

Opening of the trout season in the West Fork area of this weekend proved a success, as expected. Guy Francis Masie, each of their 10-trout limit in the West Fork, reeled about 350 anglers were on the banks of that stream to witness the season's opening. About 150 more were in the East Fork at the same time. The fish strings weigh a pound each, and each from seven to 12 inches long.

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TODAY'S SMILE
"I'm wondering what to buy my wife on her birthday."
"Ask her."
"Good heavens, I couldn't afford that!"

Flash Fire Destroys Home and Workshop



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Willis Smith Slaps At Socialism, And Reds In Address Here Saturday

By BILL LINDAU

Willis Smith last Saturday morning lashed the Brannan Plan, FEPC, and other proposals which he declared would lead to the conversion of the U. S. to a socialistic and eventually communistic form of government. The candidate for the Democratic nomination to the U. S. Senate addressed his remarks in a campaign speech at the Court House here. He also rapped Governor Scott for what he called his efforts to take away the right of the people to choose their own elections officials, and attacked U. S. Senator Frank P. Graham's alleged former connection with groups labeled as subversive by the U. S. Attorney General. In regard to the recent elections board fight, he told the radio audience and the approximately 250 persons attending the rally that he was glad to see the mountain people resist this attempt to dictate. Referring to Senator Graham, one of his opponents in the May 27 Primary, he declared he would like to "ask him about the Southern Conference of Human Welfare, which has been demonstrated as having been disloyal." Graham, he added, was president of this organization. That doesn't mean Graham himself was disloyal, he explained, but it does mean that he was "so unwary as to lend his name and the name of North Carolina" to the organization. He also pointed out that the junior senator had joined in a petition (See Smith—Page 6)

Four People Have Narrow Escape From Sunday Blaze

A flash fire that roared through the Balsam Pattern Shop on Balsam Road early yesterday morning came within seconds of wiping out a family of four. R. C. Stanley, Sr., was overcome by smoke just as he stepped out of the blazing building. His wife and their two sons, reached the yard seconds before the entire structure was enveloped in flames. Only the quick, alert action of Waynesville firemen prevented the fire from spreading to the State Trout Hatchery buildings and breeding pools just across the road, and the surrounding forest. The intense heat from the 100-foot-high flames shooting through the combined residence and wood-working shop was curling the shingles of one of the Hatchery buildings 100 feet away when the firemen, led by Chief Clem Fitzgerald arrived and played their hose on the smoking structure. Clouds of steam hissed up from the roof of the hatchery building.

Efficient Department

Leo Reiger, manager of the Fish Hatchery, this morning said: "It was the efficiency and promptness of the Waynesville Fire Department that saved the Hatchery Buildings. How they got here so quickly I'll never know, but they certainly were prompt, as well as efficient. "Waynesville has a right to be proud of its department; and to the police goes a vote of thanks for handling traffic," Mr. Reiger continued. and the nearby pavement as the stream of cold water from the firemen's hose hit it. The fire, which roared through (See Fire—Page 4)

Views Of Orchards For Film Featuring Susan Hayward

Hollywood Camera Crew In Community Making Movies

Special Rural Road Meeting Set For One On Wednesday

All persons interested in rural roads are being called into a special meeting Wednesday at one o'clock for a discussion of new projects. The meeting has been called by L. Dale Thrash, highway commissioner of the tenth district, and he will be assisted by engineers of the area. Commissioner Thrash said that due to good weather, a working organization, and the cooperation of the people, the road program is somewhat ahead of schedule in Haywood.

He continued: "We think some of the roads on the second phase of the program might be let to contract for paving this summer." The highway officials have extended invitations to all persons, and especially want every township committee, the county board of commissioners, mayors of the towns, and school officials to attend the meeting. Commissioner Thrash said, "I am especially anxious that women of the county attend the meeting, as we want to discuss some points of the Model Mile Highway. I have found that the women of Haywood are keenly interested in this work, and we want them to attend the meeting and take part in the discussion."

Since March 31, a total of \$171,158.63 has been spent on Haywood rural roads out of the bond money. Mr. Thrash said, in a formal report to the board of commissioners today. A large delegation is expected to attend the meeting on Wednesday, and take part in the planning of stepping up construction on the rural road program.

Justice Zeb V. Nettles of Asheville today granted three divorces and swore in a brand new lawyer as a two-week civil term opened in Haywood Superior Court. Glen W. Brown, 24-year-old Wake Forest College graduate and Air Force veteran of World War II from Clyde, formally joined the family of Haywood County's attorneys in ceremonies during the court session. Sponsoring him was Alvin T. Ward of Waynesville, partner in the firm of Morgan and Ward. Mr. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen D. Brown, passed his North Carolina Bar examination only last March, completing his war-interrupted preparations for a law career. After graduating from Clyde High School in 1942, he entered Mars Hill College, finishing the two-year course in 1944. After two years in the Air Corps, he picked up where he had left off, and entered Wake Forest to resume (See Court—Page 4)

REMEMBER?



It was five years ago today! These headlines tell the story—and what a story it was for all the world.

Only Democrat Judges To Serve Outside Beaverdam

Miles Ferguson New Commander Of Legion Here

Miles Ferguson is the new commander of the Waynesville American Legion Post. He was named by members of the organization, Haywood Post 47, among the 1950 officers elected at the regular semi-monthly business meeting at the Legion Hall here last Wednesday night. He succeeds Ernest Edwards, Marine combat veteran of World War I. The Legionaires, comprising a well-rounded representation of the 184-member post, also elected Robert Hall as adjutant, re-elected J. T. Russell as finance officer, elected Raymond Campbell as first vice-commander, and the retiring commander as chaplain. J. Davis was named sergeant-at-arms, J. Fields, second vice-commander; Furman Robertson, assistant adjutant; J. H. Howell, Jr., service officer; Joe Cathey, custodian; J. B. Siler, historian; Lonnie Bishop, athletic officer; Garrett Howell, child welfare; John Carver, Americanism; Fred Campbell, oratorical officer; Tommy Robertson, national defense officer; Howell Crawford. (See Legion—Page 6)

Only Democratic judges will serve in 18 of Haywood's 24 precincts. This ruling was made by the attorney general, and the Board of Elections today made the announcement. The ruling is based on the fact that since there is no contest for any Republican offices in Haywood except in Beaverdam's six precincts. Crom E. Cole, chairman of the board, announced the following Democratic judges would serve only for the coming primary: Waynesville Ward 1—Jack Felmet. Waynesville Ward 2 — George Plott. Waynesville Ward 3—Roy Stevens. Hazelwood—Rudolph Carswell. Lake Junaluska—Harry Howell. White Oak—Mrs. George Boring. East Fork—Rev. Oyster Burnett. Pigeon—Charles Hyatt. Cecil—Howard Medford. Fines Creek No. 1 — Spencer Walker. Jonathan Creek—Grady Howell. Iron Duff—Raymond Caldwell. Cataloochee—Coleman Sutton. Mt. Sterling—Tom Alley. Ivy Hill—Carl Setzer. (See Election—Page 4)

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2,500 Brave Downpour Of Rain For Ramp Meeting

Nearly 3,000 men, women, and children went to Black Camp Gap yesterday and were rewarded with a pleasant time at the 20th annual Ramp Convention, in spite of the weather. The rain, which continued through the morning and part of the afternoon, washed out the plans of some 7,000 others to attend the get-together. But the atmosphere of the big, friendly, family picnic reigned just the same. State Highway Patrol Corp. John L. Carpenter, in charge of handling the traffic said this had been his first Ramp Convention. "It was the most orderly meeting I have seen," he observed. He reported that approximately 500 cars and trucks travelled the winding gravelled road from the Soco Gap highway during the day without so much as scratching a fender. U. S. Senator Frank P. Graham and Willis Smith, who is running for his post, both attended the session. Mr. Smith, who had addressed

a court house rally here the day before, spoke briefly to the picnicking Convention delegates. Dr. Graham, who had made a major address the day before also, at the inauguration ceremonies at Western Carolina Teachers Col. (See Ramps—Page 4)

\$100,000 Motel At Lake Junaluska Is Well Under Construction



This is the artist's drawing of the 27-unit Motel at Lake Junaluska, near the West gate, which is scheduled to be completed in early June. The Assembly is building the modern Motel, at a cost of about \$100,000. The units are complete in every detail. The Motel is about a half block from the Cafeteria.

Highway Record For 1950 In Haywood (To Date) Killed . . . 2 Injured . . . 12 (This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol)



May 8—Partly cloudy Monday and Tuesday; thundershowers Tuesday scattered thundershowers Wednesday afternoon. Waynesville temperature recorded by the staff of the Test Farm:

Max.	Min.	Rainfall
84	50	---
87	52	---
88	53	---
74	35	.21

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Rector had as their guests for the weekend the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Holsinger of Morristown, Tenn.