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TODAY'S SMILE

A boss is a man who is late when you are early, and early when you are late.

## \$200,000 Land Suit Being Tried In Court

Indications today were that the \$200,000 land lawsuit now being tried in the civil term of court here, would require all this week and two days next week. The suit got underway after noon Wednesday, and after the jury was drawn, the lawyers entered in the technical opening phases of the case of Davey Tree Company vs the State Highway Commission.

The suit involves 1,290 acres of property from Soco Gap towards Balsam Gap, which would be the right-of-way for the Blue Ridge Parkway. The Davey Tree Company is asking \$200,000 for the property, and damages sustained to adjoining property.

Attorneys for the Davey Tree concern point out that several tracts, of 500 and 800 acres each, are isolated from the main tract by the right-of-way.

Judge J. A. Rousseau is presiding at the term, which convened here Monday morning.

The law firm of Morgan and Ward, together with George H. Ward, of Asheville, is representing the defendants, while W. Roy Francis, and Frank Ferguson are assisting R. Brooks Peters, general counsel for the State Highway and Public Works Commission.

On Monday morning the court heard a number of non-contested divorce cases. Then the case of Sawyer vs Southern Railway, a \$30,000 suit, was non-suited. No recovery was made in the case of McElroy vs Shuler, which was the outgrowth of an automobile wreck.

## G. Williamson Wins Declamation Contest

George Williamson, speaking on "The New South," was winner of the Declamation Contest sponsored by the Haywood Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. The contest took place this morning at the Waynesville High School. T. L. Francis, delivering Daniel's "Robert E. Lee," was awarded second place.

Judges are quoted as saying that this was one of the finest contests to which they had ever listened, and that every speaker deserved at least honorable mention. The judges were Mrs. W. E. Carter, Mrs. T. Lenoir Gagny, and Mrs. H. L. Boyd.

Besides the first and second place winners, speakers were Richard Baker, Bobby Throver, Billy Bishop, Ted Rogers, Eugene Davis and Stuart Roberson.

Usually held in January on Lee-Jackson Day, the contest this year was postponed until Confederate Memorial Day.

Mrs. T. L. Gwyn returned Tuesday from Raleigh where she attended a meeting of the State Library Commission.

## Saturday Last Day For Hazelwood Voters To Register For Election

Saturday at six marks the end of registration for the merger election for the Town of Hazelwood. The registration books will close then, and all persons not properly registered will not be eligible to vote on the question of consolidating with Waynesville in the election of May 26th.

May 19 is challenge day, as prescribed by law.

Slightly more than 100 persons have registered since the books opened three weeks ago, according to Carrol Whitner, registrar.

## Lions Set For Annual Minstrel This Week-End

The 65 members of the Waynesville Lions Club will go into the "black" on Friday and Saturday nights in order that the club treasury for their numerous projects might come out of the "red."

The annual benefit minstrel will be given Friday and Saturday nights, at the high school, with past masters of the stage taking the leading roles in an all-home talent presentation of a full evening of entertainment.

Dr. Boyd Owen, Richard Bradley, Joe Cline, Joe Davis, Lester Burgin, Jr., and Wayne Franklin are the end men, with Herb Buchanan as interlocutor. These performers have on previous occasions

## Local Men Meet On Korean Battlefield



Pfc. Lewis W. Green (left) of Hazelwood, and Sgt. Frank B. Rickman, route one, met unexpectedly recently at the Fifth Air Force's 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, somewhere in Korea. They are shown here with the tools of their trade—switchboard equipment, and camera, respectively. Chances they are discussing old times back home, where they were schoolmates.

## Former Schoolmates Meet On Battlefield In Korea

WITH THE 67TH TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE WING IN KOREA, it took a Korean war, the Fifth Air Force, a truck load of telephone wire and a press camera to reunite two Waynesville Airmen, Sgt. Frank B. Rickman, route one, and Pfc. Lewis W. Green, Hazelwood, after a separation of nearly two and one-half years.

Sergeant Rickman, a photographer with the 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, and Private Green, a switchboard operator with a base communications unit, met under surprising conditions as the two came face to face in Korea.

Sergeant Rickman, on a photographic assignment near the communications area, was about to enter a restricted vehicle containing intricate switchboards and webbed antennas when Green, weighted down with ear phones and mouth piece, intercepted him at the door.

"Sorry buddy, no admittance," Green said, not realizing that one of his former schoolmates stood before him. Then they recognized each other and after an exchange of greetings, began discussing school days back in Waynesville. (See Schoolmates—Page 8)

Almost daily, some people are finding that they are not registered in the Town of Hazelwood poll book. Many voters fail to realize that there are two sets of poll books at the Hazelwood precinct—a county book, and a town book. Only persons properly registered in the town book will be eligible to vote on the 26th, it was explained.

The machinery for the election was set up in the bill passed by the legislature in April.

Models include Ben Phillips, Charlie Reed, Dwight Williams, Henry Davis, Johnny Schell, Howell Crawford, and Joe Palmer. Reviews of the modeling indicates a "hearty laugh a step" for each of the participants.

Soloists include Jack Felmet, M. E. "Tony" Davis, Johnny Cuddeback, Charles Isley, and Charles Woodard.

## R. B. Hopple Dies At 81 In Florida

Richard B. Hopple, 81, summer resident of Waynesville for the past 35 years, died last Friday at his home in St. Petersburg, Florida.

He was a native of Covington, Kentucky and a graduate of Chestnut Academy and the University of Pennsylvania. He had lived in St. Petersburg since 1907 and was engaged in the citrus business.

Private services were held Saturday afternoon at Wilhelm-Booth Chapel in St. Petersburg with the Rev. Arnold Charnock officiating. Interment was in Lexington, Ky.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Margaret Winston Hopple; a sister, Mrs. Julia Hopple Purcell, both of St. Petersburg; and two nephews, James Hopple Purcell of St. Petersburg, and Woodson Nicholas Purcell of Largo, Florida.

## Fried Ramps And Scrambled Eggs



Scenes like this will dot the countryside at Black Camp Gap Sunday, as the 22nd annual Ramp Convention convenes. Hundreds of bushels of ramps will be available, and a crowd of 10,000 is predicted.

# Inquiries About Section Far More Than Same Time In 1950

## Stone Named New Mayor Of Canton

Canton's newly elected municipal officers were sworn in yesterday after a race which drew a record number of voters to the polls. W. J. (Bill) Stone defeated incumbent Floyd W. Woody for the post of mayor. Henry Seaman and J. N. (Dick) Powell were successful candidates for the board of aldermen. Seaman received 1,165 votes from the total of 1,740 who went to the polls, thus polling the largest number of votes of any candidate in any Canton election. Stone defeated Woody by a margin of 159 votes.

Re-elected were Sebe Plott, board member; Judge Ralph R. Mease, police court judge; and T. A. Clark, who was unopposed as police court solicitor.

## Winesville High Chorus And Band To Give Concert

The mixed chorus and the band of Waynesville High School will present a concert this Tuesday evening, May 15, at 8 o'clock. The concert will be given in the high school auditorium.

The program will be very light, including such numbers as Johann Strauss' "Blue Danube Waltz," the "Cowboy Rhapsody," several marches by John Phillip Sousa, and Cesar Franck's haunting "Symphony in D Minor."

The concert band and the chorus will join in the finale, Edward Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance" march, using the text of "Land of hope and glory."

One march, "Semper Fidelis," will be conducted by Edwin Trautman, director of the Canton High and Mr. Trautman is soon to leave for duty with the Marine Corps. Members of the band, as well as Mr. Trautman, will be present.

Waynesville students in both band and chorus will start today selling tickets for the concert.

Charles Isley is director of the two groups. He is assisted by Robert Campbell.

Joseph Spitzer, owner of the Gordon Hotel, arrived from Coral Gables, Fla., on Monday. Mrs. Spitzer and son, Billy, will join him at the expiration of the school term in Coral Gables.

## Relaxing After 7 Months Fighting



LT. CHARLES CURTIS, JR., got the feel of his golf clubs for the first time since he started fighting the Reds in Korea last August. After seven months of fighting—and one in a hospital—Lt. Curtis is home on 30-day leave. He is a champion golfer, and tried out his swatting eye Tuesday. He is wearing a Japanese silk embroidered jacket, which he says means good luck—but from Lt. Curtis' golfing record, he has had plenty of that. (Staff Photo.)

## Lt. Charles Curtis Sees Thirty Years Fighting In Korea, Unless Bombs Used

### Army Wife Goes From Far East To Deep South

Fast becoming the typical Army wife who can keep house in the Far East or the Deep South with equal poise is Mrs. Charles Curtis, Jr. In another month or so she will have to pack up and move to Fort Jackson, S. C., but for a wife who has picked up her two small children and followed her husband to Japan, crossing a state line instead of the International Date Line should be simple.

Terry was 6 and Ronnie only 2 when Mrs. Curtis went to Japan in the fall of 1949, but with the aid of a smiling Japanese nursemaid, she kept house as readily as in her own home in the Allens Creek section. The four-foot snow at their station in Japan was just as much fun as any snow on the Balsams.

When the family came back last August, they brought many souvenirs of their life in the Orient. Mrs. Curtis' taste is everywhere evident in the small white house overlook. (See Army Wife—Page 6)

"The war in Korea will continue for thirty years, unless we bomb Manchuria," is the belief of Lt. Charles Curtis, just back from seven months of continuous fighting, plus one month in a hospital with three bullet wounds in his back.

The golfing lieutenant, who has made golfing history in this area, as well as in the army prior to the outbreak of hostilities in Korea, will soon begin a new assignment in Fort Jackson at the end of his present 30-day leave.

The tall, browned Hazelwood soldier has definitely decided to make the Army his career. He started in the National Guard in the late thirties, left here with the Guard in 1940, fought in the European theatre during World War II, was in the landing at Normandy, and in 1945 came home.

It was also in 1945 that he began to take golf seriously, and entered tournaments, and to date has a record of never failing to come out of a tournament without a trophy. That record included some Eighth Army play, in which he engaged while with the Army of Occupation in Japan from 1949 until the outbreak in Korea.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver H. Shelton are spending a vacation at Carrolina Beach.

## C of C Mail Is Breaking All Past Records

Inquiries are pouring into the Chamber of Commerce much heavier than last year, according to Mrs. Gordon Schenck, secretary.

Not only are the numbers much larger, but the inquiries about the length of time is materially longer than last year, Mrs. Schenck said. "We are receiving scores of letters about the entire season, two and three weeks, and from folk wanting apartments, and other facilities," she explained.

So heavy is the mail that an assistant, Mrs. Robert Boyd, has already been added to the office staff.

The directors, meeting Tuesday, were told that four or five times the advertising of last year had already been contracted for the season. A large section in The Charlotte Observer, The State Magazine, and other publications are to be published soon. In addition, a new pictorial folder of 20,000 copies is now on the press, and others being prepared.

A new sign has been erected at the intersection of Highway No. 276 in Brevard, and a contract is to be let for a neon sign at the intersection of Highway No. 19 and 284, the side sign by motorists driving west will have "Soco Straight Ahead." On the opposite side, seen by motorists coming from Soco and Jonathans Creek will read, "Turn here to Waynesville."

A number of colorful stickers for car windshields, as well as, stickers in places of business will soon be available. Also all persons and firms holding 1951 memberships in the organization will receive a framed certificate. These are going out soon.

The directors on Tuesday night decided that since it was impossible to get a group of Cherokee Indians to accompany the proposed out-of-state tour, that the funds set up for this project be used in sending literature with the out-of-state Farm Tour to Texas, and the 4th Club tour to New Mexico.

## Legion Meeting Set For Monday

The American Legion here announced a change in meeting nights, with the next business meeting to be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 14.

Installation of new officers will take place, and important business to be passed on according to T. Russell, Adjutant.

## Royal Arch Masons To Hold Meeting

On Friday night, May 11, at 8 p.m. Waynesville Chapter No. 69 Royal Arch Masons will meet in a Stated Communication. Guest, panton Joseph Way Howell, will preside. All Royal Arch Masons are invited to attend.

## E. Waynesville PTA To Install Officers

The East Waynesville PTA will install officers for the coming year on Tuesday, May 15. The meeting will be held at the school, starting with a covered dish supper at 7 o'clock.

D. Ballew, owner and manager of Wayside Lodge, arrived from Atlanta on Tuesday. Mrs. Ballew will join him about June first.

## Record Crowd Expected At Ramp 22nd Convention

It will be every fellow to his taste at the Ramp Convention Sunday, as an estimated 10,000 people take their choice of munching them raw, gulping them cooked, or just inhaling the fragrant air.

Last year's downpour cut the attendance to some 3,000 persons, who may have come on the principle that if an onion is good for a cold, a ramp is proof against double pneumonia. However, officials this year are hoping that the weather will be clear and sunny.

Haywood's neighbors in South Carolina must have gotten wind of the doings—a Convention member reports an unofficial request that Governor Jimmy Byrnes and his staff be invited. Governor Herman

Talmadge of Georgia is hopeful of getting up to Black Camp Gap to sample the pungent herb. Others, who have been invited are Governor Scott Governor Warren of Tennessee and Governor Browning of Tennessee.

That Eric North Carolina's Secretary of State, will fill his perennial post as chief speaker of the occasion. Accompanying him will be George Ross, Raleigh attorney; and Charles Parker, head of the State News Bureau.

Square dance teams, string bands, and quartets are expected to be on hand, with Carpenter's String Band, Ross Kirkpatrick, Hobart Williams and Sam Queen in evidence.

Highway Record For 1951 In Haywood (To Date) Killed . . . . 0 Injured . . . . 20 (This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol.)
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Delights Of The News

Office Business

Weeks ago, Clyde Ray bought a beautiful antique lamp. He put a tag in his stock, put a tag on it, and went about his daily business.

One morning a local customer was browsing about the lamp. Admired it, and bought another part of the lamp over the stock.

A visitor, saw the lamp, and admired it. In fact, he bought it. They bought it, and they reached the street.

A customer, who was unimpressed by the transaction, announced: "I'll take that lamp home with me."

Can you beat that—two people wanting the same item, at the same time, and me with only one lamp.

Waynesville To Tokyo

Members who receive their Mountaineer neatly fresh as they come from Mrs. Jack Douglas Moore will soon be in the same situation.

The Moores sent them the Mountaineer neatly fresh as they come from Mrs. Jack Douglas Moore will soon be in the same situation.

When the letter of thanks was not only acknowledged the Moores had arranged every page, spread out as flat as was possible for the trip, and read every page.

When friends have entered their subscription to go to the Moores in Tokyo.

Men Eat, Too

Long ago while awarding prizes to members of the teams at Waynesville school, Coach Carl Ratcliffe and Carroll Swanger was a man who participated in all sports offered at the school.

He participated in all sports offered at the school, but first team in all three. It seems that Carroll's inter-upter varied.

Her night he and his cousin who is incidentally his fellow back in football and in all ball team too, were very busy in the undertaking of the cake.

Everyone who saw the cake said that it was one of the best they had tasted lately. They had no help, either, and baked it. The only thing wouldn't do was wash the men were painting.

of the neighbors dropped off the guest and talk with them were led to the painting and sat on the furniture and conversed. It was an informal party.

Miss told her guest as he was leaving on Monday morning would like very much for come back and visit with her. She also added that the first time she had ever had her guests with a room party, but that the room party and she is looking to another such party.

Mrs. Oliver H. Shelton Tuesday from a ten-day Atlanta and Marietta, Ga. were guests of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Shelton in Atlanta.

Max. Min. Rainfall

59	38	03
70	32	
77	36	