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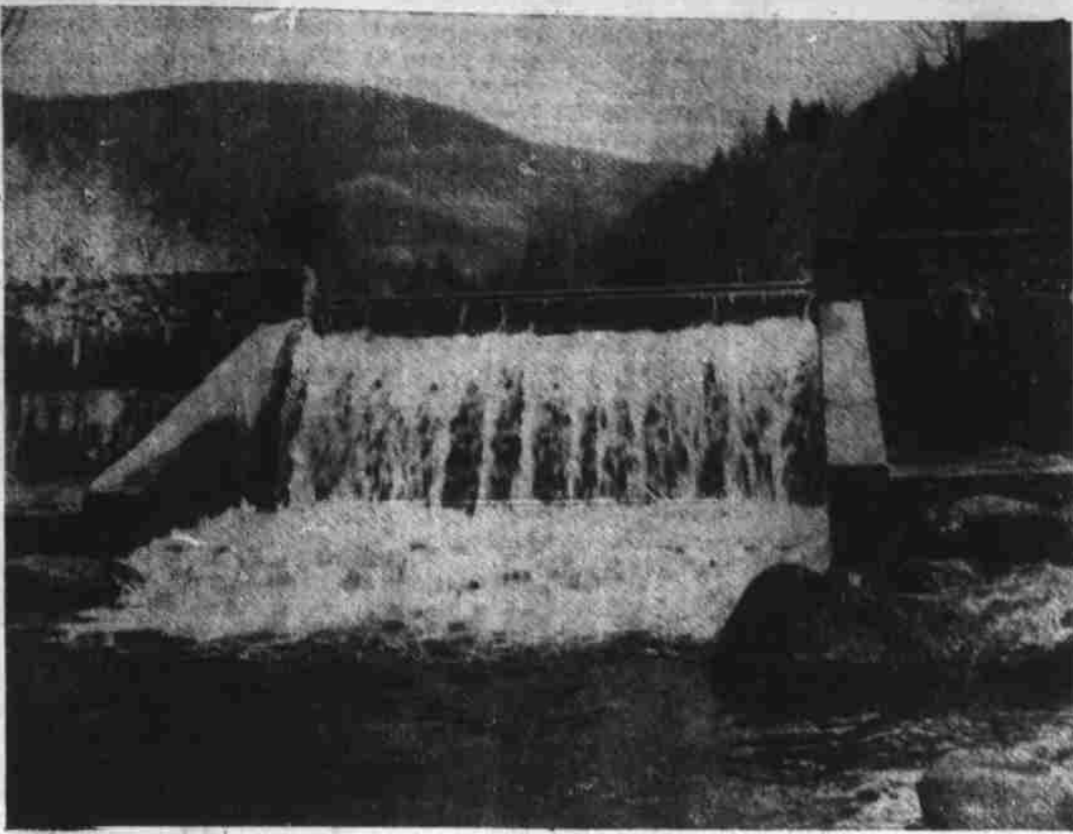
WAYNESVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 15, 1951

\$3.00 In Advance In Haywood and Jackson Counties

TODAY'S SMILE

Whistling at another man's wife is a dangerous calling.

## Waynesville Watershed Rated One Of Best In U. S.



This is the spillway of the Shining Cove Dam on the Waynesville watershed. Water from this half-million gallon lake is the source for a large part of the million gallons used daily in this community. This is a restricted area, and very few people have seen this scene. (Staff Photo).

## Civic Group OK Merger Plan

### Bill To Raise Salaries In County Is Introduced

Similar bills were introduced in the House and Senate this week raising salaries of four Haywood officials, and setting up a salary scale for two deputies. The identical bills were introduced by Rep. Oral L. Yates, and Senator William Medford. One would increase the salary of the chairman of the Board of County Commissioners from \$2,400 to \$3,600 a year, the tax collector's \$3,600 a year, the tax collector's from \$600 to \$900. After April 1, the county commission will be in session.

### New Rotary Head



RALPH PREVOST was named president of the Rotary Club here by the newly elected board of directors. He will succeed Richard N. Barber, Jr., on July first. Mr. Barber will become vice president.

### Merger Bill Being Checked Today By Attorney General

At noon today the proposed merger bill for Waynesville and Hazelwood was in the attorney general's office being checked. The Mountaineer learned. Neither Representative Oral L. Yates, or Senator William Medford, knew when the document would be given a final check, and returned for introduction in the General Assembly. There was some belief that it might be ready Friday or Saturday, depending on how quickly the State lawyers finished checking. Tentative plans of Representative Yates are to leave early Friday for the week-end at home.

### Local C of C Directors Favor Proposed Merger

The 22 directors of the Chamber of Commerce in session here Tuesday night unanimously endorsed the report and recommendations of the Inter-City Survey Commission, as well as the action of the two town boards in connection with the consolidation of Waynesville and Hazelwood. The unanimous action of the board, together with adoption of other major projects, created an atmosphere of optimism following the successful report of the membership committee. Harry A. Bourne, chairman, reported \$7,830 pledged, with over \$5,000 in cash paid in, and a potential \$3,000 yet to be worked. Mr. Bourne said the committees working on memberships would continue their work for a few more weeks as several major projects, including one for agriculture, and one for industry now looms up, and the additional money will be needed for the promotion of these projects. Carl Henry, chairman of advertising, said that a contract had been let for placing literature of the organization in 90 important key points about the Eastern Seaboard. He also told briefly of another piece of literature in the making for promoting tourist travel, as (See Merger—Page 6)

### Hospital Bids Set April 17

April 17th at two o'clock will be a red letter day for the Haywood county hospital. That is the date and time the bids will be opened for construction of the \$760,000 addition to the institution. It was announced today by Lee Davis, administrator, and Charles C. Francis, chairman of the Board of Commissioners. The final plans were approved in Raleigh this week, and the advertising for bids has started. Under provision of the law, the contractors have from now until April 17th to get their bids in for the building. Haywood citizens voted \$225,000 in bonds for the expansion and equipment, with the state and federal agencies putting up the remainder of the costs.

### Jackson Man Shot Near Saunook; In 'Fair' Condition

Robert Hance, 35, was reported in a "fair condition" at the Haywood County Hospital this morning. He is suffering from a .38 calibre bullet which entered his face just to the left of his nose, and embedded under the skin under his right ear, according to Sheriff Fred Y. Campbell. Wilburn Connard, 60, is being held in the Haywood jail, charged with assault and intent to kill. Sheriff Campbell said a hearing in the case is dependent upon the condition of Hance. Sheriff Campbell said Hance was shot in the home of Connard, near Saunook, about 6:30 Wednesday. Hance left the house and went about 100 yards up a path, where he was picked up and brought to the hospital. Connard was arrested by Sheriff Campbell soon afterwards. From evidence, the officer said there had previously been trouble between the two families. No other details were available. Hance is from Jackson county. Both men are farmers.

## Merchants To Learn Of Price Control On Friday

### Scout Drive Is Nearing Quota, Reports Colkitt

All dry goods merchants interested in hearing the regulations relative to price control, under the "Office of Price Stabilization" will meet Friday night, 7:30, at the court house. (Also furniture stores). Copies of the regulations, covering some fifty pages were received by J. B. Siler, clerk of court here Wednesday. Paul Davis, president of the Merchants Association, announced the meeting, and said Charles E. Ray, and others, would present the regulations. Mr. Ray told the Mountaineer that due to the press of other duties, he could not accept the appointment as chairman of the price control committee. Several hundred boys enjoy the facilities at the camp each summer. Mr. Colkitt said the membership drive in Canton with a quota of \$1,750 is due to be brought to a close this week, as is the drive here.

With reports due from three committees, Ben Colkitt, general chairman of the adult membership drive of Boy Scouts said this morning that he was sure the quota of \$1,580 would be met. The annual membership drive is being sponsored by the Rotary Club. Mr. Colkitt, district chairman of camping, said that plans were to restore the lake at Camp Daniel Boone on East Fork this spring in time for the summer camping season.

## Adequate School Funds Sought By School Heads

Members of school boards of the Western district are pledged to rally support of a progressive state school program. This action came

in a general meeting of the district association here Wednesday, following an address by D. Hiden Ramsey, of Asheville, vice-chairman of the State Board of Education. The members re-elected their officers for the year, and entered a round-table discussion of school problems, with Bruce Drysdale, of Hendersonville, leading. A. J. Hutchins, of Canton, acted as master of ceremonies at the luncheon at the Towne House. Mr. Ramsey pointed out that the budget of the State School Board was "not bloated"; neither was it watered. "We only sought (See Schools—Page 6)

### Water System Is Supplying Million Gallons Daily

The harder the rain, the worse the headache for Bradford McHaffey, Waynesville's superintendent of water. Just off hand it would appear that this first statement was in reverse, but you'll always find the head of the water department happier in long dry season—it means less filtering, and not as many hours of hard work. Few people know much about the water system here. In the first place, the watershed is a restricted area, as is the filtering plant, chlorinating house, and reservoirs. That of necessity, means that few people have had the opportunity of seeing first-hand just what it takes to operate the system, and provide one million gallons of pure water daily for this community. In order to start the story at the beginning, it will be well to (Continued on page 1, Sec. 2)

### Sheriff Has 'Property' For Owner

There is a lost item awaiting the owner at the sheriff's office. It is worth a number of dollars, and made of a scarce metal—solid copper. Although slightly muddled, and bent in several places, the purpose of the piece of mechanism is none the worse for wear. The 35-gallon still belongs to "someone" who was apparently moving it from one point to another, and hid it in a ditch on Big Branch. The still would probably not have been discovered if it had not been for a wayward hog. The hog broke out of its pen, and as the owner started in search for the porker, he ran across an object in a ditch covered with bur-lap bags. An investigation revealed the 35-gallon copper still. Sheriff Campbell was called, and the contraption was hauled into his office, and put under lock and key. "The owner will be welcomed to our office any time," the Sheriff said. Just what would happen should anyone identify and claim the still was not learned.

## Board Of Equalization To Meet Here On Monday

Beginning Monday, March 19, the Haywood County Board of Commissioners will hold sessions as a Board of Equalization and Review of real estate valuation. The Board will meet at the commissioner's office in the Court House in Waynesville to examine the tax list of each township and to hear any complaints regarding real estate assessments. During the week of March 19 to 24, complaints will be heard from the various townships. From March 26 through April 11 the Board will view the premises and make adjustment of complaints. The schedule for March 19-24 is as follows: Monday, March 19 — Ivy Hill, Jonathan Creek, White Oak, and Cataloochee Townships. Tuesday, March 20 — Fines Creek, Crabtree, and Iron Duff Townships. Wednesday, March 21 — Pigeon, East Fork, and Cecil Townships. Thursday, March 22 — Waynesville Township. Friday and Saturday, March 23 and 24 — Beaverdam and Clyde Townships.

### \$15,000 Additional Timber Sold From Town Watershed

The town board has given a contract to Powell Lumber Company to cut an additional \$50,000 feet of timber of the Bald Creek area of the watershed. The contract calls for payment of \$16,000. The contract is the same price scale as the company paid for a similar tract on the same creek. Town officials said. Since the company already had roads into the area, and were prepared to continue operations, the extended contract was on the same basis as the existing contract. The timber is being cut along specifications as recommended by TVA and the U. S. Forestry Service. (See Timber—Page 6)

## School Leaders Discuss Appropriations



Adequate funds for schools, was the topic of discussion here Wednesday by the District School Association at the Towne House. Shown here, left to right, are Bruce Drysdale, Hendersonville, leader of the discussion; A. J. Hutchins, Canton, chairman; D. Hiden Ramsey, Asheville, vice-chairman State Board of Education, and speaker of the meeting, H. Bueck, Murphy, member state school survey commission. About 25 attended the meeting. (Staff Photo).

## Coble To Buy Grade C Milk; Starting Friday

### Wellco Employees Give \$429 To Red Cross Campaign

A potential monthly income of between \$10,000 and \$15,000 for the county's producers of Grade C milk is the outcome of Wednesday's meeting of milk producers and other interested persons. The meeting was sponsored by the Community Development Dairy Commission. Delmar Thompson, field man for Coble Dairy Products Company discussed the purchase of milk of 4.7 butter fat content, and producers are scheduled to begin selling to this company on Friday, March sixteenth. Persons interested in joining the program are asked to contact the county agent's office. For the present, milk will be hauled to the Coble condenser at Murphy, but Mr. Thompson stated that should volume warrant, the company might put in a sub-station at Waynesville. The Commission hopes by this summer to get up an average of 10,000 to 15,000 pounds a day. Others taking part in the discussion were Frank M. Davis, chairman of the Dairy Commission; James Kirkpatrick, president of the Haywood County Milk Producers Association; and Wayne Corpening County Agent.

### Prisoner Sets Fire To Mattress In County Jail

A 22-year-old prisoner set fire to his mattress in jail here Wednesday morning, and filled the cells with thick stifling smoke. The burning cotton was discovered by officers, who stuffed the smoldering material in garbage cans and carried it outside. The prisoner was in jail on a charge of being drunk. Officers searched the prisoner, but failed to find a book of matches in his sock. No damage was done other than the two mattresses destroyed. The prisoner will replace those, the officers said.

### Livestock Would Be Registered Prior To Sales

A state-wide measure making it mandatory to register all livestock prior to sale at auction was introduced by Representative Oral L. Yates while the General Assembly was in session in New Bern Wednesday. The bill calls for registering weight, color, sex, markings, and ownership of all cattle sold at auction. The seller would have to sign the registry books. "I wanted to introduce a bill in the former capitol of the state, and since it had been 157 years since a bill was presented there, I took the advantage of the trip on Wednesday," Representative Yates said. The bill is designed to protect cattle owners, he pointed out.

### Where Credit Is Due

The picture of the group of Girl Scouts, as published on page one of section three, was made by Joe Davis, of Joe's Studio, Hazelwood. The credit line is missing under the photograph, but nevertheless, the photograph was made by him, and he deserves full credit for the work. So, thanks to Joe's Studio.

## March Lamb Needs Thick Wool Coat; Mercury At 21

At the half-way mark the March lamb is beginning to show signs of turning into a lion. Two weeks ago he made his modest appearance, and for about ten days behaved himself in a way to make his mother proud of him. Now it looks as though he's starting to take after the other side of the family. From necessity he has grown a second shaggy coat and a long thick mane to keep his neck warm this freezing weather. Because he's young yet, he

### Hallett Ward, Sr. In Hospital

Hallett S. Ward, Sr. entered the Haywood County Hospital Tuesday for treatment. He was reported to be better this morning. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Prevost have as their guest, Mrs. Charles Burn of Charleston, S. C.

### Upper Crabtree To Send Men In Service The Paper

Upper Crabtree makes it three of a kind in sending subscriptions to the Mountaineer to its men in service. This decision was part of the business of the Community Annual meeting last week. White Oak and Francis Cove were the first communities to make this arrangement.

Max. Min. Rainfall

46	39	.08
43	30	.27
31	21	

## Delights Of The News

**Anniversary**  
March 18, marks the birth of Dr. Tom Stringfield, a physician, a member of the oldest citizens' club, and one of the county's oldest citizens. He was born and has lived here.

**Birthdays**  
Speaking of birthdays, the date of the birth of the late W. L. Kirkpatrick, another physician, and native of Waynesville.

**Reminiscence**  
It has been mentioned here before, but Dr. "Kirk" made much ado about St. Patrick's Day — March 17 — and pointed out that this anniversary was in celebration of the following day. Back to Dr. Tom, there are people who can recite more facts, or details of games played for three Universities — Trinity, University of Carolina, and Vanderbilt. A former Army man, he the Cadets of West Point. Keeps him a busy man each year with his four teams to watch, in his "own Mountain."

## Cut Spelling

Sam has some nephews who like to learn something about the history of the county according to H. C. Wilcox, county agent, on local historical interest.

**Biological**  
Biological survey maps including the Eagle Nest as one of the landmarks. Throughout all the county, and official documents, the use of spelling is used.

## Dawn Patrol

Telephone in the sheriff's office rang at the crack of dawn and an excited voice on the other end of the line said: "Please hurry right down here. Sheriff Campbell tried to learn. Hurry, I'll tell you when here. Sheriff lost no time in getting up. As he walked in the door, he met a woman with her coat on. "Here take this," she said as she handed over a small package.

**Assistant**  
Assistant sheriff looked puzzled when the hurrying woman said: "I don't move fast. I'll miss what do you think I call for?"

**Light**  
Light come on, I'll take you to the station—but never say you see with the sheriff. I don't want to get in a taxi.

## Confederate Battle Flag Fly Again On Soco

Confederate battle flag will be again seen—on Soco Gap. Plaintiff's Grail. Griswold, a former Yankee, confirmed "son of the South" appealed to Sheriff Campbell recently for a Confederate battle flag. The sheriff in turn, gave maintenance the appeal story. From far and near, they rolled in, and Mr. Griswold to have an ample supply of Confederate flags.

**W. A. Hyatt**, an authority on Confederate flag, and ownership assortment, is providing Griswold with the large Confederate battle flag to fly along the highway and stripes in front of his business.

**Other** flags will be used inside the house for purposes—none for sale. There are in keeping alive the memory of those who fought for freedom," he said, "and for the reason, I want to display

## CLLOUDY

Thursday, March 15 — Partly cloudy and some warmer Thursday.

Waynesville temperature recorded by the staff of the Mountain Farm:



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46	39	.08
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**Highway Record For 1951 In Haywood (To Date)**  
**Killed . . . . 0**  
**Injured . . . . 8**  
(This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol.)