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TODAY'S SMILE
Stenographer: "Imagine, a fellow last night asked me if I could dance!"
"What's wrong with that?" asked her friend.
"I was dancing with him when he asked me!"

Survey Report, Merger Bill Published

Petitions Ask Bond Election For Schools

Full Report Makes Over Two Pages

1500 Names Sought On Petitions

Petitions were put into circulation here Saturday morning by the Board of Education, asking for a vote on school bonds for improving schools in the county.

The action is the outgrowth of the request of the board of commissioners several weeks ago, as the two boards met and discussed the proposed school building program. The commissioners asked the board of education to present petitions with signatures of 15 per cent of the qualified voters. Upon such a petition, the commissioners would call an election.

The petition which began circulation here Saturday, is addressed to the commissioners. The text of the petition reads:

We, the undersigned citizens and taxpayers of Haywood County, respectfully petition and request your honorable Board to call an election in Haywood County at the earliest practical date, to be held for the purpose of voting sufficient bonds to improve, construct and equip school buildings and grounds in the County, in keeping with the recommendations of the State Board of Education and the State School Survey Committee.

This the 10th day of March, 1951. Mrs. Lucy Jones, county superintendent, and R. T. Messer, chairman of the board, said that copies of the petition would be sent to the schools, the PTA groups, and in various offices about the county.

The explanation of why no specified amount is cited in the petition, is due to the fact that the State Survey Commission on Thursday just made a survey of Beavertown schools, and their report is pending. Just as soon as the State Board can review the report, and approve such projects as they deem necessary, then engineers can figure an estimated cost.

Previously A. J. Hutchins, superintendent of the Canton schools estimated the needs for Beavertown would be about \$600,000.

Engineers have figured the cost of the proposed program in the remainder of the county at \$2,080,000, plus land and equipment.

From the state bond fund, Canton received \$150,000 which will soon have been spent on school projects. The \$346,000 allocated to the remainder of Haywood schools has not been spent.

C. C. Francis, chairman of the board of commissioners, said today that it was important that the commissioners know the program for the next year before starting work on the new budget.

It was the belief of the officials that the 1,500 names can be secured within a week or ten days. The next regular session of the commissioners is the 19th.

Haywood Gets Increase Of 171 Acres Of Burley

Cannon Named Dean



Dr. James Cannon (above) has been appointed dean of the Divinity School of Duke University in Durham. He is a son of the late Bishop James Cannon of the Methodist church. Dr. Cannon has been acting dean since last September. He has been a member of the Duke faculty for 32 years. (AP Photo.)

Haywood County's increase in burley acreage will be just about in line with the percentage for the whole state, according to figures released today by the county office of the Production and Marketing Administration. The new quota will mean an increase of 171 acres in the county, with an estimated yield of 273,600 lbs.

Out of the previous allotment of 1426.2 acres, 1134.4 were cultivated, yielding a total poundage of 2,210,915. Average yield in the county was 1949 lbs. per acre.

Last year Haywood's 1900 tobacco growers realized about one million dollars from the crop.

Local Students Win Awards In Speech Contest

Malcolm Williamson, Jr., was declared the winner in two competitive fields in the annual contest sponsored by the Lee Edwards Chapter of the National Forensic League Saturday. Entering two of the four fields which were open to all high school students in Western North Carolina, Malcolm won first place in "Extemporaneous Speaking" and in "Experienced Oratory" and was awarded a trophy cup in each case.

Danny McClure, a junior at Waynesville High, won second place in the declamation contest.

Clark Hinkley, winner of the local U.D.C. contest here last week, was also a contestant.

While four fields were open to contestants, students were limited to two fields. The contest was held at the Lee Edwards High School in Asheville and the awards were made at a luncheon which followed.

Crowd Attends Singing Meet

Ray Parker of Canton was elected president of the Haywood County Singing Convention as the second convention of the year convened at the County Courthouse. Other officers elected were Willie West of Canton, vice president; and Esther Mae Gibson of Waynesville, secretary.

A crowd which filled the Courthouse to capacity heard the twelve singing groups who participated during the two-hour program.

Those taking part were: Mellow Tone Quartet of Swannanoa, Jo Anne and Nancy Russell Duet, Gospel Harmonizers of Canton, Harmony Three of Canton, L. J. Ward's Quartet of Canton, Janice Wilde, soloist of Hazelwood, Shelton Trio of Waynesville, Tom Queen Quartet of Hazelwood, Sanford Quartet, Joyful Sound Quartet, Gay Quartet, and Rev. and Mrs. Cato Duet.

Red Cross Campaign Is Pushed

The 1951 Red Cross Fund drive is getting off to a good start, according to campaign co-chairman A. J. Fancher. Mr. Fancher reports that the canvass of the business sections is about 80 per cent completed, with the chairman's report due shortly. The industrial and other sections are beginning operations this week.

Mr. Fancher also called attention to the change in procedure for the residential canvass Monday night. An effort will be made to solicit every house, regardless of whether or not a porch light is on.

Admiral Thomas Will Address Asheville Club

Admiral W. N. Thomas will address the Asheville Rotary Club on Thursday. His subject will be "Gentlemen."

Admiral Thomas has made this address in several occasions, and is in great demand for "repeat performances."

Frank Davis Proposes County-Wide Discussions Of Current Propositions

A proposal that citizens of the county meet together often and discuss mutual problems was made by Frank M. Davis, member of the board of commissioners, as he addressed the Hazelwood Boosters Club on Thursday night.

"We need to get together, know each other better, and come to an understanding of mutual problems," he pointed out.

"We have here in Haywood 79 industries, with a payroll of over 16 millions; more than 2,750 farms, with an income of over eight millions; and a fast growing tourist business. Through it all, we have kindred goals, problems, and being neighborly, we can do a lot to help each other," he said.

Mr. Davis pointed out the many advantages of the Community Development program and the high degree of cooperation which the program had generated in the rural areas. He cited a similar need for the citizens in the Haywood towns.

Howell Ray Head Program

Mayor J. H. Way this morning announced the appointment of two chairmen for the new national programs, to be administered locally—Charles E. Ray was named chairman of the price control group, and James H. Howell, Jr., chairman of the civilian defense program.

Ben Douglas, state chairman, has been notified of the appointments here.

Both chairmen have been given blanket authority to name the remainder of their committees. Mayor Way said, "Just how many will be asked to serve on the committees is left to the discretion of the two chairmen."

Details of the two programs have not been received here, according to Mayor Way. The tentative outline was received several days ago.

Wet Week-End, Records Reveal

The weather wasn't the only wet element in Haywood over the week-end. About 20 were lodged in jail on charges of public drunkenness, according to the report of Sheriff Fred Campbell.

Waynesville police had eight, Hazelwood four, and the sheriff's department the balance.

Sheriff Campbell made a call to Hazelwood about three o'clock, picked up a drunk man, and enroute back to jail, picked up two more.

One drunk broke and ran, but failed to see a 4-foot wall in his path.

Haywood Native Dies In Hayesville

Funeral services were held Thursday at the Truett Memorial Church in Hayesville for William Joshua Winchester, 79. Services were conducted by Rev. L. P. Smith, pastor, and Rev. F. R. Davis. Burial was in the church cemetery.

A native of Waynesville, Mr. Winchester went to Clay County as a young man and taught in the public schools for a number of years. He served as rural mail carrier and later entered the mercantile business.

For 54 years he served as Sunday School Superintendent in the Baptist Church.

Surviving in addition to the widow are two sons, Claud Winchester of Clarksville, Ga., and P. B. Winchester of Haywood, Calif., a daughter, Mrs. Pauline Bryan of Hayesville, and a stepdaughter, Mrs. Louise York Roberson of Etowah, Tenn. Others are seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, as well as a number of nieces and nephews in Haywood County.

Berea B.S.U. Elects Miss York Vice President

Miss Dolores York, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. York of Waynesville, Route 1, has been elected a vice president of the Baptist Student Union at Berea College. She will direct the program of devotional activities for Baptist students in Berea. She will also serve as chairman of a committee to arrange dormitory prayer meetings, Bible study groups, and other devotional activities.

Miss York has been active in the Baptist Student Union during her stay at Berea, serving as Sunday School class president, and Group Captain in her Training Union. She was formerly a member of the Bethel Baptist church.

\$7,500 Quota Is Raised For Chamber of Commerce

May Queen



The 1951 membership drive of the Chamber of Commerce has exceeded the quota of \$7,500, it was announced today by Harry A. Bourne, general chairman.

The membership drive started a month ago, with the goal of \$7,500. Several teams started to work, and according to Mr. Bourne, did a "wonderful job."

The memberships were set this year at \$24 each.

This morning Mr. Bourne said: "I personally want to thank every person who took part in this campaign. It shows again what teamwork, and a concerted effort can accomplish. The Chamber of Commerce is essential to a growing and thriving community, and with the financial support this year, many accomplishments can be attained."

The organization this year will not handle any literature, or make any listing of any place catering to tourists that are not members of the organization.

The advertising committee are at work on several major projects for publicizing the community this year. The program is far greater than anything attempted in about 20 years.

The board of directors will meet at 7:30 Tuesday night at the Town Hall.

Two Men Bound Over To Court For Theft Of Car

Tall 21-year-old James Edward Williams, in an army uniform, was bound over to the July term of court here today under \$2,500 bond charged with larceny of a car.

His companion, Everett Messer, 17, was bound over under \$500 bond by Magistrate Johnny Ferguson.

Evidence showed that the 1949 Chevrolet sedan of Cecil Cooper, Lake Junaluska, was taken from the Dayton Rubber parking lot sometime after 2:30. The car had been driven 400 miles, and damaged about \$200 when found by patrolmen in Rosman the next morning.

Cpl. Pritchard Smith, of the highway patrol, said Williams had previously served time for stealing cars, and was now under indictment for non-support. Sheriff Fred Campbell said the defendant is also absent without leave from the army.

The evidence showed a tire was taken from the car and sold. Eight gas caps and a half gallon of oil were found in the car by patrolmen.

Messer said he accepted an offer for a ride about town with Williams, whom he did not know. The 400-mile trip started about 7:30 p. m., and ended the next morning when the Highway Patrol sent out word about the missing car.

Williams did not take the stand.

Boy Scout Drive Reaches \$1,300

The Boy Scout drive has reached \$1,300, according to Ben Colkitt, general chairman of the campaign here.

The quota for the local district is \$1,570. Mr. Colkitt said, with a like amount for the permanent restoration of the dam at Daniel Boone Camp, near Lake Logan.

A few more contributors are yet to report, Mr. Colkitt said.

Canton has a quota of \$1,700 for the same drive.

Balsam Manor Plans Landscaping Soon

Landscaping on the Balsam Manor Apartments will be started in the next few days, according to Bruce Good, president of the development. Plans call for a total of more than 800 trees and other plantings, including red maple, white poplar, mountain laurel, rhododendron, and other ornamental varieties.

Mr. Good also announced that tenants who make application before March 17 could choose their interior color scheme from the buff, gray, and green offered. Mr. Good may be reached for further information by phoning 1359.

M. H. McDaniel Made Corporal

Marshall H. McDaniel of Waynesville has just been promoted to the rank of corporal, according to an announcement by headquarters of the 5th Armored Division, Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.

Corporal McDaniel is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cephus McDaniel of Route 1, Waynesville. His wife is the former Miss Gertrude Caldwell.

Forestry Study Is Now Underway Here In Haywood

The spotlight on forestry in Haywood got off to a good start Sunday, as numerous ministers mentioned the important subject from the pulpit.

Today a group of interested farmers visited the farm of F. L. Leonard, in Ratcliffe Cove, to see the results of some outstanding forestry projects.

On Tuesday, March 13, the tour starts at 10 a. m., and should return about 4:30. As Tuesday has been named "Forest Protection Day," a tour will be made to the Coweeta Experiment Station in Macon County. This is a Federal Forest Experiment Station where experiments have been run on grazing for approximately twenty years.

Wednesday, March 14, will be "Timber Use Day" and will include

a tour through the Unagusta Manufacturing Company, starting from the Courthouse at 10 a. m. The party will continue to Canton, to be guests of the Champion Paper & Fibre Company for lunch, and go through the plant in the afternoon.

On Thursday, March 15, "Woodland Management Day," the tour will leave at 9 a. m. in order to go to the Biltmore Estate to study their selective cutting. After lunch at Biltmore, the party will look at the farm woodlands at the Bent Creek Experiment Station.

On Friday, March 16, the Commission is asking county schools to present an Arbor Day program, including if possible the planting of an individual tree or a line of trees for a windbreak.

Highway Record For 1951 In Haywood (To Date) Killed . . . 0 Injured . . . 8
(This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol.)

Delights Of The News

Record

Many record-breakers does little have, anyhow? In life, two Waynesville men, in their respective companies, the Western Carolina last week S. E. Connat with the Jefferson company was reported in this week it's R. A. who is not only setting for this district, but has for his outstanding record states covered by the Industrial division.

Fishes

Rhea had a successful season last fall, and can wait to get into the trout. Mr. Rhea has no worries will happen when the Park streams without the limit. Trout fishing is his hobby—in the spring, all deer hunting rates his

Rabbits

are far more foxes in than rabbits. Statement comes from an on the subject—Devoe of Iron Duff.

Good Old Days

A. Bourne was coming on Dayton on a Pullman night, when the porter

At Cruso

Cruso is being saluted on-page pictorial section 1, 2, 3, and four of the section of The Mountaineer.

McClure In Queen's Court

Miss McClure of Waynesville is a member of the Queen's annual military ball and Blade at the University of North Carolina. Mid-Cheek Goodlin, also of Waynesville, was her escort. Miss McClure is the daughter of Mr. Floyd McClure; and Mid-Cheek Goodlin is the son of Mrs. Gentry.

Anniversary Celebrated

Observation of the 32nd anniversary of the founding of the Legion will be held in a covered dish supper at the Legion Hall, Wednesday evening.

Rotarians Elect New Directors

The newly elected board of directors of the Waynesville Rotary Club will meet tonight and elect officers for the year.

Duckett Installed By Medical Society

Dr. V. H. Duckett of Canton is the new president of the North Carolina Chapter, Academy of General Practice. He was installed at the annual meeting of the group held in Durham last week.

COLDER

March 12 — Mostly warm Monday with occasional rain followed by colder night. Fair, windy and cold.

Max.	Min.	Rainfall
69	46	.05
61	31	---
56	32	---
52	40	.44