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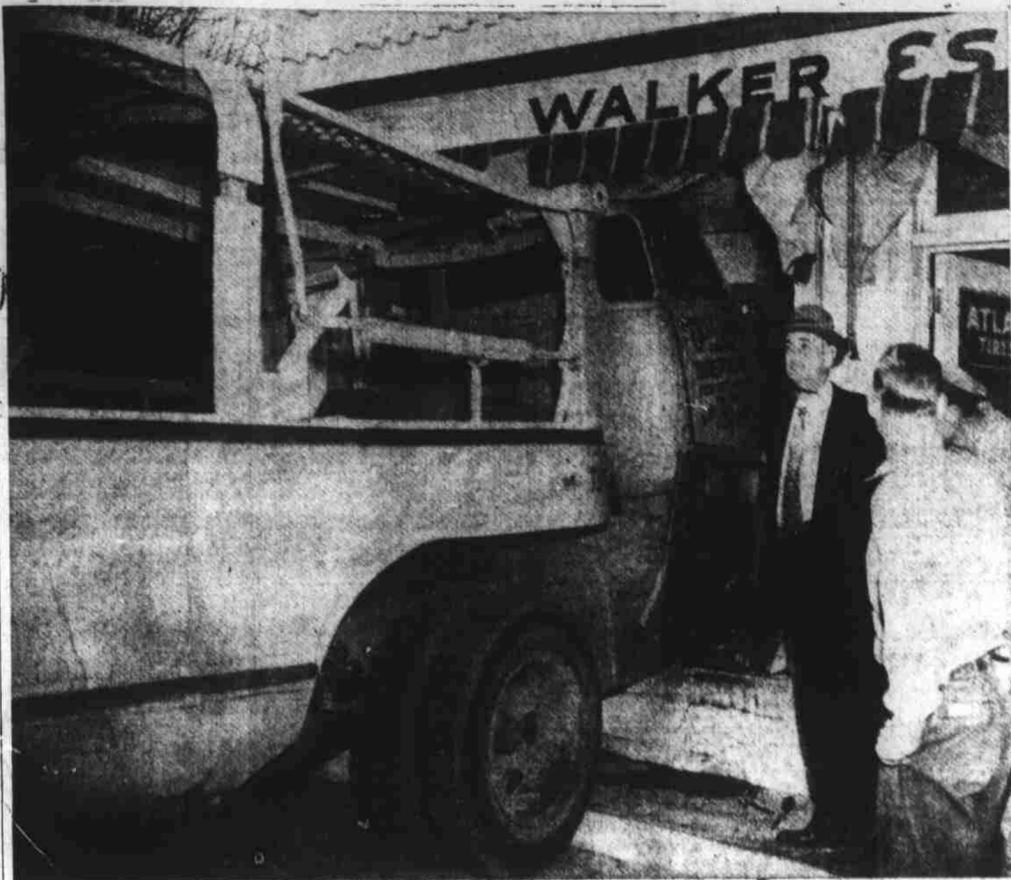
WAYNESVILLE, N. C., MONDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 2, 1951

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TODAY'S SMILE

Speaking of the wisdom of a serpent, perhaps comes from the fact that you can't pull its leg.

Large Run-Away Transport Truck Crashed Into Local Service Station



Several persons had a narrow escape about 9:30 this morning as a runaway transport truck rolled recklessly down Haywood Street, and crashed into the Walker Esso Service Station. The truck rolled from the Howell Motor Company, a block up the hill, where a load of new cars had just been discharged. Total damage had not been determined this morning, but both truck and building were severely damaged. Another picture will be found on page six. (Staff Photo.)

Run-Away Vehicle Does Much Damage

A speeding run-away transport truck miraculously swerved at a busy intersection about 9:30 this morning to miss all traffic, before crashing into the Walker Esso station at the corner of Depot and Haywood streets.

The large transport trailer had just unloaded a cargo of new cars at the Howell Motor Company. The driver, Oscar Kermit Lawton, of Gate City, Mich., had gone inside the motor firm to get the delivery sheet signed, when the driverless vehicle started rolling down the steep Haywood hill.

The vehicle knocked down a sign at the Spur Station, and witnesses said for a moment it looked as if the truck might miss the station, but as it struck the curb, it turned and rammed through the plate glass window of the station.

Clayton Walker, owner of the station, was inside working on some papers, and glanced up just as the speeding vehicle crossed the sidewalk and crashed through the glass. A flying piece of glass cut his nose.

Allen Smathers, who owns a garage across the street, was parking his car when he noticed the empty transport rumbolling down the street. He ran out in an attempt to board the vehicle and steer it down the street to safety, but the speed, and close quarters caused him to seek safety from flying glass.

D. Reeves Noland was traveling up Depot Street and noticed the transport bounding recklessly. Although he had a green light, Mr. Noland slammed on his brakes and stopped in order to let the large yellow transport pass.

As soon as the truck struck the building, smoke began to bill from the motor, which was not running. The fire department responded, and with the use of chemicals, prevented a record-breaking event. (See Truck—Page 6)

This Year Big Ramp Convention Set May 13

The recent rains, warm sunny days have proven ideal for the millions of ramps high in the mountains. This comes from an authority on the subject, none other than Clarence Medford, secretary of the Haywood Ramp Convention.

And when ramps begin to show signs of becoming abundant, the officers of the Ramp Convention then begin to make plans for the annual meeting at Black Camp Gap.

The warm days last week, and samples of the little wild bulb, brought the officers together, and they decided that according to the moon, tides, present maturity of ramps, that everything would be just right for the 21st annual convention on Sunday, May 13th.

Dapper Thad Eure, secretary of state, the annual guest speaker has cleared his calendar of all conflicting dates to attend, and make the annual speech from atop the platform overlooking the Park, as thousands gather around to listen and eat ramps, fried eggs, and drink black coffee.

Letters from many distant states are already beginning to flow in to Mr. Medford, secretary, asking for the latest information regarding the convention.

Charles Parker, of the State News Bureau, called from Raleigh, seeking information, because he was being queried about the event. The convention always attracts hundreds of people and this year the officials, headed by J. N. "Riek" Powell, president, together with Mr. Medford, plan to make it a record-breaking event.

Merger Bill Scheduled For Early Enactment

Indications Are That Merger Bill Will Become Final This Week-End.

Legislative observers predict the merger bill, which would authorize consolidation of Waynesville and Hazelwood, will become a law by the end of the week.

The present schedule is for the bill to clear the House on the final reading on Tuesday, then go back to the senate for approval of amendments as made in the House relative to salaries. The salary schedule was changed to the present rate of pay received by Waynesville officials—Aldermen \$480 per year, and \$960 for the mayor, who also serves as judge of police court.

Senator William Medford said the Senate would readily approve the slight changes made as to salaries when the bill comes to the upper house.

It takes about two or three days for the bills to pass through the necessary legislative machinery, and be enrolled, and officially ratified.

The bill provides that voters of either town can petition their board of aldermen for a vote on the question within 15 days after ratification. The election would be held within five days.

Rep. Oral L. Yates appeared before the House committee on Counties, cities and towns on Friday morning and urged that the bill be reported favorably and expedited as early as possible to clear all three readings.

Seven from here were in Raleigh, and conferred with the Haywood members of the General Assembly. The group attended the committee session, but did not participate in urging the committee to expedite the bill, as this was done by Rep. Yates.

Praises County Farm Achievements



Dr. J. H. Hilton, dean of Agriculture of State College, is shown as he addressed 160 men of Haywood last Thursday night at the Canton Y. Shown looking on, left to right: Charles Woodard, president, Waynesville Jaycees; George Howard Trostel, president, Canton Y's Men's Club, and L. C. Hall, Canton American Legion. Other pictures on Page 4. (Photo by Deaton for The Mountaineer.)

Haywood Making Liberal Contribution To Farming With Community Program

2 Civic Meetings Voted For Man Of This County

The civic leaders of Haywood will have a countywide meeting twice a year, according to the unanimous decision of the 160 attending the dinner meeting in Canton Thursday night.

Dave Felmet, president of the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce, suggested such a plan, and William Shull, president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce seconded the idea, and the plan carried 100 per cent.

The feeling was that the more the civic leaders of the county got together, the easier it would be to understand mutual problems, and attain greater achievements.

The meeting will be held here sometime during the fall.

Tourist Association Meets Wednesday

The Haywood County Tourist Association will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday night, April 4, at 8 o'clock. All persons who are interested in furnishing lodging to tourists are urged to attend. The meeting will be held in the Commissioners' Room at the Courthouse in Waynesville.

Heislner Transferred

Pfc. Matthew G. Heislner of Route 1, Waynesville, has just been transferred to the 123rd Fighter Bomber Wing at Goodman Air Force Base, Kentucky. He was recalled to active duty last October. Heislner is married to the former Miss Vieta Inman of Waynesville. They have one son, Matthew Randy, age 7 months.

M. E. Davis Will Be Installed As Elk Ruler Tuesday

M. E. (Tony) Davis will be installed as exalted ruler of the Waynesville Lodge No. 1769, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks at ceremonies in the Elks' Hall tomorrow night at 8 o'clock. He will succeed Alvin T. Ward.

Other new officers to be installed are secretary Ralph E. Calhoun, esteemed leading knight, L. K. Barber; esteemed loyal knight, Kenneth Stahl; esteemed lecturing knight, James L. Kilpatrick; tiler, Orville Noland; treasurer, Joe Casabella; and trustee for three years, Fred Sheehan.

Jonathan Woody, past exalted ruler, will conduct the installation service.

Dr. J. H. Hilton Warm In Praise Of Program Being Carried On In Haywood.

The establishment of the Community Development Program in Haywood county is the most significant thing in agriculture in the Southern States. Dr. J. H. Hilton told four audiences in his praise of the leadership set by Haywood, as he addressed four groups here, starting with a civic group in Canton Thursday night of 160 civic leaders.

Friday noon he addressed the ministers of the county, that night the women civic leaders, and on Saturday a large audience at the court house.

"You have done a fine job here," he said, as he pointed to the far-flung program Haywood inaugurated three years ago.

"Do you appreciate the contribution Haywood is making to agriculture?" he asked.

"You have a practical, and profitable program at work. Your plan of exchanging trips of 4-H Club boys and girls with a similar group in Iowa was excellent. Your out-of-state tours are of tremendous educational value. I pay tribute to you for the remarkable job you are doing," the educator continued.

"The agricultural and industrial opportunities are unlimited, and while more agricultural progress has been made in the past ten years than in any prior 100 years, there remains much to be done. The people of Haywood are proving that such can be accomplished. Dr. Hilton struck at a six-point (See Dr. Hilton—Page 6)

More Than 200 People Sign To Give Blood 7th

Two Waynesville Authors Included In Information Dictionary

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — A new biographical and informational dictionary entitled "American Novelists of Today" includes among its roster of leading writers Mrs. Dorothy Grant, Waynesville, N. C.; Mrs. Caroline Miller Ray, Waynesville, N. C.

Masons To Confer Fellowcraft Degree

The Waynesville Lodge No. 259, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons will confer the Fellowcraft Degree at an Emergent Communication, Tuesday night at 8 o'clock on the second floor of the First National Bank building.

Thickety Meeting Set For Friday

The gate of the Thickety Community meeting has been moved up to this Friday, April 6, at 7:30 p. m. The meeting is one of the series on family and community life now being presented through the offices of the county and home agents.

Also on the program will be a discussion of the T.V.A. survey to be conducted in the area during the month of April.

High School Debaters Win First Place Honors

Margaret Reece and Mary Chase Hall, representing Waynesville High School in the Western North Carolina High School Triangle Debate, won first place in Brevard, and Danny McClure and Don Matney, also representing Waynesville High School lost their debate in Hendersonville.

Miss Reece and Hiss Hall had the negative side of the question: "Resolved: That the American People Should Reject the Welfare State." McClure and Matney were on the affirmative side.

The debate, which was taking place in the Hendersonville, Brevard, and Waynesville High Schools

Plans are nearly completed for the Red Cross Blood Recruitment day on Saturday, April 7, under the sponsorship of the Community Development Program. Some 200 donors have already been enrolled, with more pledges coming in daily.

Two units of the Bloodmobile will be in operation, one at the Courthouse in Waynesville and the other at the Bethel School. Dr. J. L. Reeves, of Canton, has taken the responsibility of staffing the Bethel unit with doctors; and Dr. Stuart Roberson, of Hazelwood, is in charge of recruiting the medical staff for Waynesville. The Canton Grey Ladies of the Red Cross will handle clerical and canteen work at Bethel; with the Waynesville Grey Ladies performing the same duties at the Courthouse.

Following is the schedule for the various communities which will donate at the two centers:

Time	Courthouse
8:40 to 9:00	Francis Cove.
9:00 to 9:30	Rateliffe Cove.
9:30 to 9:45	Allens Creek.
9:45 to 10:00	Saunook.
10:00 to 10:20	Jonathan Creek.
10:20 to 10:40	Iron Duff.
10:40 to 11:00	Upper Crabtree.
11:00 to 11:20	Lower Crabtree.
11:20 to 11:40	Fines Creek.
11:40 to 12:00	White Oak.
12:00 to 12:20	Panther Creek.
12:20 to 12:40	Lake Junaluska.
12:40 to 1:00	Dellwood.
1:00 to 1:20	Francis Cove.
1:20 to 1:40	Rateliffe Cove.
1:40 to 2:00	Allens Creek.
2:00 to 2:20	Saunook.
2:20 to 2:40	Jonathan Creek.
2:40 to 3:00	Iron Duff.
3:00 to 3:20	Upper Crabtree.
3:20 to 3:40	Lower Crabtree.
3:40 to 4:00	Fines Creek.
4:00 to 4:20	White Oak.
4:20 to 4:40	Panther Creek.

(See Blood—Page 6)

Dr. Hilton Warm In Praise Of Mountaineer Feature

"This is very interesting, and educational—I have never seen its equal in all my experiences," said Dr. J. H. Hilton of the Mountaineer's series of farm and home Pictorial pages which are featured each Monday.

"You are doing an unusual job in cooperating with agriculture, and promoting the community life which is so vital to the growth and progress of our state," Dr. Hilton said.

This project is so outstanding, that I want copies to take with me to personally present to Governor Scott. Dr. Clarence Poe, of the Progressive Farmer, and Gordon Gray, president of the Greater University of North Carolina. Dr. Hilton also plans to show copies to Dr. Potent, Baptist pastor of Raleigh.

Dr. Hilton was impressed with the amount of space, and the assortment of pictures which are being used in connection with the series covering each of Haywood's communities.

delights Of The News

Trodden

sale announced by today brings to mind which happened a years ago at a similar of women crowded and among them was. In the clamor of. Aunt Ida dropped book on the floor. As ed down to pick it up, she ed under a table, and was penned in for two

delights in telling her and her feelings during. She claims she counted crooked hose seams, and started pinching the legs. She had a lot of one shopper gave a lusty pinched. After that Aunt ed counting the crook- and bunions. of averages runs true, will be at this china sale under a table.

Wished Title

morning, Congressman." Rose as he approached a open Saturday morning in of the court house.

Queen smiled, extend- ed, and thanked Mr. Rose well-wished title."

een has been frequently d as a possible candidate Congress from the 12th west spring. In fact, the him to run has been stead- ing since the recent Rep. Monroe M. Redden run.

coming in from Washing- is to the fact that Rep. is definitely out of the per his original statement. meantime, Mr. Queen tells "is interested".

icit Of Someone

C Francis profited by of the farm meeting in ys than one Saturday As he started out he time in the aisle of the

etally showed it to the who lingered after the ing but sat on the other

was suggested that such would go into the general of the county, the chairman replied: "Just another case a talking too much about me — always someone to minimize it."

ating Learning

Sosa, a student from erica, and sponsored by ry Clubs of the district, address here recently, and e of his hosts a story which many a chuckle: as that there was a couple America who adopted a old baby. To the surprise friends, the baby was an ehild.

riend asked: "And just why adopt an American child, h of you are natives of

we have always wanted to speak English, so we maybe if we adopted a lit- rican boy he could teach the grew up."

String On Outside

a church advertises that string" is always outside urch. That, of course, is a interpretation of a genuine

of the matter, the latch the Shelton Laurel center Salvation Army is on the

front door is fastened with rope. building is available for any- ter, and while built on a distance from a house. ents of the building are not

one religious center that advocates the latch string outside, but puts the plan



CLOUDY

April 2 — Variable with rain, turning cool- ndy Monday and Monday Tuesday partly cloudy and

Waynesville tempera- recorded by the staff of the est Farm.

Max.	Min.	Rainfall
67	49	.57
61	42	.31
63	28	—
68	37	—