

Back In The Good Old Days Of Real Snows



This is a Main Street scene, at a point under where the Park Sign now hangs. It shows W. L. Matney, left, and the late Jere Davis, in a buggy converted to a sled after a snow in 1898. Wooden runners were substituted for wheels on the buggy by the Cagle Wagon Works. The old court house in the background looked black against the deep snow. This photo owned by Mr. Matney.

Melton Bound Over In Gilliland Shooting Case

Jim Melton, 53, of Waynesville was bound over to Haywood Superior Court Thursday on a charge arising from the shooting of Thomas Gilliland, former Waynesville policeman, the night of November 23.

He pleaded innocent to the charge of secret assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. Melton was freed pending the calling of his trial in the February term of court after he had posted the \$2,500 bond set by Magistrate J. M. Ferguson of Waynesville.

Gilliland, 40, was reported improved at Haywood County Hospital where he was under treatment for 25 calibre pistol bullet wounds.

Crabtree Cannery To Close This Week

The Crabtree Cannery will be open Tuesday and Thursday for the processing of meat. It will close at the end of the period on Thursday until next season.

Bookmobile Schedule

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1950

BETHEL

Mrs. Henry Francis	9:10-9:20
Mrs. Wiley Franklin	9:30-9:45
Bethel School	10:00-11:15
John M. Rigdon	11:30-12:00
Spring Hill School	12:30-1:15
Ed. Blalock's Grocery	2:00-2:15
Mrs. Welch Singleton	2:30-2:45
Mrs. Hugh Terrell	3:00-3:15

Friday, December 22nd

CECIL & CRUSO

Paris Store	9:30-9:45
Mrs. James Reeves	10:00-10:15
Mrs. Edgar Burnett	10:25-10:40
Cecil School	10:45-11:30
Burnett's Cash Grocery	11:45-12:00
Springdale School	12:15-1:15
Cruso School	1:30-2:15
Henson Grocery	2:20-2:35

Greetings Arrive At The Post Office In Huge Quantities



Bill Plott, post office dispatch clerk hands Herman Francis, assistant postmaster, right, another batch of Christmas cards for mailing. The load at the post office is increasing daily. Between 15,000 and 20,000 Christmas cards are dispatched daily, with a similar number arriving. (Staff Photo)

New Burley Strains Are Now Immune To Wildfire

The U. S. Department of Agriculture is now developing new strains of burley tobacco that are almost immune to wildfire disease, according to tobacco specialists at State College.

Wildfire is one of the more serious diseases of the crop, burley, grown in Western North Carolina and five other states, is used principally in the manufacture of blended cigarettes.

Dr. E. E. Clayton, plant scientist

of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, said recently that breeders will now be able to develop high-quality wildfire-resistant varieties of all major tobacco types. The first of these he added is expected to be available within the next two or three years.

The wildfire resistance in the new lines comes from the wild species, *Nicotiana longiflora*. A systematic study of several hundred wild species of *Nicotiana* during the past 15 years has shown that many of them are immune to one or another serious disease of cultivated tobacco. But differences in genetic makeup have been a barrier to successful interspecific crosses. Most of the disease-resistant ones, are small, strong smelling plants, generally undesirable in appearance.

The new wildfire-resistant burley lines appear to be a little more vigorous in growth than non-resistant lines. More important, they have a lower nicotine content. Nicotine in present-day burley runs higher than smokers like.

THE YOUNGER SET

By ANNE BISCHOFF
High School Senior



Last Thursday was certainly Bob Setzer's lucky day.

The first thing that he did was to go to Asheville to get the ring which he won for being the best blocker on the West Optimist Bowl team.

The ring is gold with a flat surface. It has his name and "best blocker, West Optimist Bowl, 1950" engraved on it. It isn't the ring as much as what it stands for. It stands for more than most of us realize. Bob was judged all week, not just for the game.

Then on Thursday night he was

presented with another award, this time for being the best blocker on the Waynesville Hi team. This award was given to him at the Lions Club meeting when the football team was guest of honor.

Bob served as co-captain for the Mountaineers this year and turned in some very outstanding playing.

Football seems to be an interesting subject around Waynesville anytime. Right now, Burnette's Cafe has a football display in their window.

The display is centered around a miniature football field with a ball in the middle. Pictures of this year's squad members are behind the field, with a Mountaineer uniform placed around it also. Two posters complete the display: one of them gives the 1949 scores, the other gives the 1950 ones.

The window is quite attractive and has created a lot of interest. The posters were done by Nancy Francis.

Dinner meetings can be more fun.

The Future Homemakers of America Club of Waynesville Hi had their December meeting at the Towne House last Thursday night.

The room was decorated with a huge Christmas tree that reached the ceiling in one corner and other Christmas decorations around the room.

The girls all brought a gift, something silly, and exchanged them after the business meeting.

Mary Evelyn Plimmons, vice-president, presided in the absence of the president, Monique Carver, during the business session.

The speaker of the evening was Mrs. W. E. Carter, one of the chapter mothers, who told two Christmas stories.

Mrs. Curtis Soy and Mrs. Grady Farmer were the two other chapter mothers who were there.

Impromptu speeches were made by members of the club who were called on during dinner to make

them.

A game called "Freeze" was played during dinner, also.

All of the girls thoroughly enjoyed the meeting and want to have another just like it real soon.

Mrs. John Neshitt is faculty advisor for the group and attended the dinner.

The Waynesville Hi Mountaineers won two more basketball games at the local gym Friday night, when they beat Fines Creek.

Hazel Farmer was high scorer for the girls, with Marjorie Cogdill running her a close second.

Bill Sutton scored 16 points for the boys, while Tommy Boyd scored 14.

The score in the boys' game was 50-26. The Mountaineers came from behind to win it. In the first part of the game the Fines Creek boys gave them quite a scare by jumping to an early lead but the Mountaineers proved too powerful for them.

The girls won their game 55-40. It was Waynesville all the way. With the Waynesville girls trying to settle things from last year when Fines Creek tied them 22-22, it was an interesting game from beginning to end.

The Sub-Deb Club of Waynesville Hi decided to vary their usual meeting by having a Christmas party at the home of Sally Stovall for their December meeting.

The girls dressed up and had a "hen" party all by themselves.

Before the party they drew names and exchanged gifts that night. They also brought a can of food and a toy to be given to some needy family to help make their Christmas a happier one.

The party was enjoyed by all. Miss Betty Bass is faculty advisor for the group.

While they were at Sally's they heard the recording of "The Littlest Angel".

Competition Gets Rough, So Young Star Quits

PITTSFIELD, Mass.—Nancy Ann Viner, a 14-year-old skating star who has copped 74 medals and 13 trophies during a four-year career including the National and North American outdoor speed skating titles in the midget class in 1948 and juvenile class in 1950, has turned in her skates and retired.

Nancy Ann said she enjoyed skating, but too many of the other contestants were out "for blood."

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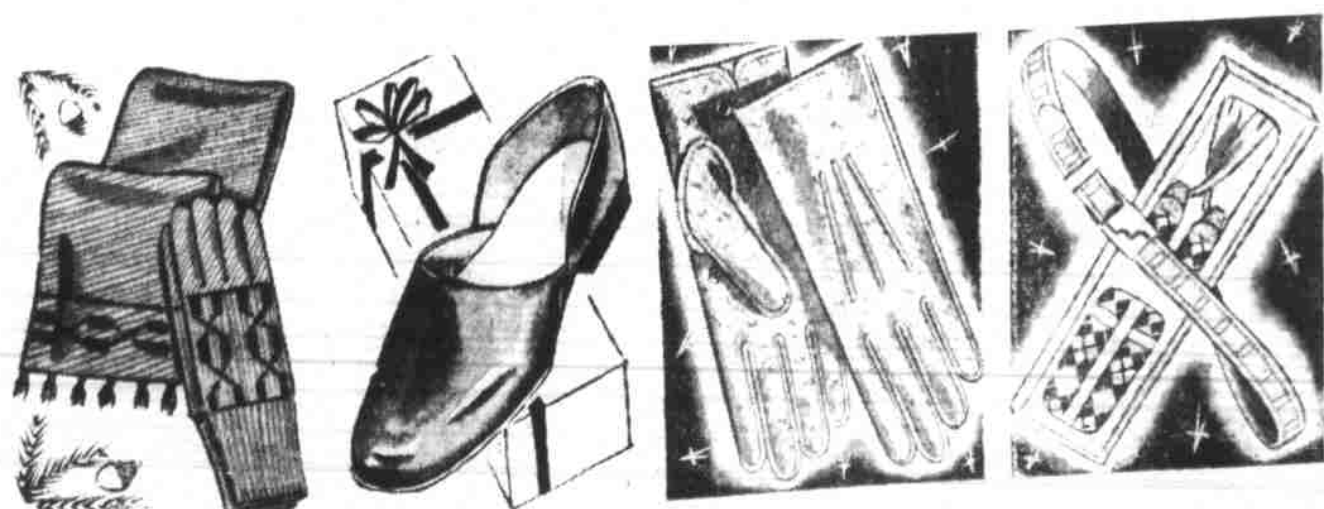
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Weill Tells Oil Industry West Indies

Weill, chemical engineer, told Rotarians the interesting story of the oil industry in the Netherlands, where he is stationed as one of the world's largest re-

Weill, a graduate of the University of North Carolina, and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Weill, of Waynesville, came for the holidays, and at the mountains. He de-

the country, or island of 20 miles off the Venezuelan coast where he has been stationed for the past two years. The semi-

flat country, while rich in the beauty and climate of North Carolina, he

steadily increased demands for petroleum throughout the

and especially the States, it is necessary to tap the oil in other countries, he

the crude oil in Venezuela, islands to the north, re-

more refining than most from American wells, he

Weill cited government re-

which showed that the use of petroleum for heating

and were now about the same as with a two-for-

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