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**TODAY'S SMILE**  
Golfer: "Well, caddy, how do you like my game?"  
Boy: "I guess it's all right. But I still prefer golf."

## Town Beer Election Set For April 8th

### PTA Groups Asking Higher School Rating

### Mrs. Boyd States Stand As School Superintendent Gets New Post

The consistent rumors that Mrs. Lucy Jones Boyd had resigned as county superintendent of education are without foundation. This morning Mrs. Boyd told The Mountaineer: "My appointive term of office is until the 30th of June. I intend to fulfill my term. "I will announce my decision to the new board after they take office, of whether I seek reappointment, or whether I will terminate my office at the end of the appointive term. At present, it would be improper, and unofficial, to place a resignation, or an application for reappointment with the present board, since a new board will be responsible for the term of office of superintendent beginning July 1st of this year. "My decision will be announced in the due course of time. Right now, this building program is taking my time and attention — I am already late going with an engineer to inspect the work underway at Allens Creek school." With that, engineer to make the inspection, and without further comment as to her future plans.

### Group Present Ideas Before Members Of Nominated School Board.



Representatives of Parent Teachers Associations throughout Haywood, have called upon members of the new potential county school board to raise the standards of schools. The plea for raising the standards of schools was made Saturday night, when about 40 people met in the dining hall of the First Methodist church here. This was the third meeting of the PTA group, but the first where members of the board had been asked to attend. Three of the five members of the county board who are due to take office this spring were present. Tom Leatherwood, of Clyde, told the group: "We are not in a hurry yet. We will have to wait until we have been named by the legislature. "We are interested in good schools, and all want better schools. There are many problems confronting all of us, and we ask your cooperation in order that the ultimate good may be accomplished." Jack McCracken, Bethel, and J. W. Killian of Waynesville, the other two members present, agreed with the sentiments of Mr. Leatherwood. "Mr. Killian said: "When we get in office, we will be glad to meet with any group and hear your suggestions." The two members unavoidably absent were: Mark Kirkpatrick, and Jarvis Caldwell, of Fines Creek and Iron Duff, respectively. (See Schools—page 6)

### Hendersonville Girl Attempts Suicide At Clyde

A young girl from Hendersonville attempted suicide about 7 p. m. Sunday at Clyde because she said her sister took her boy friend away. The 16-year-old girl had come to Waynesville to visit her brother and then took a bus to Clyde. She entered a home and cut both wrists with razor blades. Deputy Sheriff Everett McElroy was called immediately and he took her to the Haywood County Hospital where she was treated and discharged. The cuts in her wrists were described as not being very deep. After she got to Clyde, the girl said she did not remember anything. Later at the hospital she explained the reason for her action.

### Annual CDP Meeting Highly Successful Short Session Is Expected

The annual planning meeting for Haywood County's Community Development Program Friday night was perhaps the most successful ever held, Turner Cathey, assistant county farm agent, said today. Of the 27 organized communities in the county, 16 were represented at the meeting. Almost every phase of community development and improvements was discussed at length and much enthusiasm was shown in the plans for 1953. Much interest was shown in the discussion on road-bank improvement. (See County CDP—page 6)

### Commerce Directors To Meet On Tuesday

The directors of the Chamber of Commerce will meet Tuesday night at 7:30, it was announced today by Dr. Boyd Owen, president. This is the regular monthly meeting.

### Allens Creek Church Plans Building Fund

A building enlargement campaign is in progress at the Allens Creek Baptist Church. Plans are to build a new auditorium. The entire community of Allens Creek will be included in the campaign, which will attempt to raise enough money to begin construction of the new building by April 1. Total cost of the new construction has not been set, but it is expected that at least \$16,000 will be needed before construction can get underway. A building committee will visit each home in the community in the near future. Rev. C. D. Sawyer is pastor of the church.

### Grand Jury Makes Its Report To Judge Gwynn

Grand Jury recently named this year has completed its report to Superior Judge Allen H. Gwynn as conditions existing that were reported by the last Grand Jury as needing repairs. In addition to these we suggest that a new laundry be installed, one capable of handling the volume necessary for this institution. We found in the Home 11 men, 6 women and 1 child. The farm animals consisted of 33 cows and heifers, 1 bull, 4 steers, 20 yearlings, 7 calves, 1 horse, 2 brood sows, and 99 chickens. We found 30 tons of hay (estimated), 100 bushels corn, 13 sides of meat, 15 hams, 2 shoulders, 35 gallons lard, 65-1/2 gallons and 20 quarts sausage, 400 cans of food-stuff. Hospital and Nurses Home We, the Grand Jury, found this property in splendid condition considering construction being done. Courthouse We recommend that the Register of Deeds office and store rooms be painted and given a general cleaning; Tax Collectors office needs window shades; Selective Service office has broken ventilator glass; Red Cross office needs paint, rest room needs a general cleaning. (See Grand Jury—page 6)

### Spring Must Be Near, Folks Asking For Ramps

Already people are writing in from throughout the state asking about ramps. From down at Kinston comes a letter asking for full information, and a dollar's worth of ramps for planting in a beautiful garden. And to clear the record, past history shows that ramps get "ripe" about the middle to the latter part of May.

### Revaluation Is a Big Job



Tax listing and revaluation, which started the first of the year, is keeping the listers busy around the county. At South Clyde Wayne Medford, William Osborne, and W. G. Byers examine the house of Curtis Rogers (right) as they start on their inspection of the farm. (Other photographs showing this group on their tour of the Rogers' farm will be found on page 1, section 2). (Mountaineer Photo). (See Page One Sec. 2 for other Pictures)

### Planning Meeting Is Set Tonight

Indications this morning were that about 200 people would attend the initial planning meeting of the Recreation Program at the court house tonight. The meeting has been called for 7:30 by the 11-man commission recently named by the boards of aldermen of Waynesville and Hazelwood. Charles E. Ray is chairman of the commission, and will preside at tonight's meeting. Each organization in the two towns, all industries, as well as some organizations in the county, have been requested to name a recreation committee, with the (See Planning—page 6)

### Need For Revaluation Explained By Francis

6.1 Per Cent Of People In County Are Over 65 People in Haywood County apparently live longer than people in half the other counties in North Carolina, a survey based on the 1950 Census shows. There are some 2,285 people in the county who are 65 or older, 6.1 per cent of the population of the county. According to the table it's apparently easier to reach an old age if you live either on the extreme east coast or in the mountain area. For the state as a whole there were 225,297 people over 65, or 5.5 per cent. "We are trying to level up all property values on the tax books," C. C. Francis, chairman of the board of commissioners told members of the Rotary Club here Friday, as he explained the need and plan of the present valuation of property in the county for taxes. "We know there are a lot of irregularities, because it has been eight years since a revaluation of property was held in the county and many things have taken place to change values in most of the localities since that time," he continued. The chairman began by pointing out that the board was not playing politics, but was working for the welfare of all concerned. "We have named farmers to judge, and place values on farm lands; we have asked industries to do the same on plants, and business men to set a fair valuation on business properties. We did not know of a fairer way of going about the matter of getting everything on an equal basis. "body happy," he said. "And those who are not satisfied with the assessment placed upon their property will certainly have ample opportunity to explain their position on the matter. The chairman said that unless a substantial amount is gained in the new revaluation, that there is a possibility of another raise in the county tax rate. He said that while several townships had completed their revaluation, that the work of adding and comparing it with last year had not been completed. (See Revaluation—page 6)

### A&P Will Open Store Wednesday

A \$100,000 store, an ultra-modern self-service super market, will be opened on Thursday, Feb. 12 by the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company at 304 South Main Street in Waynesville. The open house celebration will be held on Wednesday afternoon, February 11 from 5 to 9 p. m. "The model store will offer some of the most modern super market innovations in the state," said P. M. Bealer, Jr., vice-president in charge of A&P's Carolinas Unit. Roy Gwaltney, veteran A&P employee, will be in charge of the new store. Mr. Bealer announced that the building, leased from Sol Schulman of Sylva, covers an area of 50 by (See A&P Store—page 6)

### Dr. Elmer Clark Honored As Great Editor; Leaves Famous World Outlook

The Rev. Dr. Elmer T. Clark of Lake Junaluska, officially resigned as an editor of World Outlook, Methodist missions magazine, and as editorial secretary of the Methodist Board of Missions, New York, at the recent Board of Missions meeting held at Buck Hill Falls, Pa. Dr. Clark and Mrs. Clark live at Lake Junaluska. At one time his offices were in Nashville, when he was secretary of the Methodist Church, South, and editor of The World Outlook, then the missions magazine of the Southern church. He moved to New York with the Board of Missions and the World Outlook at the time of Unification of the Methodist Church, South and the Methodist church in 1940. Since 1940 Dr. Clark has spent a great deal of time in Nashville in connection with the printing of (See Dr. Clark—page 6)

### Board Calls Election On Strength Of Petitions

An election to determine whether or not beer shall be legally sold in the town of Waynesville has been called for April 8. The Board of Aldermen, sitting for its regular monthly meeting Thursday, voted to call the election after being notified that the necessary number of qualified voters had signed petitions asking for such an election, and at the same time appointed registrars and judges. After the required number of qualified voters sign such a petition—in this case the number was 257—then it is mandatory upon the Board to call an election. Registration books will be open for three successive Saturdays in March—the 14th, 21st and 28th. On all other week days between the 14th and 28th of March registration books will be available for registering persons at the homes or at the places of business of the registrars. Hours of registration are from 9 o'clock in the morning until sunset. Saturday, April 4, has been set aside as Challenge Day. The hours for challenging registrars are from 9 o'clock until 3 o'clock on that day. Several weeks ago those forces interested in securing the election presented petitions to the town but, because of a legal technicality, the petitions were withdrawn. Plans were formulated at that time by the "wet" forces to circulate more petitions. Needed were the names of 257 qualified voters who had voted in the last Mayoralty and Board of Aldermen elections. The petitioners secured the names of almost 500 qualified voters and presented them to the Board of Aldermen, which acts as a Board of Elections in all town elections. Registrar for Precinct One is Mrs. Ruth Kelly. Judges are Hugh Jolly and James H. Howell, Jr. For Precinct Two Mrs. Denton Browning was appointed registrar, and Bill Ferguson and Elwood Caldwell were named judges. Haywood County voted out the legal sale of beer and wine last September 2 and, 60 days later on the eve of the national elections, the county went legally dry. Presbyterian Laymans Club Meets Wednesday The Laymens Club of the Waynesville Presbyterian church will hold their regular monthly supper meeting at the church Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. A film "Unto The Harvest" will be shown. This film depicts the Mission Work of the Southern Presbyterian Church in the Belgian Congo, Africa. The men of the church congregation are invited to be present.

### Mrs. Milner Says Grand Jury Duty Was Surprise

Mrs. Lucy Scates Milner, the first woman to serve on a Haywood County grand jury, thinks maybe it wasn't intended a woman would have been appointed. Since she is the first woman so honored it may be natural for her to make this assumption, but the fact remains that any person listed on the tax books is liable for this service. It just happens there are not many women listed. One day last week she received a card in the mail notifying her she was to serve on the grand jury for a year. The news could hardly have been more unexpected and she thought at first she was to serve on a regular jury. With this in mind, Mrs. Milner searched for another woman who had had jury duty, a task that would not have been impossible had she looked long enough. Monday morning she reported to the courthouse at 9 o'clock and so unfamiliar was she with the building she had to ask where the courtroom was located. But since this early, and probably natural confusion, Mrs. Milner has now become accustomed to her duties. She said she now understands much more about the schools and other county property, especially the jail and prison camp, which she had never seen before. Now, with about a week's experience behind her, Mrs. Milner thinks more women should serve on the grand jury. In fact, she said, there should be a law to the effect that at least one woman will be required for each grand jury.

**Highway Record For 1953 In Haywood (To Date)**  
Injured . . . 11  
Killed . . . 0  
(This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol.)

re 'n There In Carolina

**GOP MEET**  
page of Charlotte, who led Carolina Citizens for in the recent election, used a meeting of State leaders in Raleigh for those of "ironing out differences in the patronage" matter, both J. E. Broyles, name-committee, and J. M. Marshall, state GOP chair-agreeable on the matter.

**NEW SHIP CARS**  
al Motors has been awarded contract to supply the North Carolina with 250 Highway Patrol cars. The cars, all of which will be delivered now and July 1.

**MASS ARREST**  
over agents in Martin town in the eastern part of rounded up 33 alleged in one week-end. The started their work last No- and by last week-end, had evidence to turn the trick, are appearing in court

**ALARMS BACKFIRE**  
young men of Pamlico also down in the eastern he state, had a wild time down night. They raced town, police say, turning alarms—seven of them— sat back and watched trucks roar to the scene. man, apparently a bit l, said: "We ought to r clothes off and pour r on them. That's the eels to go out on a false The Police Court Judge npathy with the firemen, probably in a different

**BANTAM BALLAD**  
licemen in Greenville got robbery last week. Some- nister said, was trying to a house. The officers, with bloodhounds and full s, stole quietly to the to the window in ques- ere, sitting on the sill, bantam chickens, doing inter courting. The off- ound for a while, then ad when their courting is

**Man Shot Year-Old dson Sunday**

Hannah of Maggie, who about 6 p. m. Sunday by year-old grandson, is in condition at the Haywood hospital. Fred Campbell, who report, said Hannah was .38 calibre revolver. The er and boy were alone so report as to exactly ned is available. The d that evidently the boy g with the pistol, which lying on a table.

**Correction**  
e last issue of the er a story was pub- the effect that an au- driven by Mrs. Herbert aynesville was involv- accident with another

ry was an error. The e person should have. Herbert Ruff.

nd Jury Makes Its ort To Judge Gwynn

**FAIR**

Max.	Min.	Rainfall
53	18	
50	34	23
45	36	24
48	28	