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TODAY'S SMILE

SMALL-TALK EXPERT
"Why do you call him a small-talk expert?"
"Because if there's nothing to be said, he always says it."—Exchange

More People Than Ever Are Reading The Mountaineer

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Haywood County Rabies Case Reported

Several children in the Bethel area are now taking anti-rabies shots as the result of the discovery of Haywood County's 10th case of rabies last weekend. The Health Department reported a dog owned by Morris Baumgardner of Bethel was found to be rabid when its head was sent to the state laboratory at Raleigh for examination. The dog went mad and had to be destroyed. The animal was a stray which had been brought home from school children in the Baumgardner neighborhood. Several persons were believed bitten by the Baumgardner children and a dog in the neighborhood, Larry Jackson, will take treatments since they were exposed to the "mad" dog, however, did not bite another small dog owned by Baumgardner. The latter dog had to be destroyed. The head of the rabid animal was sent to Raleigh by Dr. A. R. Riegg, veterinarian.

Liner Given Contract For New School

A contract for \$322,377 for construction of a new junior high school at Canton has been awarded to Jerry Liner by the Canton School Board which met in special session Tuesday. Henry, superintendent of Canton school system, made announcement concerning the contract following a meeting of the board with construction representatives. Heating and heating contracts awarded to Young and Brooks of Canton, with respective bids of \$14,700 and \$33,265 on projects.

An electrical contract went to Martin Electric Company, of Asheville, on a bid of \$30,853. A total of a dozen bids were submitted to the school board, Henry announced. He indicated that preliminary work on the building would be completed within 10 days if favorable weather prevails. The building, to be erected adjacent to the present high school building, will operate as a combined unit, Henry said, and would contain a total of 15 class rooms. The building also will have a gymnasium, home economics room, manual training facilities, a cafeteria with a seating capacity of 335 persons, a combined auditorium and gymnasium, teachers' lounge and first aid room.

County Schools Open Monday

A two-week vacation for Christmas holidays, which began when schools were dismissed December 18, Haywood County students will return to their classrooms Monday, January 4. Pupils at one school, Central elementary in Waynesville, will also be "Moving Day." They will report to the old school where they will pick up books and school supplies and march to their new building on Highway St.

The reopening of schools, county's sports program also come alive again on Tuesday with all of Haywood's basketball teams except Crabtree-Iron slated to see action.

The weather



COLDER

... and cold tonight and Friday.

Waynesville temperatures compiled by the State Test

	Max	Min	Rainfall
12	54	27	...
13	44	9	...
14	40	18	...
15	51	11	...
16	50	14	...
17	43	31	.05
18	55	39	.10
19	53	39	.01



MISS 1953—Little Miss Charlene Denis Whitman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whitman, will be one year old tomorrow. She was the first baby born in Haywood in 1953, and after a happy Christmas is ready to observe another big event — her first birthday. (Mountaineer Photo).

12,000 Reprints Of Front Page Of The Mountaineer Being Sent Over The World

More than 12,000 reprints of the front page of the Christmas issue of The Mountaineer has been made, and will be mailed throughout the world. Heinz W. Rollman, founder of World Construction, Inc., bought 12,000 reprints of the front page to send to newspapers and radio stations in almost every nation on earth. Mr. Rollman also said that a publication of national circulation would soon feature the program of World Construction, and Mr. Rollman's book on the subject.

Hendersonville Man To Head Scout Council

F. B. Gardner of Hendersonville was elected president of the Daniel Boone Council, Boy Scouts of America, at the annual business meeting of the Council executive board Monday evening. Carlton Peyton of Canton and Andrew Gennett, Jr. of Asheville were elected vice presidents of the council. Julian Stepp and Dr. Samuel Robinson of Asheville were reelected treasurer and commissioner respectively.

Babson Says Business To Be Good In Early 1954

I do not now believe in the theory of most economists—that business will fall off 10% in 1954, with a greater decline in net earnings. My feeling is that everyone will unite forces to hold up business, at least during the first half, to its approximate 1953 average. This can be done by expanding research, increasing advertising appropriations, extending further credits, and obtaining labor's co-operation. But, I say something much more important than the above: namely, if business should slump 10%, the decline would probably not stop at 10%. Too many business concerns and individuals are working on a very narrow and slim margin. The decline in employment, with resulting business losses which a 10% decline in gross would cause, could result in millions of families being unable to pay their bills and installment obligations. This could set off a chain reaction, which could send business down 10% to 30% more, with a corresponding decline in the stock market, commodity prices, and real estate. In this latter case, the Eisenhower Administration would suffer as did the Hoover Administration. In view of this possible serious alternative, I have contacted the leading newspaper publishers as to the attitude of their respective communities. Of these, over 970 have replied as follows: The people of 30 communities are discouraged and want to liquidate; 297 communities are optimistic and want to buy and invest more; 643 are now content and in a strong position, but are waiting until they see how 1954 develops. Due to the results of this survey, I believe the chances are ten to one that at least the first half of 1954 WILL BE FAIRLY GOOD. Below are 25 definite forecasts which, in any case, should prove correct for the first six months of 1954. My forecast for the second six months will appear in this paper next June.

1. There will be no World War in the first half of 1954.
2. The Dow-Jones Industrial Stock Average will be less on June 30, 1954, than it was on June 30, 1953.

(See Babson—Page 8)

January Court Term Is Cancelled

The Civil term of Superior Court—scheduled to open here January 4—has been postponed until February, with permission from the state's chief justice in Raleigh. The postponement of the court term was recommended by the county commissioners with approval of the Haywood County Bar Association. Attorney W. R. Francis, counsel for the commissioners, said that the civil term was postponed because of sickness of both attorneys and litigants and because a number of cases scheduled to be heard have been settled out of court. Only a relatively small docket of cases were listed for trial, Mr. Francis added. Cases on the January court calendar will be transferred to the February mixed term, which opens February 1.

\$54 Stolen From County Court House

Sheriff Fred Campbell is investigating the theft of \$54 from two offices in the courthouse—the ASC (PMA) and the Health Department. Forty-seven dollars was taken from a safe in the ASC office, while \$7 was removed from a desk drawer in the Health office.

The money was taken December 21st, but the theft was not disclosed publicly at that time. Forty dollars of the total taken belonged to an ASC office employee, Mrs. Edith Rogers, who put the money in the safe, intending to put it in the bank the next morning. Mrs. Rogers told Sheriff Campbell that the thief took a key from a file case in the office, opened the safe, and then replaced the key in the file again. She added that she had locked the safe before leaving work the evening before the money was stolen.

Since \$7 of the money belonged to the ASC, which is a U. S. agency, the theft becomes a federal case. As such, it may be investigated by the FBI. Miss Dorothy Whisenhunt, Health Department secretary, told the sheriff that she found her desk drawer standing open when she came to work the morning of the 21st and found \$7 missing from the office's petty cash fund. The office door, however, was locked, she added.

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Stores To Be Open Friday; Plants And Others To Close

Democrats To Circulate 'Digest' Here

Haywood County has been selected as one of 10 counties in North Carolina to serve as a "test area" in which a drive will be launched to sell subscriptions to the new publication, "Democratic Digest". Joe Tate, Jr., president of the Haywood County Young Democrats Club, will head the subscription campaign here. State subscription chairman is Sam Burrows of Asheville.

"Democratic Digest," patterned after popular digest-style magazines like "Reader's Digest" and "Coronet," is published monthly by the Democratic National Committee in Washington. The magazine features a variety of stories and features articles and political cartoons—most of them taking issue with present policies of the Eisenhower administration.

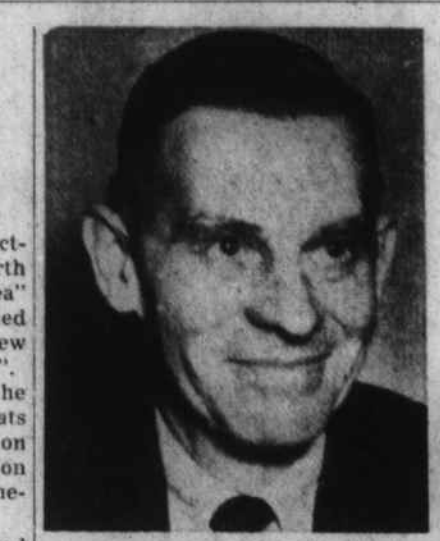
Assisting Mr. Tate in the subscription drive, scheduled to continue through the month of January, are Jerry Rogers, James Reed, Jr. and Glenn Brown, all of Waynesville; J. Tom Leatherwood of Clyde, and Charles Beall, Loranzo Smathers, and Noland Scott of Canton.

Burley Markets Reopen Monday On 4-Hour Basis

Burley tobacco markets, which have been closed for the Christmas holidays, will reopen Monday, January 4, on a four-hour basis, according to an announcement by the Burley Auction Warehouse Association at Mt. Sterling, Ky. The association explained that warehouses operating on a basket basis may sell no more than 140 baskets per day per set of buyers. Warehouses operating on a poundage basis may sell no more than 345,000 pounds per day per set of buyers, but in any event not more than 1800 baskets per day per set of buyers, the association added.

The Mountaineer To Open Friday

All departments of The Mountaineer will be open on New Year's Day. Because of the Christmas holidays, only one edition of The Mountaineer was published this week, but twice weekly editions will be resumed next week.



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Head Coach At USC To Address Grid Banquet

Rex Enright, head football coach at the University of South Carolina, will be the principal speaker at the Jaycees' football banquet on Wednesday, January 13, it was announced Monday night at a meeting of the Junior Chamber. The banquet, to be given at Hazelwood School, will honor the champions of the Blue Ridge Conference, undefeated Waynesville Mountaineers, the junior varsity, the teams' three coaches, and the cheerleaders.

Arrangements for the event are not yet complete, but the program is expected to include a showing of a South Carolina game film—possibly the one in which the Gamecocks upset bowl-bound West Virginia, awarding of letters to varsity players and cheerleaders, awarding of a plaque to the team's most valuable player, presentation of the "Mountaineer Queen," and special music by Waynesville High students. Coaches Weatherby, Jaynes, and Swift also will make short talks, and Lester Burgin will act as master of ceremonies. Aiding the Jaycees in arrangements for the banquet will be the Waynesville chapter of the North Carolina Secretaries Association and the Beta Sigma Phi sorority. The Jaycees' committee in charge of the event is made up of Bob Conway, chairman; Bill Miller, and Jack Arrington.

Defective Flues Cause 2 Fires

Defective flues have caused two fires in rural areas the past week. Waynesville firemen answered a call at 10:30 a.m. today at the Walter Franklin residence at Francis Cove. A blaze, which started around an old stove, caused damage estimated at \$100. Firemen made another run on Christmas day to the Dick Baumgardner residence on Allens Creek when a defective flue caused damages of approximately \$25.

Special Square Dance Set Tonight At Armory

A special New Year's Eve square dance will be held in the armory tonight, according to an announcement by sponsoring Jaycees. Dancing will be from 9 until 12. The regular Saturday night square dance will be held as usual this week, the Jaycees added. A round dance will be held tonight at the Elks Club in the Masonic Temple, with music by the Solitaires.

Rev. Robinett To Begin New Ministry Sunday

The Rev. T. E. Robinett will begin his new ministry at Waynesville's First Baptist Church Sunday, when "Loyalty Day" will be observed with pledges to the church's budget for 1954. Mr. Robinett comes to Waynesville from Red Bank Baptist Church in Saluda, S. C. and a rural charge, Richland Springs Baptist Church. Raised in Columbia, S. C. and educated in the Columbia public schools, the new minister was graduated from the University of South Carolina in 1939 and the Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Ky., in 1942. His first ministry was at Mt. Zion Baptist Church at Elizabethtown, Ky., where he served from April 1, 1941, until March 1, 1943. He then accepted the pastorate of the Hunt Memorial Baptist Church at Newberry, S. C., and of the Bethel Baptist Church near Newberry—serving these two churches from March, 1943, until August, 1953. (See Rev. Robinett—Page 8)

Guernsey Cattle Club Recognizes Haywood Bull

The registered Guernsey bull, Haywood Bull, owned by Florence Osborne of Canton, has just become a nationally recognized sire, according to an announcement from the production testing (See Guernsey—Page 8)

New Year's Day on Friday will be observed as a holiday by Waynesville area industries, banks, postoffice, public utilities, library, and the courthouse, but not by the retail merchants, the Town of Waynesville, and certain business establishments.

Retail stores closed Wednesday at noon as usual, but they will be open all day Friday and Saturday. Some wholesale businesses and service establishments will be closed on Friday, but others will be open. Professional men, too, like doctors, dentists, optometrists, and lawyers, are not in agreement concerning the holiday. Some will be in their offices, others won't be.

Scheduled for a holiday are employees of Dayton Rubber, Unagusta, Welco, A. C. Lawrence, Roybe and Pilkington, Carolina Light and Power, Haywood Electric Cooperative, and Southern Bell Telephone office.

Retail stores, laundries and dry cleaners and filling stations will be open, but since some offices and business concerns will be closed Friday for New Year's Day, it might be wise to telephone the particular establishments where you have business to determine their schedule.

Haywood Grocery Co. will be open Friday, but will close Saturday for inventory.

Tax Listing Will Start On Monday

Listing of taxes in Haywood County for 1954 will begin at 9 a.m. Monday. Mrs. Mildred Bryson, county tax collector and supervisor, announced today. Listing will continue through January 30, she added.

All persons who own cars or any other personal property on January 1 must list them for taxes, Mrs. Bryson explained.

Tax listers for Waynesville Township, Mrs. R. L. Coin and Harley Francis, will work at the commissioners' room in the courthouse. Beaverdam Township listers, Mrs. Wade Rhea and Vaughn Byers, will be at the Canton Chamber of Commerce office each day from 9 until 5. The Ivy Hill tax lister, H. C. Griswold, will be at Campbell Brothers Grocery January 4-6.

Mrs. Bryson urged county tax payers to list their property early so that listers can take care of all the people on their tax rolls before the end of the month.

Pansy's Prolific

There's a remarkable lady in town. She may be in her twilight years, but, you might say, she's young in heart. She's Pansy, a 13-year-old cow owned by Mrs. Roy Ray, of Virginia Ave., Hazelwood. Pansy calved with her second set of twins three years ago, is still producing close to three gallons of milk a day without feed, and has given milk for eleven of her thirteen years, often as much as seven gallons a day. Mrs. Ray thinks that the bountiful lady has had ten calves in her life, although, what with the two sets of twins and the constancy of Pansy's productivity, her owner has "kind of lost track."

The Rays all feel that Pansy is just a member of the family. Of course, they gave her a name beginning with "P." That's a tradition in the family, as you will note if you meet Patsy or Precious or some of their calves. Pansy, though, is the friskiest to this day — acts younger than the youngest, and has always been wonderfully good natured and easy to handle.

Highway Record For 1953 In Haywood (To Date) Killed . . . : 4 Injured . . . 53 (This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol.)