

County Votes Approval Soil Conservation

County farmers voted Monday in favor of a Soil Conservation District in Haywood County in an election from April 15 to 17.

The ballot, which was mailed Monday, showed 1,000 for and five against.

A report has been sent to the Soil Conservation Committee which must pass on the matter before a district can be organized.

Final action is taken a month later and will be sent to Haywood County.

Conservation districts operate in conjunction between the county and State governments. The district's salary is paid from the county and the district operator from the State.

Haywood is the 98th county in the State to approve such a district. The State was one of the first in the U. S. to adopt soil conservation laws, action that was taken about 15 years ago.

Young Adults Meeting Planned Methodists

Members of the Brevard College will furnish the music for the annual spring retreat of Young Adults of the Methodist Church which will be held at Camp Hope at 3 p. m.

The program will open with a prayer at 3 p. m. Registrations will be made by members of the Clyde Street Church.

Members of the Canton-Waynesville district are cooperating in the program by caring for the young adults attending.

Rev. L. B. George, pastor of the Methodist Church, has notified the chairman of their duties in connection with the Sabbath school program.

Rev. Robert Stamey, president of Brevard College, will deliver a special message at 7:30 p. m., and the college choir will sing.

Classes on "How to Study the Bible," by Prof. Ed Roy, and "Evangelism for Young Adults," led by the Rev. Holmes, pastor of the Methodist Church, are scheduled from 3:30 until 5:20 p. m.

Members of the Young Adults of the Canton Central Methodist Church will supervise preparation for the dinner scheduled for 7:15 p. m.

The dinner meeting will feature singing by the Rev. Jake Fowler, pastor of the Rockwood Church.

Rev. Fowler, president of young adults, will preside over a business meeting after which the new officers will be elected.

Camp Hope meeting will be a special theme of "Young Adults in Study, Fellowship and Service."

Oak CDP To Meet Saturday Night

Regular meeting of the Oak Community Development Committee will be held Saturday night at the Community Center.

The Messer family will be in charge of the program, and the program is expected to be a most interesting one.

Members To Meet At Monday Night

Members of the Masons Lodge No. 259 A. M. will hold an emergency meeting Monday night, April 27, at 7:30 at the Lodge.

New CDP Meets Monday At School

Interview CDP will hold its meeting at 7:30 p. m. at the Hazelwood School. The Rev. Chafin will preside.

Blood Donors Urged To Contribute May 1

Red Cross officials in Waynesville reminded prospective blood donors today that the Bloodmobile will be here May 1, and that a quota of 150 pints has been established.

David Underwood, chairman of the Red Cross here, said this morning that it isn't too early to start planning for the Bloodmobile visit, and urged as many people as possible to make every attempt to donate.

The unit will be at the Waynesville Presbyterian Church from 11 o'clock until 5 o'clock. The visit is being sponsored by the Secretaries Club, the Elks Club, and a number of Waynesville merchants.

Waynesville weather, as compiled by the staff of the Mountain State:

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60	22	—
71	26	—

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TODAY'S SMILE
New Clerk: "What do I do when a person forgets his change?"
Manager: "Tap on the counter with a dollar bill."

WTHS Concert Band Wins A Top Place In State For 4th Consecutive Year

Wounded



Pfc. Walter A. Pinner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Inman of Ratcliffe Cove, was wounded March 27 while serving with the 1st Marine Division in Korea.

This was the second time he was wounded. Last Nov. 14 he was struck in the face and right leg with shrapnel.

Pfc. Pinner joined the Marines in Feb., 1952 and went overseas July 21.

Former Resident Back For Post On State Board

A campaign is being launched in the area to get Mrs. George Sandlin, the former Miss Lula Dittmore, appointed for district member at large to the State Board of Education.

Mrs. Sandlin was born in Bryson City, and attended high school here, later going to Meredith, and Columbia Teachers College, New York. She took post graduate work at the University of North Carolina, the University of Michigan, and Miami University.

She studied law and passed her bar examination in this state. For over twenty years she has been teaching, and is now a member of the Pleasant Garden high school faculty.

She has been active in NCEA work as well as P-TA activities, the Eastern Star and UDC. She is an active Baptist.

Last summer she made a study of professional standards and teacher training at the University of Michigan, and contributed valuable findings to the board.

Electric Power To Be Off Sunday In Some Sections

In order to cooperate with the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company in their expansion program to give the area better telephone service, the Carolina Power and Light Company has planned an interruption of electric service Sunday, April 26, for a three hour period.

The following sections will be affected: Hazelwood, Allens Creed Road, Country Club Drive, Ninevah, Francis Cove Road, Lower Hyatt Creek Road, and on the Balsam Highway to the Hyatt Creek Road.

The power will be off in those sections from 2 o'clock until 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Roy Wright, manager of the CP and L in Hazelwood said the interruption was planned for a time that would be the least inconvenient to electric power subscribers.

Canton Band Receives Rating of Excellent

The Canton High School band won a rating of excellent in the 34th annual North Carolina Music Contest-Festival in Greensboro on Tuesday. The Canton band playing under the direction of J. C. Manley was entered in Group III.

Nineteen Scouts were awarded the Tenderfoot rank at the Pigeon River District Court of Honor Monday night, and six Scouts received merit badges.

The meeting, which was held in the Court House, was called to order by Don Randolph, advancement chairman. John Carswell, Troop 5, Hazelwood, served as Court Clerk, and the colors were advanced by Troop 2 of Waynesville.

Ted Skaggs, Troop 16 of Canton, led the group in the pledge to the flag.

The 52-piece high school concert band won for the fourth consecutive year, a rating of superior, as they played in the State Music Contest on Wednesday afternoon.

The band again this year, entered grade six music—the highest division in the contest.

Only two other bands in the state share the high honor as does the Waynesville band—Lenoir and Greensboro. Two other bands entering the division received a rating of three—Raleigh and Elizabeth City. The Lee Edwards Band, of Asheville, previously entered the contest, but did not go to Greensboro and play.

Charles Isley, director of the music department, said that the music prescribed for the contest this year was the most difficult in the four years the band has participated.

The band performed under the direction of Robert A. Campbell, assistant director.

When the decision of the judges was announced shortly after nine o'clock Wednesday night, some members of the band carried Mr. Campbell down the auditorium steps of Woman's College, where the contest was held.

The members of the band left here at nine o'clock Tuesday morning, and are scheduled to arrive here at six this afternoon. A large delegation of citizens from here planned to meet the homeward-bound musicians at the Haywood-Buncombe line at 5:30. They planned to be in Waynesville by six o'clock, where a noisy welcome is expected.

The band gave a concert last Friday night before the largest audience ever to attend a concert here.

In Greensboro Wednesday, the band played three numbers: a march, "Americans We," by Fillmore; Symphony No. 5 by Shostakovich; and "Second Hungarian Rhapsody" by Franz Liszt.

Nine members of the high school chorus will participate in the Spring Choral Festival, also being staged in Greensboro. Those attending, together with Mr. Isley, includes: Charles Alley, Joe Boyd, Richard Hipps, Patsy Blalock, Sylvia Camlin, Nancy Davis, Marguerite Leatherwood, Dot Liner and Dick Hogan.

They will return home on Saturday afternoon.

Chief Orville Noland, together with members of the Highway Patrol were in charge of leading the motorcade this afternoon.

An official of the state contest explained that bands enter the groups of their choosing, and are assigned music for that particular grade. Each band plays against a standard of excellence for that particular grade.

The grade ranks the same as school—first, through sixth grades.

The ratings are: Superior, first; excellent, second; and good is third place.

This morning the students of the high school were called into assembly and given the news by District Superintendent M. H. Bowles of the accomplishments of the band on Wednesday.

Pigeon River District Court Of Honor Held Here

Troop 2, Waynesville; William H. Moody, Clarence W. Collins, Lewis Van Green, and Ray Erwin Mills, Troop 5, Hazelwood; and Sammie merit badges.

Mr. Randolph presented the following Scouts with the Second Class award: Edward James and Joe Jack Atkins, Jr., Troop 2, Waynesville; Jay C. Burrell, Troop 5, Hazelwood; W. Kenneth McNeil and Thomas Rigdon, Troop 12, Bethel; Bill Trantham, Earl Wilson, and Jerry Trantham, Troop 22, Canton.

F. E. Lowrance awarded Merit Badges to the following: Roman Kolody, Troop 2, Waynesville; Stuart Roberson and Johnny Carswell, Troop 5, Hazelwood; Eddie Wells, Troop 12, Bethel; Ted Skaggs, Troop 18, Canton; and Stephen Woody, Troop 2, Waynesville.

The dinner is being prepared by the Hazelwood School cafeteria staff, and will be served by members of the Waynesville High School Homemakers Club. Decorations in the dining room will be prepared by members of the Business and Professional Woman's Club.

Stanford Massie and Ann Co-man Crawford, students at Waynesville High School, will entertain the group with musical selections.

David Felmet is chairman of the General Arrangements Committee for the banquet. Ticket Sales were directed by M. R. Whisenhunt. C. G. Thompson is chairman of the Reception Committee, and Mrs. J. R. McCracken is chairman of the Decorations Committee.

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Musicians Get Together



When Mrs. Douglas M. Allen of the College of Music of Cincinnati visited here this week to interview prospective college musical students at the high school, she took time to call on Joe Emerson Rose, radio singer and recorder. At Mr. Rose's home they discussed some of his recordings. (Mountaineer Photo).

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Chamber Of Commerce To Hold Banquet Tomorrow

Louis V. Sutton, President and General Manager of the Carolina Power and Light Company, will be principal speaker at the annual Waynesville - Hazelwood - Lake Junaluska Chamber of Commerce banquet, which will be held tomorrow night at the Hazelwood School cafeteria.

The meeting will start promptly at 7:00 o'clock.

Members of the ticket committee have reported a brisk sale of tickets and a large crowd is expected to be present.

MR. Sutton will be introduced by Charles E. Ray, Jr. David Felmet will introduce other prominent guests, and Dr. Boyd Owen, president of the body, will act as master of ceremonies.

A list of people, all prominent in civic and business affairs in Western North Carolina, have been invited to the banquet. Among them are John Carroll, president of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce; J. Bruce Morford, president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce; Tom Brummitt, president of the Haywood Community Development Program; Edward Hummel, superintendent of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park; Sam Weems, superintendent of the Blue Ridge Parkway; Julian B. Stepp, Carolina Power and Light Company, Asheville; J. Ramsey Buchanan, Jackson County Chamber of Commerce; and A. L. Freedlander, president of Dayton Rubber Company.

Also John Parris, director of public relations of the Cherokee Historical Association, Inc.; Harry Buchanan, chairman of the Cherokee Historical Association; Bill Sharpe, editor of STATE magazine; C. S. Walters, Carolina Power and Light Company, Asheville; Frank Cox, executive manager of the Asheville Industrial Council; Ernest Roper, president of the Hendersonville Chamber of Commerce; Roy A. Hall, president of Swain County Chamber of Commerce; S. E. Varner, Jr., president of the Brevard Chamber of Commerce; Arthur M. Jones, executive manager of Asheville Chamber of Commerce; Don J. Morris, Pisgah National Forest; Dr. Kelley E. Bennett, chairman of the N. C. National Park, Parkway and Forests Development Commission; Reuben B. Robertson, Champion Paper and Fibre Company; Dr. Paul Reid, president of WCTC; Carol White, business manager of the Cherokee Historical Association; Major O. A. Feth, president of WNC Highlanders, Inc.; and Charles M. Graves, of Atlanta.

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Estimates Now Show Apple Crop Cut Half By Low Temperatures

Early Apple Crop Appears Killed By Cold Weather

Apple growers in Haywood County today faced the prospects of the smallest apple crop since 1944, as early estimates indicated that about half the crop has been destroyed by a killing frost last Friday morning.

Wayne Franklin, County Agent, revised his Monday estimate of a 25 to 40 per cent crop loss to upwards of a 50 per cent loss after talking with most of the county's orchardmen.

"It is still extremely difficult to make a definite prediction on the total loss," Franklin said, "and it's likely that we won't know until June just what the total loss will be. We'll be in a better position to know the total loss after the June 'drops.'"

There has been some orchardmen in the county who forecast only a 10 per cent harvest. Those growers, however have their orchards in the lower areas where the damage was the most widespread. In Francis Cove and Pigeon Valley, both low-lying areas, growers were pessimistic over the potential harvest. One man predicted that his total harvest would be about 10 per cent of what he had anticipated before the cold snap.

Another said he thought that a 25 per cent harvest would be made and another fixed his harvest at about 40 per cent. But none would count on more than 50 per cent.

Back in 1944 a similar period of bad weather hit this area and orchardmen harvested about a 25 per cent crop. Since that time there has been periods of bad weather in the early spring months, but never any as bad as this year. With temperatures hitting below the freezing point several days last week and the killing frost that spread over the area Friday morning, some men were questioning whether there would be any crop or not.

The later varieties — Rome Beauties, for example — didn't suffer a great deal of damage because they do not come into full bloom. That too is a matter of conjecture, however, since the buds might have frozen during the cold snap. If that is the case then there would be few, if any, of that variety.

Still, it's too early to know the actual damage. Most orchardmen were hoping it wasn't as serious as had been earlier thought.

Clark Urging All Young Democrats To Attend Meeting

Walter C. Clark, president of the Haywood County Young Democrat Club, is urging a large attendance at the state-wide meeting of the organization, to be held May 2 in Asheville.

The featured speaker of the convention, according to Mr. Clark, will be Stephen A. Mitchell, chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

The program will get underway at three o'clock, with the banquet scheduled to begin at seven in the city auditorium, with Mr. Mitchell the speaker. A reception is slated for five o'clock.

Park Commission Asking For Additional Funds For Park, And Parkway

Chairman Kelly E. Bennett said today that the North Carolina National Park, Parkway and Forests Development Commission is vigorously supporting requests before the Congress for appropriations badly needed for the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and for continuing construction on North Carolina sections of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

The Commission is working closely with the State Highway and Public Works Commission, Department of Conservation and Development, Governor Wm. B. Umstead and other state officials to strengthen efforts being made by Senators Clyde R. Hoey, Willis Smith and Congressman George A. Shuford.

During the past several years the Commission has been active in advocating adequate funds for developing and maintaining the Great Smokies Park and the allocation of a fair share of any available funds for projects on the North Carolina side of the Park. At the same time it has been aggressive in behalf of the Blue Ridge Parkway, attempting to secure funds for continuing construction and completion of urgently needed sections in Western North Carolina.

"According to the present outlook the Great Smokies Park will continue to suffer and deteriorate (See Park—Page 8)

Orchardman Surveys Loss



R. H. Boone of Francis Cove examines a handful of apple blossoms that were killed in the recent freeze. The tree is the background, from which these blossoms were taken, will produce almost no fruit this year. Boone said about 50 per cent of his crop has been ruined this year and the figure would have been higher if many of his trees were not Rome Beauties, which have bloomed since the freeze and escaped damage. County damage has been estimated at 50 per cent and the prices orchard growers receive this fall will depend on how badly crops in other parts of the county suffered. (Mountaineer Photo).

Two More Proposed Bills Being Drafted For Palmer

A rough draft of two proposed bills were being made here today to send to Representative Joe Palmer, in Raleigh.

One bill would be legislation enabling the board of education to straighten and adjust the property lines of the Lake Junaluska school property. It was explained that the procedure was necessary in order to correct a technical error made some years ago.

Another proposal for legislative enactment is a bill to make it mandatory that all real estate transactions be processed first in the tax office before recording.

Officials explained that most North Carolina counties have such procedure now, and that it saves lots of errors getting on the tax books when property is sold, or tracts divided.

"Under this plan," one official said, "it will be easy to keep up with every parcel of land as it is sold, and see that it is listed to the proper owner. Such a plan will prove beneficial to all concerned."

The plan would not add any cost to the person recording a deed, it was explained. It is merely for the sake of making sure that the property is properly listed in the name of the new owner at the time of transfer.

Highway Record For 1953 In Haywood (To Date)

Injured . . . 17
Killed . . . 0

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