

## Crawford Funeral Home Observes Eighth Year Of Business In Haywood

The Crawford Funeral Home is now celebrating its 8th year of business in Haywood County. Organized in 1944, the Funeral Home began business at Clyde. Early in 1945 a division was established in Waynesville and later in that year the two Homes consolidated at Waynesville. A division of the Funeral Home was established at Canton in 1948.

The Crawford Funeral Home is owned jointly by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph M. Crawford, who reside in the Canton Home and Mr. and Mrs. Howell W. Crawford, who reside in the Waynesville home. Both Funeral Homes operate under the same name, by the same owners and employees.

The staff of the Crawford Funeral Home is as follows:

Ralph M. Crawford, a native of Haywood county. He attended Rock Hill high school, Haywood Institute at Clyde, Mars Hill college, Western Carolina Teachers college, Duke University, and Brown's Embalming School, Raleigh. He has been a licensed Embalmer for more than thirty (30) years and is past district Governor of 12th District North Carolina Associations. Mr. Crawford taught school in Haywood and Buncombe counties for a few years and was also connected with the American Enka Corporation in administrative and supervisory capacities.

Mr. Crawford is very active in the Masonic order, having filled all offices in the Blue Lodge, York and Scottish Rites. He is past district deputy grand master of the 41st Masonic district and has received the degree of K.C.C.H. honorary of the Imperial Council Southern Jurisdiction of U. S. A., Loyal Order of the Moose, and the Lions International. He is a member of the First Baptist church in Canton.

Dorothy Boyd Crawford, Sec. Treas. of the Crawford Mutual Burial Association, was born in Buncombe county. She moved to Canton at an early age where she received her elementary and high school education. She completed extension work at Western Carolina Teachers college and participated in summer study at Duke University. She taught elementary school in Haywood county for one year and was attached to the administrative department of the American Enka Corporation for a number of years, before resigning to join the staff of the Funeral Home. She is a licensed Funeral Director. Mrs. Crawford is Past Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star. She is a member of the White Shrine at Asheville; vice president of the Friendly Garden club of Canton; secretary of district No. 1 North Carolina Federation of Womens clubs; and a member of the Canton Woman's club. She is an active member of the Canton First Baptist church, a teacher of the primary department and the cherub choir mother.

Howell W. Crawford, became a partner in the firm in 1945. A native of Haywood county, he received his education in the Clyde high school. He was formally connected with the American Enka Corporation and was in business in Waynesville for a number of years. A licensed Funeral Director, Mr. Crawford has been active in the funeral work for several years. He is a member of the Lions Club, Waynesville Masonic Lodge, and the First Baptist church in Waynesville.

Theda Crawford joined the firm in 1945. She was educated in the Waynesville high school, Asheville Teachers college, and Western Carolina Teachers college. She taught school in Haywood county for a number of years before joining the funeral profession. She is a licensed Funeral Director. She belongs to the First Baptist church in Waynesville and the Order of the Eastern Star.

M. E. (Tony) Davis, Waynesville, joined the firm in the early part of 1951. A native of Haywood county he received his education in the Waynesville high school, King college, Bristol, Va., and Blanton's Business college of Asheville. Mr. Davis was manager of the Haywood County Hospital for eight years. He is a

## Auto Plunges Off Mountain, Driver Jumps

Despite icy conditions on roads in this area today, no traffic accidents had been reported to police or state highway patrol up until noon today.

Ice, however, claimed one victim on a county road Tuesday, when Billy McElroy, 35, of Fines Creek, lost control of his car on the ice while going up the road around Mt. Pisgah, and had to jump out to avoid going over a bank with his vehicle.

McElroy told state patrolmen that his car hit a patch of ice on Highway No. 276 and started sliding backwards, with the car out of control. Unable to stop, he leaped from the car as it plunged over an embankment for 40 feet until brought to a stop by trees.

## Stage Handcuffs Bit

PORTLAND, Me.—(AP)—Authenticity backfired on the stage here. Actor Philip Young insisted on borrowing official police handcuffs for his role with the Portland Players.

In the middle of the third act rehearsal Young was in distress. He couldn't get the handcuffs off and there wasn't a key in the house. So the whole cast moved to police headquarters where a police captain removed Young's manacles so he could sign a "confession".

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### Sleet

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Mrs. Weaver Sheffield of Center Pigeon said: "It is sleeting here (at noon). The roads have been scraped and the work buses are running, but there is little other traffic."

Patrolman Joe Murrill of the State highway patrol reported that a highway department scraper was at work early this morning on the Soco Gap road where ice was scraped away and salt and chemicals spread over the highway. Cars were still going over the Gap this morning, he added.

The bad weather also brought increased business and troubles at the Waynesville telephone office where five long-distance circuits to Asheville were reported out of order, and two lines were down in the county.

Mrs. Frances Davis, chief operator, said that ice put five out of 19 toll circuits out of order this morning.

member of the Presbyterian church of Waynesville, Woodmen of the World, Elks, Lions, and Knights of Pythias.

Curtis F. Stanley, a resident of Canton for seven years, joined the firm in early 1951. A licensed Funeral director, he has been in the profession for fifteen years. Mr. Stanley was educated at Henrietta-Caroleen high school in Rutherfordton county. He is a member of the First Baptist church in Canton and the Baracca class. The Stanleys reside at the Crawford Funeral Home in Canton.

Robert T. Phillips, a native of Canton, joined the firm in September, 1951. A graduate of Canton high school, he attended Western Carolina Teachers college; Kansas State college, Manhattan, Kansas; University of Miami (Fla.); and the George Washington University, Washington, D. C. He was formally connected with the Government in Washington. Mr. Phillips is a member of the American Veterans committee (AVC), Americans for Democratic Action, the Civil Liberties Union, Council on Human Rights, The Central Suffrage League, Phi Kappa Tau, the United World Federalists, and the Unitarian church.

Charles Creson joined the firm at the beginning of 1951. A native of Haywood county, he attended the Waynesville schools.

## MORE ABOUT Haywood Farm

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generally ranked well in the state in the number of farms owned and operated by the same persons. The UNC News Letter reports further:

"The outstanding observation about tenancy in North Carolina is that it is definitely on the decline. It will be noted, from the accompanying table, that the percent of farms operated by tenants increased in only nine counties between 1940 and 1950, and in no instance was the increase of any significance. On the other hand, there was a decrease in the percent of farms operated by tenants in 91 of our 100 counties. In a few of these counties the decreases were immaterial but in a large majority of them the decreases were quite sizeable.

"As a general rule, the counties that now have the lowest tenant ratios are the ones where the tenant percents have decreased the most during the last ten years. For instance, the percent of farms operated by tenants in Clay County has decreased from 33.5 to 10.2; in Swain county from 35.3 to 12.6; in Graham county from 29.3 to 7 percent, and in a number of other counties from half to two-thirds or more of the tenants have disappeared in the last 10 years.

"There has been a steady decline in the percent of farms operated by tenants in North Carolina for the last twenty years. From the Civil War down to 1930 there was a gradual increase in farm tenancy in this state. The high point of tenancy was reached in 1930 when 49.2 percent of all North Carolina farms were operated by farmers who did not own a square foot of land.

"By 1940 the ratio had dropped to 44.4 percent tenants, and in 1945 to 42.6 percent tenants. The 1950 census revealed that only 38.2 percent of our farms are now operated by tenants. This is only five points above the tenant rate in North Carolina back in 1890 when the first census of farm tenancy was conducted.

"The 288,508 farms in the state are distributed by tenure of operators as follows:

Tenure Status	Number
Full owners	142,085
Part owners	35,422
Managers	516
All tenants	110,485
Cash tenants	4,341
Share cash	1,462
Share tenants	38,805
Croppers	57,457

"The outstanding tenure change during the last five years, a trend quite common throughout the United States is the large increase in the number of farms operated by part owners. In 1945 there were 19,835 part owners in North Carolina, while in 1950, there were 35,422.

"The part owner is generally a farmer who has decided to expand his operations and instead of buying additional land he takes over the operation of a neighbor's farm or other land. This neighbor may have moved to town or he may be farmer who sublets a part of his estate to the part owner. In almost every case the part owner is a small to modest size farmer who is expanding his operations but who is not buying additional land.

## MORE ABOUT Galloway

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budget of \$9500 for the coming year. This is an increase over 1951. The executive committee was scheduled to meet at 2:30 today and make a break-down of the budget for presentation to the board at an early date.

Mr. Galloway has headed several Hereford organizations, including the state group. He has won numerous prizes and honors with his cattle throughout a wide area.

ing. Increased use of telephones also resulted in the blowing of fuses on one unit in the telephone exchange, putting that piece of equipment out of commission temporarily.

Mrs. Davis praised the work of her telephone operators in coming to work without being summoned early this morning in order to help out with the increased flow of calls.

Mrs. Davis urged that the public restrict calls to emergencies and other urgent matters in order to relieve the heavy strain on both operators and telephone equipment.

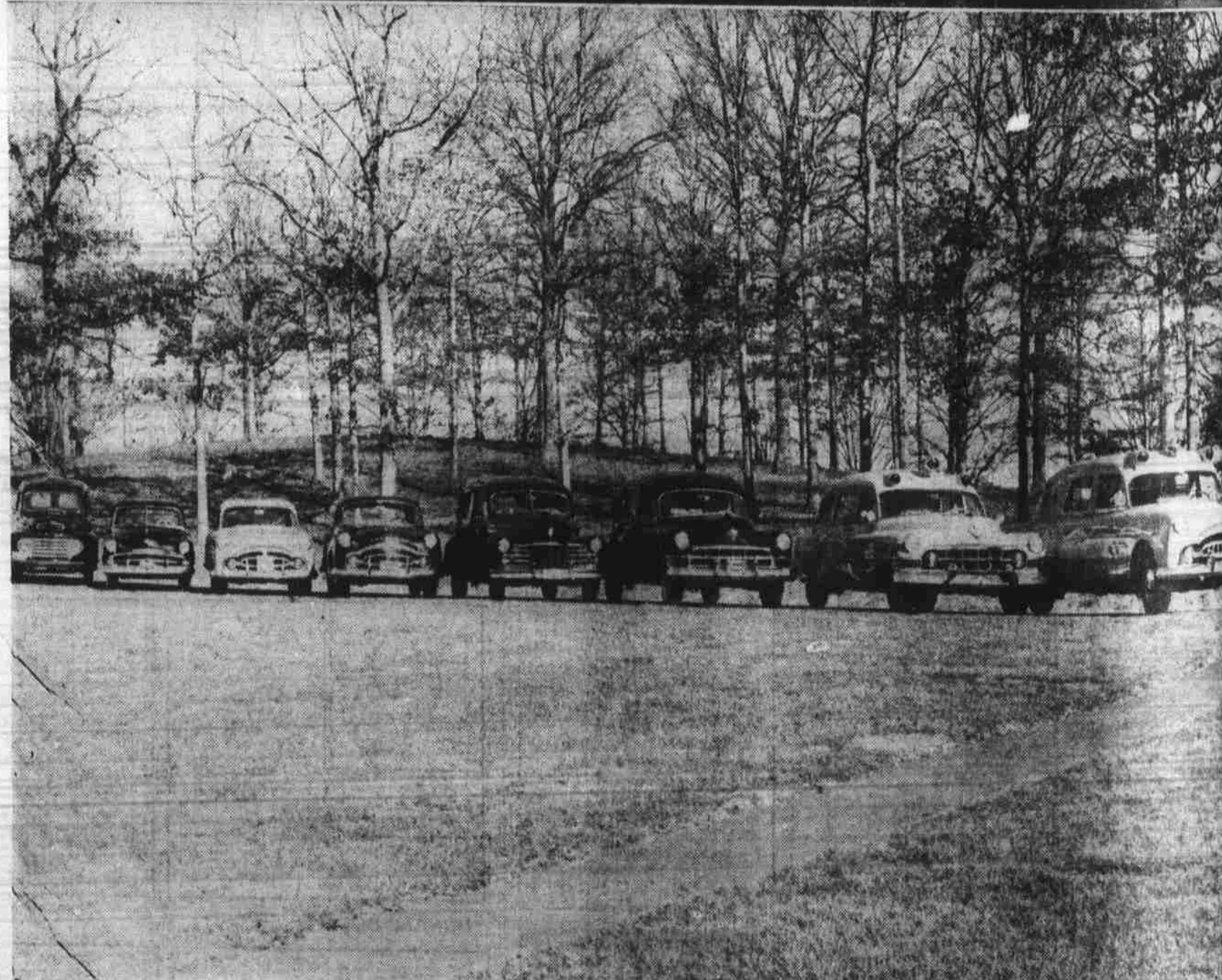
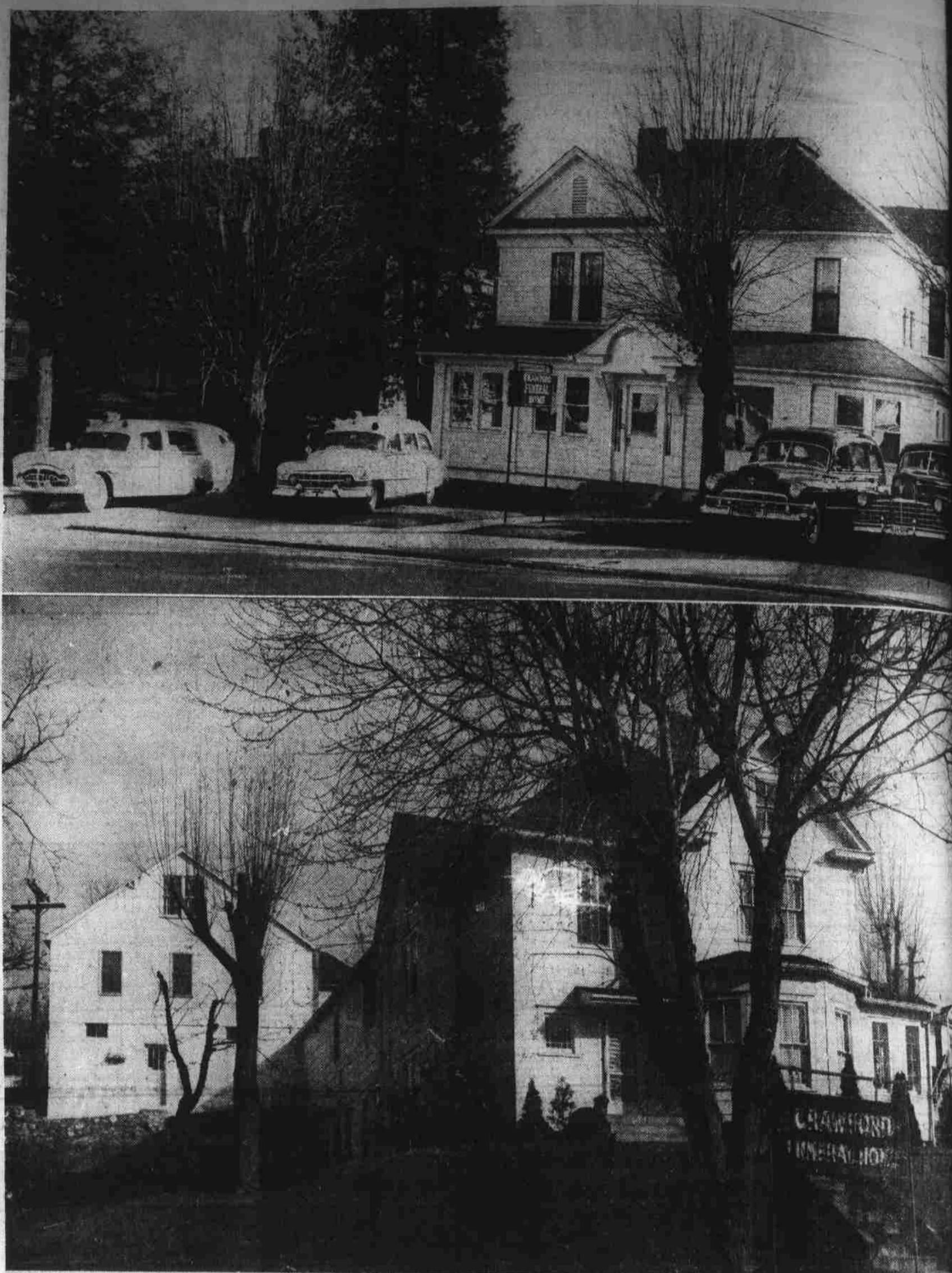
Harry Kent, central office repairman, reported three telephone lines down, including one on Balsam Mountain, Hyatt Creek, and Plott Creek.

R. C. Sheffield, manager of the Haywood Electric Membership Corporation, REA, reported that his office had received no calls up till noon of electrical lines down.

Here in Waynesville, town crews of street workers were busy putting down salt at main intersections of streets, according to G. C. Ferguson, town manager.

Chief of Police Stroupe, of Canton reported no accidents by noon. "It is raining here and I advise all people to stay off the streets unless it is an emergency and then to drive slow and use chains."

Telephone lines to Fines Creek and some other communities were out of order, and a report was unobtainable by press time.



Top Photo, Funeral Home located at 455 Main Street, Waynesville. Center, Canton Funeral Home located at 1 North Main Street. Bottom, fleet of up-to-date equipment used by both Homes.

A Merry Christmas, A Happy And Prosperous New Year To All

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