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TODAY'S SMILE

One good way to save face is to keep the lower half of it shut.

Legionnaires Send A Mother To See Wounded Son



This group of American Legion members representing the posts of Waynesville and Hazelwood, are shown presenting Mrs. Robert Chapman, Sr., with \$243 to go to Battle Creek, Mich., and see her son, Robert, Jr., who suffered frozen feet and hands in Korea. Shown here, left to right: Johnny Summerrow, adjutant of Hazelwood post; Milas Ferguson, commander of Waynesville post, Carol Whitner, "Deacon" Woodard, Roy Ruff, commander of the Hazelwood Post, "Bug" Kuykendall, and Sheriff Fred Campbell. (Staff Photo).

Mrs. Jones Heads Schools, As Messer Re-Enters Navy

Jack Messer Recalled Into Service; Board Names Mrs. Lucy Jones

Mrs. Lucy Jones has been named county superintendent of Education, following the resignation of Jack Messer, who has been called back into active Naval duty. Mr. Messer is to report to the West coast for duty.

A joint session of the present board of education, together with the three members nominated last May, and elected in November, met Tuesday afternoon, and heard Mr. Messer's resignation. The boards then named Mrs. Jones, who has been county supervisor for the past two and a half years to fill the vacancy. Mrs. Jones has been in school work here in Haywood for the past 24 years, most of the time as a member of the high school faculty.

Mr. Messer said he was contacting Raleigh in regards to an audit, and hoped to have everything cleared so he could step out of the office by January 31st. "Mrs. Jones is familiar with the work, and the office, and it is just a matter of getting clearance, and official release from Raleigh."

Mrs. Jones will be the first woman to ever fill the office of county superintendent of Education in Haywood. The office is responsible for some 200 teachers, about 6,500 students, and 53 buses.

It will be almost five years to the day that Mr. Messer left the Navy as Lieutenant. He received his discharge on February 1, 1946, after serving three years in Pacific waters with the Third Fleet.

He reports to active duty to the Reserve Fleet headquarters in Tacoma, Wash.

He was named county superintendent. (See Mrs. Jones—Page 8)

Fire Department Getting New Door

After a long delay since early last fall, the fire department is at last getting a front door.

The new department was created in the space between the main office and police department, but parts for the automatic over-head, electrically operated door, was delayed.

Yesterday workmen began the job of installing the door, and planned to have it in operation this week-end.

During the extreme cold weather the fire trucks have been kept in the city garage.

Veteran's Mother Due To Reach His Bedside Friday

If trains operate on schedule, there will be a happy reunion of mother and son about seven o'clock Friday night, as Mrs. Robert Chapman, Sr., walks in to the bedside of her wounded son, Sgt. Robert, Jr., in Battle Creek, Mich.

The reunion will be the other half of a story which began here last week, when members of the two posts of the American Legion decided that Sgt. Chapman needed to see his mother, as he received treatment for his frozen hands and feet in the veteran's hospital, Sgt. Chapman is a casualty of the severe cold on the battlefield of Korea.

The interested Legionnaires started the campaign to raise the money to send Mrs. Chapman to visit her son. The idea met the generous response of the public, and a total of \$243 was raised. The Legionnaires bought her ticket, and made arrangements to have her met at Cincinnati, and Detroit, where she will have to change trains.

Mrs. Chapman is scheduled to leave at five Thursday, and due to arrive at the Battle Creek hospital about 26 hours later.

Many individuals participated in the contributing, and a number of employees of Unagusta, Welleo, Royle & Pilkington, The Tannery, (See Veteran's Mother—Page 8)

Chamber Of Commerce Sets Up Far-Reaching Plan For Promoting Community

The Chamber of Commerce is in for a successful year, if the enthusiasm of the Board of Directors can be used as a gauge.

The board on Monday night, with 20 members present, approved a budget of \$7,500 for promoting the community-at-large, and unanimously adopted the program as presented by Dave Felmet, president, calling for equal emphasis on industry, agriculture and tourism in the promotion program.

Major committees were named, and membership dues set at \$24, with associated membership fees \$12.

Acting upon recommendations of the Tourist Association, the board approved a plan of listing in the accommodations folders only those places holding current memberships in the Chamber of Commerce. Heretofore, all places have been listed. This season the listings will be confined to those with paid-up dues of \$24.

Plans were made for the finance committee, headed by Harry Bourne, to make the membership drive during the month of February. (See C of C—Page 8)

Richland Finance Re-Elects Officers At Annual Meeting

The Richland Finance Company had their first annual meeting Tuesday, and re-elected all officers. Reports showed a good year for the institution, which also announced new quarters. The office is now located in the Sims' building, next to Sims Tire Company.

H. S. Ward was re-elected president, with L. N. Davis, vice-president, Paul Davis secretary-treasurer, and Clayton C. Walker, and Claude N. Allen, directors.

Mrs. Lloyd Stevenson is office manager of the firm.

90-Year-Old Motorist Gets License Renewed

"Work hard and regular, eat hearty, and don't worry." That is the simple recipe given by G. W. Burnette, who is observing his 90th birthday today.

When asked what his plans were for the day, he said dryly: "Guess I'll drive to town, visit the court house, read the papers, and go on back home. If there is too much snow on the roads, I won't drive."

Mr. Burnette owned the first car in Haywood—a Ford, and has been driving for 35 years. On Monday of this week he got his driver's license renewed, and took the eye-test without glasses. He looks on glasses as an inconvenience.

He likes to drive, and only two weeks ago was his perfect record for 35 years broken. And as he put it, "I was trying to dodge a woman driver, and had to hit a post," then he hurriedly explained, "There was not any damage. Guess I was lucky, because when you start dodging a woman driver, you got to move fast."

Mr. Burnette said he cranked his 1916 model Ford for 9 years, then had a self-starter put on. Only once did he almost get a broken arm when the car kicked him. He had to order gasoline by the drum from Asheville. "There was not a service station on every block, like there is now," he commented.

The 90-year-old Haywood native, sat down to a birthday cake, and mused that while he did not care for cake, he would "eat his share" of this one.

When he was 66 he was named game warden for the county. He held the post seven years, and recalls he turned over to the authorities \$3,400 the last year he was in office.

Among his prize possessions is a well-worn deputy sheriff badge—a shield of the law which he wore (See 90-Year-Old—Page 8)

90 Years Young Today



G. W. Burnette, one of Haywood's oldest citizens, is enjoying his 90th birthday today. In fact the cake here, is just about gone by now. He is active, and still drives his car. He bought the first car ever brought into Haywood. He took his driver's license test Monday, and passed with flying colors. Those who know Mr. Burnette will detect something wrong in this picture—it does not show his pipe, a faithful stand-by. (Staff Photo).

Navy Calls Jack Messer Back For Navy Duty



This picture was made in the board of education office, as Jack Messer, seated at his desk, goes over some matters with Mrs. Lucy Jones, who is to succeed him as county superintendent of education. Mr. Messer leaves soon for active duty in the Navy. (Staff Photo).

Dayton Rubber Employees Go 20% Over Quota As Polio Drive Starts

School Survey Report Expected Early Next Week

The Board of Education in session here Tuesday, was of the opinion that "every indication points to the full release of the report of the State Survey Committee early next week."

Word from Raleigh was that the report has been typed, and "should be ready for public release early next week."

Employees of Dayton Rubber Company have already exceeded their Polio quota by 20 per cent, and "still going strong".

Dayton Management and officials of United Rubber Workers Union, No. 277, CIO, had set a goal of \$2,000, but this morning \$2,559 had been subscribed, and more yet to be added to the total, according to Harry Bourne, manager.

Due to the excellent response, and whole-hearted cooperation, the employees found a letter of thanks this morning on the bulletin boards from Mr. Bourne thanking them for their generous support of such a worthy cause.

"The action of Dayton employees is great news—and if everyone works as hard as the Dayton groups, we will show the world we are out to fight Polio to the finish," chairman Johnny Johnson said.

Ned Tucker was in charge of the drive at Dayton, and was assisted by Lloyd Cogdill, vice-president of the Union, together with James Haynes, Orin Presley and Taylor Wilson.

"Many others joined in the campaign, to help organize it throughout the plant," Mr. Tucker said. "In fact, the results tell the story—it was co-operation throughout."

The Rotary Club members reported encouraging contributions as they solicited throughout the business area. The club is also operating the Dime Board daily.

Haywood has a quota of \$15,200. Mr. Johnson reminded workers this week that the National Foundation spent \$2,000 more last year on Haywood patients than was donated from the county.

Haywood workers are pushing the drive in every part of the county, with every effort to end it as soon as possible.

Filthy Oil Drum Used For A Still

The midget of stills, and among the crudest ever found in Haywood, was brought in by members of the Sheriff's office late Wednesday.

The still was made from a 40-gallon oil drum, and was buried in a stone and clay furnace. The officers found the still in the Big Ridge Mine section.

Three barrels of mash were destroyed; the still was half-full of mash. Officers said a "run" had been made within 24 hours.

Three other burned-out drums which had been used as a still were nearby.

The order of the mash, and even the empty still could be detected for a long distance.

Spring Hill Baptist Plan To Re-Build

By MRS. J. EDGAR BURNETTE (Mountaineer Reporter)

The prayers of the people of our church are extended to the people of the Spring Hill Baptist Church in the loss of their lovely church. Donations are also being taken to help in getting another building started as soon as possible.

The members of their church contributed some \$3,000 on Sunday morning at their services which were held at the Long's Methodist Church. The pastor, Rev. Gay Chambers started the contributions with a check for \$1,000 plus his salary until they get another building paid for.

Haywood Home Building Loan Has Banner Year

Reports of the best year of the 31-year-old Haywood Home Building and Loan Association marked the annual stockholders meeting here Tuesday night.

The stockholders re-elected the same 10-member board of directors, and later the directors re-elected all officers for another year.

Claude N. Allen, vice president, presided in the absence of R. L. Prevost, president, who missed his second annual meeting in 31 years due to illness.

L. N. Davis, secretary, gave a detailed report of business, and discussed the "banner year" of activity, which saw assets grow to \$1,565,398. This is an increase over last year of almost a quarter of a million dollars.

The association now has 1,416 stockholders. Mr. Davis' report showed.

He, as well as other officers in addressing the stockholders, held an optimistic outlook for the institution in 1951.

The association during the year also increased government insurance on stock from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Mr. Davis said that \$34,410 in dividends had been paid out during the past year, and that money borrowed in 1950 averaged only 66 per cent of the property value.

Officers to serve again during 1951, are: R. L. Prevost, president; C. N. Allen, vice-president; L. N. Davis, secretary-treasurer; Miss Elsie McCracken, assistant. Directors are: Mr. Allen, W. H. Burgin, J. W. Boyd, Mr. Davis, L. M. Killian, Mr. Prevost, J. W. Ray, C. J. Reece, O. H. Shelton, and A. T. Ward.

Highway Record For 1951 In Haywood (To Date)

Injured . . . 2

Killed . . . 0

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

Delights Of The News

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Advice

C. Royall, former Sec- of the Army, called on Truman, but all he would their talk was this:

the President some free hich was probably worth est him."

onse to questions, Royall e not going back into Gov- service.

Pounds Of Poison Will Be Distributed

500 pounds of rat poison distributed throughout Haywood Monday and Tuesday for scale rat killing cam-

Health Department, cooper- with town officials and the ent's office, plan to carry wholesale fight on the ro-

of farmers have joined in gaign, and will place the of their farms. Crews in put out the poison.

Farmers At School

han 125 Haywood farm- rested in fruits attended and vegetable school here ay morning.

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Max.	Min.	Rainfall
56	33	1.04
41	22	1.05
51	18	