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TODAY'S SMILE

There's usually plenty of room at the top because some who get there go to sleep and fall off.

## Appraisers To Start Jan. 1 On Revaluation Of All Real Estate, Improvements In County

### Santa Visits National Guard Here



The annual Christmas party of the local National Guard unit was held Tuesday night at the armory and Santa Claus was on hand to give presents to children and older folks alike. About 200 members of the Tank Company of the 120th Infantry Regiment and their families were present. Four of the wives were given nylon hose as door prizes. A prize to the couple who have been married longest went to SFC and Mrs. James E. Robinson (28 years) and to the newest couple, Pfc and Mrs. Hubert Inman (four months). (Mountaineer Photo)

### Civil Court To Convene January 5

The Civil Calendar of the January Term of Haywood County Superior Court will convene January 5, with Honorable Allen H. Gwyn presiding.

There are 29 cases on the calendar. On Monday, which is the first day of the court session, the pre-trial calendar will be set up.

The court will last for one entire week, and through Wednesday of the second week.

The jury for the first week has the following names: R. B. Hyatt, Dank Robinson, Norman Justice, Ernest Coble, W. H. Hyatt, Myrtle Medford, and J. Cameron Williams, Waynesville; Mrs. Hermie Turpin, T. H. Harkins, Fred J. Ferguson, Margaret P. Young, J. V. Warren, W. N. Freel, T. C. Allen, Robert F. Stamey, W. A. Silvers, J. G. Burgess, and J. T. Chappell, Beaverdam; James Warren, Jr., Cecil; J. Hobert Medford, Harvey McClure, and Gus McClure, Clyde; Mrs. J. F. Sheffield, Pigeon; and Mrs. Troy Leatherwood, Jonathan Creek.

### More Holidays Scheduled Thursday; Christmas Was Biggest Ever, Firms Say

#### Taken By Death



W. L. LAMPKIN

### Death Takes W. L. Lampkin After Illness

W. L. Lampkin, 66, retired employee of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, died Friday afternoon in the Haywood County Hospital after a brief illness.

He was retired in November, 1951, as Waynesville manager for the company after completing 40 years of service.

A native of Jefferson City, Tenn., he was the son of the late Jeff and Presha Cameron Lampkin and attended Maryville College, Maryville, Tenn.

Lampkin was a member of the Waynesville Lodge No. 259, AF and AM, the Waynesville Rotary Club and a charter member of the (See Death Takes—Page 6)

With the biggest part of the holiday season over and 1953 just a few short days away, Waynesville business firms prepared to close their doors for another brief holiday Thursday, which is New Year's Day. This is the first time in many years that business firms here have enjoyed a holiday on New Year's.

Most of the firms reported excellent holiday business, with the busiest part being last Wednesday, the day before Christmas. On that day thousands of last minute shoppers thronged Waynesville's busy streets in an effort to do their shopping before the stores closed for a two-day holiday.

Business was helped by three spring-like days that reminded people of spring. The temperature on Christmas day reached 58, which was considerably warmer than in most places of the country. One shirt-sleeved clad shopper boasted that even Florida's famous sunny beaches weren't particularly enticing in comparison to the perfect weather here.

And, aside from the perfect weather, the holiday was unusually quiet. City police reported that only 14 arrests were made for drunkenness over the holidays, and that traffic, though heavier than usual, was orderly and without incidence.

The Post Office, one of the busiest places in town for the past two or three weeks, reported this morning that mail is almost back to normal after a period of activity that exceeded somewhat that registered a year ago.

Travel through Waynesville by bus was extremely busy. Officials at the bus terminal said this morning that travel was so heavy during the past three or four days that most schedules had to be doubled.

Hundreds of Christmas programs were presented during the holiday period and more programs are scheduled for New Year's.

Also scheduled for New Year's are the traditional "watch" parties. This year many of the parties along this line will be held in homes where television sets are in operation. And most TV owners are inviting friends in to see the traditional New Year's welcoming in Times Square.

The First National Bank in Waynesville will be closed Thursday, as will the First State Bank in Hazelwood. The Post Office will also be closed for that day, although box holders may secure mail. Special delivery mail will be delivered as usual.

### Plans Are To Complete Job In Two Months

For the first time since 1941 the Haywood County Commissioners will conduct a revaluation of all property in the county starting Jan. 1. Chairman C. C. Francis has announced.

The task is expected to be completed within 60 days, the chairman said and three citizens in each of the 13 townships have been named to carry out this work. In addition, industries in the county will have their own revaluation boards.

Since the revaluation in 1941, tax rates had a horizontal raise in 1945 amounting to five per cent. This new valuation will be for real estate and improvements only and will apply on tax listings that start Jan. 1.

In making this announcement, the Commissioners ask that property owners be prepared to meet with the appraisers when they are in the various communities in order that valuations satisfactory to all may be determined.

Much of the county property has changed in value since the last valuation, increasing in some instances and decreasing in others, so that the commissioners feel it is now necessary to adjust real estate values in line with current values.

Following is a list of the appraisal boards in the townships: Beaverdam—Jim Henderson, Leonard Leatherwood, and Kelly Carswell; Waynesville—W. A. Medford, Hiram McCracken, and David Turner; Clyde—W. G. Byers, Wayne Medford and William Osborne.

Pigeon—Grover Ferguson, Hiram Green and Glenn McCracken; Crabtree—Frank Medford, Vinson Davis and Manson McElroy; Jonathan Creek—Troy Leatherwood, Grady Howell and Sam Chambers.

Pigeon—W. W. Hyatt, Tom Michael and Henry Garner; East Fork—Watt Howell, Orner Burnett and Ken Burnett; Cecil—Lenoir Moody, Carl Woody and Jerry Francis.

White Oak—Joe Davis, Dibe Duckett and Teague Williams; Iron Duff—Joe Medford, Raymond Caldwell and Ray Milner; Ivy Hill—Dave Boyd, Herbert Plott and (See Appraisers—Page 6)

### Le Faine Under New Management

The LeFaine Hotel will be under new management Jan. 1, according to Manager C. F. Kirkpatrick.

Mr. Kirkpatrick said that Mr. and Mrs. Frank X. Hietter of Mobile, Ala., have arrived to assume their new duties the first of the year. Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick will continue to reside in their apartment at the hotel.

Mr. Hietter was formerly associated with the Armstrong system and has traveled in this section for several years. Mrs. Hietter was connected with L. Hammel of Mobile as assistant to the buyer of ready-to-wear clothing.

### Bridges Named As Veep Of WNC Press

M. T. Bridges, co-publisher of The Mountaineer, was named vice president of the Western North Carolina Press Association for 1953.

Johnny Anderson, of Brevard, was named president, and Miss Lucille Stepp, of Hendersonville, was named secretary.

Highway Record For 1952 In Haywood (To Date)

Injured . . . 50 Killed . . . 5

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

### Wrecks Reported; Haywood Had No Holiday Injuries

Haywood County had no highway injuries during the long Christmas holiday week-end although several accidents were reported with considerable damages in some instances.

The first accident occurred Wednesday afternoon about two o'clock on Highway 276 near the Bethel School, Boone B. Lowe, a soldier, of Route 1, Waynesville, attempted to stop at the highway as he drove down the dirt road leading past the school. His faulty brakes did not hold and he entered the highway where he was struck by a car driven by Robert E. Collins of Waynesville. Damage amounted to about \$1500. Patrolman Joe Murril, the investigating officer, said Lowe was charged with driving with improper brakes.

The second accident took place Christmas Eve on the Crabtree Road at the intersection of the Hyder Mountain Road where two cars collided with damages totaling about \$800. Paris E. James of Canton said that he entered the Crabtree Road from the Hyder Mountain Road after he thought he had determined no traffic was approaching. But he struck a car driven by Wade R. Hanev of Route (See Wrecks—Page 6)

### Listers For Taxes Named

The coming of the New Year means that taxes will be on most peoples' minds for the first few months.

To help with the county and town taxes, listers for the 13 townships in Haywood have been named by the Board of Commissioners and Mrs. Mildred H. Bryson, tax collector. Listing starts Jan. 1.

Classes for the listers will be conducted next Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the courthouse by Mrs. Bryson and all those named below must be present:

East Fork—Ken Burnett; Ivy Hill—Eugene Howell; Jonathan Creek—Sam Chambers; Clyde—William Osborne; Iron Duff—Ray Milner; Fines Creek—Glenn McCracken; Pigeon—Henry Garner; Crabtree—Monson McElroy; Cecil—Jerry Francis; Waynesville—Hugh Jolly and David Turner; Cataloochee—Mack Caldwell Jr.; Beaverdam—Vaughan Rhea; Kelly Carswell, and Mrs. Wade Rhea; and White Oak—Teague Williams.

Listing places will be announced at a later date.

### Babson To Make Predictions For 1953 On Thursday

The Thursday issue of The Mountaineer will carry the annual predictions of Roger W. Babson, well known business authority.

He has listed for 1953, an even 50 prediction, and for the most part, is optimistic over the outlook.

Mr. Babson is factual in making his predictions and has a high percentage of accuracy down through the years.

Look for this in the Thursday issue of The Mountaineer.

### Bank Will Be Closed Jan. 1

The First National Bank, in observance of New Year's Day, will be closed Thursday, Jan. 1.

Regular banking hours will be held during the rest of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Hyatt left today for Cincinnati, Ohio after spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Hyatt and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers. Mrs. Hyatt is the former Miss Mary Jane Rogers.

### Fred Calhoun Dies Following Brief Illness

Funeral services for Fred B. Calhoun, Sr., 57, Waynesville sign painter, who died Thursday morning at his home here after a brief illness, were held Saturday at 2:30 p.m. in Waynesville Methodist Church.

The Rev. J. E. Yountz, pastor, and Rev. B. E. Wall officiated and burial was in Green Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Joe Tate, Jr., Bill Porter, Thomas C. Davis, Hardy Stinnett, C. C. League and Henry Miller.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Matney Calhoun; three daughters, Misses Kathleen and Julia Ann Calhoun of Waynesville, Mrs. Thomas R. Flowers of Burlington; two sons, Fred B. Jr., of Newport News, Va., and John of Waynesville.

Also three sisters, Mrs. Joe N. Tate, Sr., of Hazelwood, Mrs. W. T. Garner of Atlanta, Ga., and Mrs. Tom Davis of Newport News, Va., and two grandchildren.

Calhoun was a native of Jackson County, the son of the late J. S. and Julia Cook Calhoun and had resided in Waynesville 25 years.

### Haywood's First Baby Of 1953 To Be Awarded Many Prizes By Business Firms

Haywood County's first white baby of 1953 is destined to become something of a celebrity in its first few hours of life. Aside from the distinction of being the first baby of the New Year in the county, it will be presented with enough presents to make it no ordinary baby.

Many business firms in the county are joining with The Mountaineer in sponsoring a contest that will have as its rewards enough paraphernalia to last the baby quite a while.

Any white child born after the stroke of midnight Wednesday will be eligible for the many prizes, but the one that is born first, as determined by a board of judges, will be the junior version of "Miss (or Mr.) Haywood County of 1953."

Among the firms participating, and the prizes they are offering, are the following: Biltmore Dairies, thirty quarts of pasteurized milk; Firseone Home and Auto Supply, a baby seat that fits any car; Reliable Jewelers, a sterling cup, sterling spoon, and sterling teething spoon; Belk-Hudson, ten dollar trade certificate; Smith Drug Store, baby gift set, Crawford

Funeral Home, free transportation home from the hospital for mother and baby; First State Bank of Hazelwood, a three-dollar savings account; Limer and Sheehan, two-weeks free dry cleaning; James Furniture, nursery trainer; Builders Supply, gallon of paint and brush; and The Mountaineer, one year's subscription.

The rules of the contest state that the child must be born of white residents of Haywood County. The time of the birth must be confirmed by the attending physician, and the birth certificate must be submitted to the judges. The birth must be reported to The Mountaineer as soon as possible. The decision of the judges shall be final.

If at all possible, The Mountaineer will announce the winner in Thursday's paper. At the same time a picture of the baby and its mother will be run, again if it is possible.

Should it happen that no birth is reported Thursday morning, the story will be carried in next Monday's paper.

### Old Ways Are Still Good



The old methods are still pretty reliable in some instances and this Indian mother from Soco, Mrs. Alice Oocumma, knows that carrying her papoose, Jerry, on her back while visiting Waynesville makes the task of looking after the youngster a simple one. (Mountaineer Photo)

delights Of The News

Glass House ... his lectures a college started to dismiss the student called out: "do you any document to support the professor been telling us?"

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Mrs. Carleton Weather- children, Jean and Eddy, Mrs. Weatherby's bro- sister-in-law, Mr. and Mild Massie, at Daytona rida.

FAIR Fair and continued d. Partly cloudy and warmer Tuesday. Waynesville weather as at the State Test Farm.) Max. Min. .58 28 .50 19 .47 25 .47 19