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TODAY'S SMILE

The extent of some people's religion is that they know the name of the church they stay away from.

## Haywood Officers Take Oath For Four-Year Terms



These Haywood officials were given the oath of office at noon today. This picture was made as the individual officers had taken the oath of their respective offices. Left to right: Dr. J. Frank Pate, coroner; Jule Noland, register of deeds; C. C. Francis, chairman of board; Jarvis H. Allison, commissioner; Frank M. Davis, commissioner; Sebe T. Bryson, tax collector; Fred Y. Campbell, sheriff; Miss Dixie Campbell, assistant clerk of court; and J. B. Siler, clerk of court, administered the oath. (Staff Photo)

## New Administration Sworn Into Office Today

The new Haywood County administration took office formally today. The elected county officials were sworn in in the commissioners' room in the Haywood County Court House. Approximately 100 spectators lined the walls around the commissioners' table, and many more crowded outside the door. The oaths were administered at noon by J. B. Siler, who had been sworn in as the new clerk of superior court at about 9 o'clock this morning by the outgoing clerk, C. H. Leatherwood. Second to take the oath was Miss Dixie Campbell, sworn in by Mr. Siler for a new appointment as assistant court clerk, a position she has held nearly four years. In the noon ceremonies, Mr. Siler first administered the oath to Fred Y. Campbell of Hazelwood, the new sheriff. Sworn in next, in the following order, were Chairman C. C. Francis of the board of county commissioners; Jarvis Allison and Frank M. Davis, county commissioners; Jule Noland, register of deeds; Sebe Bryson, tax collector; and Dr. J. Frank Pate, county coroner. The members of the board of education will be sworn in in January, after they are appointed by the 1951 General Assembly. Also to take office in January will be State Senator-elect William Medford and State Representative-elect Oral Yates. Both will take their oaths at noon January 3 immediately before the state legislature goes into session. The first official act of the new commissioners was to make appointments to county offices. At the same time, Sheriff Campbell announced the commissioning of his deputies. Chairman Francis, as he called the new board into its first official session, opened the meeting to the public. He declared that, except for executive sessions in which the commissioners would discuss their own problems, the board's regular meetings all would be open to the public. Following the appointments of the assistant tax collectors, he told the spectators that the tax books would be kept up to date. Collections would not be permitted to fall into arrears three to five years, as they had been in many cases before. The new appointments: County Attorney—W. Roy Francis of Waynesville; Hospital Board—W. A. Bradley of Waynesville, Route 1, Spaldon Underwood, Waynesville, and W. J. Stone of Canton. County Auditor—James Kirkpatrick, Clyde, Route 1. Superintendent, county home and farm—Jack Allison (reappointed); Assistant tax collectors—Mrs. J. P. Dicus, Waynesville; and Homer Henry of Clyde, who will be the office's field worker. Earlier, Sheriff Campbell announced the new deputies were Carl Setzer, 34-year-old former Waynesville policeman and Army MP from Dellwood; Charlie Jones, 60, of Beaverdam; Cordell Evans, 55, of Maggie, who will serve as county jailer; and Everett McElroy of Dellwood Road.

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## Wellco Employees Blood Bank Given Gifts On Their Birthdays

Birthdays are a vital part of the program at Wellco Shoe Corporation. Every employee is remembered on their birthday with a gift from the company. Last year each lady received a compact, while every man received a cigarette case. This year both groups received a leather billfold. For 1951 they will get—that's still a secret, but it is a handsome gift. H. W. Rollman, president said, "I feel that since our employees spend most of their waking hours with us together it is not more than proper and appropriate that we remember them on their birthday."

## Haywood MYF To Meet At Canton Church Tonight

The Haywood Subdistrict of the Methodist Youth Fellowship will meet at the First Methodist Church of Canton at 7:30 p.m. Monday, instead of at the Central Methodist Church, as originally planned. The MYF of the Waynesville church will present a Christmas pageant as the feature of the program. Miss Anne Bischoff of Waynesville, president of the Haywood sub-district, will be in charge of the session. Mrs. Rudolph Carwell and children, Jack and Johnny, spent the week-end with relatives in Fayetteville.

## 2,000 Attend Final Events Of 1950 Tobacco Festival

The Haywood County Tobacco Harvest Festival held its postponed final events Saturday night. And the more than 2,000 people who jammed the Waynesville Armory to the rafters found the events worth waiting for. The crown of the Festival Queen went to Miss Mary Lou Ferguson, Waynesville Township High School student from Francis Cove. The lovely 1949 queen, Miss Jennie Mae Early, made the coronation after Judge T. C. Robertson, Buncombe County schools superintendent, Raymond Sutton of the Meade Corp. at Sylva, and Harry Bourne of Dayton Rubber Company, Hazelwood, chose Miss Ferguson from among the five finalists who made up the queen's court. Jonathan Woody, master of ceremonies for this event, announced the winner. Miss Ferguson's prize is \$100 toward a college education. If she does not go to college, the award will revert to the Festival fund. Named to the court were Miss Regina Ferguson of Fines Creek, Miss Audrey Limer of Beaverdam, Miss Mary Frances Allen of Stamey Cove, and Miss Frances Shelton of Jonathan Creek. All but a few of the more than 2,000 remained after the contest to see Santa Claus arrive and watch the string band and the square dance contests that closed the program just before midnight. The Brookshire String Band of Hendersonville, led by Alonzo Brookshire, captured the first prize of \$60 in the band contest, and Marie Bell's Champion YMCA combination from Canton was runner-up. The Canton band received an award of \$40. In the square dancing competition, Connerie Farm of Hendersonville, directed by Frank Mintz, won the "smooth" dancing competition, and the Waynesville Junior Chamber of Commerce team, called by Harry Kerley, was judged tops in the clog event. Valley Springs of Skyland, Buncombe County, was runner-up for smooth dancing honors, and Laurel Park of Hendersonville placed second behind the Waynesville Jay-Cees. Johnny Zachary was caller for Buncombe team, and John Bell Houston directed the Hendersonville cloggers. The winners and runnerup in the dance contest won \$50 and \$25 respectively in each division. Judging the string bands were Charles Russell of Brevard, State Rep. Frank Brown of Cullowhee, and W. J. Martin of Brasstown. The dance judges were W. B. Collins of Asheville, Wayne Holland of Brasstown, and Lonnie Phillips of Brasstown. There was no singing contest, but the Friendly Five, led by Tom Queen of Hazelwood, and the Southerners, conducted by Hack Clark of Clyde route 2, were given honorable mention for their performances. L. L. Inman of North Clyde won the judges' acclaim for having the most beautiful beard. The victory gave him the \$25 cash first place award.

## New Projects Set For Lake Junaluska

### School Survey Committee Checking Local Schools

Further discussions growing out of formal protests against building two school buildings in Haywood will be resumed tonight at eight in the court room. The State School Survey Committee is here today making a further study of conditions, and will be at the meeting. This morning about 25 citizens from several sections of the county, together with both the old and new members of the school boards, met for more than an hour behind closed doors. Two members of the State Committee, J. Sidney Kirk, director of school planning and survey, and T. C. Robinson, of Asheville, were here. This afternoon they are to be joined by H. Burek, another member of the committee. Just when the committee will flush their survey here, and make formal recommendations in a report was not known at noon today.

### Mrs. Gramling Is Speaker For Garden Club

Mrs. Henry Gramling of Gramling, S. C., was the guest speaker for the December meeting of the Richland Garden Club which was held Friday in the home of Mrs. Roy Parkman. Mrs. Gramling gave an illustrated talk on Christmas decorations for the home, using as her theme "A Way Of Life". She was introduced by Miss Louise Ballard. Mrs. Rufus Siler, president of the club, presided during the business hour which preceded the program and plans were made for the members to meet in the home of Mrs. John Smathers, Jr., on Wednesday, December 15, to make Christmas decorations for the Haywood County Hospital. Mrs. J. W. Ray reported that ten dogwood trees would be planted on the "Model Mile" as soon as the weather permits. New members welcomed were Mrs. W. S. McCall, Miss Anne Albright, and Mrs. F. G. Rippeotte. Prior to the meeting a buffet luncheon was served by the hostesses, Mrs. Parkman, Mrs. W. L. Kirkpatrick, and Mrs. John Smathers, Jr.

### Bethel Students To Give Circus Tuesday Night

Bethel High School's journalism students and instructor will give a circus Tuesday to raise money for the school newspaper and radio programs. The side-shows will open at 6:30 p.m. and the main show at 7:30 p.m. The attractions will include a monkey wedding, Jubilee Singers, the "one and only" gophers in captivity, Eldora, the trained elephant. A boxing match between Pretty Boy McGoon and 131 Almer Yokum, "the only two-headed dog alive." There also will be tigers, tricks, acrobats, black magic, horse parade and many other curious items.

### Haywood Baptist Group To Meet

The regular quarterly meeting of the Haywood Baptist Executive Promotion Committee will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the lobby of the Morgan and Ward Building in Waynesville. Miss Betsy Lane Quinlan will leave tomorrow for Atlanta to accept a position for the winter with the National Red Cross.

### Tobacco Festival Queen Crowned Saturday



Here is your queen, Miss Mary Lou Ferguson of Francis Cove, who was named queen of the Fourth annual Haywood County Tobacco Harvest Festival. More than 2,000 people jammed the Waynesville Armory to see the selection of the queen and the other events that closed the annual Festival.

### Committee Appropriates \$150,000 For Building

The Lake Junaluska Methodist Assembly will launch \$150,000 worth of new building projects early next year. The new work consists of additions or improvements to existing structures and is part of the \$600,000 expansion program. The Assembly's building and grounds committee appropriated the funds during a recent meeting at the lake. Of the total, \$100,000 is earmarked for the construction of additional units to the new Junaluska Apartments, the 20-unit housing project which was built last spring. This project will be named in honor of J. B. Ivey of Charlotte, one of the Assembly's most loyal supporters. Officials said they hoped that the funds would be sufficient to build 20 more units. In the other projects, \$25,000 was appropriated for the completion of the chapel. This will be the construction of a Memorial Room honoring the servicemen and women of the Southeastern Jurisdiction who sacrificed their lives during World War II. The other \$25,000 will go into improvements to the auditorium. Approximately half of the \$600,000 in funds for expansion of the Assembly has been raised, either in actual donations or in pledges. The improvements already made under the program include the construction of the 20-unit Junaluska Apartments, the rebuilding of the bridge and the improvement of the Terrace. The Assembly's main hotel. Construction work on the new projects is scheduled to start as soon as the weather becomes favorable, either late this winter or early next spring. The Assembly itself will do the work under the supervision of Edwin L. Jones of Charlotte, a member of the building and grounds committee who is an executive of the J. A. Jones Construction Company. The other members of the committee, in addition to Mr. Jones, are Dr. Elmer T. Clark of Lake Junaluska and New York Dr. H. C. Allen, Assembly superintendent; Rear Admiral W. N. Thomas, retired of Lake Junaluska; Henry Gramling of Gramling, S. C.; and Hugh Massey of Waynesville.

### Gilliland Shot Saturday Night; Assailant Sought

One man lay in Haywood County hospital today under treatment for bullet wounds while police sought his accused assailant. Thomas Gilliland, about 39, of Howell Mill Road, was hit in the left shoulder and left hip Saturday night as he walked up a driveway driveway just off Main Street to engage a taxi. Police Chief O. V. Spivey and Jim Melton, 31, of Waynesville, were charged with solving the mystery of the shooting. The search for Melton was still underway at noon today. Chief Noland said the shooting grew out of an argument that had occurred earlier in the evening. Police were still investigating a tie Mountaineer went to press. The officer said the assailant used a .25 caliber automatic pistol in the shooting.

### Highway Record For 1950 In Haywood (To Date) Injured . . . 28 Killed . . . 7

(This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol)

## Delights Of The News

**Steppers**  
Queen and his Soco Gap team are following a busy schedule these days. Last week they were in Charlotte, with an audience of 2,000. On Saturday they were down in Morgantown, as Sam put it, "They went to death." Saturday the dance group went to Bristol, Va., for a return engagement, then back to Morgantown 18th, and to Lenoir on Monday.

**Offices**  
More than an hour today, the county auditor, or board of trustees, was technically without a quorum. A custom of long standing of appointees of the old board of commissioners rendered resignations to the board, effective at noon today. The last act of the old board was to sign the resignations, and sign orders closing their administration. An hour later the new board of commissioners went into session and filled each of the vacancies.

**99.999 Percent Right**  
Audit by an Asheville firm showed the Haywood tax collector's office had billed some pretty good books.

**Two Landed In Jail For Passing Forged Checks**  
Two Gastonia men are being held in Haywood county jail charged with forging checks. They were caught in Cherokee, and brought here by Cpl. Pritchard Smith, of the Highway patrol. The two men had been working in Haywood, passing several forged checks here. Cpl. Smith said the two operators, Jack Pressley, 51, with an alias of James H. West, together with Julius J. Fowler, 23, worked a Bible sale scheme to get the forged checks cashed. The checks were usually for \$14.95, which they said was the price of one Bible. The forged names were usually of people well known in church circles or preachers.

**'White Liquor' Resulted In Several Arrests**  
White liquor caused a busy week-end for officers here. The officers said that each of the people arrested over the week-end for being drunk had been drinking white liquor. The highway patrol reported three arrested for driving drunk, a half gallon of liquor caught in a truck, and several speeders. Two wrecks were reported—one at Lake Junaluska about 10:30. The car turned over, doing considerable damage, but only minor injuries to the driver. The investigating officer was not available for details this morning.

**Mail, Christmas Gifts, Cards December 10-15**  
Santa Claus is practically just around the corner. So the Waynesville Post Office people suggested last weekend that people starting thinking, at least, about mailing their Christmas packages and Christmas cards. Postmaster J. Hardin Howell, Sr., says cards and gifts should be mailed some time between December 10 and December 15, at the latest. By doing that you will avoid the usual last-minute rush, and be sure that your cards and gifts reach your friends before Christmas. Major Howell also pointed out that the incoming Christmas mail usually starts reaching large proportions between December 10 and December 15.

**Executive Committee Of Baptists To Meet**  
The executive promotion committee of the Haywood Baptist Association will meet in the offices of Morgan and Ward on Thursday night at 7:30. The meeting is being called by Horace L. Smith, of Canton, chairman of the committee.

**17 SHOPPING DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS**

**The Weather**  
FREEZING  
Monday, December 4—Decreasing cloudiness and cold with diminishing winds Monday and Monday night. Tuesday fair and continued cold.

Official Waynesville temperature as recorded by the staff of the State Test Farm:

Date	Max.	Min.	Rainfall
Nov. 30	52	15	—
Dec. 1	58	13	—
2	62	41	—
3	61	50	.10