will be fewer strikes in 1950 than in 1949, but there will not be fewer extended negotiations

1950 IN A NUTSHELL			
General Business:	Off 5%	Auto Manufactures:	Off 15%
National Income:	Off 5%	Build'g. Construction:	Off 7%
Farm Income:	Off 15%	Natural Gas:	Up 5%
Bituminous Coal:	Up 5%	Foreign Trade:	No change
Anthracite:	Up 5%	Airline Pass'g'r Miles:	Up 5%
Crude Oil Products:	UP 5%	Military Activities:	
Steel Output:	Off 5%	Including Aircraft:	Up 20%
RETAIL TRADE (\$ Volume): Off 3% to 10%			

which are very expensive in themselves. 4. The Taft-Hartley Law will continue to stand throughout 1950, although many schemes for detouring this law will be devised. 5. The great drive against the big companies will be for pensions and/or for sick and other benefits. These will probably be helpful to the wageworkers and may aid in ironing out the business cycle, but they will be paid for by consumers. 6. It is hoped that all parties will begin to realize during 1950 that the real road to national pro-

### Who Will Be First Baby Born In County In 1950?

#### Power Firm Gets Lot Done In WNC In 1949

A small mountain of gifts is being made for a white baby who has not yet been born. It will go to the Haywood county infant who first sees the light of day in 1950. The baby who is the first one born in the New Year will be the winner of The Mountaineer's annual contest. And it's prizes will be the ones listed in the advertisements printed on the third page of the second section in this paper. Here are the rules of this "First Baby" contest: The parents must be white residents of Haywood county. The actual day, hour, and minute of birth must be confirmed by the attending physician. The baby's birth certificate must be submitted at the time of entry into the contest. This certificate will, of course, be returned. The decision of the judges, which will be final, will be announced on Monday. Entries must be submitted to The Mountaineer not later than 10 a. m. Monday. The prizes which will be awarded to Haywood county's first baby of 1950 are donated by Pet Dairy, Curtis Drug Store, Firestone, E. J. Lillis, Haywood Builders Supply, Belk-Hudson, First State Bank, Crawford Funeral Home, Waynesville Laundry, Garrett Furniture Company and Junaluska Supply Company. Mrs. Mark Killian of Asheville, was the guest of Miss Nancy Killian for Christmas. Miss Reba Kinsland, daughter of Mrs. Lonnie Kinsland of Crabtree, is home from Brenau College for the holidays.

#### Brown Gives County Tax Listers For 1950

George A. Brown, Jr., chairman of the Haywood County Board of Commissioners, today reminded the county's property owners and taxpayers that January is the time to list their holdings. He also announced the names of the 1950 listers. These are: Beaverdam, V. H. Byers; Cata-loochee, Mack Caldwell; Cecil, Kin Browning; Crabtree, C. T. Noland; East Fork, Ken Burnett; White Oak, Odie Fish; Fines Creek, Jack Ferguson; Iron Duff, Manson Medford; Ivy Hill, Ernest Carver; Jonathan Creek, N. W. Carver; Pigeon, Gay Burnett. He issued these instructions: All property owners and taxpayers in Haywood county are required to return to the list takers for taxation for the year 1950 a statement of all the real estate, personal property, and other items that are in the owners' possession on January 1, 1950. All males between the ages of 21 and 50 are required to list their polls during the same time. All persons who fail to list the property they own and liable for poll tax are subject to a charge of a misdemeanor. Failure to list carries a penalty of \$2.

### ights The WS

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### Fast

the man was play- his five-year-old was playing the box of cookies," he she replied gravely. "you got?"



FAIR

Max.	Min.	Pept.
60	52	.02
59	23	.45
49	12	—
49	17	—
54	40	.82
61	43	.03
59	27	—

Highway Record For 1949 (To Date) In Haywood Killed . . . 8 Injured . . . 42 (This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol.)