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TODAY'S SMILE
Policeman, addressing man in barrel: "My lands, where are you going in that get up? You a poker player?"
Man in barrel: "I'm not, but I spent the night with a bunch of fellows who were."

Rep. Yates Still Holds Out Merger Bill

Mayors Again Urge Yates To Pass Merger

Mayors Of Both Towns Sent Yates Sharp Letter

A sharply-worded two-page letter left here today to Representative Oral L. Yates, urging him to seek immediate passage of the merger bill. The letter was signed by Mayor J. H. Way, of Waynesville, and Mayor Clyde Fisher, of Hazelwood.

The two mayors urged Representative Yates to approve passage of the merger bill, and no longer hold it up in the House. The two town officials pointed out that the merger bill and education bill were separate matters, and in no way connected. The letter added—"we do not believe that there is any precedent in legislative history, or procedure to support your position. The letter in full, is as follows:

"Through statements you have given the press, and further statements you have made to various persons you have indicated that you propose to prevent passage by the present Legislature of the bill designed to permit the citizens of Waynesville and Hazelwood to determine 'by vote' whether or not they will merge. This same bill you have been officially requested by the Mayors and the Boards of Hazelwood and Waynesville to have passed by the Legislature.

"You, yourself, have introduced this bill in the House, and we understand that it has been referred to the House Committee on County, Cities and Towns. Senator Medford introduced this same bill in the Senate which has passed it and sent it to the House for action.

"The statements which you have made indicate that you do not propose to permit its passage by the House unless you secure from Senator Medford and others, co-operation in the support of your bill to add two members to the County Board of Education.

"By joint action herewith, the Towns of Waynesville and Hazelwood request you further to immediately secure passage by the House of the Hazelwood-Waynesville bill in the form in which it has been passed by the Senate.

"There is no relationship whatever between the Hazelwood-Waynesville bill and the educational measure. Neither Town, as such, has expressed itself on the educational measure. Nor do they propose to do so, as it is not a matter for which the Towns have official responsibility.

"In the event that the Hazelwood-Waynesville bill fails to pass this Legislature, the responsibility will be fully and clearly yours. You will have denied to the citizens of the two Towns their right to vote on a matter of vital concern to them, and to them alone.

"The predicament in which the two towns will be left will be one for which you personally will be responsible, but one for which you can offer no remedy for you will be

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Members N.C. News Bureau Come Here For Facts



Six members of the State News Bureau stopped here Saturday on a trip throughout the area, gathering information about this area. The group met with civic leaders here, and had coffee and doughnuts at the Elks Club before continuing their trip west. Left to right: Mrs. Gordon Schenck, secretary Chamber of Commerce; Arnold Crisp, of the highway department; Charles Parker, director State News Bureau; Miss Doris Poole, Mrs. Edith P. Alley, secretary Park commission; Dave Felmet, president Chamber of Commerce; Mrs. Edith Young, Charles E. Ray, chairman of Park Commission; Miss Evelyn Covington, and Mrs. Mildred Mosley. Standing in back, Sebastin Summerville, News Bureau photographer, and Joe Casobello, manger Elks Club. (Staff Photo)

Dr. Hilton To Address Haywood Groups 3 Days

Dr. J. H. Hilton, dean of agriculture at State College, will be heard in a number of county meetings scheduled to be held in various sections during the week.

Civic organizations of Canton, Clyde, Waynesville and Hazelwood, will be represented at two banquet meetings scheduled for the Champion YMCA, Thursday and Friday night, March 29 and 30 at 7:30. The men's civic organizations of these towns will meet on Thursday night, and ladies' groups on Friday night.

At 12:30 Friday a similar meeting will be held at Clyde for ministers of the county, and on Saturday, Dr. Hilton will address a county-wide rural gathering at the courthouse. The meeting will begin at 10:30. Music will be furnished by the Waynesville high school band, and by a chorus from Canton high school under the direction of Ronald Muench.

The directors of the Chamber of Commerce voted recently to attend the meeting in a body.

About 200 are expected to hear Dr. Hilton on Thursday night. His message will be of special interest

To Make 4 Talks



DR. J. H. HILTON, dean of agriculture, State College, will make four addresses in Haywood this week-end. He will use as his subject, "Haywood Today, and Tomorrow."

Is Asking Support On Education Board Bill

Rep. Oral L. Yates said here this morning that he plans to fight passage of the merger bill just as long as Senator William Medford opposes adding two members to the Haywood Board of Education.

"The minute Senator Medford agrees to go along with my education board bill, then I will do everything in my power to get the merger bill enacted into law," Rep. Yates said emphatically.

"Adding two members to the Haywood Board of Education is my major legislation; I am being urged more and more each day to do this. Since the meeting of the Democratic precinct chairman on March 17th, I have had telegrams, letters, or personal visits from 19 of the 28 chairmen asking that I continue my fight for adding two members to the board."

Rep. Yates added in the state omnibus bill, the names of Cauley Rogers, and Jarvis H. Caldwell to the three men who were elected last year. They were J. Leitch Worley, James W. Killian and Coleman Francis. Rep. Yates plans to introduce a bill providing for the election of a five-member board just as soon as the present proposal is cleared. The proposed bill, he said, would set Killian and Worley up on a six-year term; Francis for four years, and Rogers and Caldwell for two years.

"The reason I am proposing to put Killian and Worley on a six-year basis is that from the state school bond money, the \$347,000 in Haywood has been proposed to be spent in Waynesville and Hazelwood district. For that reason I am proposing to name Killian and Worley for the five-year term," he concluded.

The bill proposing the addition of two members on the school board is slated to clear the House committee Tuesday, and go to the Senate later for a similar hearing. On March 30th, Rep. Yates and Senator Medford introduced identical bills in their respective chambers of the General Assembly calling for the merger of Waynesville and Hazelwood with provisions for a vote.

"The bill in both houses went to committees on counties, cities and towns."

The Senate committee reported the Medford bill favorably, and the bill passed the House yesterday, and was sent to the House.

In the meantime, Rep. Yates asked the chairman of the House committee on counties, cities and towns, to "displace" his bill, and

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Two Homes Burn In Haywood Over Easter Week-End

Chief Clem Fitzgerald reported this morning that the Waynesville Fire Department had an active week-end.

The department answered two calls over the week-end.

The first call was Saturday night around 7:00 o'clock.

The home of James Messer in the Ninevah section, was completely demolished when the first truck arrived.

There are no phones in that section and the call was brought to the station by a man in his car.

The second call came Sunday morning at 7:30 o'clock.

The call was from Clyde for help in extinguishing a fire at the home of Mack Fisher.

This fire caused a large loss, but no estimate as to the amount was made by the chief.

Wellco Officials Praised For Expanding Facilities

Officials of the Chamber of Commerce received the news of the expansion of Wellco Shoe Corporation with "great enthusiasm" according to a letter signed by Dave Felmet, president, and sent to H. W. Rollman, president of Wellco.

Mr. Rollman announced Thursday the addition of a new department, and employment of some 200 people—90 per cent women—for the new type shoe for a national market.

The letter sent to Mr. Rollman by Mr. Felmet was as follows:

"The announcement on last Thursday of the expansion of Wellco Shoe Corporation is received in this community with great enthusiasm! It is an indication of the progressiveness of our local industries and the excellence of the management of these industries.

"The present Board of the Chamber of Commerce is pleased with the progress made by your company, and with your contribution to our community growth. We have been working toward finding a new outlet for our labor supply, only to have you furnish that outlet.

"We offer our cooperation in any way possible, and wish for you every success and continued growth in our community."

OPS Regulations To Be Explained At Meeting Wed.

All merchants dealing in wearing apparel, and furniture, together with operators of restaurants, hotels and eating places in general, are to meet in Bryson City, Wednesday at two o'clock. At that time, J. K. Ward, of the Charlotte office OPS will explain regulation No. 7 and 11. No. 7 deals with wearing apparel and furniture, while regulation 11 deals with hotels and boarding houses.

The Waynesville Merchants Association is working with officials on the meeting, which will be held in the auditorium of the Swain High School.

Further details can be had from Mrs. Gordon Schenck, secretary, at the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Francis, of Ratcliffe Cove, has as their guests last week, the latter's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Shober, and children, of Monroeville, N. J.

Judge Alley Holds That 'Public Humiliation' Would Help Curb Crimes

Judge Felix E. Alley is still an ardent believer that the public whipping post would help curb crime.

The veteran judge a great believer in mercy, also believes that cash is too easy to get, and provides a means of "paying off fines" too easily.

"The violators of the law would think twice before committing the offense rather than undergo public shame, such as a whipping in public," Judge Alley said.

And right here Judge Alley emphasized the fact that our present laws or methods of punishment do not take care of repeaters—those who are continuously up for the same violations.

"I remember once, when Judge Shaw was holding court here, that a young Negro man from Asheville was being tried for some minor offense. During the course of the trial, the boy's father, an outstanding colored citizen, was called to the bench. Then Judge Shaw ordered the father to take the young man back of the court house and administer a good sound thrashing.

"The father's face beamed at the instructions from the judge, and then told Judge Shaw, 'I've been wanting to do this for a long, long time.'"

Judge Alley also points out that our present system is lax in providing adequate punishment for children. Officials now finding a delinquent child on their hands for violation of a law are almost helpless. "Of course we all know that juvenile delinquency usually starts back in the home," Judge Alley recalled.

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Hendersonville Keeping Eye On WNC Town Rating

Hendersonville is discussing expanding their city limits, which would make the city the second largest in Western North Carolina, with a population of about 10,000.

The Times-News pointed out in a page one article that should Waynesville and Hazelwood consolidate, it would give the new Waynesville a population of 1,009 more than the present 1950 census shows for Hendersonville.

The official figures for Waynesville is 5,288; Hazelwood 1,781; and for Hendersonville 6,061.

The citizens of Hendersonville would vote in the extension of the city limits in the event the officials decide to call the election.

Iron Duff Area Featured Today

Today's pictorial farm and home pages features Iron Duff Community. There are four pages in the second section with pictures of the Iron Duff community.

Next Monday the feature will be about Francis Cove.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Brooks, of Fort Mead, Florida, spent the Easter holidays with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Reeves Noland of Ratcliffe Cove, Mrs. Brooks is the former Miss Edith Noland, and is at present physical education instructor in Fort Mead.

Interest In Making Model Planes Grows Until Local Man Now Outstanding Pilot

The little boy who kept teasing his father and mother to get him the materials for making model planes has won his wings and is adding new luster to them as the youngest jet pilot in the 27th Fighter Group of F-84 Thunder-jets.

Lt. James Leroy West, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter West of Canton, Route 1, is now in Korea. With 55 missions to his credit, he has automatically been assigned to ground duty until April, when he will rejoin his squadron. He is, however, right there where the planes are roaring overhead—he is assigned as a forward air controller on the front lines.

Maybe fifteen years ago, (he's 23 now), at the age when little boys have to have toy fire engines and dump trucks and airplanes, "Jackie's" mother says he just concentrated on planes. A trip to town meant a chance to add a new plane to his squadron. As soon as he was old enough to handle the glue and the razor blades, he switched

Seaman Sparks Aboard Ship Being Repaired

John W. Sparks, seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sparks of Route 1, is serving aboard the destroyer USS Collett now at the Puget Sound Navy Yard, Bremerton, Wash., undergoing overhaul repairs from battle damage received in the Korean combat zone.

The Collett participated in the landing operation and shelling of Inchon and other areas along the Korean coast.

Luther Shaw, student at Mars Hill College, spent the Easter week-end with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Luther Shaw, of Hazelwood.

Perfect Weather Greeted Haywood Easter Paraders

Perfect Easter weather, together with a perfect record on the highways, and record-breaking crowds at churches, marked Sunday for Haywood county.

Many citizens began the day by going to sunrise services. Some 400 attended the Junaluska service, and about 1,200 at Mountaintop Theatre, in Cherokee.

Officers reported about 15 arrests over the week-end and business at the court house was suspended for today, as well as the banks of the county. The sheriff's office was open as usual, with C. C. Francis, chairman of the board, keeping his office open today. The county agents office, and AAA were also operating under their usual Monday program.

The mercury hovered about the freezing point for the early sunrise worshippers, and the weather stayed brisk for the entire day.

H. L. Boyd Is Recalled To Air Force

H. L. Boyd, Jr., of Atlanta has been recalled to duty with the Army Air Force and will report for duty in Cambridge Mass., tomorrow. He will have his former rank of captain and has been assigned to electronics research.

Capt. Boyd has been given a leave of absence from Georgia Tech where he has been professor of Industrial Engineering since his discharge at the close of World War II.

Capt. and Mrs. Boyd and their son, Ernest Withers Boyd, have been here for several days with Mrs. Boyd's mother, Mrs. Ernest Withers. Mrs. Boyd accompanied her husband to Cambridge yesterday and expects to return to Waynesville in a week.

Much Interest Shown In 32 Baptist Revivals

Revivals in 32 Haywood Baptist churches began on Sunday, as part of the South-Wide series of meetings. Many of the churches plan a two-week meeting, and others one week.

Attendance and interest were reported as above expectations by the majority of churches this morning.

Speakers at the various churches are as follows:

Allens Creek, Rev. G. E. SCRUGES, pastor.

Barbersville, M. H. Kendal, Mars Hill, preaching; Rev. Jarvis Brock, pastor.

Bethel, Rev. C. L. Bissett, pastor, will do the preaching.

Burnettside, Rev. Joe Williams pastor announced Rev. C. V. Brown to conduct meeting.

Calvary, Rev. Ed Stevens, of Fredericksburg, Va., to do the preaching; Rev. Ben Lee Ray, pastor.

Canton First, Dr. Phil Elliott, of

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LT. JAMES LEROY WEST to building his own model planes. Even model planes couldn't (See Lt. West—Page 5)

Highway Record For 1951 In Haywood (To Date) Killed . . . 0 Injured . . . 9 (This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol.)

CLOUDY

March 26 — Increasing clouds and warmer Monday, partly cloudy and a little rain.

Max.	Min.	Rainfall
59	17	...
70	34	...
65	42	...
53	20	...

Waynesville temperature recorded by the staff of the Test Farm: