

Rotary Cog recently carried story about "high finance" took place between two men. The story goes: Negro loaned another Negro and took his note for the day. After trying unsuccessfully for eighteen months to effect payment, he met the debtor one day and the following conversation ensued: "Man, I can't pay you a hundred dollars what you want?" Negro: "Man, I can't pay you a hundred dollars 'count I got it." Negro: "If you don't pay me money what you owes me and quick, I'm gonna take your note and burn it right up." Negro: "Jes' you burn that note, nigga, jes' you burn that note and watch me sock a you."

Hard Name After All The Owl, a well known resident of Cherokee, delights in his friends this story, in relation to his name. Some time ago, a woman seemed little disturbed over the fact she said his name was "Owl". She called and pronounced just as if it were "Owl". George exclaimed: "What plain O-W-L." he said.

Woman then understood. remarked, "I wish I had a name as simple, and as easy to remember as 'Owl.'" The next day the two happened to be in the village again, and she tipped her hat as they passed. The woman said sweetly, "Good morning, Mr. Owl."

Gently the printed menu of a local restaurant is what appears to be a new specialty. Beginning down the column beneath the fried chicken you find the name: Fried Oysters. Couldn't investigate the matter exhaustively but a concisely worded note developed these oysters are friendly oysters. They are simply oysters in a friendly cook in a friendly manner. It was just a typographical error.

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TODAY'S SMILE Then there is the type of person who says: "Get those behind me, Satan," because he would be ashamed even to have the devil see what he's doing.—Grit.

## Peace After Corn War



Governor W. Kerr Scott of North Carolina (left), and Governor Tuck of Virginia, joke over the two-state corn "war" in which Virginia won the trophy presented at Richmond. (AP Photo).

## Methodists Considering Lake For Large Conference

More than 2,000 Methodists from eight states want to come to this community for a 3-day conference late in June. The matter was brought to the attention of the directors of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce here Tuesday.

## County's 1950 Polio Drive Is Set

The annual drive for funds to aid polio victims will be launched nationally January 15, and plans are being pushed to completion for the campaign in the Waynesville area.

Beekman Huger is serving as chairman of the Canton area and Edwin Haynes will direct the drive in that section. Mr. Hyatt said the county's 1949 goal has not yet been revealed but that he expected it to be announced within the next week.

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The eminent Asheville attorney died Thursday in a hospital at Charleston, S. C., several weeks after he was stricken while on vacation. The Rev. E. H. Black, pastor of the Asheville church, conducted the services, and burial was in Lewis Memorial Park.

## School Bells To Ring Out Again On Thursday

There may be worse in the long run, but the saddest sound of this physical universe for Haywood County's 6,000 school children will come Thursday morning. That will be the chiming of the school bells sounding the knell of the parting Christmas vacation.

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## Pretty Kettle Of Fish



Fontana Lake gave up these 16 bass — all the law allows — to Wayne Rogers (holding the string) and Deimos Caldwell, both of Waynesville. The fish ranged from 12 to 19 inches in length and one and a half to four pounds in weight. The men landed three others of the minimum legal size during the seven hours they fished in a steady downpour, but threw them back in hopes of getting something better. Wayne's brother, Max, was the angler who landed the record-breaking rainbow trout last March from Glenville Lake. (Staff Photo).

## Postal Business Here Tops Mark For 1948

A report released today by the Waynesville Post Office indicates the town's businessmen had a better year in general and a better Christmas in particular in 1949 than they did the year before.

## Power To Be Cut Off In Some Areas Jan. 8

Power will be off from 1:30 P. M. until 4:30 P. M. Sunday for the people served from Hazelwood, and in the Lake Junaluska, and Balsam areas.

## Youth Hurt As Mishap Mars 1950 Traffic Record

Haywood County's traffic record for 1950 developed a spot before the New Year was three hours old. Ralph Holder, 17-year-old Canton boy was injured early yesterday morning when the car in which he was riding crashed into an apple tree in Clyde.

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## Two-Week Civil Court Term To Open Monday

A two-week civil term of Haywood Superior Court will open here next Monday morning with Judge Zeb V. Nettles of Asheville scheduled to preside.

## Herman Rathbone Is Haywood's First 1950 Baby

The first baby born in Haywood County in 1950 was Herman Harold Rathbone, son of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Beauford Rathbone of Hemphill.

## Williams Is Declared Corn Winner

A Haywood County farmer who produced 141.34 bushels of corn on one acre has been declared officially North Carolina's champion corn grower for 1949. Dr. E. R. Collins, in charge of agronomy extension at State College and chairman of the State Corn Contest Committee, announced this week.

## Son Of Hemphill Couple Wins Baby Deby Award

He thus won the Mountaineers' annual Baby Derby and all the prizes merchants and businessmen have contributed. The boy weighed eight pounds and three ounces when he first saw the light of day yesterday in Haywood County Hospital when the New Year was only five hours and nine minutes old.

## Waynesville Man Saw Strange Craft Dec. 28

Speculation continued today over the identity of the "flying cigars" which persons throughout the Carolinas reported seeing flying high and fast last week.

## First 6 Months Of Lions' Year Is Successful

The Waynesville Lions last Thursday night heard how good they were financially, then heard how good they were period.

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## Highway Record For 1950 In Haywood (To Date)

Killed . . . 0 Injured . . . 1 (This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol)

Weather forecast table with columns for Max, Min, and Rainfall for the next few days.

Official Waynesville temperatures recorded by the staff of the Test Farm table with columns for Max, Min, and Rainfall.