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TODAY'S SMILE
One company distributed this circular to employees: "Any workmen desiring to attend the death or funeral of a relative, please notify the foreman before 10 A.M. the day of the game."

One Killed, Two Hurt When This Plane Crashed



This is the remains of the plane William L. Balentine was piloting last Sunday, when it crashed to earth. Balentine was burned to death instantly, and two passengers, Paul Franklin, and Jack Kelly escaped with minor injuries. The remains of the plane were still smoking when Bill Lindau, Mountaineer reporter, made this picture just before dark Sunday afternoon.

Precinct Meetings To Be Held In Haywood Saturday

Precinct meetings will be held at the 24 voting places of the county on Saturday, at two o'clock, it was announced today by Mrs. Fred Y. Campbell, chairman of the Haywood County Democratic Executive Committee.

Precinct chairmen will be named during the business session at each precinct. Other matters of business will be the naming of delegates to the county convention which will be held at the court house May sixth at two o'clock.

The registrar at Waynesville 3 (Allens Creek) and Fines Creek 2 (Panther Creek) will call the meeting to order and preside until a chairman is named. Both of these are new precincts in the county.

Present precinct chairmen are as follows:

Waynesville one, Ivid Underwood; Waynesville 2, Lachlan Hyatt; Hazelwood, Claude N. Allen; Pigeon, B. E. Sentelle; East Fork, Bryan Heatherly; Cecil, Ken Browning; Fines Creek one, Raymond McCracken; Iron Duff, Jarvis Caldwell; Crabtree, Gay Bradshaw; Lake Junaluska, Bob Morrow.

Ivy Hill, Sam Queen, Jr.; Jonathan Creek, Medford Leatherwood; Clyde, Jack West; Big Creek, Mack Caldwell; Cataloochee, Lush Caldwell; White Oak, Gaylor Baldwin.

Beaverdam one, Watt Pless; two, Joe Browning; three, C. E. Cole; four, Frank Queen; five, Fred Winfield; six, "Shorty" Wood.

Census Workers Making Tabulation Of Count Here

Office staffs of the district census office are pushing the tabulation of the 1950 census figures for Waynesville and Hazelwood.

The Mountaineer learned this morning from Harry Sample, district supervisor, that Washington had requested the final figures for the two towns along with several others "immediately."

Mr. Sample did not say when the figures would be ready, but indicated "in the near future."

2 Sets Of Twins Born At Hospital In Four Days

Two sets of twins were born at Haywood County Hospital within four days this week.

That is a record for the institution, reported Administrator Lee Davis this morning.

In all, three sets have been born at the hospital this year so far.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Campbell of Canton, Route 1, on the night of March 20, became the parents of the first twins born in the county in 1950. Both infants are boys.

At 10:30 p. m. Saturday, two girls were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Jenkins, of Waynesville. Then at about 6:30 a. m. Tuesday, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hall of Canton, route 2, became the parents of a boy and a girl.

Former Haywood Deputy Dies In Richmond, Va.

Funeral services will be held Friday at Newport News, Va., for F. B. (Berry) Platt, former Haywood County native who served here for many years as a deputy sheriff.

Mr. Platt, who was associated with the Newport News Shipbuilding Company, died in a veterans' hospital at Richmond, Va., at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

He had served with the firm more than eight years up to the time of his death.

Among the survivors are his wife and son, both of Newport News; two sisters, Mrs. Edith Davis of Waynesville, Route 1, and Mrs. Ora Mehaffey of Waynesville; a brother, H. H. Platt of Waynesville, Route 1; and several nieces and nephews living in Haywood County.

Besides serving with the sheriff's department here, Mr. Platt had worked in Canton and as a private detective in the Ohio area with the Ball and Phelps Detective Agency.

A veteran of World War I, he had served overseas with an Army regiment.

He had been ill chronically with a heart ailment for nearly three years prior to his death, a relative in Waynesville said.

Haynes Gives Up Young Demo Post For His Campaign

V. W. "Barney" Haynes, president of the Haywood Young Democratic Club, has resigned from that post, because he is a candidate for county tax collector.

Mr. Haynes relinquished the office as of April 22, and will be succeeded by Wingate Hannah, who is vice president. The election of officers for the organization is slated for next September.

Mr. Haynes plans to devote all available time to his campaign for tax collector.

He is the son of Postmaster Grover C. Haynes, and Mrs. Lillie Weaver Haynes, cashier of the Haywood County bank at Clyde. He was educated at the Clyde high school, and Blanton's Business College, Asheville. He studied general business and rates and tariffs in motor transportation.

He entered service in May 1941 and received his discharge in November 1945. He served as a glider pilot and at the time of his discharge was an aerial engineer on a B-29 aircraft. He served in the Pacific theatre, and held the rank of Tech. Sergeant when discharged. He is now a master sergeant in the air force reserve.

In the Clyde town election in June 1949 he was elected mayor, a post he still holds. He is a charter member of the Clyde Lions Club, a 30th degree Scottish Rite Mason, and a past master of the (See Haynes—Page 8)

Local Lions To Entertain Brevard Club

The Brevard Lions will be the guests of the Waynesville Lions Club tonight.

Program Chairman Jerry Rogers said today the local organization's entertaining of the visitors is part of the exchange program being carried on by the Lions Clubs.

The Waynesville club's dinner meeting is set for 7 p.m. at Patrick's Cafeteria.

Driver Slightly Injured When Truck Hits Tree

J. F. Carson of Asheville star route escaped with minor injuries when his bread truck left US 19-23 near here and crashed into a tree shortly before 7 a.m. today.

Carson was released from Haywood County Hospital after being treated for a nose injury and a knee laceration.

The accident occurred about 100 yards east of the Waynesville Drive-In Theatre.

The sheriff's department investigated.

New Officers Named By Clyde 4-H Club

Violet Lindsay was elected secretary and Aza Lee Farley was named assistant secretary of the 4-H Club of South Clyde at a meeting held recently at the home of Violet Lindsay.

The next meeting of the group will be held Friday, April 28, at the home of Lou Ann and Ernestine Osborne.

Haywood Given A \$2,500 Quota For Cancer Drive

Campaign workers throughout Haywood County next Monday will launch a drive to raise \$2,500 to fight cancer.

This is the 1950 Cancer Crusade of the American Cancer Society, and the quota is the same the county had—and exceeded—last year.

Marcus Ward, director of the drive in the Waynesville-Hazelwood area for the sponsoring Waynesville Junior Chamber of Commerce, said today the campaign has a double purpose:

To raise funds to combat cancer;

To educate the people to recognize the danger signals of the disease.

In expressing the hopes of his organization for a successful campaign, he reminded citizens of this area:

"The greater part of the 1949 quota was contributed by the Canton area.

"Yet more funds were used in the Waynesville area for the treatment of cancer patients."

Aiding Mr. Ward in handling the local campaign are Raymond Caldwell, John Carver, and Blue Roberson. (See Cancer—Page 8)

Campaigning



V. W. HAYNES, a candidate for Tax Collector, has resigned as president of the Haywood Young Democratic organization, in order to devote all available time to his campaign. He is also mayor of Clyde.

Registration Books Will Open On Saturday

The books will open Saturday for the registration of all voters for the May 27 State Primary elections.

Registration will be held that day and the two succeeding Saturdays between 9 a. m. and 6 p. m., in each of the county's 24 precincts.

The Saturday before the primary—May 20—will be challenge day. But residents of the Waynesville 1 and 2 precincts and of the Fines Creek 1 and 2 precincts will be able to register on that day also.

Meanwhile, member of the Waynesville Junior Chamber of Commerce, campaigning to get every qualified voter to cast a ballot in every election, urged all qualified residents of the county to register in their home precincts.

"It's the duty of every citizen to register and vote for this coming Primary—and every other election," declared John Carver, a member of the JayCees' committee handling the campaign.

100 Go On Poultry Tour Through County

Approximately 100 interested persons went on a poultry tour sponsored by the Poultry Commission of the Community Development Program yesterday.

Van Wells of Pigeon is chairman.

Others making the trip were C. F. Parrish, Extension Poultry Specialist from State College; Dr. Roy S. Dearstyne, in charge of the Poultry Department at State College; W. G. Andrews, Extension Poultry Specialist; C. J. Maupin, Extension Poultry Specialist; Mr. Cosby, from the North Carolina Department of Agriculture; W. T. Brown, of the Gainesville, Ga., Hatcheries; A. P. Fox, Farmers Federation Hatchery, Asheville; and representatives of several feed companies.

The first stop was made at Charles Edwards' broiler house, where the group witnessed 3500 broilers weighing approximately 2 1/2 pounds at the present time.

Mr. Edwards explained what he was doing in the broiler business and how much gain his chickens were making per pound of feed, and stated that he planned to double the size of his house for future use.

His demonstration clearly showed what can be done with buildings which are already on the farm if the individual wishes to go into the chicken business at a low cost.

The next stop was at Frank Davis' farm in Iron Duff, where Mr. Davis has 1000 pullets just starting to lay.

These pullets were raised in range shelters, and Mr. Davis is now completing a very economical chicken house for his pullets. (See Poultry—Page 8)

Haywood Teachers Attend Meeting

Four Haywood County school teachers attended a meeting for shorthand teachers of Western North Carolina in Asheville last Tuesday.

Those attending from Haywood County were: Mrs. Ethel C. Sloan, and Mrs. Lucy Jones from Waynesville; Mrs. Alva Jo Carver, from Bethel; and Miss Claire Howell, from Clyde.

Apple Blossoms To Be At Best For Next Ten Days

Spring is definitely in Haywood's apple orchards.

Throughout the county, the apple blossoms are making their debuts in their snowy white dresses, with the encouragement of the recent warm sunny weather bringing more and more blossoms out.

This week-end should find almost every apple tree in bloom, and orchardists said this morning they expect the peak will be reached about Wednesday, and continue through next week-end.

The length of the blossoming season is entirely dependent upon the weather.

Last week they first started appearing, though it was a little too cold for that sort of a costume.

But reports indicate that the trees generally came through the off-season wintry blasts without serious injury.

In the lowlands, things were not so good. Reports from Raleigh were that the state's entire peach crop was heavily damaged by the assault of the bitter weather on the orchards in the sand hills areas.

Heads Jaycees



CHARLIE WOODARD has been elected president of the Waynesville Junior Chamber of Commerce, succeeding Lester Burgin.

Woodard Named President Of Waynesville JC

Charlie Woodard was elected president of the Waynesville Junior Chamber of Commerce at the organization's regular weekly meeting last Monday night.

He succeeds Lester Burgin, Jr.

The young businessmen also elected Jim Milner as first vice-president; John Carver, second vice-president; Tom Ray, secretary; Walter Franklin, treasurer; Dr. Phil Medford, director for one year; Marcus Ward and George West, directors for two years; and Ned Howell, state director.

The officers, who will head the organization for 1950, will be installed at a dinner meeting starting at 7 p.m. Monday at The Maples.

Local SPCA Chapter To Be Organized

A Waynesville chapter of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals will be organized tonight at a meeting at the Davis-Liner Motor Sales office.

The session is scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m.

The groundwork for the local organization was laid at a meeting last Monday at the home of Dr. A. R. Riegg of Hazelwood, Haywood County veterinarian.

A group of people interested in the welfare of domestic and other animals heard Mrs. Hester, president of the Asheville chapter of the SPCA, explain the details of procedure.

Clyde Ray was elected temporary president of the Waynesville chapter.

Cameramen To Discuss News Photography

A discussion of news photography will feature the May meeting of the Haywood Camera Club next Tuesday.

President Howard Clapp said the session would be held at the offices of Dr. V. J. Winger, Waynesville osteopath, on Main Street, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Arrangements are being made to obtain a newspaper staff photographer as guest speaker.

The Haywood cameramen also are scheduled to hear a report of last week's short course for photographers held at the University of North Carolina.

ON TRIP

Rev. and Mrs. M. R. Williamson, Sr., left today for a visit to points in the central part of the state. Malcolm Williamson, Jr., will accompany them to Hickory, where he will enter the Lenoir-Rhyne College speaking contest.

Construction On Park Road Will Be Started Early Part Next Month

The actual construction of the Park road from Black Camp Gap to Heintooga Overlook is expected to start early next month.

The office of William J. Cron, chief engineer of the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads at Gatlinburg, Tenn., gave this forecast yesterday afternoon in a telephone interview with The Mountaineer.

Assistant Engineer Oberchain said in reply to another question that the contract for the 5.35-mile secondary road had been awarded officially on April 14 to the Gatlinburg Construction Company by A. E. Demaray, acting director of the National Park Service at Washington.

The firm, which will do the job for an estimated \$333,000 had been announced by Mr. Cron as low bidder after the bids were opened March 7 at his office.

Mr. Oberchain explained that the work would have to be completed within 400 days after the formal order is issued by the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads.

He answered the reporter's questions in the absence of Mr. Cron, who was at Black Camp Gap at the time.

Opens Business



J. C. PATRICK has opened the Land O' The Sky Candy Company, on the Balsam Road in Hazelwood. Mr. Patrick has been in the candy business here for many years, and plans to have a large stock of merchandise for the wholesale trade. The new firm is in the Bradley building, next to the L. & B. hardware store.

VFW To Meet Monday Night At Court House

Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6767 of Waynesville will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the county commissioners' office of the Haywood County Court House.

Post Commander Albert Marshall, named with other officers for a new term, made the announcement today, urging all members to attend.

Marshall, re-elected to his post, was installed at a recent meeting with the other top officers of the local veterans' organization.

The other 1950 officers installed were: Rufus Carswell, re-elected senior vice-commander; Noble Garrett, Jr., re-elected junior vice-commander; Roy Campbell, quartermaster; James Gardner, adjutant; Jack Fugate, named a trustee for a three-year term; Bill Pearson, trustee for two years; and Clifton Shook, elected publicity and athletic officer.

The third trustee is William R. McClure, who is serving a one-year term.

Produce Market To Open Here On Tuesday

The York and Wilson Produce Market will open in East Waynesville on Tuesday. It was announced today. The place is directly across the street from Charlie's Place.

A stock of vegetables, produce and flower plants will be handled.

WADE NOLAND IN HOSPITAL HERE

Wade Noland, who has been in an Asheville hospital, is now a patient at the Haywood County Hospital.

Dix Creek Blaze Hits 600 Acres Of Timber

The land heaviest hit area in Haywood County by recent forest fires covered a large area in the Dix Creek section.

Latest information indicated the fire was now under control.

The destructive fires swept through about 600 acres of timber in the area, however, before the heavy rains of the early part of this week soaked the undergrowth and helped smother the flames.

Reports were, however, that the danger of fire still was acute since the woods are still dry.

A detailed estimate of the damage was not available up to noon today.

Hot Bath Robe Sends Firemen Out Tuesday

Waynesville firemen, answering an alarm early Tuesday, found the trouble and fixed it quickly:

A hot bathrobe.

Fire Chief Clem Fitzgerald reported a light bulb left burning accidentally all night in a clothes closet ignited the bathrobe a few hours after daylight, sending smoke into other rooms of the five-room frame house.

The only damage was that sustained by smoke to other clothes in the closet and the fire to the robe.

There Is More To Fishing Than Catching Fish . . .

There are three things a fisherman must know:

When to go, where to go, and his good manners.

Sportsmen must get the permission of property owners before they fish in streams running through private lands.

Officials of the Haywood County Wildlife Club today reminded fishermen of this after reporting they had received several complaints from both sides regarding the matter.

The state, they explained, stocks all public streams with trout. But virtually all these streams run through private property. Therefore, fishermen, just on the basis of good sportsmanship and courtesy alone, should ask permission of the property owners to allow them to fish.

"A misunderstanding has arisen about this matter," they said; "Some sportsmen seem to have the impression that they have a

right to fish in trout streams, and See Fishermen—Page 7)

Highway Record For 1950 In Haywood (To Date)

Killed . . . 2

Injured . . . 11

(This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol)

WARMER

Max.	Min.	Rainfall
80	56	...
77	53	...
73	50	...