

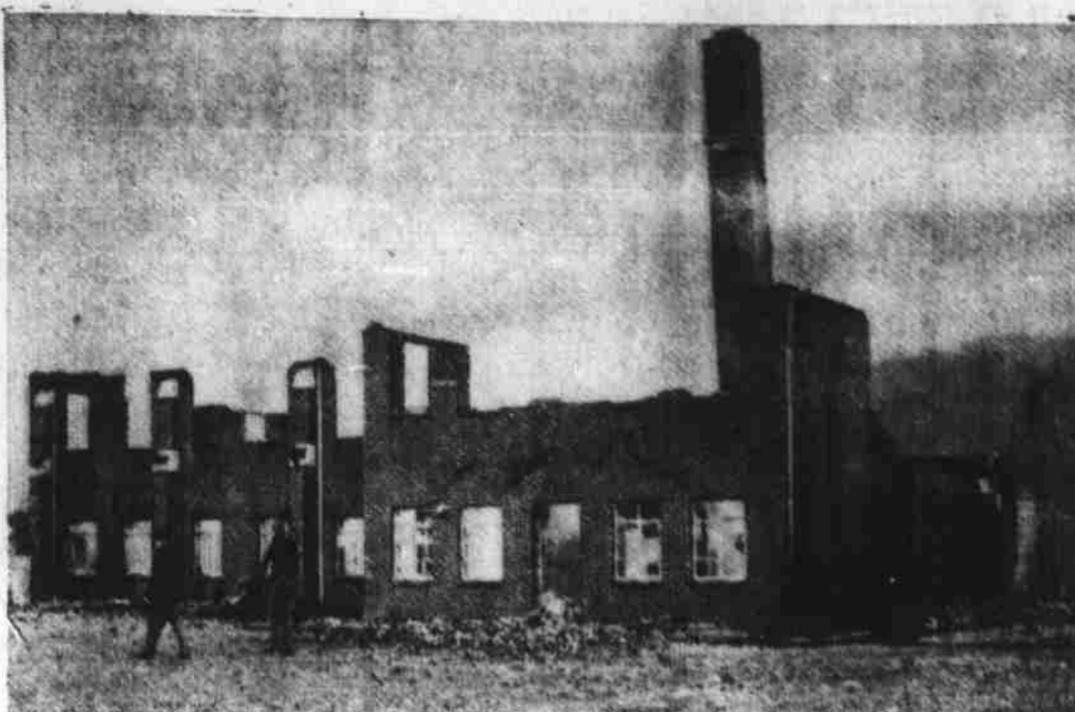
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All That Remains Of New Spring Hill Baptist Church



A \$50,000 loss was sustained when flames destroyed the 8-month-old Spring Hill Baptist church in Henson Cove early Saturday morning. This picture was made from the side parking lot of the church. The leaning chimney shown here crashed in less than 30 seconds after this picture was made. The chimney fell towards the front of the church. Other pictures on Page Six. (Staff Photo).

Patrolmen Here Looking For Mid-West Murderer

BULLETIN

William E. Cook, wanted for the murder of 10 people, was caught in Mexico shortly after noon today, according to a message received by Chief Orville Noland, over the highway patrol radio system.

Earlier today officers had two tips from citizens, that "Cook was seen driving towards Waynesville from Asheville."

Three highway patrolmen from here participated in the road-blocks set up near Murphy and in Macon county over the week-end. The report that William E. Cook was reported "definitely" identified in north Georgia, sent officers to the state line to block roads.

At noon today no further information had been received as to the whereabouts of the 21-year-old ex-convict, who is believed to have murdered eight people, and probably ten.

His father lives in Missouri.

Tate Injured In Buncombe County Road Accident

Harmon Tate of Iron Duff was injured Thursday night when the wholesale milk truck he was driving left the highway and overturned just east of the Buncombe County line.

Tate is under treatment at Haywood County Hospital for a back injury.

The truck was owned by Caldwell's Dairy of Iron Duff. The dairy is operated by Raymond Caldwell.

7 School Signs Given To Police

Seven large highway signs have been put in use by the police at the schools in town. The signs are the gift of an out-of-town bakery, and will be used on streets in front of schools.

The signs show a little girl, life-size, with the words on each side—"Slow—School."

Chief of Police Orville Noland said the signs will be used in connection with the police patrol of the schools. Patrols are stationed at East Waynesville and Central Elementary schools daily, and on alternate days at High School, Allens Creek, Pigeon Street school and St. John's.

Judge J. A. Rousseau presided.

Legionnaires Sending Mother To See Wounded Son In Army Hospital

Through the generosity of the American Legion Posts of Waynesville and Hazelwood, Mrs. Rogers B. Chapman will leave this week for Battle Creek, Michigan, to visit her son, Sgt. Chapman, confined in an Army hospital.

The two Legion Posts are making up a purse of \$100 to send Mrs. Chapman to visit her son. Donations are still being received by officers of both posts.

Sgt. Chapman suffered frostbite of both feet and hands while fighting in Korea. He was with the Seventh Infantry Division.

The tags are on sale at the city hall.

Motorists failing to comply with the law will be cited to court, he explained.

Max. Min. Presc.

45 30 .06

49 15 .03

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TODAY'S SMILE

In a democracy there is much complaint and little suffering. In a dictatorship there is much suffering and little complaint.

78 Miles Roads Improved In Haywood During Past Year

Campaign Opens Here For Polio

Much Interest Being Shown In Drive, As Haywood Sets To Meet \$15,200 Quota

The 1951 March of Dimes opened in Haywood County and throughout the rest of the nation today.

The workers in the Canton and Waynesville areas are dividing the responsibility between them for raising the county's \$15,200 quota. This is \$200 above last year's drive.

The 1950 campaign ended with Haywood business firms and people giving more than \$1,000 above what the March of Dimes officials asked for.

Johnny Johnson, Waynesville area Campaign Director, today called upon all residents "to join the all-out drive for funds needed to stem the rising tide of polio."

"The 1951 March of Dimes begins Monday," Mr. Johnson said, "and lasts a little over two weeks." But in that short time we can help thousands upon thousands of polio patients for whom recovery is measured in terms of ten or twenty or fifty weeks if not longer. I think we owe them the two weeks of our own efforts. It is little enough we can save some child from a lifetime of paralysis."

Mr. Johnson disclosed that more than 100,000 people were stricken by polio in the years '48-'50 with four out of five of them receiving help in whole or in part from the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis, on whose behalf the March of Dimes is conducted.

"Last fall," Mr. Johnson said, "the National Foundation ran out of epidemic aid funds and had to call upon whatever chapters were still solvent to bolster its

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People from all parts of the county visited the scene on Sunday, and stood about in the high wind in silence, as they gazed at the ghostly walls.

About three o'clock, the tall chimney succumbed to the high winds, and crashed into the charred remains of the building.

The building cost about \$40,000, plus a lot of free labor and materials donated by members and friends. Rev. Mr. Chambers said that it was estimated that \$60,000 would be required to replace the building and contents. The church had \$30,000 insurance, the pastor said.

Canton firemen who answered the 1 a.m. alarm found the roof of the new brick building consumed in flames when they arrived, and the situation beyond control.

The department said that the lack of water near the hill-top church severely handicapped efforts to fight the blaze.

The modern church, with a seating capacity great enough for 335 worshippers and containing 19 classrooms, was dedicated only last April 2.

Construction had been started about 12 months before, and the new church had replaced the old frame building that had served the Spring Hill congregation for more than half a century.

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Boosters Organize To Combat Highway Accidents

The Hazelwood Boosters Club will organize a safety council to combat highway accidents.

The members adopted a motion to this effect Thursday immediately after hearing State Highway Patrol Capt. William Speed discuss the high toll in lives and property that accidents took in North Carolina last year.

They expressed hope that the Safety Council movement to promote highway safety would spread throughout the county.

A similar movement during World War II was credited by State Highway Patrol officials with drastically reducing the state's traffic death rate.

Captain Speed is commander of

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To Lecture In Fruit, Vegetable School



GEORGE G. JONES



H. R. NISWONGER

George G. Jones and H. R. Niswonger, N. C. State College Extension specialists, will lecture at the Fruit and Vegetable School which will be held here Jan. 17. Another specialist, Howard R. Garrison, rounds out the faculty.

'Full House' Expected At Debate On Tuesday

An over-flow crowd is expected at the Community Development debate and spelling bee here Tuesday night. The varied program will be held in the court house, starting at 7:30. Plans are being made to have the Armory heated in case it is found the court room will not seat the crowd.

A county-wide spelling bee will be conducted, with each community slated to send in a representative.

Turner Cathey, assistant county agent is in charge.

Special singing by groups from throughout the county will also be featured on the program.

One of the highlights will be a debate between the "east and west" on the query: "North Carolina is going to the extreme in school consolidation."

The affirmative will be Frank M. Davis, of Iron Duff, and Robert Francis of Ratcliffe Cove. The negative team will be George Stamey, of Center Pigeon, and Glen W. Brown, of North Clyde.

Similar programs heretofore have brought out record crowds.

Curtis, Wounded Last Month, Back In Action Again

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Williamson Says Europe Should Cooperate Before Further U.S. Aid Given

The Rev. M. R. Williamson, pastor of the Waynesville Presbyterian Church, declared Thursday night the United States should not extend any further military aid to the nations of Europe until they show they are definitely interested in cooperating among themselves.

His address featured the regular weekly meeting of the Waynesville Lions Club.

Mr. Williamson suggested to his audience that the nations of Western Europe should form a sort of "United States of Europe" before our nation committed itself to spending any more of her human

Chamber of Commerce Board Meets Tonight

The board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce will meet tonight at 7:30.

Dave Felmet, president, is slated to announce committee appointments tonight, and outline a proposed program for the year.

The group discussed plans for programs for the coming months with their leaders.

Davis Discusses Trends Of Welfare At Canton Meeting

Frank M. Davis was the speaker at the Canton Citizen Club on last Thursday. He discussed the general trends in welfare, and the cost of welfare to the county and state.

Mr. Davis is a member of the county board of commissioners.

He said, "more is spent on welfare in Haywood than is collected by the county on all real estate in the county. Of course, a large part comes from the state, but that is tax money, too."

Highway Record For

1951

In Haywood

(To Date)

Injured 2

Killed 0

(This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol.)