TODAY'S SMILE

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sked the boy why, the "The Bible says rd loveth a cheerful knew if I put in the much happier."

hat about everyone in who had an old paper dug it out of the last week as the First k of Waynesville celefiftieth anniversary. had requested that such old documents ng them by the bank went back a little

fifty years, though aper dated December come Wednesday. exactly 56 years old. is a copy of "The ist," a periodical that in Waynesville back Members of the staff ineer thoroughly enves examining the had apparently been m of a pattern. M. P. the editor and proription rate was one , or the equivalent ps 'carefully wrapo stick together." e was mostly church back page was devoted rtising and railroad

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Considerable cloudiand rather windy. Waynesville temperapiled by the State Test

Max. Min. Rainfall

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\$3.00 In Advance In Haywood and Jackson Counties

# Town Is Modernizing Electric System By would give her a to the 1902 era, who wanted a new at would give her a deep dig at her. Town Is Modernizing Electric System

# you want suits and a 1902—I'll be glad Funeral Services Held Today For Men Who Died In Center Pigeon Fire

Receive Degrees



LAWRENCE LEATHERWOOD



CARL RATCLIFFE

s later, we all hope pal of the Hazelwood School and by the building. He awakened peo-Carl Ratcliffe, WTHS teacher and ple in nearby homes and then tried

Cullowhee, Saturday. Mr. Leatherwood's degree in ed the spread of the blaze to other Administration and Supervision homes. with a minor in History entitles with four years ser-folding Room of the of education, namely, those of ele-

cipal, and school superintendent. L. Noland there were 14 people ar- Christmas season tonight. from W.C.T.C. in 1939, and for- week-end and charged with public merly taught in the Rock Hill and drunkenness. Maggie Schools. He has held his

present position in the Hazelwood to appear at court this week. (See Degrees-Page 8)

Abel, 62, and John W. Jenkins, 42, of Center Pigeon, who died early

Sunday morning when fire com-

pletely destroyed the frame build-

ing in which they were sleeping, were held at 3 p. m. this afternoon. Final rites for Abel were conducted at the Morning Star Methodist Church with the Rev. Asmond Maxwell and the Rev. George Ingle in charge. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Nephews served as pallbearers and nieces as flower girls.

He is survived by his wife, who was at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Nels Shurson of Eagle Grove, Iowa, at the time of the fire; three sons, Glenn of Rt. 2, Canton, Clem of Hazelwood, and Kenneth of Newport News, Va.; another daughter, Miss Edna Abel of Canton; two sisters, Mrs. Girdwood Smathers and Mrs. Charles Brannon of Canton; and three grand-

Graveside services for Jenkins were held at the Clark Chapel Cemetery at Thickety by the Rev. R. R. Mehaffey. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lola Jones Jenkins; four daughters, Nancy, Nellie, Ruby, and Peggy, all of the home; one son, Richard, of the home; and his mother, Mrs. G. W. Jenkins of Spartanburg, S. C.

The fire broke out about 1:30 Abel, who lived there, was in charge of the building for the owner of the property, Guy Cogburn. The place burned in a few mintates and the bodies burned bewond recognition. Dr. J. Frank Pate, county coroner, said the deaths were caused by an unavoidable accident and no inquest would be held. He said the men evidently were overcome by smoke.

The fire was first noticed by Bob Riddle of near Canton, who is employed by the Southern Bell Lawrence Leatherwood, princi- Telephone Co., as he was driving assistant coach, received Master's unsuccessfully to get into the Degrees in Education from West- burning structure, By acting ern Carolina Teachers College at promptly in arousing nearby

He received his B. S. degree rested in Waynesville over the

44-Pound Birthday Cake Cut At Bank Banquet

Two Men Die In Center Pigeon Fire



Thomas C. Abel and John W. Jenkins died in a fire early Sunday morning that destroyed a tworoom building near the Abel Store in Center Pigeon. The fire was prevented from spreading to nearby houses by the prompt awakening of several families by Sob Riddle, who drove by shortly after the fire started. The garage shown here belongs to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne McDowell, who got their car out before the gasoline in the tank could become ignited. But they did not act too soon because the garage, attached to the bunlding building, caught fire three times.

(Mountaineer Photo).

## Thousands Attend 'Open a. m. Sunday in a two-room dwelling that had formerly been a store. House Of First National **During Anniversary Event**

#### Christmas Lights Turned On Here:

season each night.

on Saturday night.

The giant evergreen tree just to the left of the front door of the years ago.

There are lights located through- generation. out the business districts in both Hundreds of walking canes, to-

o'clock in order to accommodate World War II.

the old pictures made about 50 most people shocked.

The 50-year costumes of the bank Haywood County Court House is officials and employees added to area. being decorated with lights today the atmosphere of the occasion, the years after hostilities ended in (Monday) by workmen and should and brought many comments from According to Chief of Police O. be ready to add to the color of the those who remember such costumes, and created curriosity among those who were of a later

> sages were given away. During (See Bank-Page 8)

#### **Pearl Harbor Day** Overshadowed By Ike's Korean Trip

President - elect Eisenhower's precedent setting trip to Korea, in which he fulfilled a campaign promise to get a first-hand look at the situation there, overshadowed people yisited The First National the topic of conversation on Dewhat normally would have been cember 7-the eleventh annivervance of the institutions 50 anni- sary of the bombing of Pearl Harversary. For the first two days, bor by the Japanese, an action the bank remained open until five that drew the United States into

wrapping Christmas presents and The display of the \$10,000 bills addressing Christmas cards. The Officials in Hazelwood turned attracted much attention, but it was news of the outrageous bombing, the lights on in Hazelwood Friday hard to determine whether the disfamilies, he undoubtedly prevent- night. Waynesville's were turned play drew any more attention than people just after 2 o'clock, left

> Enlistments the following week took many young men from this

> 1945, December 7 was a day that was mostly talked about.

But things were different this many people were talking about ped overnight by some sort of o'clock. miracle. But dispatches from Korea after news was known of the trip was heartening.

That, perhaps, was better conversation to people than the remembrance of a day 11 years ago when they came out of their houses and talked quietly to their Sunday that another war was field Saturday when the Mercury

# \$15,000 Is **Being Spent** On System

A modernization project that will, when completed, afford better service to Waynesville's electric power customers is now in progress and should be completed in the near future, G. C. Ferguson, town manager, said today.

Engineers are at work now making certain changes in power lines and transformers that will double the voltage available to Waynesville customers from 2,200 volts to 4.160 volts: almost double.

The cost of the project will be in the neighborhood of \$15,000. Ferguson said that the expenditures will mean an equal distribution of power all over town and would thereby afford much better service than has heretofore been available, "The project will also reduce considerably the loss the town has been sustaining for many years because of overloaded lines,' he added

Waynesville now gets its power Is Taken By from the Carolina Power and Light Company. Engineers who are working on the modernization project will make use of the same transformers that have been used, but will install a number of at- man of the Haywood County Weltachments that will make it pos- fare Board and Police Court judge sible to convert the transformers for greater voltage.

The project should pay for it? self in a few years because of a resident of Haywood County, more efficient use of the available power, town officials said.

During the past whenever town it also caused a certain amount of power loss at other points. And most subscribers for electric power have noticed in years past that flickers would occasionally cause them trouble.

But such annoyances as that will be entirely done away with when the new transformer attachments are installed.

do a \$90,300 business during the were incomplete this morning.

Claimed By Death



N. C. West, police court judge of Clyde, died suddenly early this morning. He suffered a heart

### Norval West Death At Clyde

Norval Chester West, 72, chairat Clyde, died suddenly early this morning at his home in Clyde.

He was a native and life long

Surviving are the wife, Mrs. Sue Ballard West; the mother, Mrs. Rosetta West of Clyde; one son, power failure hit a certain part of Jack West of Waynesville; one step-son. Rex Ballard of the home: two step-daughters, Mrs. John Bagwell of Asheville and Miss Evelyn Ballard of Kannapolis; two brothers, Homer West of Waynes ville and Ben West of Asheville: one sister, Mrs. W. G. Smathers of Clyde; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Wells Funeral Home, Canton is The town Light department will in charge of arrangements which

# Christmas lights over the Main Streets of Waynesville and Hazelwood have been turned on and will wood have been turned on and will wood have been turned on and will tures, documents, and the coins day... most people were at home world war II. Most people remember that day in years ago. It was a guiet Sunday... most people were at home Go In Operation Sat.

#### Merchants Group To Award Mercury Next Saturday

year . . . there was still a war and participating in the Merchants The Lions have been taking care Association second annual Trade of the underprivileged children for it. President - elect Eisenhower, Jubilee will have their chance at a number of years, and the only Those charged will be required the Waynesville and Hazelwood gether with several hundred corsomething to hold on to when he be given away this coming Satur- through donations from the public. promised to visit the front lines day, December 13, at the Waynes- Heretofore the public has cooperatin Korea, was careful to point out ville High School athletic field. The ed in a wonderful way, and it is the that such a war couldn't be stop- event is scheduled to begin at 2 hope this year that they will con-

Prizes were awarded Saturday as Davis of Hazelwood; portable type- to take care of the project, a specwriter, Margaret Phillips of Way- ial radio show will be presented nesville; bicycle, Nora Hall of Way- by the club sometime next week, at nesville; and groceries, Mrs. Clark Edmonds of Hazelwood.

is to be awarded.

The Waynesville Lions Club will begin their campaign to raise \$2,-000 dollars for their Christmas Cheer Fund for underprivileged children this Saturday, December 13th, when they open their dime board on Main Street.

The Health and Welfare Committee of the club, headed by Jerry Waynesville shoppers who are Rogers, is sponsoring this project.

tinue to do so.

In connection with the drive to follows: Bulova watch, Carolyn raise the \$2,000 that is anticipated which time varied talent of this section, featuring well-known quar-Officials of the Trade Jubilee tets and choirs will be given from neighbors. A war then was just urge that all people holding tickets the First National Bank. There starting. People hoped and prayed to be on hand at the high school will also be some well known "singers" from the club on hand in case they are requested to perform. This program will be an all-request program, worked in a similar manner as in years past.

At the club's meeting last week Mr. Rogers presented the club with a complete schedule of Lions who were to operate the dime board, and also plans for taking care of (See Dime Board-Page 8)

Highway

Record For

1952

In Haywood

(To Date)

Injured .... 48

#### Three Hurt In Two Auto Wrecks Here Early Sunday Three persons were injured, and Sunday morning, the officer said.

five others received minor cuts and early Sunday morning.

for treatment for cuts and bruises. good. Liner, together with Carl Presnell Officers said the investigation cuts and bruises.

Patrolman Wooten said the driver able to talk. The accident happened at 1:29 a.m. crushed in the accident.

About the same time, a 1949 burises in two separate wrecks here | Ford turned over on Highway 19A-23 between the two red lights in A Cadillac driven by Jerry Liner. Hazelwood. Two Waynesville po-Jr., left Highway No. 284 about a licemen. Francis Reece and A. P. mile north of twon, and was com- Evans investigated, and said the pletely demolished. There were vehicle had to be lifted off Roy five in the vehicle at the time it Hampton, driver and owner of the hit a soft shoulder of the road and car. Two occupants, Thurston wrecked, according to Patrolman Burnette and Louis Green suffered W. R. Wooten, investigating officer, slight cuts and bruises. Hampton Eddie Ballinger and Bobby Pres- is still in the hospital, and his connell, were admitted to the hospital dition at noon was reported as

and Wayne Kelley received slight would continue when Hampton was

was charged with reckless driving. The left side of the car was

Killed . . . . 5 (This information com-

piled from Records of State Highway Patrol.)

Six representatives of the shareholders and officials, cut the large gold 3-tier birthday cake as part of the 50th anniversary observance of The First National Bank. The banquet was held Friday night at the Towne House, Left to right; Mrs. W. T. Crawford, Mrs. T. O. Chafin, the first woman ever employed by the bank, Mrs. T. L. Gwyn, J. H. Way, executive vice president, with 43 years of service, Mrs. Harwell L. Boyd, Jr., and J. W. Ray, a director. (Mountaineer Photo).

STORES HERE OPEN WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON AND FRIDAY NIGHT