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TODAY'S SMILE

A bachelor with a dog is free from one worry a married man has—the dog already has a fur coat.



GEON RIVER is getting smaller and smaller, as the extensive drought continues. This picture made from the bridge across the river at Clyde, at noon last Friday, shows just a small stream on the left bank, with a sandbar island in the center, even with rocks, which shows the island has been above water several

1953 Drought Worse In History Of County, The Records Survey Shows

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Yes, this present drought, both as to duration and severity, has already surpassed the one in '25—that much is conceded by all. But the former drought probably had its bearing on the present one, because streams and springs never did again get back to their pre-1925 level.

There is much speculation as to the cause of it all. But if the scientists do not know—and hesitate to venture a guess, how on earth is the layman to know? But one saying, pretty commonly heard, that the cause of so much dry weather arises from the cutting out of so much timber—that as a cause just simply doesn't stand up. Because no more wood lands are being cleared up of late years; and the droughts are coming of late years in the thickly forested areas, like Western North Carolina.

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Burley Marketing Cards Available

Tobacco marketing cards for the 1953-54 market season are now available at the Haywood County PMA office, A. W. Ferguson, PMA manager, announced today.

These cards are used to keep a permanent sales record of all tobacco sold on the markets, Mr. Ferguson explained.

Tobacco cards are classified in two ways; within allotment, and excess, Mr. Ferguson said. Within allotment cards are given to all farmers entitled to sell their tobacco without penalty. "Excess" cards are given to growers who have raised tobacco without an allotment or in excess of their allotment, the PMA manager added.

Special Programs Set For Now Your Bank Week

First National Bank of Waynesville and the First State Bank of Waynesville will observe "Know Your Bank" Week as proclaimed by the Federal Reserve Board to acquaint the public better with bank employees

The weather



FAIR

Monday, sunny, smoky and warm. Tuesday, generally fair with little rain in temperature.

| Max. | Min. | Rainfall |
|------|------|----------|
| 65 | 18 | — |
| 62 | 18 | — |
| 64 | 18 | — |
| 69 | 18 | — |
| 71 | 19 | — |

months. The flow of the water is slow, and sluggish. The Clyde school is in the background. In numerous places, one can go across Pigeon between Clyde and Crabtree on rocks jutting high above the slow moving water. Other pictures of low streams on page one of the second section. (Mountaineer Photo).

Carelessness Again Main Cause Of 4 Forest Fires In County Over Weekend

Dog Killed At East Fork Found Rabid

A dog shot on Little East Fork last Tuesday night by Robert Pace was found to be rabid after an examination in the state laboratory at Raleigh. County Dog Warden Ernest Chambers said today.

Mr. Chambers was called Thursday to destroy the mate of the rabid dog and a number of others in the area which were believed bitten by the diseased animal, owned by Jack Frady.

This was the county's sixth case of rabies. Other cases at Allen's Creek, Camp Branch, Saunook, Pigeon, and the Ninevah section of Waynesville brought about the quarantining of all dogs in the county and the employment of Mr. Chambers as dog warden by the county commissioners.

Mr. Chambers also reported that a calf owned by Frady London of Hyatt Creek was destroyed because it was believed rabid. Its body was taken to the office of Dr. A. R. Riegg, where it may be shipped on to Raleigh for further examination.

Dr. Riegg is now conducting a series of clinics in the county to vaccinate all dogs, as required by state law for areas under quarantine for rabies.

Phone Magazine Devotes Page To Waynesville Dial

Page forty-four of the November issue of The Southern Bell News, is devoted to the new facilities of the firm here in Waynesville. The page contains four pictures, and a general story about the dial system, and its value to the community.

A part of the story is a reprint of an editorial which appeared in The Mountaineer at the time the dial system was put into use here last June.

Parkway Travel Shows Increase Of 16.4 Pct.

Nearly 4,000,000 people have visited the Blue Ridge Parkway this year — an increase of 16.4 per cent above last year — according to an announcement from Parkway headquarters at Roanoke, Va.

Officials estimate that between 300,000 and 400,000 more people will visit the Parkway this year before it closes.

This year's visitors generally were better behaved, less inclined to violations and less liable to have accidents, Parkway officials report. With half a million more

visitors in 1953, records show 23 fewer court cases and the accident total reduced by 12.

Parkway visitors came from nearly two dozen foreign countries and from nearly every state. As usual the states along the Eastern seaboard sent the bulk of visitors, but Ohio and Illinois were close on their heels.

North Carolina led all states with Tar Heels accounting for one-third of the almost four million visitors. This is a 17 per cent increase in North Carolina visitors over the same period in 1952.

Tobacco-Home Arts Show To Open Here Tomorrow

Tobacco Festival Program

Tuesday, 10 a.m.—judging of tobacco exhibits and home demonstration booth starts. (Public not admitted).

Tuesday, 1:30-7 p.m.—armory open to the public.

Tuesday, 7 p.m.—address by William D. Poe and announcement of awards.

Wednesday, 9 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.—armory exhibits open.

Thursday, 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.—exhibits to be removed.

Haywood Burley Expected To Bring Higher Prices

Clyde Man Wins Football Contest

Earl Rogers of Clyde—with only one miss—won The Mountaineer's weekly football contest award of \$15. Only South Carolina's upset of West Virginia kept Mr. Rogers from achieving a perfect record.

Slightly higher prices probably will be paid to Haywood burley tobacco growers this winter, Haywood County agricultural officials predicted today.

Tobacco companies are advising producers to expect a better market, according to A. W. Ferguson, manager of the county PMA office. Support prices will average about 46.3 cents, he added.

Steve Cassell, assistant county agent, said that prices will be about the same or somewhat higher than in 1952-53.

This year's crop in Haywood County is off a half million pounds or about 20 per cent from last year, Mr. Ferguson said. He attributed this decrease to the summer drought and a 10-per cent reduction in acreage allotments.

The PMA manager estimated that the crop this year would be about 1,900,000 pounds and would bring approximately one million dollars.

Officials disagreed somewhat on the percentage of Haywood tobacco sold on Tennessee markets, but they placed the figure at between 15 and 20 per cent.

Champion Gives \$500 For Clyde Fire Truck

The Clyde Fire Department's campaign to raise money for a new fire truck got a boost last week when the Champion Paper and Fibre Co. contributed \$500 to the fund.

The check was presented by Bruce Morford, director of industrial and community relations at Champion, to Fire Chief Larry Cagle.

Eighteen shows stressing oral hygiene will be given in Haywood County schools this week and next Monday by the "Little Jack" puppeteer troupe from the States Health Department.

The schedule includes: Monday—Clyde, Crabtree and Fines Creek; Tuesday—Rock Hill, Maggie, and Lake Junaluska; Wednesday—Hazelwood, Central Elementary, and East Waynesville; Thursday—Patton, North Canton and Pennsylvania Avenue; Friday—Beaverdam, Morning Star, and Reynolds; and Monday (Nov. 23)—Bethel, Cruso and Cecil.

Puppeteers are Ruth Hincks and Barbara Byrd.

About 7 or 8 acres were lost on the Cataloochee Ranch Road about three miles from Tom Alexander's Ranch Sunday when a fire was supposedly willfully set. This was lightly timbered land.

The alertness of rangers prevented disaster when another fire was caught and put out within two hours along the road toward the head of Campbell's Creek. This was judged to be set accidentally by a careless motorist who dropped a match or cigarette out of a car window.

The fact that close to 3 acres were burned off in so short a time in this last fire should be ample warning to woods walkers and motorists to redouble precautions against these tragic losses and to take note of the governor's recent proclamation closing all forests.

The order bans fishing, hunting and trapping and the building of camp fires, or burning trash within 500 feet of woodland in state-owned or private forests. National forests are also closed except for through travel and logging operations.



WILLIAM D. POE, associated editor of Progressive Farmer magazine will be the principal speaker at a Tobacco and Home Arts Exhibition program at the courthouse Tuesday night.

Poe To Speak; CDP Winners To Be Announced

Haywood County's seventh annual Tobacco and Home Arts Exhibition will open to the public at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Waynesville Armory, when tobacco exhibits and home demonstration booths will be displayed. Exhibits will be judged at 10 a.m. and ribbons awarded by tobacco specialists and county agents.

The armory will remain open until 7 p.m. tomorrow night, when the festival scene will shift to the courthouse where the audience will hear an address by William D. Poe, associate editor of "Progressive Farmer" magazine. Announcement of various awards, including those of five communities in the annual CDP competition, and special music by Waynesville, Canton, and Bethel high school choruses will conclude the program.

No special events are scheduled for Wednesday, but the armory will be open from 9 a.m. until 9:30 p.m., so that the public can view the exhibits. Displays are to be removed before 10 a.m. Thursday.

The principal speaker, Mr. Poe, is a native of Raleigh. He was born in the capital city December 16, 1915, the son of Dr. Clarence Poe and Alice Aycock Poe.

He majored in agricultural economics at North Carolina State College and later in creative writing at the University of North Carolina during the period of 1933-38. He married Rosalie Richardson of New Bern in 1941. They have two children—Jean Hunter and William D., Jr.

Mr. Poe is the manager of Longview Farm, and a member of the Baptist Church, Kappa Alpha fraternity, Beta Beta Beta Club, Grange, Farm Bureau, and Farm Hands Club.

This year, five communities will receive CDP awards instead of only three as in the past. Judging of home demonstration exhibits also will be changed—with blue, red and white ribbons to be awarded instead of designating the winners numerically.

A special contest will also be held for posters by high school art students. The posters are to be put in local store windows at 9 a.m. Tuesday for judging at 10 a.m. that day.

Other special events will include an exhibit of home demonstration (See Tobacco Festival—Page 2)

5 Pct. Drop In U.S. Farm Prices Seen

A drop of 5 per cent in farm prices for 1954 as compared with only a 2 per cent drop in farm operating costs next year was predicted by a North Carolina State College farm economist at an agricultural outlook meeting last Thursday night at the courthouse.

Dr. D. D. Brown, of the Farm Management Department at State College, also forecast "relatively stable" conditions for agriculture next year, during a major "booting war."

On the controversial question of beef cattle prices, Dr. Brown said that prices in 1954 will "firm up" and probably increase slightly next year.

Taking issue with some persons on the subject, the agricultural economist contended that the drop in beef cattle prices paid to producers has been largely reflected in retail prices.

He said that market prices for beef have been off one half and retail prices off a quarter, explaining that the reason retail prices cannot match the decrease in farm (See Farm Outlook—Page 2)

1.9 Miles Roads Paved In County During Last Month

Commissioner Harry Buchanan of Hendersonville today said 12.87 miles of road improvements were completed in the Fourteenth Highway Division during October.

The Fourteenth, with headquarters in Sylva, is composed of Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Swain, and Transylvania counties. G. G. Page is division engineer.

In Haywood County, two 12-foot wide county roads were graded and surfaced with traffic-bound macadam; Smathers Road for 0.1 mile; and Little Creek Road for 1.8 miles.

Armory Furnace Back In Operation

Repairs to the furnace boiler at the Waynesville Armory were completed last week after receipt of a needed part, First Sgt. James R. Robinson, administration assistant of the local National Guard unit said today.

Repairs to the boiler, which cracked two weeks ago, were delayed by the necessity of having to order a piece of equipment not obtainable here.

The Jaycees' weekly square dance was cancelled last Saturday night because of the furnace being out of operation.

Second Meeting Scheduled To Aid The Handicapped

Handicapped persons in the Waynesville area are invited to a second meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the commissioners room at the courthouse to lay further plans for finding suitable work for those unemployed because of physical disabilities.

At the first meeting attended by the handicapped, held October 4, it was decided that one of the major needs of the community is to establish a gift shop to sell the various articles produced by the handicapped.

A number of handicapped persons already are making various saleable articles and a number of others at the meeting express their willingness to learn productive skills.

In addition to a gift shop, a handicraft plant and a general repair shop are being considered by the Waynesville "Employ the Handicapped" committee.

The committee, at a series of meetings in October, laid the groundwork for an active program to aid the handicapped in the coun-

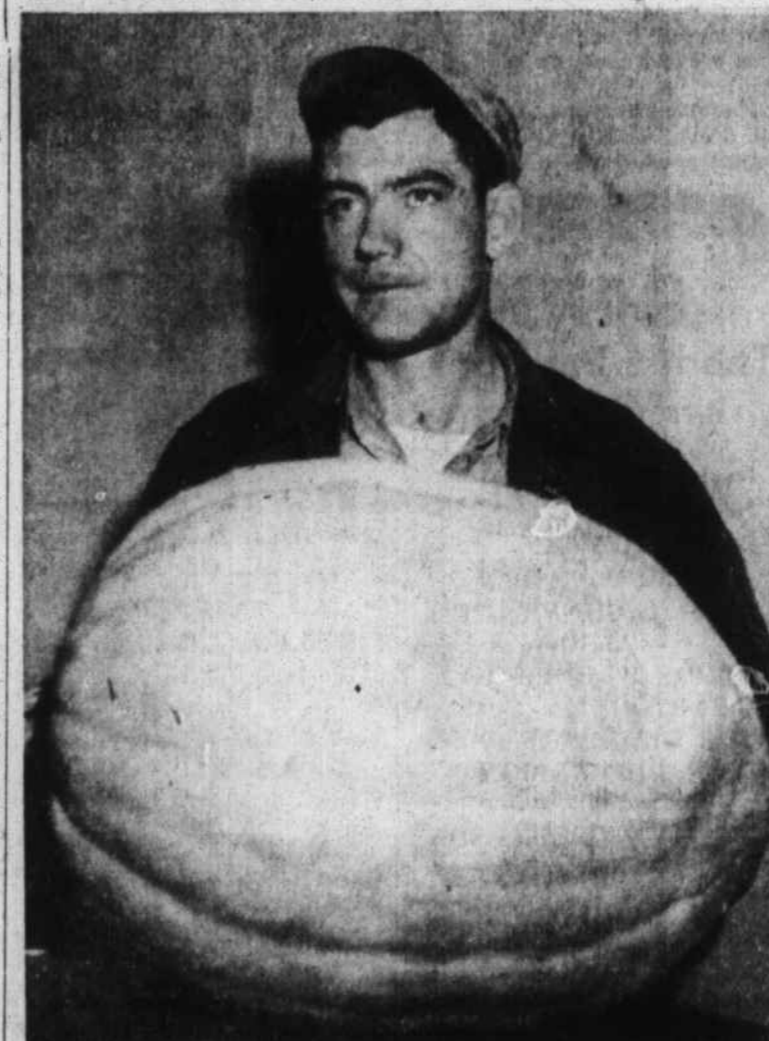
ty. The program was launched during National "Hire the Handicapped" Week, but has continued since that time.

At the last meeting, handicapped individuals brought a number of (See Handicapped—Page 2)

Highway Record For 1953 In Haywood (To Date)

Killed . . . 4 Injured . . . 47

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



ANOTHER RECORD in Candyroasters, is the 60-pounder, grown by Mrs. John Hyatt, at Dellwood. This one is 6½ pounds heavier than the previous one reported, and grown by John Kerley. Mrs. Hyatt got the seeds from her mother, Mrs. Ernest Moody. The seeds were planted near a spring, and the vine on which this one grew, went through a fence, and the candyroaster grew end down, with just a small part touching the ground. Shown here with the large candyroaster is Mr. Hyatt, who said he fertilized the plant with tobacco stalks. Mrs. Hyatt's crop consisted of about 120 candyroasters, but this one was the only one on the vine. Three others of the crop were almost as large. The candyroaster is on display, along with the other two, at the Mountaineer office. (Mountaineer Photo).