

As Seen And Heard HERE and THERE In HAYWOOD By Charles Edwards

You considered trading in your television set? It's so they say. At least one of the two of us here in Haywood emphatically that of the two prefer giving up his auto. In the spirit of the modern which we live. Television is a vital factor in the political campaign. Not only must future candidates be photographed for the benefit of critical eyes, they must have a close-up appearing in front of the stump artists! The voter must learn to balance on his knee. They tell me that my father-in-law is building and demonstrating a radio set in North Carolina. My first recollections of my group in the faculty of Trinity College when the question was made: "If we can't get some more of the days when a pen-

cell pad of station listenings lay beside every radio, and college professors were expected to turn upon popular music. A television set is a pipe dream of my own, but perhaps as many as 250 good Haywood County families already have sampled that special brand of opium. Others are interested but wait for a brighter green light.

Either the Canton area enjoys better reception or people in that end of the county have more money to spend on television, because television sets are more thickly spotted there than in the Waynesville area.

The truth of the matter is probably to be found in Ed Stanmyre's remark that "everyone who has a set for a week or two thinks that he has the best reception in the county."

They say that we are in a fringe area, but don't let that fool you. A station in Asheville may or may not improve our reception. Television reception is a whimsical

BRITAIN'S NEW SUPER-CARRIER UNDERGOING TESTS



GREAT BRITAIN'S NEW 36,800-TON CARRIER, H.M.S. Eagle, steams through Bangor Bay, near Belfast, Ireland, during a test run. The Admiralty revealed that the warship has a new, secret method to control damage caused by enemy guns or bombs, including atomic weapons, and is "virtually unsinkable." The Eagle's "payload" will be 100 jet fighters and her flight deck is long enough to launch atomic bombers. (International)

thing. I am told that a man in Asheville who, with great pride invited in his neighbors to enjoy his nightly programs, suddenly ran into a snow storm.

His trouble was no more serious than that a householder down the street had stored his window screens for the winter. As soon as the screens were replaced, reception once again became perfect. The vision part of television bounces around like a rubber ball and, across your fingers) may bounce right into your laps.

Felix Stoval (to quote Ed Stanmyre) is in a theoretically perfect position, but cannot get anything. Marvin Leatherwood (to quote Floyd Nelson) is stuck between mountains where he should not expect good reception, yet the Coleman Mountain gap gives him a perfect outlet to the Charlotte station.

So far, Haywood County is a one-channel area—which means programs from Charlotte. However, six receivers—those of Frank Underwood, Claude Woodard, Rufus Carswell, John Shelby, C. Carvalho, Brad Mehahey—are getting Atlanta on an average of once a week and when that station does come through, it is clearer than Charlotte.

Three of them have installed special aerials beamed toward Atlanta. The Atlanta station recently increased its power, and when it is operating on an experimental 100,000 watts, reception here is perfect on any set.

Since we are already thinking in terms of reception from Charlotte (and we do get Charlotte) what will an increase in power there mean to us?

If Charlotte goes from the present 16,000 watts to 50,000 we would find a 75 per cent increase in signal strength. If she goes from 16,000 watts to 100,000 watts we would enjoy a 150 per cent increase. A 150 per cent increase would put us in the television world.

If one receiver in Haywood County is getting television reception as good as it would in the center of New York City, why can't

all of us enjoy the same? Why don't we have more sets?

James Hamilton, a professional radio man, reports that he recently found less radio interference in a hotel room in the heart of New York City than in Waynesville.

Every summer in Waynesville, tourists flock to repair shops with their radios thinking that they were damaged by travel, when actually they are in perfect mechanical condition.

Television sound reception is frequency modulated. Interference is seen in unsteady jumpy pictures, and in streaks. Our ears can tolerate far more noise than can our eyes when the alchemy of television transmits sound into sight.

Those of us who, through habit can listen to a noisy radio, can't bear to look at the same noise on a television screen.

The American Legion and the Elks, both in the center of Waynesville could have excellent reception were it not for interference by defective parts on power lines, offending neon lamps, lightning arresters, etc.

Dealers in Waynesville cannot push the sale of television sets for the simple reason that they cannot demonstrate a performance equal to that obtainable in the surrounding countryside.

What will a television set cost you? You can buy standard sets ranging from \$129.00 to \$750.00, and deluxe sets from \$1,500 to \$3,000. However the average Haywood County set costs approximately \$350 installed and ready to go.

Willard (Andy) Moody, on the other hand advises that a fellow should have \$500 to spend before he decides to become a television ham. A man, fortunately located, can enjoy life with a cheap set and cheap installation. However, once television gets into his blood he will be bent on getting good reception even in an unfavorable location.

A 70-foot tower will cost from \$75 to \$100 and a booster approximately \$35. In other words, if you are willing to fork out \$500 you

Reece Completes Leaders Course At Fort Meade

Pvt. Edward H. Reece, of Waynesville, is on leave after completing the leader's course at the Medical Replacement Training Center, Fort Meade, Md., last Saturday. He is assigned to the Far East Command.

Private Reece is married to Marjorie Reece, of Route 1, Waynesville. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Reece, of Balsam.

The eight-week course includes instruction in the duties of a non-commissioned officer. During the latter part of the course students act as assistant instructors to training companies within the MRTC.

The leader's course program was instituted in 1947 to meet the need for leaders in small combat units. Graduates of the MRTC course are assigned to various units of the Army Medical Service.

can count on good reception in Haywood today.

As a concession to "southpaws," banks are now making left-handed checkbooks.

Thickety CDP Elects Officers

MRS. DAVID BURCH
Mountaineer Reporter

The Thickety community met at the Rockwood Methodist Church Friday night, Dec. 7, at 7:30 o'clock. New officers elected at the meeting were: J. H. Clark, president; Mrs. Gladys Burrell, vice president; Mrs. Jarrett Williamson, secretary-treasurer, and reporter.

Mrs. Lizzie Tate has been visiting her sister, Mrs. T. G. Murray, for a few days.

The churches of the community are having a few Christmas parties and plays.

The Thickety girls of the Kitchen Band have been asked to play at the Box Supper at the courthouse Dec. 20.

Bookmobile Schedule

Tuesday, December 18th
CLYDE

Clyde School	9:15-10:30
Sam Jackson	10:45-11:00
P. C. Mann	11:15-11:30
Mrs. Henry Osborne	11:40-11:50
Mrs. Frank Stamey	12:00-12:30
Clyde Town Hall	12:45-1:30
Pines Grocery	1:40-2:00

Wednesday, December 19th
ALLENS CREEK & BALSAM RD.

Allens Creek School	9:10-10:00
Mrs. E. K. Chambers	10:00-10:20
Kay Allen	10:30-10:40
Mrs. E. Middleton	10:45-11:15
Mrs. Cowans Ledford	11:30-11:45
O. J. Beck's Grocery	12:00-12:15
Saunook School	12:30-1:05
Winchester Grocery	1:15-1:30
G. and E. Grocery	1:45-2:00

Friday, December 21st
L. JUNALUSKA & RATCLIFFE COVE

Lake Junaluska School	9:15-10:30
Mrs. Ollie Mack	10:45-11:00
Mrs. Roy Meador	11:15-11:30
Ratcliffe Cove Grocery	12:15-12:30
Mountain Expt. Sta.	11:45-12:00

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SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK By R. J. SCOTT

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"GOD BLESS YOU ALL"

Southern Railway System
Office of the President
Washington 13, D. C.

On December 31, I am retiring at my own request as President of the Southern Railway.

During my 14 strenuous but happy years as President, I have been continuously encouraged and inspired by the loyalty, spirit and devotion of the countless men and women, both within and outside of our Southern Railway "family," who have worked with me in our efforts to promote the best interests of the South and of the railway that "Serves the South." For this co-operation, I now express my heartfelt appreciation.

Seeing our beloved Southland grow and prosper over the years has been a rich and satisfying personal experience. The fact that I have been privileged to play a small role in this historic drama has been for me its own reward.

Saying "good-bye" as President has been made easier by the Southern's Board of Directors asking me to serve as Chairman. It is made easier, too, knowing that I am "giving up the throttle" to the experienced and competent hands of my colleague, Harry A. DeButts, who has been with the Southern 35 years and who has been our Vice President in charge of Operation since 1937.

God bless you all.

Ernest E. Norris

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