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TODAY'S SMILE
The man who is content
to scratch the surface will
never do a polished job.

More and more people
are reading The Mountaineer.
Every issue
shows a gain in circulation.

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Haywood Calves Sold At Asheville

Prices on livestock sold at the
annual feeder calf sale at Asheville
last week were announced today by
county agent's office. Several
hundred head were sold by Hay-
wood producers.

The prices included:
heavy steers, \$16.08; choice
steers (300-400), \$15.85; choice
steers (400-500), \$15.94; good
steers (500 up), \$15.00; good heifers
(300-400), \$15.31; good heifers
(400-500), \$14.73; good heifers (500
up), \$13.19.

medium heifers (300-400), \$13.07;
dum heifers (400-500), \$12.66;
dum heifers (500 up) \$11.41.
heavy steers, \$18.75; choice steers
(300-400), \$17.00; choice steers (400-
500), \$16.00; choice steers (500-600),
\$15.00; choice steers (600-700), \$14.00;
choice steers (700-800), \$13.00;
choice steers (800-900), \$12.00;
choice steers (900-1000), \$11.00.

medium steers (300-400), \$15.91;
dum steers (400-500), \$14.73;
dum steers (500 up) \$14.45; jack
steers, \$15.36.

Childress Leaves
To Take Over
Station At Elkin

James B. Childress, former
manager of radio station WHCC, left
Waynesville Saturday for Elkin,
where he has purchased station
WELK and its affiliate FM station.
He will take over that station of-
ficially when the Federal Commu-
nications Commission has ap-
proved the sale.

Childress, who came to
Waynesville from Oxford, N. C.,
operated the station here for near-
ly four years. He is a past presi-
dent of the local Kiwanis Club and
director of the Chamber of Com-
merce. He is married and has
three children.

Station WHCC is now being op-
erated by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth
Fry, formerly of Washington, D. C.

Blair Warns Drivers
Of Improper Parking

Waynesville Police Chief Orville
Blair today warned drivers to
be careful of parking on sidewalks
or on the wrong side of the
street (facing in the wrong direc-
tion).

Chief Blair said there has been
recent increase in these viola-
tions and added that he has in-
spected policemen to hand out
tickets to all offenders. Traffic
officers are potentially more
vigilant when schools are open,
Chief emphasized.

LANCASTER SHOWS
SOME IMPROVEMENT

Dr. N. F. Lancaster remains at
Memorial Mission Hospital, Ashe-
ville, where he was reported to be
showing slight improvement yester-
day. In spite of the improve-
ment, however, he is not allowed
to walk.

Baptist Church Completes Waynesville Church Census

Waynesville's First Baptist
Church completed its special
church census Friday, and made
plans to expand its own present
Sunday School membership to 638
and a potential enrollment of
844.

The supervisor of the census,
Rev. J. J. Jernigan of Columbia,
S. C., associate director of Sun-
day School work for the Baptist
Church in South Carolina, said
that, as a result of the findings
made, he will recommend:

1. Addition of one more adult
department to make a total of
three and the addition of eight
more classes for a total of 18.
2. Addition of two classes for
young people for a total of five.
3. Addition of another inter-
mediate department and doubling
of the present number of classes.
4. Closer grading on an age
basis of classes for primary and
beginners.
5. Expansion of nursery classes
from three to four.

The Baptist census takers con-
tacted some 3,000 townspeople
during their survey last Sunday
afternoon. Information gained on
members of other denominations
will be turned over to their re-
spective churches. The First Baptist
Church will use information on its
own members and prospective
members to expand its enrollment.
Church workers will call on the
first prospects soon.

Monday, considerable cloudiness
and mild. Tuesday, mostly cloudy
and cooler.
Official Waynesville tempera-
ture as compiled by the State
Farm:

	Max.	Min.	Rainfall
1	82	57	—
2	78	52	—
3	78	51	—
4	79	37	—



BASKETMAKER AND BUSINESSMAN is Fred C. Vaughn, who is an expert weaver, although he is virtually blind. He operates a refreshment stand at the Masonic Temple. (Mountaineer photo)

County-Wide CDP Field Day Set Saturday At Bethel

The county-wide Community De-
velopment Program field day will
be held on Saturday on the Bethel
High School playgrounds, starting
at 1 p. m.

The field day program will con-
sist of a guessing game, horseshoe
pitching, target shooting, and two
softball games.

For softball, the communities
which participated in the field days
and picnics this year will be di-
vided into two groups. Each group
will furnish a team, to be made up
of two players from each of the
groups. Managers will select the
players to represent their commu-
nity and will be responsible for
bringing along softball equipment.

Community chairmen are urged
to have both a men's and a wom-
en's team to participate in the
horseshoe pitching.

Grand prizes will be given in
the guessing game, horseshoe
pitching, and target shooting.

Target shooting will take place
between the following high scorers
among men, women, boys, and
girls who fired during community
field days and picnics:

Men—Roy Stephens, Saunook,
43; Lloyd Jones, Hominy, 35;
George Sutton, Beaverdam, 35;
Frank Christopher, Francis Cove,
33; Ben Best, Upper Crabtree, 33,
and alternates Joel McCrary,
Thickety, 33, and Jack Riggins,
West Pigeon, 33.

Women—Betty Pressley, Hom-
iny, 31; Louise Chambers, Allens
Creek, 26; Eve Trull, Cruso, 23;
Mrs. George Frady, Thickety, 23;
Mary West, Hominy, 21, and alter-
nates Sara James, Upper Crab-
tree, 21, and Betty Jo Long, East
Pigeon, 20.

Boys—Joe Rhinehart, Thickety,
45; Lane McCracken, Hominy, 40;
Carl McCracken, Upper Crabtree,
53; Charlie Clark, Saunook, 30;
George Bradshaw, Iron Duff, 28,
and alternates Jimmy Best, Upper
Crabtree, 28, and Bobby Hunter,
White Oak, 26.

Girls—Bobbie King, Beaverdam,
45; Ruth Helen Boone, Francis
Cove, 30; Ava Jean Henson, Cruso,
26; Ardath Griffin, East Pigeon,
25; Mary Sue Sparks, Saunook, 25,
and alternates Jerry Layman, Cru-
so, 17; Shirley Smith, East Pigeon,
16, and Doris Fisher, Allens
Creek, 16.

The girls' softball game will be
played at 1:30; the boys' game at
2:30.

One softball team composed of
players from Hominy, Thickety,
West Pigeon, East Pigeon, Beaver-
dam, Cruso, and Morning Star will
oppose another squad of players
from Upper Crabtree, Francis
Cove, Iron Duff, South Clyde,
White Oak, Allens Creek, and
Saunook.

Thousands Attend Formal Opening Taylor Motor Co.

Thousands of people attended the
opening of Taylor Motor Company's
new plant here Thursday afternoon
and night.

The crowds started going through
the plant at two o'clock and hun-
dreds were on hand at nine.

At 6:30 a parade by the High
School Band began the evening
program, which included a 45-min-
ute concert by the band, and the
awarding of numerous gifts by the
firm.

Favors and refreshments were
served during the entire opening,
with special gifts going to each
member of the band.



AN EFFICIENT SECRETARY, despite the fact that she has had to fight back from an attack of polio suffered when she was only 10 months old, is Billie Penland, employed at the Hyatt Plumbing Company. (Mountaineer photo)

Polio, Blindness Don't Keep County Residents Off Job

By BOB CONWAY
Staff Writer

There are very few people who
can go through life without some
kind of handicap—whether it be
a minor one or a major one. Some-
times our handicaps are obvious to
others; at other times they may be
known only to our closest friends—
or perhaps only to ourselves.

Fate alone decides whether or
not we have to bear certain afflic-
tions. But it's up to us as to wheth-
er we surrender to our misfortu-
nes—or fight back in an effort to
overcome them.

Two of Waynesville's residents
who have refused to "quit" in the
face of adversity are pretty Billie
Penland, a victim of polio in her
infancy, and genial Fred Vaughn,
who has lost almost all his sight.
Billie now is secretary for the Hy-
att Plumbing Co., while Fred oper-
ates a refreshment stand across
the street in the Masonic Temple.

Miss Penland was only 10
months old when she was stricken
with polio. That was in 1929, be-
fore the disease—usually called
infantile paralysis at that time—
had become well known to the
general public.

In those days, Billie pointed out,
very little could be done for polio
sufferers that is commonly done
today. There was no gamma globu-
lin then and doctors knew com-
paratively little about the dread
ailment.

But Billie carried on as best
she could by attending Bethel
School, and then enrolling at St.
John's for business courses. Today
she types 50 words a minute and
has won an award for her speed in
taking shorthand. She has been
with the Hyatt firm now for four
years, and during this time has
undergone two operations to im-
prove her condition.

Billie, the daughter of Mrs.
Hugh Penland, Route 3, Bethel,
serves as secretary-treasurer of
the March of Dimes and is sponsor
and secretary of the Young Peo-
ple's Class at the Waynesville
Church of the Nazarene. In her
spare time she likes to read and
collect vase. And, like nearly
everyone else in Waynesville, she's
a strong football fan of the Moun-
tainers.

Fred Vaughn, a native of Swain
County, first came to Waynesville
in 1922. "I got my feet wet and
couldn't get away," he recalls. His
sight, defective from birth, never-
theless was fairly satisfactory at
close range during his early life.
However, it got worse as time went
on from a failure of a part of the
lens in both eyes to develop prop-
erly. In 1940 he became partially
blind.

Fred worked for a number of
years in industrial plants here
until he opened his present re-
freshment stand about a year ago
with the assistance of the Waynes-
ville Lions Club and the State
Commission for the Blind.

Although Fred sells things to
eat, drink, and read, his specialty
is attractive baskets which he
makes himself. Fred had only
three lessons from Miss Pauline
Williams, a Kentucky case worker
for the blind, before he learned to
weave the straw baskets, but he
spent most of one summer in prac-
ticing. He usually makes one a day
while at work, but can turn out
one in a half day when he devotes
all his time to it.

Fred is married and lives in
Keller Heights, East Waynesville.
He's also a member of the First
Methodist Church. His son, Fred-
erick, known as one of the most
accomplished musicians that
Waynesville has ever produced, is
now a radio announcer in Siler
City.

Mrs. Roy Phillips is visiting her
son-in-law and daughter, Lt. Col.
and Mrs. M. W. Brinson, in Wash-
ington, D. C.

School officials said that the
Bears' triple-threat back appar-
ently suffered a ruptured cartil-
lage in his shoulder, according to
an X-ray examination. He will
undergo treatment for the in-
jury in Asheville, it was added.

Head-On Crash Near Cherokee Fatal To Indian

A Cherokee Indian suffered fatal
injuries in a head-on collision on
Route 19 east of Cherokee early
Sunday afternoon. Six others were
hospitalized as a result of the acci-
dent.

The victim was Edward Samuel
Walkinstick, 30, who died on the
way to the hospital. He was the
driver of one of the cars involved.
Others hurt were Columbus George,
Johnny Jackson, Mrs. Cornelia
Jackson, Luke George, William
Mathis, and Ed Taylor.

State Patrolmen are continuing
their investigation of the accident.

Waywood county schools will
close Friday to permit teachers to
attend the annual convention of
the Western District of the North
Carolina Educational Association in
Asheville, Superintendent Law-
rence Leatherwood announced to-
day.

Major speakers at the conven-
tion, to be held at Lee H. Edwards
High School, will be Dr. Charles
F. Carroll, state superintendent of
public instruction, Raleigh, and Dr.
George D. Heaton, pastor of Myers
Park Baptist Church, Charlotte.

Included in the various division-
al meetings scheduled is a discus-
sion on classroom teaching to be
led by Mrs. Claude Rogers of Al-
lens Creek School. Other sessions
will deal with agriculture, art,
audio-visual, business education,
guidance services, dramatic art,
elementary education, educational
secretaries, English, Bible, health,
physical education, and recreation,
home economics, Latin, modern
languages, music, school libraries,
mathematics, science, social stud-
ies, and trade and industrial educa-
tion.

Haywood Highlanders
Will Meet Wednesday

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ers, Inc., will elect new officers at
its monthly meeting at 8 p. m. Wed-
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Directors of the 12-county or-
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