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A Home of Their Own

On Thursday night the Waynesville band will formally move into their own home—the first home they have had since the band was organized in the fall of 1939.

The former gym has been converted into a modern band building such as our group of hard working musicians deserve.

Since 1939, year in and year out, the bands have had to do their work on the stage of the auditorium, and the football field. They have surmounted the many obstacles and hardships, and brought distinguished honors and recognition to themselves and their community on repeated occasions.

The history of the Waynesville band is one of steady progress. Starting with 59 members, the band made their first public appearance on December 2 of 1939, when Santa Claus arrived by train to officially open a trade festival in town. The bands have appeared on scores of occasions since that time, both at home and away.

Last spring the band tied for first place with two other bands in Grade Six music in the state. The classification is the highest in the state, as is the honor.

There are almost 250 students now in the four bands—beginners, juniors, marching, and concert bands. The band owns 60 uniforms, and several instruments, some of which are 10 years old. The library of music is worth several thousands of dollars.

In their exclusive building, the students will have the benefit of undivided attention, adequate space, good acoustics and light, and private practice rooms for small groups.

The band deserves the building they have acquired. The band is one of the community's chief assets, and have more than paid for the investment many times over.

Asphalt Ribbons

Haywood's rural roads are becoming ribbons of asphalt over hill and dale. The fact that 109 miles have already been built no doubt surprised many people.

One of the impressive phases of this road-building program is that it has touched every township, and almost every cove and corner of the county. The 109 miles did not go into long projects, but scores of short roads, many of them less than a mile in length.

If we are able to believe the weather predictors for the coming winter, the 109 miles of roads just improved in the rural areas will be well worth their cost.

An Active PTA

Over in Bethel, the Parent Teachers Association are ready to spend some \$500 on the school grounds. They are waiting for the school board to make some decisions as to some additions before starting a school grounds beautification program.

The project of the Bethel Parent Teachers association is just one of many examples of what an active organization can do for the community.

No doubt there are other similar organizations that have just as worthy a project in mind. We hope we shall be hearing of them soon.

It Could Happen Here

Down near Raleigh one woman is dead, and several men suffering from wounds received during a gun battle at a small carnival. Officers are holding some of the carnival people, and trying to solve the case, which was a free-for-all, with firearms being brought into play.

A similar incident to that almost happened near here, before it was decided we would be happier without carnival "entertainment."

They'll Do It Every Time



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO: Rural electrical survey is started in Western Carolina counties.
10 YEARS AGO: J. T. Bridges rounds out 50 years of service as a printer with The Mountaineer.
5 YEARS AGO: Henry Davis expects a new car within two weeks.

Rambling Round

—Bits of Human Interest News—
By Frances Gilbert Frazier
She was about ten and as cute as a kitten...

Voice of the People

What magazines are most popular?
American Fruit Stand: The national-circulation magazines, generally Collier's, Saturday Evening Post, Ladies Home Journal, and others in that same class.

Bookmobile Schedule

Table with columns for Day, Location, and Time. Tuesday, October 3rd: Clyde School 9:15-10:15, Clyde Town Hall 10:20-11:20, Sam Jackson 11:30-11:45, P. C. Mann 11:55-12:10, Mrs. Henry Osborne 12:15-12:30, Pines Grocery 1:15-1:30, Medford Farm Serv. Sta. 1:45-2:00.

Discharge Proves Just A Furlough For Local Man

Zeb Alley's discharge turned out to be just a furlough. The 23-year-old Waynesville man picked up his discharge and shed his Army uniform only last May after two years of service.

ANTI-FREEZE SOLUTION



Best Since the War

The Western North Carolina Tourist Association in session here expressed exactly for the region what we had learned about local conditions in regards to the past tourist season—the best since the war.

The officials of the Association listed pre-season advertising, consistent promotion, and the Cherokee Drama are among the reasons for the banner season.

No business town, county, or region will get more tourists than what they plan, and seek.

The day is long past when people just "happen by." Today people plan, and study their trips. They are eager to go and see places which they hear the most about.

We cannot rest on the laurels of a good 1950 season to assure a banner 1951 season. To be sure, the fact that 1950 was good will help in the future, but we must remember that other resorts are out there still offering inducements to visit them. The tourist business is a highly competitive business, and one that takes constant work to develop.

Dayton's New Record

Headline writers are plagued with limited space to put in a lot of information, and sometimes, under the pressure of deadlines, get in words that change meanings without intention.

Such was the case Thursday when mention was made that the men of Dayton Rubber Company broke records for donating blood to the Red Cross. The truth of the matter, 55 of the 129 giving a pint of blood each were women. A large percentage.

Bless their souls, they gave more in proportion than did the men. Those hale, hearty, loyal women meant business.

But not for a moment would we want to discount what the men gave—they gave willingly, and gave all that was asked of them. That is their spirit. The group gave until they set a new high record for Western Carolina.

To the women, and the men of Dayton Rubber, we speak the sentiment of America—"You gave of your best to a deserving cause."

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Can learning be hurried?

Answer: No, writes Dr. George E. Carrothers, of the University of Michigan, in School and Society. The most dangerous trend in modern education is the failure of well-meaning parents and of social and civic organizations to recognize that adequate learning takes time. It is cheating unsuspecting students to let them get the idea that an education can be acquired "on the run"...

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist

provides none of these on the relatively mature level, having nothing else to do will tend to make you fall back on the childish pleasures of the table. In fact, it is usually safe to assume that a person who eats too much has failed to develop other interests to "take his mind off his stomach."

Is there any such thing as "the force of habit"?

Answer: Habit really is inertia, not force. If you had to stop and think each morning how to get dressed, it would take you so long you would never get to business. To save effort, you make dressing automatic so that it would be hard to put on the right shoe first if starting with the left was your established habit...