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TODAY'S SMILE

Whether you wind up with a nest egg or a goose egg depends upon how much scratching you do.

Sidelights Of The News

Will Have To Burn Midnight Oil

...ing maketh a full man," always heard, but it's probably what effect books are going to have on the personnel of the Superintendent of Schools. This morning they received a truckload of over four thousand books, all of which will be checked over and sorted for distribution to Haywood schools by Monday. The books, totaling 8300 pounds, are packed in 144 cartons, one to a carton. The books include new spelling books for second through eighth grades and new arithmetic books for third through eighth grades. The books are being distributed to the schools by a severe strain on the superintendent's secretary's back.

Do You Do With Marriage License?

...s a story going around said to be true, about a couple who duly and accurately followed the law applied for a marriage license. The only trouble was they just didn't know how to do with the license and that they were as married as a couple. The license was hung in a place of honor in their home, and the couple lived happily ever after for three months, that is, the day a relative suggested that they should do something about the license. Now they really are living and legally ever after.

Gap Nears Completion

...men are putting down the treatment on the newly completed and graded highway 209 from Ferguson's Store to Betsy Fines Creek. The distance is more than six miles. The plans are to have the surface on the project in the next two weeks. With the weather, workmen say it will be completed. Finishing touches of sweeping and grading are to be done, and surface treatment begins. The new road is about half in place, which gives much better grades than did the old road. The new location provides long curves, and near the top, several open views of the valley below.

Exchange Participants Form New Organization

...the enthusiastic 4-H Club Tuesday night adopted a resolution for a new organization, the 4-H Exchange Club. Membership of the club will consist of active 4-H exchange members—those who have participated in exchange trips either by the trip or by keeping one or more members in their homes. About 150 people are eligible for membership. The new organization, according to the new constitution, will be active during summer and fall holidays. However, the group hopes to make exchanges "even more possible" both local and visiting.



CLOUDY
Partly cloudy and little change in temperature.
Waynesville temperature by the State Test Farm.
Max. Min. Rainfall
75 60 .15
80 60 .02
77 62 .03



OFFICERS of the Haywood Baptist Association are shown on the steps of the Fines Creek church, just a few minutes after their election on Tuesday afternoon at the 68th annual associational meeting. Front row, left to right: Rev. Oder F. Burnette, vice moderator; Mrs. John Blaylock, chairman W.M.S. work; Rev. Horace L. Smith, re-elected moderator. Back row: Rev. Frank Early, pastor Antioch church, Doyle Miller, Dutch Cove, and Rev. Elmer Greene, associational missionary, and Rev. W. N. Reese, North Canton pastor. (Mountaineer Photo)

State Highway Commission Plans Meeting Here Friday

Communities desirous of improving their roads, as well as other interested individuals, will have an opportunity to present their petitions to the Commissioner of the 14th division of the State Highway and Public Works Commission Friday as the staff of the division holds an open meeting at the Court House in Waynesville. The meeting is set at 2 p.m. Commissioner Harry E. Buchanan will be accompanied by staff members in charge of the various phases of the commission's activities. They will be able to answer queries on road locations, bridge building and give other engineering data. Since this meeting will treat of problems of the whole ten-county area, it is expected that representatives from a number of other counties will be present.

STATE FIREMEN MEET

George Bischoff, of the Hazelwood Fire Department, and Clem Fitzgerald, of the Waynesville Department, are returning today from a meeting of the firemen from all over the state at Wrightsville.

Wounded Marine Recovering, Hopes To Return Home 'Before Too Long'

A telephone call this week from a hospital in Japan reassured an anxious mother as Marine Private Robert D. Stepp talked to his mother, Mrs. Jake F. Stepp of Allens Creek. He told her that he was getting around in a wheelchair, but that he expected soon to be walking. Young Stepp was wounded in action in Korea on July 20 and has been in a service hospital in Japan. Letters have kept his mother informed of his condition. He had been shot through the right arm and the right leg, but an early letter reported that he was getting along very well. An operation on the injured hand was successful. Since the phone call, Mr. and Mrs. Stepp have had another letter written with the help of a Red Cross worker. It gives the good news that Pfc. Stepp is now walking a little and that he thinks "it won't be long before he will be well again and home again." (A picture of Pfc. Stepp and the first story of his injury can be found in The Mountaineer for July 30.)

ATTENDS MEETING

J. L. Weaver, of Weaver Gardens, near Clyde, left Sunday morning to attend the 54th Annual Convention of the Southern Nurseryman's Association, which is being held at the Biltmore Hotel in Atlanta.

Asphalt Laid On One Lane Canton-To-Buncombe Rd.

One of the three lanes of US 19 from Canton as far as the Buncombe County line has received its top coat of smooth asphalt, and work is progressing steadily on the other two, it was announced today. More than 300 attended the Tuesday morning and afternoon sessions at Fines Creek; about 175 at Richland Creek church on Tuesday night, and over 300 on Wednesday morning and afternoon at Antioch, in Iron Duff.

Merchants To Discuss Recreation On Monday

Merchants of this area will hear details of the proposed recreation program, as they meet Monday night at the court house, and hear a report from the 11-man Recreation Commission. Joe Cline, president, said that he expected every retail firm in the community to have a representative present. Charles Ray, chairman of the commission, said that the program would be explained so there would be a complete understanding, including a discussion of financing. "The commission wants the reaction of every group in the community, and this is the first of a series of meetings slated to be held in the near future," Chairman Ray explained. Mr. Ray recently addressed the Kiwanis Club, and on Tuesday night will appear before the Business and Professional Woman's Club and present the details of the program. The proposal for a recreation program was recently approved by the commission when a detailed report of the survey by Charles M. Graves, of Atlanta, was made. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Myer and son, Mark, left today for a vacation at Nag's Head.

Steve Cassell, TVA Expert, Named Ass't County Agent

Steve Cassell, known locally for his work with the Tennessee Valley Authority community improvement program, will become assistant county agent on September 1, County Agent Wayne Franklin announced today. Taking charge of the Community Development Program phase of the office, he will replace Turner Cathey, who recently resigned to become principal of the Pennsylvania Avenue School in Canton. Cassell will be remembered by many as having accompanied W. M. Lendis, director of agricultural relations of TVA, in holding meetings throughout Haywood County in 1949, at the inception of the CDP. He spent about five years with the TVA. Prior to that he was assistant county agent of Marion County, Va. For the past two years he has been farming near Milledgeville, Ga. Cassell's home originally was Wytheville, Va., where his family raised purebred shorthorns. He is a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He will be accompanied here by his wife and two children.

Many Fine Acres Burley In Haywood Despite Drought

Experts Cite Extreme Care Needed In Cutting and Grading

Top-quality tobacco in a number of fields this year may be balanced by a decrease in acreage harvested, in the opinion of local tobacco men. Although no accurate forecast of the crop value can be made at this time, an estimate has been made of a harvest of about two million pounds. A decrease in the acreage allotted combined with the summer's drought will bring down the total from last year's crop of approximately two and a half million pounds, it is predicted. Because of the quantity of bottom leaves burnt out by the lack of rain, a number of county farmers have already begun cutting their crop. Some farmers expressed optimism that with favorable weather the crop might cure out to a better quality than last year, and some felt too that with the smaller crop the farmers would take more time and place emphasis on grading their tobacco. Heretofore, some buyers have pointed out that the lack of efficient grading has resulted in lower prices for burley crops. Last year nearly 1450 acres were harvested, with an average yield of 1750 pounds per acre. This year the estimate is that only about 1200 acres will be harvested, averaging 1450 pounds. Prices have remained steady on three-cured tobacco from last season to this, and it is expected that the burley market will follow suit.



EXCELLENT TOBACCO is inspected by L. L. Williamson, right, owner of the crop on his Iron Duff farm. On the left is Jarvis Caldwell, a neighbor, while Williamson's great-great niece, Ann Minter, of Draper, smiles as the giant stalks go above the heads of the men. Mr. Williamson harvested 2,510 pounds on .9 of an acre last year. He plans to cut the crop this week. He used 900 pounds of fertilizer when the plants were set, and none since. This is rated as among the best fields of burley in the county. (Mountaineer Photo)

Methodist Group Plan Field Trip To Four Of Haywood Churches Friday

A field trip to four Methodist churches in Haywood County will feature Friday's program of the South-wide Conference on Town and Country Life under way at the Lake Junaluska Methodist Assembly. Delegates in attendance from nine states will visit churches of the Crabtree charge which comprise the pastorate of Mrs. C. O. Newell, who was recently chosen as "Rural Minister of the Year" in North Carolina by the magazine, Progressive Farmer. The first Methodist woman ordained as minister in the Western North Carolina Conference, Mrs. Newell has been preaching for 25 years, and has been a community CDP. Even the origin of some of the place names is discussed—Fines Creek, Iron Duff and Junaluska, among others.

Draft Board Asks Help In Locating Four Men

The Selective Service Board has requested assistance in locating four men whose mail has been returned unclaimed. They are Albert Luther Holland, Roy Henry Massie, Rodney Roosevelt Hannah and Thomas Leroy Gibson. Anyone knowing the present whereabouts of any of these men is asked to contact the Selective Service Board at the Court House in Waynesville, telephone GLENSIDE 6-3101.



MRS. W. D. KETNER



MRS. HENRY GARNER

TWO WOMEN HAVE ACCEPTED appointments to the steering committee of the Agricultural and Home Arts building, it was announced today. They are Mrs. W. D. Ketner, president of the Dellwood Home Demonstration Club, and Mrs. Henry Garner, former chairman of the West Pigeon Community Development Program. They will act as advisors for the Home Arts project, considered by the County Commissioners to be "one of the most important phases of the development."

Large Crowds Expected To See Horse Show Saturday

The first annual Horse Show to be staged here is expected to attract hundreds of spectators Saturday afternoon and night, as more than 100 horses are expected to be entered in the many events. Bleachers for two thousand spectators have been erected; big powerful lights are ready; a large-sized ring is in perfect condition; and free parking for hundreds of cars provided. All this, together with some added attractions for horse shows have been included for the interest and comfort of the spectators. The show will be staged next to the Sims Company, on Highway 19A-23, halfway between here and Lake Junaluska. Horses from five states have already been entered, and indications are that some from Florida will be in the show by the time it starts Saturday afternoon. The afternoon show will be free. An admission of a dollar will be made at night, with all children under 12 being admitted free. A feature of the show will be an exhibition of the ten ponies pulling a buggy, called a ten-pony hitch. The unique outfit will participate in the show both afternoon and night. Plans are to parade down Main Street sometime prior to the show Saturday. The ponies are owned by the Yount Hosiery Mills, Newton, and will be driven by W. S. Yount. The group of Haywood citizens who organized the show, point out that it is a non-profit organization, and that all proceeds will be used for further development of the show in future years. Tentative plans are to work with the county in the development of the live- (See Horse Show—Page 7)

Schools Prepare For Opening Next Tuesday

Last-minute preparations are being made for the opening of Haywood County schools on Tuesday, August 25 with what may turn out to be a record enrollment. Weeks of work by the office of the Superintendent of Schools and other personnel of the system will culminate in issuance of the first textbooks to the first early-bird student on Tuesday morning. New buildings or remodeled classrooms will greet many of the returning students. Work finished this summer included the Lake Junaluska, Rock Hill, Maggie and Allens Creek schools, with building programs continuing at Waynesville High, Central Elementary and Bethel High schools.

Dedication New Organ at Lake Is Set

The new organ in Memorial Chapel at the Lake Junaluska Assembly will be dedicated at 4 p.m. Sunday during a special music recital, according to Admiral W. N. Thomas, president chaplain at the lake and former chief of Navy chaplains. Prof. Cyrus Daniel, a fellow of the American Guild of Organists and summer director of music at the lake, will play the following selections: "Pilgrims' Chorus" from Tannhauser, by Wagner; "Come Sweet Death," "Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring" and "Sheep May Safely Graze," by Bach; "Minuet in D," by Mozart; "Caprice Heroique," by Bonnet and "Andanti" from the sonata in G minor, by Rheinberger. The Baldwin electronic organ is the gift of James Hamilton, Junaluska resident, in memory of his mother, the late Mrs. Bertie M. Hamilton. Mrs. Pollard Turman and two children, Laura and John, of Atlanta are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Woody. Mr. Turman will join his family here for the weekend. Mrs. Turman is a niece of Mrs. Woody.

Highway Record For 1953 In Haywood (To Date)

Killed :::: 4
Injured :::: 34

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