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TODAY'S SMILE
Nothing makes a woman older than having her friends discover when she was born.

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Services Set In Churches In 2 Towns

Members of Waynesville and Hazelwood churches are reminding the community that Union Services to be held in each of the towns Thanksgiving morning at 9 a.m.

Rev. Earl Brendall, new pastor of the First Methodist Church, has chosen "Thanksgiving Reminders" as his subject for the sermon in the Waynesville Union Service.

Rev. M. R. Williamson, of the Presbyterian Church, will preside and will be assisted by the Rev. Edgar Good, rector of Grace Episcopal Church, giving the responsive reading, and Admiral W. N. ... retired Naval chaplain, president of Lake Junaluska, giving the Prayer of Thanksgiving.

Charles Isley will conduct the choral services of the four participating churches in a special program, Psalm 150, by the great 17th century French composer, Jean-Baptiste Lully. Robert Campbell will be the organist.

Waynesville offering in envelopes will be taken for the churches supported by the various organizations. The loose offering will be divided equally among the churches.



THE WEATHERBYS AT HOME include the coach, Eddy, 7; Jean, 11, and Mrs. Weatherby, the former Mary Emma Massie. Right after this picture was taken on Saturday morning, Eddy rushed upstairs to put on his "playing" clothes. (Mountaineer Photo).

Special Venire Called Friday In Gunter Case

Regular School Attendance Important, Court Officials Tell Students And Parents

Court officials rapped hard at parents, and students, for failure to attend school regularly, as two teen-age boys went on trial Tuesday on charges of a series of breaking and entering cases here in Waynesville.

Entering a plea of guilty was LeRoy Wyatt, a 16-year-old boy, who said "he just quit school" at the age of 16 while in the sixth grade. He was charged with entering six places in town, and taking a quantity of money and merchandise.

His accomplice, frail 14-year-old Wade Mehaffey, who had a report card to show he made good grades in school, showed regret for his deeds, and told the court he was sorry, "and had quit this foolishness."

Wyatt made no statement of regret, and refused to answer questions put to him by Judge Sharp. Prior to the start of the trial Wyatt wore a cocky and confident look on his face. As he stood to answer questions by Judge Sharp, his countenance changed into a hard, stoney stare, and he muttered a few words in an undertone, and sat down.

Wade is being sent to Stonewall Jackson Training School, while Wyatt goes to the Eastern Carolina Training School, in Greenville. Judge Sharp explained to both boys that where they were going was a school, and that both should study, and make the most of their opportunity. "If you fail to take advantage of your opportunities, I'm afraid you will go to the penitentiary. Our idea is to help you."

Judge Sharp said: "Our form of government depends upon education and integrity, and the only way to get an education is to go to school."

Solicitor Bryson rose and said: "This is a glaring example of failure to attend school. Had these young boys remained in school, they would not be here in court today. To all the young people listening (a sixth grade was in the courtroom) they should take this as a graphic illustration of what happens when one fails to attend school regularly."

The solicitor told of his interest in education, and of having a part in raising the school standards of the state to the present 9-month, 12th grade system.

Murder Charge Is Placed Against 42-Year-Old Man

A special venire of 100 Haywood men have been summoned to appear in court at 9:30 Friday morning, to supplement the regular first week jurors of 36, from which a jury will be sought for the trial of Verlin Gunter, charged with murder.

The slim, 42-year-old construction worker, is charged with the murder of Robert Ford last July 30, in the Mt. Sterling area. Ford died several days later in a Newport Hospital. Also wounded at the time was Miss Pearl Sutton, who is expected to be the state's chief witness in the case. Judge Susie Sharp, of Reidsville, is the presiding judge.

This is the third first degree case scheduled to come before the court this term. The grand jury on Tuesday afternoon returned a true bill in the case of Joseph Casty Warren for the murder of David Underwood, and also a true bill against Clarence Moore, on a charge of rape.

Solicitor Thad A. Bryson has not set a date for the trial of either of these cases.

The trial of Gunter is expected to take all of Friday and Saturday, perhaps even into Sunday night. The case will continue until its conclusion.

The courtroom has been filled at every session of the court since Monday morning. This is a two-week term of criminal and civil court.

Among the cases heard Monday afternoon and Tuesday included: Ray Hoyle, 12-month suspended sentence for transporting and a 12-month suspended sentence for driving without license after driver's license revoked. Defendant must be of good behavior for five years.

Carl Holt Sutton, Jr., fined \$100 and cost for reckless driving.

Floyd Rufus Fie, entered plea of guilty of speeding 75 miles an hour. Given 60-day suspended sentence and fine of \$50 and costs.

James Morse Grant, fined \$50 and costs for speeding 70 miles an hour.

W. J. Glen, fined \$50 and costs for speeding at 70 miles an hour.

Frank Colon Davis, operating motor vehicle while intoxicated, 4-month suspended sentence, and fined \$100 and costs.

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New Community House Opened In South Clyde

The South Clyde CDP held its first meeting at the new community house Monday night, and at the same time re-elected all officers who officiated last year. Most of the same committees were also reappointed because of their excellent teamwork, cooperation and accomplishments.

Lloyd Justice will remain as chairman; William Osborne, co-chairman; Iva Ann Deaver, secretary; Sam Jackson, treasurer; and Mrs. Lindsey, reporter. Mrs. Walter Rhodarmar will be the insurance collector.

The group voted that the officers will have the authority over the use of the community house, and any group or organization of the community must ask permission from the officers for its use. There are rules about the usage of the building, and anyone wanting to know them may contact the chairman. These rules have been approved by the group and the trustees of the community house.

The business session also included discussion of the work still being done on the community building. Mrs. Van Deaver reported on the supper held last Saturday night for the benefit of the project and the group was well pleased with the amount made. The committee that helped to get up the supper wish to thank all the folks for their cooperation. It was a pleasure to have several out-of-town folks as well as the people around here.

The scrapbook committee was praised for the book made this past year. It has been taken to Asheville. (See South Clyde—Page 5)

Weatherby Teaches Teams Football Instead Of Magic

Football is not a game of magic.

That, in seven words, is the philosophy of Carleton E. (for Eddy) Weatherby, one of the finest football coaches in the Old North State—or any of the other 47 for that matter.

As a result of this belief, Coach Weatherby has produced very few magicians in 25 years at Waynesville High School, but he has turned out a battalion of good football players.

Because of his non-belief in legerdemain, Coach Weatherby has taught his Mountaineers that football is a matter of fundamentals—and that their blocking, tackling, and general physical condition pays off on the scoreboard.

The Coach also gently reminds his charges from time to time that it takes all 11 men to win a football game. As a result, Waynesville. (See Weatherby—Page 5)

County Health Office Will Close Two Days

The Haywood County Health Department office will be closed both Thursday and Friday of this week, Mrs. Rubye Bryson, acting head of the department, announced today.

The office is regularly closed on Saturday and Sunday.

Hunting Ban Is Lifted In W. Carolina

The ban on hunting on state land in Western Carolina has now been lifted, according to Ed Jackson, district game protector.

Governor Umstead cancelled the restrictions which were imposed recently because of drought conditions and the extreme danger of forest fires.

Organized hunts on the Pisgah refuge will open Thanksgiving, Mr. Jackson said. Hunting will be rescheduled because of the ban and those who were issued permits for the first hunts will be allowed to hunt first, he added.

Hunting in Sherwood, Standing Indian, Warrion, and Rich Laurel areas will also open Thursday, and hunters need only to "check in" with game protectors before starting hunting.

Mr. Jackson also reminded sportsmen that the hunting season for quail and rabbits opens on Thursday.

Officers Ask Fans Allow Plenty Time To Get To Game

Officers are suggesting that fans give themselves plenty of time to get to the football game here Thanksgiving.

The kick-off is at 2:30, and a record-breaking attendance is expected.

Extra traffic officers will be on duty to help park cars in the various parking lots near the stadium.

See story on sports page.

Christmas Parade Set 10 A. M. On Saturday, Fifth

The Christmas Parade, sponsored by the Merchants Association, has been set to start at ten o'clock, Saturday, December 5th. The parade will begin at the high school, march to Hazelwood, there load in cars and proceed to the First Baptist Church in Waynesville.

Leaving that point at 10:45, the parade will move down Main Street to the court house. A special committee is now at work on floats and participants for the parade which will usher Santa Claus into town.

Bloodmobile Due Here On Monday

A minimum of 125 pints of blood will be sought Monday when the Red Cross Bloodmobile is scheduled to visit Waynesville.

The mobile unit will be open from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church. The Red Cross Grey Ladies, headed by Mrs. Felix Stovall, will be at the church to assist the regular crew of the Bloodmobile.

Prospective donors have been asked to call the Red Cross office in the courthouse to make their pledge.

Johnny Edwards and Rudolph Carswell are co-chairmen of the Lions Club blood program, which sponsors the visit of the Bloodmobile here.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Geiger are newcomers to Waynesville and are residing in the Balsam Manor Apartments. They came here from Savannah, Georgia. Mr. Geiger has a position with Champion Paper and Fibre Company.

Young Drunken Drivers Tell Court They Drink Beer; Older Men Liquor

The average young man, charged with driving drunk, usually says he was drinking beer. The older drivers tell the court they drank whiskey.

This was very evident in the cases in which defendants are charged with driving drunk in the current term of Superior Court.

Several officers, and court officials, have a feeling there are some defendants who have an idea that to say they got tipsy on beer does not sound as hard as to say whiskey. Some defendants, it was pointed out, blame beer instead of whiskey in the hopes that the court will deal out a lighter sentence.

The intoxicant back of the trouble never altered the severity of the sentence.

In two instances, the young defendants said they started drinking beer two weeks ago. Both also said they had just one bottle, and then got under the wheel, and before they knew it, a patrolman had cited them to court on a charge of driving drunk.

Judge Sharp suggested that one young man sell his car in order to remove the temptation to drive, since his license would be revoked for a year. He said he had already started to dispose of the vehicle.

Courtroom Observations

Perhaps the most tense moment in the present term of court, came Tuesday, when 14-year-old Wade McElroy, stood before Judge Sharp, and answering to charges on breaking and entering said: "I've learned my lesson: I've decided to cut out this foolishness."

The frail lad, standing at the bar of justice, brought tears to the eyes of three-fourths of the packed courtroom—even experienced court officials reached for their handkerchiefs.

During the morning session, about 20 uniformed Girl Scouts attended court, and took in about two and a half hours of the proceedings from the front row. Judge Sharp recognized the group, and they stood with their leader, Mrs. Henry Gaddy.

Tuesday afternoon, the entire sixth grade of the Central Elementary school attended in a body. It was their grade money which was taken when the school was entered some weeks ago. The school officials felt that seeing and hearing the trial of the two boys charged with entering the school would make a profound impression on the students.

Thus far, on two occasions, officers from Tennessee have been in court, as well as the chief of police of Taylorsville.

A Sevier county judge, and sheriff were here on Tuesday as character witnesses for a Gatt. (See Observation—Page 5)

Saunook CDP To Hear Talk By TVA Agent

W. M. Landess of the Tennessee Valley Authority's Division of Agricultural Relations will be the principal speaker at a meeting of the Saunook CDP organization at 7:30 p.m. December 4 at the Saunook School.

The group also will elect its officers for 1954 and discuss plans for the coming year.

Mr. Landess, who has appeared in Haywood County on a number of occasions, will speak on the value of organization in the development of rural communities. He also will show a number of color slides to illustrate his talk.

Clyde Central Methodist Church Receives Gifts

Members and interested friends of Central Methodist Church, Clyde, have presented a number of gifts to the church to be used in the Sanctuary.

A lovely Altar set, consisting of brass cross, candlesticks, and vases and a communion table runner were gifts of Mr. and Mrs. John Stamey.

Five brass offering plates were presented by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Price, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Corzine, Mrs. Howard Shook and Sharon Shook, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Belcher and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Haynes.

A maroon Bible bookmark was given by Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Matthews and family.

A large illuminated picture, "The Head of Christ" by Salman, will be hung in the Sanctuary behind the pulpit as a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Grady Rogers.

A brass baptismal bowl to match the altar set was given by Mr. and Mrs. Cordell Chambers.

To add beauty to the communion service, a large high polished aluminum communion service was presented by Mrs. Mark Leatherwood.

One gift will be presented a Sunday until each has been dedicated to the service of God, it was announced by the Rev. George C. Starr, Jr., minister of the church.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

James Virgie Henry and Cleatus Cuni Cope, both of Sylva.

Zeke Saine of Canton and Betty Helton of Campbell, S. C.

Shelton Kind and Pauline Muse, both of Candler.

American Court System Is Still Best In World, Says International Businessman

Editor's note — Heinz W. Rollman, who experienced mocked court trails in Germany during the Hitler regime, is this week serving as a juror in Haywood Superior Court. He was asked by this newspaper to give a comparison of courts in Haywood and those of the late thirties in Germany. Here is his answer.

The editor of this newspaper has asked me, as a first time juror in my life, to write down my impressions, which I am very glad to do.

Under our American system it may appear that court proceedings are long and tedious, but there is, naturally, a reason for our rather complicated process of law. We want to be sure, sure beyond a reasonable shadow of a doubt, that justice is being done, and one of the reasons that we want to be so very, very sure about it is that our forefathers, to put it mildly, did not have, if, as when the time came, a fair trial when our country was still a Colony of England. After we became a free, sovereign nation the founders of this country decided that where before there was no due process of law and not enough protection for the individual in our country there is going to be plenty of this, and that is the reason why our process of bringing justice to the people may seem slow, and may seem cumbersome, but it is still a wonderful system.

As I mentioned in the beginning (See American System—Page 3)

Kiwanis Hear Junaluska Head

Dr. James Fowler, new superintendent of the Lake Junaluska Assembly, related the story of Philip Noland, "the man without a country," last night at a meeting of the Waynesville Kiwanis Club.

Dr. Fowler recounted the Noland legend to illustrate the love that all Americans should have for their native country—especially on Thanksgiving Day.

"Thanksgiving is a great time to live—and to be of service," the Junaluska superintendent told Kiwanians. "And may America always be blessed of God in her quest for liberty, justice, and the pursuit of happiness for men of all colors and all national backgrounds," he said.

Highway Record For 1953 In Haywood (To Date) Killed . . . 4 Injured . . . 48 (This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol.)

COOLER
Slightly cooler with light winds. Thursday, fair.

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