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TODAY'S SMILE

The eager relatives gathered for the reading of the will. It just contained one sentence: "Being of sound mind, I spent every cent I had."

Chamber of Commerce Staff Experiencing Heavy Load Of Inquiries



The desks at the Chamber of Commerce are piled high these days with mail, and advertising material, as the result of the gradual and steady increase in inquiries about the section. Mrs. Robert Boyd, left, and Mrs. Gordon Schenck, right, secretary of the organization, find the trend is towards "an excellent season." The material on the desks is authentic—this was an informal picture.

(Staff Photo)

N. C.-Tenn. Highway To Be Discussed By Governors May 25th

Officials, Of 2 States Will Meet On Project

Highway delegations headed by the governors of North Carolina and Tennessee, are scheduled to meet in Asheville on May 25th to discuss routes which will link the two states. This news was carried in the Raleigh News and Observer. Local officials have not been notified of the scheduled meeting.

The brief announcement from Raleigh said:

Governor Scott, Governor Gordon Browning and North Carolina and Tennessee highway chiefs will meet in Asheville May 25 for a discussion of highway routes which link the two states. Tennessee will be represented by Governor Browning and his State highway chairman North Carolina will be represented by Governor Scott, Highway Chairman Henry Jordan, State Highway Engineer, Location Engineer R. Getty Browning, Highway Commissioner Dale Thrash, Highway Commissioner Joseph Graham and the Ninth and Tenth Division highway engineers.

Since the establishment of the State road program in 1921, Haywood has looked forward to getting a road from here to Newport, Tenn. Just before Governor Cherry went out of office, he set up \$450,000 for the water level route from here to Newport.

The proposed road to Newport is the last part of the 1921 state program which has not been completed. The program was to link every county seat with a paved road, and also link every county on a state line with a paved road to the neighboring state.

As soon as more details are available, plans will be announced. Highway officials were out of their offices in Raleigh this morning, and no further details of the scheduled meeting were available.

Commencement Programs For Five Haywood High Schools On May 27 to 30

Declamation Winner



George Williamson, 7th-grader, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Malcolm Williamson, was winner Thursday of the annual Declamation Contest sponsored by the Haywood Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. His topic was "The New South."

The medal was presented by Mrs. Sam Queen, president of the Haywood chapter. George has been invited to the Queen farm the first of June to repeat his prize-winning speech before members of the chapter.

This is the second speaking contest that George has won. Two years ago he received a medal presented by the Lions Club for his delivery of Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address."

Graduation plans have been announced by five high schools in Haywood County. Bethel, Waynesville, Crabtree-Iron Duff, Clyde and St. John's have all set May 27 as the Sunday for their baccalaureate sermons. Commencement exercises at Bethel, Crabtree-Iron Duff and Clyde will be held the following Tuesday, May 29, followed by Waynesville on Wednesday, and St. John's planned for Thursday, June 7.

The Bethel baccalaureate exercises will be conducted by the Rev. Thomas Erwin, assisted by the Rev. V. N. Allen. Mr. Erwin's daughter and Mr. Allen's son are members of the graduating class. The 48 graduates will assemble at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium for the service.

Commencement speaker will be Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, president of Mars Hill College. His topic has not yet been announced.

Other items on the schedule of the Bethel seniors are final exams on May 24 and 25, and Senior Day, May 28. Plans for Senior Day, according to Miss Bernice McElhannon, class sponsor, are for a picnic at Bent Creek.

The Rev. Broadus Wall, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Waynesville, will deliver the baccalaureate address to Waynesville's 116 graduates. On graduation day the seniors themselves will have full charge of the exercises, with no outside speaker having been invited. Both events have been set for 8 o'clock in the school auditorium.

Crabtree's graduating class consists of eight girls and eight boys. They will hear their baccalaureate sermon at 2:30 Sunday afternoon, with Dr. H. G. Allen, superintendent of Lake Junaluska, their speaker. At graduation exercises Wednesday at 8 p.m. Dr. Clyde Erwin, State superintendent of schools, will be the speaker.

St. John's graduating class includes eight members. The names of the speakers and of various award winners will be announced later.

There are 30 seniors at the Clyde school, and Rev. D. D. Gross, pastor of the Clyde Baptist church, will deliver the sermon at eight o'clock Sunday, May 27th.

Graduation exercises will be held Tuesday, May 29th, with Dr. Paul Reid, president of Western Carolina Teachers College as speaker.

Class night will be at eight o'clock Monday, 28th.

Final Check On Rural Insurance To Be Given Tues.

All chairmen and leaders of the various Community Development Programs in the county are urged to meet Tuesday night, at eight, at the court house. The purpose of the meeting is to get a final check on the insurance program, and discuss tentative extension of solicitation time to June first.

The county agent's office is anxious that every community be represented by an official.

Highway Record For 1951 In Haywood (To Date)

Killed 0
Injured 20

(This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol.)

Hall Takes Over Jaycee Presidency



Robert Hall, left, is congratulated by Charlie Woodard, right, retiring president of the Waynesville Jaycees. Looking on is J. R. Marks, national director of Mountsville. (Photo by Ingram).

Low Bids On Hospital Are Given Formal OK; Work To Start Shortly

Officials here have received notice that the low bids on the Haywood Hospital expansion have been formally approved, and that bonds, and insurance are now being arranged for contractors to begin work.

Lee Davis, hospital administrator, said the actual construction should "get underway" within 15 days, on the five-story building, which will add 49 beds to the institution.

The bids were opened here April 17th, and were about \$80,000 under the estimated cost of construction.

The main contract was awarded to McDevitt and Street, of Charlotte.

About two years will be required to construct the building, which is being financed by Haywood County, and the North Carolina Medical Care Commission, and U. S. Bureau of Public Health.

Land Suit Settled As Civil Court Adjourns

An agreement was reached in the largest land suit to hit local courts in many years. The Davey Tree Corporation accepted \$67,500, plus seven tenths of a mile of road from the State Highway Commission, for a 1,053-acre right-of-way between Soco Gap and Balsam Gap. Also included in the terms was a right-of-way for water lines from the Davey reservoir to a tract of 800 acres, cut off by the Blue Ridge Parkway.

The agreement was reached after lawyers spent more than a day discussing the technical angles of the case. The jury was drawn Wednesday afternoon, but none of the 40 some witnesses summoned in the case were heard.

A commission, named by the court earlier, had made an appraisal of the property, but their testimony was not presented. The three-man commission was composed of Jonathan Woods, W. A. Bradley and Claude Medford. The commission made an appraisal of \$67,500, not including the building of the road.

The Davey Tree Corporation was represented by the firm of Morgan and Ward, and George H. Ward. The State was represented by H. B. Peters, general counsel for the State Highway Commission, W. B. Francis, and Frank Ferguson.

Judge J. A. Rousseau presided. The May term of court adjourns Friday afternoon.

Lions' Minstrel Termed Success

The Waynesville Lions Club were checking this morning the results of a successful two-night presentation of their annual minstrel. The benefit performances were given for funds with which the club carries on numerous charity projects.

Two large audiences attended the performances Friday and Saturday night at the high school.

The 65 members of the club presented the two-hour show, which included a variety of typical minstrel numbers, ranging from songs, modeling, and the fast tongue-lashing of the end-men.

Between acts the members took over the role as carnival barkers and sold "prize-package" confections in the audience.

OLIVER YOUNT RETURNS TO THE NAVY

Oliver Yount, Jr., who has been recalled for duty in the Navy, leaves today for Norfolk, Virginia. Mr. Yount has been employed at The Mountaineer for the past several years.

Homer Ferguson Improving After Leg Amputation

Friends of Homer L. Ferguson, former Haywood County resident, will be glad to know that he was reported in "satisfactory condition" after amputation of his right leg at De Paul Hospital, Norfolk, Va., last week.

Hospital authorities said that the amputation was necessary because of arterial occlusion. He became ill at his Newport News home on April 24 and was taken to the hospital three days later.

Ferguson is chairman of the board of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company.

William Plott In Air Force Reserves

William M. Plott has just been made a 2nd Lieutenant in the Air Force Reserve, according to the notice received from Robins Air Force Base, Ga., today.

Plott was in the engineer corps from 1944 to Sept. 1946, serving in the Philippines and Japan. While he has been in the parachute infantry reserves since his discharge, his transfer from the ground force to the air corps has been expected for some time.

Plott is a member of the local post office staff.

Jaycees Elect New Officers; To Hold State Convention

Robert C. Hall was elected president of the Waynesville Junior Chamber of Commerce to replace Charlie Woodard at a Jaycee dinner meeting Wednesday. Other new officers are Walter Franklin, first vice president; Dwight Beaty, second vice president; Robert Ferguson, secretary; and Cecil Blanton, treasurer.

On the Board of Directors are John Carver, Lester Burgin, Jr., and Bill Burgin; Raymond Caldwell is State Director.

The new officers were installed by J. R. Marks, National Director. Blue Robinson, first District vice president, made a report on the installation of new officers in the other clubs of this district.

Announcement was made of the Jaycee State Convention to be held next week in Asheville, with headquarters in the George Vanderbilt Hotel. Some six hundred members from all parts of the state are expected to attend.

The dinner meeting, which was also "Ladies' Night," was held at the Lodge. Special guests of the Waynesville Jaycees were Bob Putnam, past president of the Asheville Jaycees; and Leo Manley, past National Director, also from Asheville.

Huge Crowd At Ramp Convention

Between three and four thousand persons followed the specially christened "Thad Eure Highway" to the Ramp Convention Sunday, according to Sheriff Fred Campbell. "The day went off without a hitch, with everyone perfectly behaved, no traffic accidents, and certainly there wasn't any evidence of any liquor around," the sheriff said.

The only one of the "top brass" invited to the doings who was able to attend was Thad Eure, who spoke informally and much to the amusement of his hearers. The remainder of the program was given over to the string bands, singers and dance teams which are always a feature of the convention.

Five men handled traffic, with two men from Sheriff Campbell's office and three of the State Highway Patrol, Cpl. Smith, and Patrolmen Merrill and Dayton, to see that it proceeded in orderly fashion. The only mishap among the cars thronging the parking area occurred when one driver slipped into a small ditch trying to park, but no damage was done.

E. A. Williamson Given Insurance Sales Awards

E. A. Williamson, district manager of the Imperial Life Insurance Company, has been awarded a 3-day all expense trip to Savannah, for sales achievements during 1950.

Mr. Williamson will attend the company convention, leaving here the 22nd. He is a member of the firm's "Ordinary Honor Club," and is in charge of the district from here to Murphy, with six men working under his supervision.

Mr. Williamson is one of 30 men in this state to win the trip.

MILDRED MEDFORD AT HOME

Miss Mildred Medford, who has been a patient in Piedmont Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia, is convalescing at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Medford. Miss Medford was attending Brenau College in Gainesville, Georgia at the time she was taken ill.

Alley Grading Complete, Soon Ready For Paving

Town workmen are to begin work soon of installing a 2,000-foot storm sewer on the back alley, which was leveled, and graded last week.

For many years, the town has been adding dirt to the deep fill on the alley, and this past week, heavy machinery finished leveling the roadway.

Workmen are planting thousands of honeysuckle rootings along the high bank as a measure against erosion.

After a "settling period" the town plans to have the alley paved, and then many trucks now having to use Main Street for loading and unloading purposes will be routed to the alley.

Road Work In County Is Pushed

Resurfacing of Highway No. 19 from Soco Gap into Cherokee was completed Friday, according to James Knight, assistant District Engineer of the State Highway Commission. No other work is scheduled at the present time.

The road work east of Canton is progressing, but inclement weather has slowed the schedule. Mr. Knight believes that "it shouldn't take too long—a matter of two or three weeks, probably; but we can't be too specific." At present workmen are putting stone on the new section.

Delights Of The News

That Bloom—
The weather of the past has been inductive to garden. Mrs. Paul Davis, and Sutton, were no exception in good time with their plots.
One day, they found that a friend had left a bag of bulbs on their porch, while they were just what they needed in a plot—lovely lilies.
They were they of their lilies to their garden, that they only the richest available could be used. They scamped, and hauled fifty of choice soil. Then in care, they tenderly planted each bulb.
The 2-hour task was finished. Sutton appeared on the porch and looked over their work. He did not share their joy over next spring's gorgeous blooms.
The first time I've ever seen anyone trying to cultivate them ain't lilies of the valley are just plain Black-eyed Susans. The two gardeners to their sorrow, the right.

The Sights

Seeing a certain gardener watching a special clump of flowers.

And Fishing

Men who have noted that the Pigeon River is left out of the ban announced today, may wish to go to the State Game Protector, for his interest in the section closed was to extend to the first above Canton, but Jackson County make it the second above Canton, and give the school children enough for them to help to keep them out of at least part of the

NORRIS IMPROVING

Norris, who is receiving a heart condition at Wood County Hospital, was to be slowly improving.

EPISCOPAL MEETING

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Goold, Barber, James Gwyn, and others attended the recent Church Convention of the Western North Carolina Conference in Hendersonville.

FEW JAILED

Weather over the week-end recently too pretty for much drinking, as only 10 people were arrested, according to the sheriff. This included those arrested for the week-

FAIR

May 14 — Fair and Monday and Tuesday.

Waynesville Temperature

Max.	Min.	Rainfall
78	40	0.00
74	55	.02
70	41	0.00
73	30	0.00