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TODAY'S SMILE

Telephone operator: It costs 75c to talk to Boomfield.

Black: Can't you make a special rate for listening? I'm calling my wife.

Sidelights Of The News

...e Kerley had his own code ...gning off his radio report ...he was working as a sheriff's ...

...usual expression given when ...fficer on duty is signing off is: ...seven."

...fficer Kerley would wind it up ...seven. Cornbread and ...milk."

...the other officers listening ...ow, consequently, that Dep- ...Kerley was knocking off for ...

Successful

...e as State Highway Patrol- ...ce Murrill was concerned, ...ce department's Christmas ...or used clothing was almost ...cessful last week.

...the laundry man delivered ...an Murrill's brand new uni- ...pants to the police station, ...Hub Ruff conscientiously ...ns in a specified corner.

...sman Murrill arrived just ...e to rescue his only extra ...pants just as they were go- ...the Salvation Army.

...urned in a pair that was al- ...as good, though.

...bels Ain't Enough

...Santa Claus. He has been ...streets here daily with his ...red bag of candy, passing it ...the children, along with ...varied promises.

...other day, after meeting ...eds of youngsters, Santa be- ...to take stock of his candy sup- ..."I have given out a bushel ..., and just as much yesterday," ...id.

...en the jolly old man added: ...ver saw such candy-eating ...sters in my life—but I'm glad ...like my candy; I'll just order ...can't let my young friends ..."

...ne Old Excuse

...wo adult clerks were down on ...r knees in a toy department ...g to get a mechanical toy to ...ate. They thought they were ...e in the department, when a ...ty young mother stepped up. ...e did not hear her come in, ...were having the time of their ...playing with the modern ...gets in toyland.

...he stood it about as long as she ...ld, then said: "If I were sure ...6-year-old son would get half ...much fun out of that toy as you ...are getting, I'd ask Santa to ...ng it to him."

The two red-faced clerks slowly ...t up, and in a muttering manner ...ed to explain that the particular ...y had been out of adjustment, ...d they were merely trying to cor- ...t it before offering it for sale.

"You are just like my husband— ...o ashamed to admit you're still ...ildish when it comes to such toys ...now wrap it up, and stop telling ...e what I know is not so."

...ackpot

...Bor Bobby Setzer, Waynesville ...igh School's popular, hard-hit- ...ing tackle and co-captain, Thurs- ...ay was a day busy with the collec- ...ion of football awards.

That morning, he travelled to

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5 SHOPPING DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS

The Weather

CLOUDY

Partly cloudy and rather cold with scattered light snow flurries Monday. Tuesday fair and becoming slightly warmer Tuesday afternoon.

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

Date	Max.	Min.	Presc.
Dec. 14	44	17	....
" 15	49	19	....
" 16	47	14	....
" 17	40	17	....

County PMA Officers Are Named

Newly-elected delegates representing the 30 communities participating in the Production and Marketing Administration Program in Haywood County named their 1951 county officers Friday at the county PMA convention.

The convention followed Thursday's annual PMA elections in which the delegates to the convention and the members of the community committees were named.

A. W. Ferguson of Crabtree was re-elected county chairman; C. B. Liner of Waynesville, re-elected vice-chairman; and Jack P. McCracken of Pigeon, elected member of the county committee.

Mr. McCracken succeeded J. B. Hipps of Canton.

Miss Sarah Fullbright, of Iron Duff, full-time county PMA secretary, said the final official tally of Thursday's results was not complete.

She added this was expected to be completed and the identity of the community committeemen announced this afternoon.

The delegates at the convention were: Ered Mann, Beaverdam; Floyd Brown, Cecil; W. J. Campbell, Clyde; Carroll Glance, Crabtree;

Watson Howell, East Fork; Jack Ferguson, Fines Creek; F. D. Bradshaw, Iron Duff; C. F. Owen, Ivy Hill; John Howell, Jonathan Creek; Jack McCracken, Pigeon; J. B. Swayngim, Waynesville; Melvin Messer, White Oak; Milton Messer, Panther Creek.

Waynesville FFA Boys Win Honors In WNC Event

The Waynesville Future Farmers of America team holds a championship from last week's Nantahala FFA Federation Field Day.

The team of Frank Enloe, Dale Medford, and Bill Arrington rolled up 2,001 points of a possible 2,400 to take first place in the seed judging and identification contest.

Youths from 15 FFA chapters in Western North Carolina competed in the event which was held at Bryson City last Wednesday.

John Nesbitt is faculty adviser of the local group.

The Robbinsville team placed second with 1,920 points, and Bryson City was third with 1,782.

School Report Is Expected Tuesday

Jack Messer expects a member of the State School Committee here Tuesday with the recommendations as recently made relative to Haywood schools. The report has been formally approved by the State Board of Education.

No hint has been made as to what the special state committee put into their report after making a survey.

Mid-Night Service Christmas Eve

A mid-night Christmas Service of the Holy Communion will be held at Grace Episcopal Church Christmas Eve.

The Rev. Edgar H. Goold, the rector, said the service would begin at 11:30 p. m. Sunday.

Funeral Tuesday

ROBERT C. ALLEY, 40, died suddenly in Richmond, where he had made his home for the past five years. Funeral services will be held here Tuesday.

Just Part Of One Mail Awaiting Highway Post Office

This was the eleven o'clock mail of last Friday from the Waynesville Post Office. The other mails were equally as heavy that day, and since that time, the increase has been mounting daily. Shown here, left to right, are Linwood Grahl, clerk; Postmaster J. H. Howell, F. A. Nichols, and Chan Burness, postal employees. A number of bags, and parcels are stacked behind this mountain of mail. (Staff Photo)

Lawyers Elect 1951 Officers

Frank Ferguson, Jr., of Waynesville was elected Friday to head the Haywood County Bar Association in 1951.

The county's lawyers voted during a busy business session in the law library of the Haywood County Court House.

Mr. Ferguson succeeds Alvin T. Ward, also of Waynesville.

The attorneys also elected Glenn Brown, young Clyde lawyer, as secretary-treasurer.

He succeeds Thomas G. Morgan of Canton.

In other business, the members discussed plans for a social meeting in the near future, arranged for representatives of the Haywood group to attend the Western District Bar Association meeting at Bryson City tomorrow, heard a library report, and drew up the calendar for the two-week January civil term of Haywood Superior Court.

The new term opens January 8, with Judge J. A. Rousseau on the bench.

Association Librarian J. Hardin Howell, Jr., of Waynesville reported that the Court House library now has $16,000 worth of law volumes.

Funeral Rites For Robert Alley Set For Tuesday

Robert Cline Alley, 40, youngest son of Judge and Mrs. Felix E. Alley, died suddenly Saturday afternoon in Richmond, Virginia.

Funeral services will be held in the home of the parents, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with the Rev. J. E. Yountz, pastor of the First Methodist church, officiating. Burial will follow in Greenhill Cemetery.

Active pallbearers will be Garrett Howell, Dr. Thomas Stringfield, James W. Reed, Jr., John Johnson, Jack Felmet, Joe W. Howell, and Joe Jack Atkins.

Honorary pallbears will be members of the Haywood County Bar Association and visiting lawyers.

Alley, a former investigator for the State Paroles Commission, was a native of Haywood county and was graduated from the Waynesville Township High School and Duke University where he received a bachelor of law degree.

He left his work with the State Paroles Commission about five

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Forestry Demonstration To Be Held Tuesday

A forestry thinning and cutting demonstration will be held at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at the farm of R. M. Fisher in the Big Branch section of Crabtree.

Forestry officials will participate in the event, with Mr. Whitfield, district forester of the N. C. State College Extension Service conducting.

Crabtree Band To Make Debut

A brand new band will make its debut into Haywood county's high school music circles Thursday night.

It is the Crabtree-Iron Duff High School band organized with 20 members just this fall.

The band, together with the older Crabtree-Iron Duff High School Glee Club, will give its first concert as the feature of the school's Parent-Teachers Association December program at the school.

The event will open at 7:30 p. m.

Directing the band, as well as the Glee Club, is Mrs. Phillip Chase of Waynesville.

The singers and musicians, with choral groups from the second and the fourth grades, will offer a program of Christmas music.

The theme of the Yuletide program will be "Christmas Cards."

Huge Christmas cards, each measuring four feet in length and 2½ feet in width, were made by the elementary school art students for the program.

The Parent-Teachers Association, cooperating with the school, helped raise the funds for the organization of the band.

The school's annual Hallowe'en

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R. H. Blackwell Dies At 84 After Illness

Rufus Hunter Blackwell, 84, prominent Haywood County business man, died Sunday morning in Broad Oaks Sanitarium, Morganton, after a lingering illness.

Funeral services were held this afternoon in the First Methodist Church with the pastor, the Rev. J. E. Yountz, officiating. Interment was in Green Hill Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Hugh Massie, Joe S. Davis, J. B. Siler, Charles E. Ray, Jr., Dr. Thomas Stringfield, Robert Boone, Carleton Weatherby, and M. H. Bowles.

Honorary pallbearers were members of the board of stewards of the church.

Mr. Blackwell came to Waynesville from Caswell County in 1906 and, with his brother, Wallace Blackwell, and the late Samuel H. Bushnell, organized the Blackwell-Bushnell Company, a wholesale grocery firm, which did a successful business here for many years.

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Tax Listers Named For 1950 County Collections

Besides being the Christmas season, this also is tax-listing time.

This memorandum was issued today by County Tax Collector Sebe Bryson.

He reminded tax payers that February 1 is the date when the penalties for delinquent 1950 taxes become effective.

He announced the following as the persons in the various townships with whom taxes may be listed:

Beaverdam—V. H. Byers and Mrs. Wade Rhea;
Cataloochee—J. M. Caldwell;
Cecil—Jerry Francis;
Clyde—William Osborne;
Crabtree—Frank Medford;
East Fork—K. L. Burnett;
Fines Creek—Cauley Rogers;
Iron Duff—Jarvis Caldwell;
Ivy Hill—Wilson Fisher;
Jonathan Creek—R. W. Howell;
Pigeon—H. E. Burnett;
Waynesville—Johnny Ferguson;
White Oak—Odie Fish.

New License Tags Are Selling Fast

The sale of license tags in Canton is already ahead of what it was on January 1, 1950, according to Mrs. Smathers, secretary of the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

Motorists are buying much faster, and several weeks ahead of last year," Mrs. Smathers said.

BACK FROM HOSPITAL

Sherrill R. Leatherwood of Waynesville returned to his home yesterday from Haywood County Hospital where he had been under treatment for four weeks following an appendectomy. Mr. Leatherwood is associated with the Howell Motor Company here.

Wellco Has Visitors From Many Foreign Continents

The modern plants of Wellco Shoe Corporation are fast becoming a "show place" in Haywood, and have attracted several hundred visitors from five foreign continents, as well as from almost every state in the union.

A check of the visitor's register revealed today that visitors from Europe, Africa, South America, Asia and Australia have enjoyed seeing the unique manufacturing process of footwear.

H. W. Rollman, president, said that in addition to the manufacturing processes of making sponge rubber soled footwear, the visitors have been impressed with working conditions here, and the community as a whole.

"Practically all of our visitors have traveled widely over the world, and are prompt to remark that in their opinion this community ranks among the best for all-around working conditions," Mr. Rollman said.

Products of Wellco are manufactured throughout the world, with several foreign offices being maintained.

Joint Boards Of Chamber Of Commerce To Meet

A joint session of the 1950 board and the newly elected 1951 board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce will be held at 7:30 tonight.

Officers for the coming year will be elected and plans made for the 1951 program.

New directors elected by mail ballots last week include Paul Hyatt, Charlie Woodard, Dave Felmet, William S. Ray, Dr. Boyd Owen, L. K. Barber, Harry Bourne, Clayton Walker and M. R. Whisenhunt.

A number of appointive directors, representing various organizations and municipal units, will also be added to the board of 24 members.

James L. Kilpatrick is president, serving his second term. Mrs. Gordon Schenck is secretary.

An announcement was made this morning that the office of the Chamber of Commerce would be closed from Tuesday until January 16th. The correspondence will be handled as usual during the time the office is closed.

Special Shopping Event Slated Friday Evening

Merchants here are making elaborate plans for a special trade event on Friday evening, when stores will remain open until nine o'clock. The merchants plan a series of special Christmas items for Friday evening only, it was announced today.

The stores will remain open all day on Wednesday this week, in order to serve the increasing number of shoppers.

The week-end saw some of the steadiest shopping of 1950.

The Marine Corps is displaying the above Christmas message on signs throughout the United States. The sign may be seen in Waynesville in front of the Post Office where it will be displayed until January 15.

Area Calm In Threat of War

County Sends 17 Men To Service, Hears Message Friday

Haywood County people remained grave but calm Friday as they saw 17 young men leave Waynesville for military service that morning, then heard the President's grim message that night.

Ministers from their pulpits in the county churches yesterday soberly called for unity among the people in the face of the newest danger to the nation's freedom.

Men and boys from 18 to 30 speculated calmly on the probability that this would be their last Christmas as civilians.

The men who hit the beaches from Guadalcanal and Cape Gloucester to Bizerte and Normandy felt that they wouldn't be called, unless the situation became much worse.

They didn't like it.

But they were ready.

Many homes throughout the county already have felt the unutterable pain of war.

At least seven killed in action, more than a dozen wounded, at least two more missing.

All these since last summer.

In World War II, more men from Haywood County, in proportion to its population, enlisted in service than any other county in the nation.

Many of those who left after the job was done registered for reserve duty, just in case.

Enlistments slackened in the days of the peace.

But again they rose when the North Korean Reds launched their invasion and Americans went to war again.

On the economic front, housewives, merchants, and businessmen, with the memory of rationing, materials shortages, and price control still sharp, considered ways of adjustment to the forecast controls again.

The reaction generally was one of dismay and concern, but underlying it there was the unanimous feeling:

"If it's got to be done, let's go ahead and do it."

1950 Christmas Tree Party Set For Saturday

The Waynesville Woman's Club in cooperation with other local organizations, will hold its 1950 annual Community Christmas Tree party for underprivileged children at 2 p.m. Saturday.

The event will be held at the Haywood County Court House.

Cooperating are the Waynesville Rotary Club, Waynesville Lions Club, and the Town of Waynesville.

The youngsters will receive toys and other gifts from Santa Claus, in person.

Meanwhile, Mrs. N. W. Garrett and Mrs. Charles E. Ray, Jr., heading the arrangements for the event, renewed their plea this morning for donations of toys.

Donors are asked to leave the gifts at Mrs. Garrett's home on Walnut St.

The Rev. M. R. Williamson, pastor of the Waynesville Presbyterian Church, will lead the prayer at Saturday's gathering, and the Christmas story will be told.

HOUR OF MEETING CHANGED

The East Waynesville PTA will meet at 1:30 Tuesday afternoon instead of Tuesday night, as previously planned.

A special film, "The Littlest Angel" will be shown. Mrs. Cecil Jennings is president.

On Draft Board

CLAYTON WALKER has been sworn in as a member of the Haywood Draft Board. Mr. Walker was named after the resignation of W. A. Bradley, who recently became a member of the Hospital board of trustees. Mr. Walker, a navy veteran of 28 months in World War I, has been active in veteran's affairs here, having served as commander and in various other capacities of the American Legion. Other members of the board are Rufus Siler and Way Mease.

State Draft Board Names Local Member

Clayton Walker of Waynesville was sworn in last week as the new member of Haywood County Selective Service Board No. 1.

He took his oath shortly after the local board received notice from State Selective Service headquarters that it had appointed him to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of W. A. Bradley of Waynesville.

Mr. Bradley resigned to accept an appointment to the board of the Haywood County Hospital.

He had been named by the new board of county commissioners December 4.

Mr. Walker had been recommended for the draft board post by Chairman C. C. Francis of the county commissioners. Education Superintendent Jack Messer, Superior Court Clerk J. B. Siler, and Elections Board Chairman Crom E. Cole.

His oath was administered by the superior court clerk.

The two other members of the draft board are Rufus Siler of Allens Creek and Way Mease of Canton.

Drive For Toys Meeting Generous Public Response

The Police Department reported today an appeal for good used toys and clothing has received generous public response so far.

Policeman Jerry Rogers said Fire Chief Clem Fitzgerald already has repaired and painted many toys, and that more contributions will be appreciated deeply.

The collection campaign is one of those underway in the Waynesville area to make Christmas bright for needy children and needy families.

NAMED SECRETARY

Miss Allen Hart has been named secretary of the new Spanish Club at Meredith college.

Ministers Rap Lottery Methods In Fund Drives

Lottery methods for fund-raising has drawn the fire of the Haywood County Ministerial Association.

Members of the Association recently approved plans to appeal to school officials and Parent-Teacher Associations to use only "unquestionable methods" when fund-raising campaigns are launched. They recommended that school conditions requiring correction by large sums of money be met "by adequate taxation rather than through the indulgence of children."

The criticism and suggestion of

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the Association members was contained in a letter written to the editor of The Mountaineer by Major Cecil Brown of the Salvation Army, secretary of the clergymen's group.

The text of the letter is published in full on another page in this issue.

Major Brown's letter said that the Association members ask that only legitimate means of raising funds be used in the schools, "instead of lotteries, bingo, chances and the like, which are illegal in this state."

The letter said that the nation is passing through a critical period

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Highway Record For 1950 In Haywood

(To Date)

Injured 28

Killed 7

(This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol)