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TODAY'S SMILE

Sometimes the pinnacle of fame and the height of folly are twin peaks.

\$1,500,000 Tobacco Crop Seen For County

Leaders Of Haywood County Polio Drive



The above men will direct the 1953 Polio Drive in Haywood County. Left to right, Frank Ferguson, director of the drive in the Canton area, Max Rogers, director of the Waynesville area, and David Hyatt, who is acting in an advisory capacity in the whole area. Mr. Ferguson was named to succeed W. B. Huger who has headed the drive in Canton for the past five years. The three leaders were enthusiastic about the coming drive, which will begin in January. Last year Haywood County was well over the top in securing the quota that had been set, and this year efforts will be made to make the drive even more successful. (Mountaineer Photo.)

Much of Crop Destroyed By Early Freeze

County Agent Wayne Franklin said this week that the tobacco crop this year should amount to \$1,500,000, and would have been even more had not an early freeze destroyed several hundred thousand dollars' worth.

That hard freeze that hit the county about three weeks earlier than usual caused a loss of between \$250,000 and \$300,000, he said. Otherwise, Haywood County would have enjoyed a record year, Franklin said.

The loss from the freeze is greater than anticipated because many farmers did not know their tobacco was frozen until they examined it.

Haywood county has about 2,100 growers, with an acreage allotment of 1,700 acres.

The markets will open on December first.

Disease in tobacco has been about average for the year and had little effect on the county-wide picture. After starting off to a poor season with farmers looking for light crops, the summer dry spell ended in time for many farmers to grow some of their finest tobacco in years. Except for the hard freeze the season would have been unexpectedly good.

Another period of dry weather this fall made the cured tobacco so brittle and dry that farmers are behind in their grading. But Sunday night the month-long spell was broken and by Tuesday a few workers started grading. The grading and sorting process was general in the county by Wednesday, and if damp—not necessarily rainy—weather continues, tobacco should be ready for the market in about three weeks. In schools throughout the county, absent lists are long as students are required to stay away from classes and give their time to getting the crop ready.

Grading For New School Is Nearing Completion

"The new vocational building at Waynesville high school will be a 'show house' of Western North Carolina," said Jerry Liner, contractor, today, in discussing building schedule of the new plant.

The rains of Monday came two days ahead of finishing the basic excavating, Mr. Liner pointed out. There are about 50,000 yards of dirt to be moved in all for the building, which will be 500 feet long—extending from within 50 feet of Brown Avenue to within 16 feet of the bank on the upper end of the lot.

A roadway will be built entirely around the building for hauling in supplies, and the digging of foundation trenches will get underway as soon as weather permits, the contractor pointed out.

The next work will be the erection of an office, tool house, and warehouse on the site.

Mr. Liner said, "I feel that this building will be far beyond anything yet seen in the way of school buildings. It is the greatest set of plans I have ever worked with. Everything is complete, from the deep foundations to the all-steel roof, and we are yet to find a better roof than all-steel."

The project is part of the school expansion system voted upon by the citizens of the county in December 1951.

Car Rolls Down Rocky Mountainside, Driver Unhurt



Wesley Gibson looks at what remains of his 1949 Chevrolet, after it rolled down a rocky mountainside. Gibson was in the car during the wild plunge, and escaped with a small scratch on his leg. The top was crushed in, and pinned Gibson in an 18-inch space on the front seat. The car rolled over and over, and then took an end-to-end flip, to smash up both ends as well as all four sides. Gibson was parking at the Grassy Ridge Mica Mine when his brakes failed to hold. (Mountaineer Photo.)

Car Plunges Down Steep Mountain; Occupant Unhurt

Wesley R. Gibson, of Maggie, has a small scratch on his leg, and a completely demolished car, resulting from a double summer-sault in his car down a rocky mountain side.

Gibson, foreman of the Grassy Branch Mica Mine, was parking his car at the mine early Wednesday morning, when the car started to roll. He tried to put on the brakes, but the rear axle had slipped, and the brake would not hold. He did not have time to get out, and the car started tumbling. It turned over twice amid huge boulders, and then for a last twist, went over end ways, landing on the top.

The top was jammed down on the steering wheel, with Gibson occupying the 40-foot space between the smashed top and seat of the 1949 Chevrolet.

"It was a helpless feeling," he told The Mountaineer. "The car started for the 40-foot bank and I tried to jam the other side of the road, but it was too late, and down the bank it went. It all happened so quickly I did not have time to think much while it was turning over."

By some miracle, the back glass in the car was not broken.

Gibson has been foreman of the mine for some time, and had just let two fellow-workers out when the car started to roll.

Eldridge Sutton, wrecker operator, said it was the roughest country he had pulled out a wreck—"rocks as big as a cow, and the car hit almost all of them," he said.

Gibson said his back and shoulder were a little sore from being thrown around in the run-away car, but he did not think it was anything but slight bruises.

4 ANGUS COWS PURCHASED BY SUN RISE FARM

Sun Rise Farm, Waynesville, recently purchased four purebred, Aberdeen-Angus cows from Bottorff Brothers, Prospect, Kentucky.

Highway Record For 1952 In Haywood (To Date) Injured.... 43 Killed.... 5 (This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol.)

Record Crowds Expected 18-19 For 6th Annual Tobacco Show - Home Festival

Plans Are Completed For Annual Home Demonstration Exhibit

Festival To Get News Coverage

Special news coverage will be made of the sixth annual Tobacco Harvest Festival Tuesday and Wednesday. The Mountaineer has had calls for newsmen, and photographers wanting to cover the event.

The Enka Voice will have representatives here getting a pictorial story for their publication.

Most of the 26 Home Demonstration Clubs in Haywood County are expected to enter booths Tuesday and Wednesday in the Haywood County Tobacco and Home Demonstration Exhibit.

In addition, some of the best tobacco of the season will also be placed on display.

Both exhibits will be at the Waynesville armory and the past custom of placing the booths around the sides of the building and tobacco exhibits in the center will be followed this year.

A wide variety of homemade articles will again be placed on exhibit that will include rugs, flower displays, cooking of all types, and many others.

Prizes for these exhibits will be awarded as well as for the tobacco and window art works by high school students. Judging in all three divisions will start at 10 a.m. Tuesday and entries must be ready by that time.

For many years the Home Demonstration clubs held their own exhibits. About six years ago tobacco growers started their own (See Festival—Page 3)

Rainfall This Week Alleviates Shortage

A total of .50 of an inch of rain fell in the Waynesville area Monday and Tuesday, the State Farm reported today.

The rain, though still not enough to completely erase the shortage caused by a 30-day dry spell, was sufficient enough to dampen the ground and somewhat do away with the fire hazard.

G. C. Ferguson, Waynesville town manager, said this morning that the rain was sufficient to allow the turning on of the various fountains on Waynesville streets.

If the water level drops below the danger point again the fountains will be cut off again.

Seventeen Girls Are Entered Tobacco Queen Contest

High school girls from communities throughout the county have entered the Tobacco Queen Contest Tuesday night for the 1952-53 crown, sash, and a wardrobe of fashion merchandise.

The contest is being held as part of the Haywood County Home Demonstration Exhibit Tuesday and Wednesday at the Waynesville armory.

The girls who will be selected for the crown of the contest will be crowned at the courthouse, the crown from last year was won by Mrs. Charles Ray.

Mrs. Bryson Attending Tax School At UNC

Mrs. Mildred H. Bryson, Haywood County Tax Collector, left Wednesday to attend a tax supervisors school at Chapel Hill.

Problems relating to tax matters at the county and local levels will be discussed through Saturday.

World Peace Plan Gets Endorsement Of Lions

The Waynesville Lions Club recently went on record as being "favorable" to a plan for world peace, known as World Construction, Incorporated, and became the first organized group to formally acknowledge the plan as one that would, if successfully carried out, break down the barriers that stand between world peace and world war.

Heinz W. Rollman, founder of the plan, which has already received favorable recognition from several international leaders for world peace, met with a committee of the Lions Club to discuss the basic concepts of the plan. After considerable discussion the committee reported to the club that

"the basic idea of the plan is one of high merit" and the report of the committee was accepted by the club as "favorable."

In its report the committee briefly described the plan: "The United States should pass legislation drafting three million people to form a peace army. This army would be composed of persons of numerous fields of endeavor, to wit, ministers, farmers, doctors, lawyers, teachers, bankers, etc. This army would be sent to the various countries in the world who requested assistance, thereby instilling the peoples of those countries with the method, means, and spirit of the American way of life."

In talking with Mr. Rollman the committee reported to the club that

Jury Finds Alexander Not Guilty In Park Bear Case

By BILL LEINBACH Staff Writer

In a case that one of the prosecutors called the longest misdemeanor trial he could remember, Tom Alexander was found not guilty Wednesday afternoon in Federal Court at Asheville on three counts arising from the killing of a bear last spring in the Great Smoky Mountain National Park.

The jury trial lasted from 10:10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and saw the calling of many witnesses in a vigorous prosecution and defense that

at times brought laughter from the spectators.

The final decision was not easily arrived at and the jury required two hours to reach a decision. They returned twice to the courtroom to clear up technical points in regard to the evidence.

Charges against Alexander included hunting and killing a wild animal in the Park, with molesting a bear in the Park, and carrying firearms in the Park. None of the charges was proved to the satisfaction of the jury. J. A. Uzzell, U. S. Attorney, was the chief prosecutor.

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County Entries Take Prizes In Annual WNC Fat Stock Show

Haywood County F.F.A. and 4-H Club members showed 30 calves at the Annual Western North Carolina Fat Stock Show and Sale held in Asheville on November 12-13. Calves were shown by F.F.A. members from Crabtree, Waynesville, and Bethel Chapters, and 4-H Club members from Crabtree, Waynesville, East Waynesville, and Bethel 4-H Clubs. Other counties showing calves were: Macon, Clay, Cherokee, Swain, Jackson, Transylvania, Madison, Buncombe, McDowell, Avery and Henderson. A total of 111 calves were entered in the show.

Macon County won Grand Champion with a Hereford calf owned by Paul Killian of Franklin. Jackson County won Reserve Champion with a Shorthorn calf owned by Robert Davis of Sylva.

Calves were grouped into Light, Medium and Heavyweight classes. Top Haywood calves were as follows: Lightweight Class (875 pounds and under, with 39 calves in class) Keith Leatherwood 2nd, Dewain Crawford 4th, and R. E. Cathey 10th. Middleweight Class (875 pounds to 975 pounds, with 38 calves in class) Billy Allison 7th. (See Stock Show—Page 3)

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