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TODAY'S SMILE

Fashion Comment: She's just a build in a girdled cage.

Expansion Water System Vote Saturday

Tobacco Harvest Festival Set Nov. 18-19

2-Day Event Set Earlier Than Usual

The sixth annual Tobacco Show in connection with the Tobacco and Home Demonstration Exhibit, will be Nov. 18-19, Tuesday and Wednesday, at the Waynesville armory and courthouse.

This information is from the county-wide CDP and Home Demonstration organizations, which, in cooperation with the county agent's office, sponsor the affair.

As in previous years, a Tobacco Queen will be chosen from among entries from each community. She will be crowned during the Tuesday evening program at the courthouse by last year's queen, Miss Mauriene Carver of Maggie.

The queen will receive a scholarship prize of \$100 and a merchandise certificate for a new outfit. She will be required to make only one appearance, at 8 p. m. Tuesday, in evening dress. There will be no parade for her to ride in this year.

Only high school students who are either juniors or seniors are eligible to enter the beauty contest because they would be more likely to take advantage of the scholarship than younger girls.

The two-day affair will start at 10 a. m. Tuesday with judging of tobacco and Home Demonstration Club booths. At 1 p. m. the exhibits will be open to the public until 7 p. m.

Window art exhibits on tobacco by high school art students will be entered in windows by 9 a. m. Tuesday and judging will start at 10 a. m.

The evening program on Tuesday will start at 7:30 p. m. Musical programs will be given by the Canton, Bethel, Clyde, Crabtree, and Waynesville High School Glee Clubs. These will be followed by the announcement of winners on the window art exhibits.

Mrs. Harriet Pressley, radio news analyst from station WPTF in Raleigh will deliver an address. An announcement of the community winners of the tobacco contest will follow.

The final events of the evening will be the presentation of the beauty contestants and the selection of the tobacco queen.

On Wednesday the various exhibits will be open to the public. (See Tobacco Harvest—Page 6)

Proposal To Open Beer Outlet At Buncombe-Haywood Line Hits A Snag

Started System



D. A. HOWELL

An article about the administration installing the present water system will be found on page six of the second section of this issue.

Also an article by J. R. Morgan, on page one of the third section.

Irrigation Pays Off For Jonathan Creek Farmer

Irrigation really paid off for D. J. Boyd of Jonathan Creek this summer when other farmers were realizing a great loss in many instances from the dry weather.

Boyd dug ditches from a brook on his upper fields to irrigate 25 acres of pasture land. The only cost for this was the labor and the result was the tallest and best ladino clover and orchard grass in Haywood County.

He had a series of connecting ditches on his land which he dams at convenient places to let the water overflow onto the field. Incidentally Boyd is the only farmer in the county who has used this simple and effective method of irrigation.

Rev. Walkup Speaks At Hazelwood Presbyterian

The Rev. James W. Walkup of Greenville, S. C., who was recently extended a call by the Hazelwood and Bethel Presbyterian churches, will conduct the midweek service at the Hazelwood church Thursday night (tonight) at 7:30.

Rev. Mr. Walkup has not indicated as yet whether he intends accepting the call. Officials of both churches have urged the congregations to attend the midweek service.

Christmas Seal Sale Goal Is Set At \$1400

The Waynesville Tuberculosis Committee met Monday at the courthouse and set its goal for the Christmas seal sale at \$1400. Chairman Robert H. Winchester has reported.

This amount is \$200 more than last year's quota, which was exceeded.

Seal sale chairman, Mrs. Roy Campbell, said Christmas seals would be placed in the mail about the middle of this month. She said that about 3,000 envelopes will make up this year's mailing list.

Mrs. Campbell emphasized the necessity for all those who receive Christmas seals to buy them and not return any to seal sale headquarters. Return envelopes are enclosed with the seals to facilitate payment.

Chairman Coke Candler of the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners has recommended to the State Alcoholic Control Board that no permits be issued to persons who plan to construct establishments to sell beer near the Buncombe-Haywood line.

The action followed receipt of a letter by Candler from Chairman R. W. Winston of the State board in which Winston asked the opinion of the county commissioners concerning requests from individuals who want permits to sell beer in establishments along U. S. Highway 19-23 just east of the Haywood County line in Buncombe County.

Candler said apparently a number of Haywood residents are seeking to construct beer establishments just across the line since a Haywood County referendum last month resulted in the outlawing of the sale of wine and beer in Haywood.

Candler's reply to Winston stated in part that "I am a resident of Candler and know that residents and church members . . . bitterly oppose any beer establishments in the neighborhood."

Candler reminded Winston that Buncombe County officials have no authority to issue beer permits but said that he would "strongly urge that no permits be granted" to persons wishing to sell beer and wine in that vicinity. Authority to issue beer and wine permits is vested in the State board.

WHS Band And Chorus To Give First Concert

The first fall concert by Waynesville High School's top-ranking Concert Band and Chorus will be presented in the school auditorium Tuesday night, November 11, at 8 o'clock.

Directing the groups will be Charles Isley and his assistant, Robert Campbell.

The program will have a patriotic theme in commemoration of Armistice Day and will be presented in three parts. The first part will include numbers by the 50-piece band; part two will be by the mixed chorus of sixty voices; and the last part will be by the combined groups.

These concerts are considered highlights of the winter season and receive support of the entire community. Tickets are being sold by the students.

Bookmobile Schedule Stopped Temporarily

The Haywood County Public Library Bookmobile will not operate after Friday, November 7, until further notice.

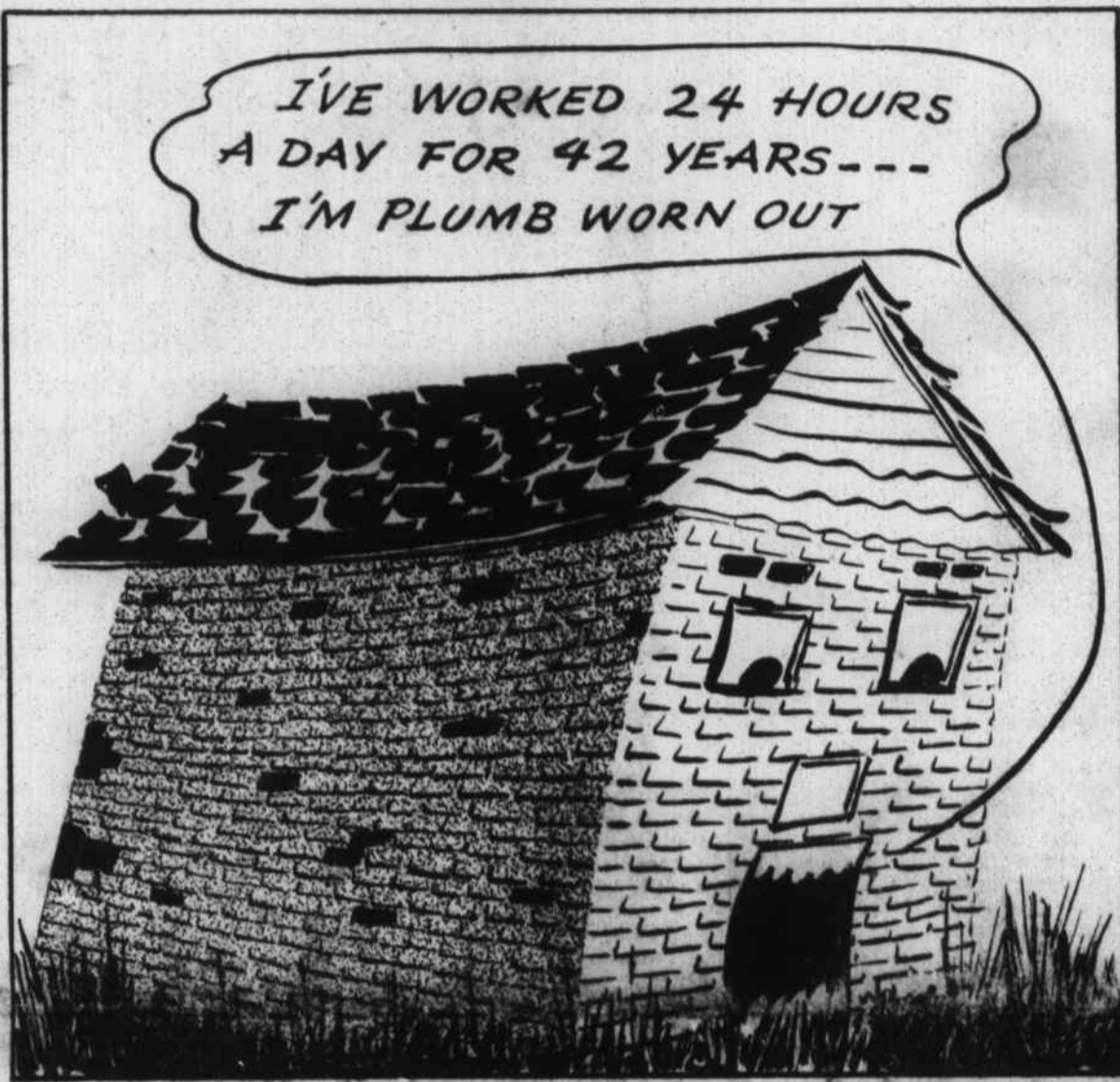
All borrowers who have books checked out are urged to hold the books until the regular schedules of the Bookmobile are resumed.

State Has More Than Million Highway Signs

More than a million official highway signs make motoring easier in North Carolina. In addition to conventional mileage signs, many North Carolina markers direct travelers to vacation places such as the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Robert A. Burch, traffic engineer for the State Highway Commission at Raleigh, reports that in the last five years signs have been put up at the rate of about 100,000 a year.

Just Too Old For The Job



The 42-year-old Waynesville filter plant is too old and too small to furnish sufficient water for the population that has increased greatly since 1910 in the three communities served by the Waynesville water shed. A new plant and larger pipes are necessary to meet present and future demands. A bond issue for this expansion will be voted on Saturday.

EDITORIAL A Situation That Needs Improving

Very few times in the 21 years as editor of this newspaper, have editorials been written in the first person. Because of the seriousness of the current water situation here, this editorial is a first-hand account of what was found in checking the Waynesville water system with officials.

When it was first hinted last summer that the situation was becoming acute, a trip was made over the entire system. Beginning on the mountain, the system was followed on down to the chlorinating station, filtering plant, storage reservoir, and to the fountains on Main Street.

What I saw filled my heart with fear, when I realized that some ten to twelve thousand people were solely dependent upon such a small reserve of water, with the intake so much smaller than the outgo.

There was water on the mountain, but the small 8-inch line, on top of the ground, could not begin to meet the demands of the open

sigots in town. The filtering plant was doing only a half job—in fact, much of the water was going straight through without being filtered. All was properly chlorinated, but as to filtering, it just could not be done.

After leaving the filtering plant, my first thoughts were that nothing more could shock me.

But after looking down into an almost completely dry reservoir, a new sense of fear came over me. At the time, it was figured that there was enough water on hand to supply the community six hours—what if the sole little 8-inch rusty pipe on top of the ground on the mountain should break? The town would be without water for many hours.

Upon the return trip to town, we realized for the first time, just what the officials meant when they said the situation was really serious. They were conservative in their statements.

Within a short time, the rains came and (Continued on Page Two, Section Three)

Kiwanis Hear Discussion Of Water System Problems

J. R. Morgan, attorney for the Town of Waynesville, spoke to a joint meeting of the old and new Boards of Directors of the Waynesville Kiwanis Club after the regular meeting of the club this week.

Mr. Morgan spoke on the general topic "Municipal Troubles and Problems."

Calling attention to the advertisement in The Mountaineer which contained a statement by the North Carolina State Health Department on the conditions of the local water system, Mr. Morgan said that if the citizens of Waynesville had read the ad they would know that Waynesville had the possibilities of one of the best available water systems in the South, and that the inadequacy of the present system is the number one problem besetting town officials.

He recalled that during his term as mayor of Waynesville he had the pleasure of signing the first bonds that were issued to improve the original water system. That action was taken in 1909. During later years the town ac-

quired additional property in several transactions in the area where the town watershed is now located.

The watershed now comprises an area of from 8,000 to 8,500 acres with six separate creeks available for supplying water to the town's users.

Mr. Morgan said that the town has potentially the finest facilities for a water system of any town of comparable size in the South.

He explained that the proposed program, if approved by the people of Waynesville on November 8 (Saturday) would approximately double the capacity of the present system.

The improvement of the bond issue would be a good financial investment for the people of Waynesville, he said, with the interest rates not more than 3 or 3½ per cent.

No Forest Fires In Several Days

Since the early part of the week, Haywood County has been without a forest fire but with an index this afternoon of five, Warden Eldridge Caldwell said conditions could hardly be better for a blaze.

Starting late Saturday, a fire burned about 20 acres at Newfound Gap before it was extinguished early Monday. It was started when a farmer set fire to a pile of brush.

The fire tower on Chambers Mountain at Clyde is little more than a communications post because of the extreme low visibility. Observers are able to see no more than a quarter of a mile because of the haze and smoke. The only way observers can get word of a fire is by telephone and they in turn notify fire fighters.

Heavy rains are needed not only to replenish water supplies but to reduce the fire hazard. At least a hundred acres of Haywood County woodlands have been destroyed so far this fall, practically all of it through carelessness.

Mrs. Joe Dougett of High Point is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Woodson Jones.

Voting Will Start 6:30 Saturday

Waynesville voters will go to the polls Saturday to decide on the \$300,000 bond issue for the expansion of the water system of the town.

The polls at the two voting places of the town will open at 6:30 a. m. and close at 6:30 p. m. Voting will be at the Town Hall, and the Allens Creek school.

The election has been called by officials because of the serious situation regarding an adequate water supply. The present system, built in 1908, is overloaded, and far too small to meet the present day needs of the community.

The Town owns ample watershed acreage, with enough streams, but the matter of piping the water into town, and getting it filtered is now termed by engineers of the State Health Department as far from satisfactory.

Last summer the plant was far too small to meet the needs of the community, and at present, officials are urging citizens to curtail the use of water in every respect. The water pressure on the mountain is low due to the continued dry weather, and the 8-inch main is not large enough to bring the sufficient water down to the filtering plant.

The filtering plant often is overloaded, and water passes into the mains unfiltered. During rainy weather, all water has to be filtered slowly, or muddy water can get into the system. All water is chlorinated prior to going into the system.

Civic clubs of the community have gone on record as supporting the plan 100 per cent. A group of civic leaders, headed by Dr. Boyd Owen, have been staging a campaign of presenting the needs to the people. Several clubs have had speakers to appear before them and explain the seriousness of the present situation.

Town officials have stated on numerous occasions, that plans have been worked out with the Local Government Commission, and with their approval, the proposed bond issue would not increase taxes on property. The officials have worked out a plan whereby the water department income can pay for the bond issue upon adjustment of rates to compare with other towns of Western North Carolina.

A copy of the ballot to be voted on Saturday will be found on page 4 in the third section of this issue.

The State Board of Health, in a survey of the water system, recommended a number of years ago that the town take immediate action to improve the system, and expand it to meet the growing needs of the community.

Wardrobe, Radio, Groceries Will Be Given Away

Three valuable prizes will again be awarded Saturday in the 1952 Fall Trade Jubilee by the merchants of Waynesville, Hazelwood, and Lake Junaluska.

Topping the list this week will be a \$200 wardrobe. Other prizes will be a beautiful radio and a basket of groceries.

The awards will be made at 2 p. m. at the Waynesville High School stadium.

Highway Record For 1952 In Haywood (To Date)

Injured . . . 43

Killed . . . 5

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

Local Election Issue Mountaineer Is All In Preparation

and The Mountaineer was the first to report the unexpected heavy GOP vote in Haywood County. This vote gave Stevenson a margin of 2700 votes, the slimmest a Democratic nominee has taken since 1928.

After it was decided to publish an extra, several photographs were planned that would illustrate voting day in the county. The pictures finally selected showed (1) the tabulation of returns in The Mountaineer news room, (2) the eagerness with which most people listened to their radios, and (3) a scene at the ballot boxes.

In the meantime two streamers for the front page were made up. Had Stevenson won, The Mountaineer would have announced in large type: "U. S. Likes Adlai". The other headline, and one that was used, proclaimed, "It's Ike and Dick".

The front page of the special issue would contain election returns and stories, but to fill up the rest of the paper called for material that had been planned originally for other editions of the paper. This was something of the nature of robbing Peter to pay Paul. However there could have been no extra had this not been done.

Most of the evening's preparations for the issue took place in The Mountaineer news room, which for privacy's sake, was located in (See Extra—Page 6)

FAIR

Smoky, mild, low gusty winds. Little temperature exchange.

Max.	75	35
Min.	63	20
	70	18

Waynesville temperature compiled by the State