

## Everyone Lends a Helping Hand In Fixing Up Place For Community Center



The group of White Oak citizens that met Thursday and put in a full day remodeling the former Presbyterian church into a community center. The men tore off the old roof, put on a new one, and did general repairing on the interior. The women were right hand and had dinner ready for the men. At noon, the entire group enjoyed their meal and then went right back to their jobs. Even children did their part. Everyone contributed their time to the civic project. Another picture on Page one of the first section.

## Reader Takes Exception To Dr. Gudger's Figures On Haywood's Altitude

The following is a letter addressed to The Editor of the Mountaineer by W. C. Medford, Waynesville and West. The letter reads as follows:

As many measured points in the lower altitudes (under 4787), as a basis of our calculation, as we have measured points of over 4787 feet. Dr. Gudger uses altitude figures of 73 of the highest measured points, but only 38 of the lowest, and only mentions one point (Waterville) under 2000 ft. elevation. He says that some of the 29 places (in the lowest altitudes bracket used) "were in the valleys," and gives as example Waynesville railway station, 2637 ft.

station, as against 82 in the higher brackets. Look at the vast amount of area of lower elevation around the Lake, Clyde, Beaverdam, Jonathan's Creek, Iron Duff, Crabtree, Pines Creek and White Oak! While Dr. Gudger qualifies somewhat by saying that he arrives at the 4787 figure "on that basis," many readers might not catch the error made in the figures used as his basis of calculation. The Doctor further states that the average elevation of the whole Western N. C. plateau is 2000 to 2400 feet. I have seen this stated somewhere before, and it probably represents the generally accepted approximate figures. Therefore, if this be true, how can we put the average elevation of Haywood County twice as high?—although Haywood be, as it really is, a plateau somewhat higher than the surrounding country. Eagle's Nest is about 5000 ft. high—just 215 higher than what Dr. Gudger claims as the average elevation of Haywood County. Now you just climb Eagle's Nest Mountain and look down upon the vast area of lower-lying territory in

most of the townships mentioned above and you will get a better idea of average elevation. Of course, there is no way of telling the exact average elevation of a big mountainous county like Haywood; but by establishing a great number of elevations all over the county, not just high mountain tops (mostly), and then take in consideration the corresponding area represented by these various altitudes, we could arrive at something like a fair figure—certainly one more satisfying than 4800 ft. (nearly). My guess is that this method would give us an average elevation somewhere between 2900 and 3300 ft.—but not over 3300 feet, which is the approximate elevation at Balsam Gap.

W. C. Medford.

About one fifth of U.S. shrimp is canned.



DEAR NOAH—WOULD YOUR HAIR TURN GRAY FROM WORRYIN' WHETHER TO BE A BLONDE OR A RED HEAD?  
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KEMPTON, PA.

DEAR NOAH—WHEN A COLD WAVE BREAKS WILL A HEAT WAVE MEND IT?  
HELEN KOBE, FINDLAY OHIO.

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## THE YOUNGER SET

By MILDRED MEDFORD  
High School Senior

Where there are young people mixed in with a few older ones—you just can't help but have lots of fun. Especially where they are all women... with no men present(?) Last week Kathryn Hyatt entertained Mrs. Gene Yarbrough with a Canasta party... and of course she needed some help—so she invited some of the mothers to come along, too. That was one big night. And you know, mothers are a lot of fun!

With Kathryn, Joyce Carter, Anne Bischoff, and Kathleen Calhoun all sitting at the same table playing Canasta... well, no one else could hear themselves think; but that didn't affect their playing. Those girls even took time out between games to sing a couple of songs for a change of entertainment.

Nancy, her mother, Mrs. Floyd, Edna Callahan and Betty Brown out-played everyone else. It wasn't their score, either—they just took time out to think before they played a card.

Mrs. Hyatt, Kath's mom, Polly Dyer, and Louise Leach stayed under cover most of the time. Not a sound came from their table—that was unless some one would draw a couple of red threes at the same time. No wonder they made high score!

Nancy (Mrs. Yarbrough) was presented with a gift of crystal in her chosen pattern.

given the opportunity of coming and are looking forward to having them come back in the very near future. A week at Lake Junaluska is worth while and a lot of fun for anyone.

A wonderful and a new change has been made in the "younger set"... Now, when Anne Bischoff writes the "younger set" her picture will appear over her column. She is no guest columnist... but a "younger set" writer. If she wants to have some one as her guest—she has the privilege. It's her's to do what she likes—and I know she has and will do a swell job of writing about the teenagers of Haywood County. And next year, as a senior of W.T.H.S. she will work just as hard to keep the column full of news that the younger people as well as the older ones, will enjoy reading it more than ever.

Congratulations Anne, and may you have all the success possible with the "younger set".

## Jackson Man Charged With Murder Of His Sister - In - Law



MISS LURA TAYLOR

JAMES RICHARD HALL

Miss Taylor, 32, an employee of Dayton Rubber Company since 1946, was recently murdered near her home not far from Dillsboro. Her brother-in-law, 26, according to Sheriff Middleton, has confessed to the crime, and is being held in the Jackson County jail, without bond. Miss Taylor met her death about an hour after leaving her job at the local industrial plant. (These photos courtesy The Sylva Herald.)

## N. C. Road Unit In Move To Cut Down Fatalities

With the July 4th holiday still three weeks away the State Department of Motor Vehicles made plans to try to cut down the highway death toll.

Motor Vehicles Commission Landon C. Rosser said Highway Patrolmen would begin distributing to motorists next week some 40,000 cards carrying a plea for safe driving on the Fourth.

Rosser said 13 persons were killed in North Carolina highways over the Fourth last year. He said all leave had been cancelled for highway patrolmen this year in an effort to lower the toll.

The warning cards carry a picture of a patrolman and the message: "I am your highway patrolman."

## CHAPEL HILL CENSUS REVEALED

Official census figures just received by Mayor Edwin S. Lanier show that 9,169 persons were living within the city limits at the time of the count last spring.

I will be on the highways of North Carolina constantly during the Fourth of July week-end to protect you in your holiday travels. Thirteen persons were killed over the Fourth of July last year. You can help me cut down on that tragic toll if you drive safely and sanely this Fourth."

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Crops are good, farmers are producing more and better farm products; industrial plants are operating full time, and some adding on workers.

Road building is pushing right along on both state and national projects in our county.

Visitors from far and near are beginning to come in larger and larger numbers to enjoy the scenery, our hospitality, and weather.

Haywood is definitely moving forward—and as it does, be sure to save some of your income through a savings account.

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