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TODAY'S SMILE

Some of the hot new
songs are those which don't
know from what old masters
they have been mustered.

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WAYNESVILLE, N. C., MONDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 4, 1954 \$3.00 In Advance In Haywood and Jackson Counties



BOOK DAY for Central Elementary School pupils today saw the scholars with their books and school supplies, ready for a look to their new building at the end of Haywood Street. The long

Central Elementary Pupils Move Into New Building

Today was a big day in the life of Central Elementary School pupils who reported to their old building this morning, picked up their textbooks, and then marched down to their bright new home on Gunder Street — the first new school building completed in Haywood County under the two-million-dollar bond program.

The new building has 15 classrooms, library, combination cafeteria and auditorium (referred to as a "cafetorium") and office space. It was built by the Dillard Construction Co. of Sylva at a cost of \$2,512,82—with an additional \$10,000 spent for equipment. Construction on the building was started in April.

Installation of equipment in the cafeteria is still going on, Principal Claude Rogers said, and serving of meals to pupils will not begin until next week. In the meantime, children will bring their lunches or go home to eat.

Also still to be completed are landscaping and grading for a parking lot, Mr. Rogers added.

As the new building was opened, Central added two new teachers to its faculty—Miss Velma Stamey of Waynesville and Miss Joan Medford of Iron Duff.

The disposition of the old Central building, constructed about 1910, remains unsettled since both the Town of Waynesville and Haywood County have laid claim to its ownership.

Members of the First National Bank are announcing today the beginning of a Christmas Club. Patrons select the amount they want to invest in the club each week, and then just before Christmas the bank will mail a check for the accumulated amount. The designated amounts range from 50c to \$5 weekly, or any combination of amounts.

Many citizens throughout the nation have found such a savings plan beneficial and an easy way "to have funds on hand at Christmas," an official pointed out.

Weather

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Monday, sunny and cool. Tuesday, considerable cloudiness with scattered showers likely.

Waynesville temperature compiled by the State Test

	Max.	Min.	Rainfall
1	46	21
2	55	23
3	57	13
4	53	30	.13

structure is the first school building completed under the county's two million-dollar school bond program. (Mountaineer Photo).

Pipe Purchased For Water Lines To Ratcliffe Cove

Over 6,000 feet of water mains have been purchased for extending water lines into Ratcliffe Cove. Residents of Ratcliffe Cove have put up the money to purchase the pipe, at about one dollar per foot, and will give the lines to the Town of Waynesville in exchange for maintenance and upkeep. The arrangement was made in order that the area will be served with water from the town system. The patrons on the line will become customers just like other areas after the lines are installed, it was explained.

Sewer Line Installation Is Under Way

Installation of an auxiliary 12-inch sewer line along Shelton Creek is due to get under way this week by the town sewer crews. The pipe has been on hand since last summer for the project, which is part of the community-wide plan to take all surface water from the sewer lines and the main trunk sewer line to Pigeon River. Engineers have pointed out that the existing line along Shelton Creek leaks and absorbs much of the creek water during rains. As work of installing the new sewer lines goes forward, a two-mile section of the lines has been put into use in the Allens Creek area. Some smaller lines are yet to be laid in the area, and some connections made. Completion of several manholes tomorrow will enable a larger area to begin using the system, it was explained. The work of cleaning the main trunk sewer line from Hazelwood to Pigeon river has progressed as far as the Narrows at Lake Junaluska. Special equipment was purchased by the two towns for the cleansing job of the 46,000-foot line. Many roots, together with sand and gravel, have been removed from the line along the route from Hazelwood to the shore line of the lake.

Four Schools Rated 'A' In Inspection Of Sanitation

Four schools in the county have received "A" ratings in a sanitation inspection report made today by the Haywood County Health Department. Seventeen other schools were given "B" ratings and four "C". Two were classed as "sub-standard".

Lunchrooms in 20 schools won "A" ratings, while four were rated "B" and only one "C". None was judged sub-standard. "A" ratings are given for point scores of 90 or above; "B" is from 80 to 90, and "C" from 70 to 80, according to inspectors Bill Miller and Jack Arrington of the health department.

The major deficiencies reported were in the lack of proper toilet facilities. Twenty-five of the county's schools were unsatisfactory in this respect.

Other faults noted and the number of schools cited were: Floors, walls, and ceilings, 19; drinking fountains, 18; handwashing facilities, 14; garbage and refuse disposal, 13; outside surroundings, 11; storage places, 9; dressing rooms and showers, 7; sewage and waste disposal, 7; lighting, 7; water supply, 4; and ventilation, 3.

In the inspections of lunch rooms, the most common deficiency noted was in the cleaning of utensils, and equipments—with 14 schools listed as unsatisfactory. Other defects and the number of cases reported were: Lavatory facilities, 13; waste disposal, 12; food protection, 12; floors, 9; construction of utensils and equipment, 9; walls and ceilings, 8; toilet facilities; cupboards and other storage spaces, 9; storage and handling of utensils, 7; doors and windows, 6; lighting, 2, and miscellaneous, 2.

Recent improvements made by the schools, according to the health department inspectors, include: Crabtree-Iron Duff — new sewer system installed. Morning Star—well drilled and sewage system reconditioned. Saunook—improvements made in

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Listing Of 1954 Taxes Starts In Haywood County

(See picture page eight)

Listing of taxes in Haywood County got under way this morning. Mrs. Mildred Bryson, tax collector and supervisor, announced today.

Listing of taxes in the county will continue through the month of January. Failure to list taxes will bring penalties, Mrs. Bryson reminded county residents.

Tax listers will work at their homes during the month and at certain other locations on specified days. Their schedule includes:

Cataloochee — Mack Caldwell's Store, Mack Caldwell, Jr., lister, January 9.

Clyde — Cagle Furniture Store, William Osborne, January 9.

East Fork — Poston's Store, Ken Burnette, January 9.

Crabtree — Ferguson's Store, Frank Medford, January 9.

Ivy Hill — Palmer's Service Station, H. E. Griswold, January 9.

Iron Duff — Roy, Medford's residence, Mrs. Roy Medford, January 9.

Pigeon Township — Gaston Burnette's home, Gaston Burnette, January 9.

Fines Creek — Homer Trantham, Glen McCracken, January 9.

Waynesville — Commissioner's room at courthouse, Mrs. Coin and Harley Francis, daily.

White Oak — Teague Williams, Mrs. Teague Williams, January 9.

Beaverdam — Canton Chamber of Commerce office, Mrs. Wade Rhea and Vaughn Byers.

Survey Here Shows Optimistic Business Outlook In Section

Steel Poles Go Up For White Way

Members of the town electrical department have started work on the white way on Main Street. The task of erecting the 22 steel poles was started this morning. The foundations for the poles were poured before Christmas, when work was halted due to the stringing of Christmas lights across the streets.

G. C. Ferguson, town manager, said that all equipment is on hand for the white way, which will do away with all wires and poles on Main Street except the 22 steel poles, and one small wire running on top of the poles.

The mercury vapor lights will produce far more light than the present system, it was explained, and should be in operation within a short time. The present lights will remain in operation until the new ones are completed.

This project is part of the general program of expanding the electrical system of the town, and will cost about \$6,000.

Grid Banquet Tickets Now Being Sold

Tickets for the Jaycee banquet on January 13, honoring the 1953 Waynesville football team, the coaches, and cheerleaders, are now on sale at Charlie's Place, Dan's Drug, Curtis Drug, American Fruit Stand and Hazelwood Pharmacy and from members of the Junior Chamber.

Rex Enright, head football coach at the University of South Carolina, Columbia, will be the principal speaker at the banquet. The program will also include the showing of a game film, awarding of letters to varsity gridlers, introduction of the "Mountaineer Queen," presentation of a plaque to the team's most valuable player, and special music.

The Blue Ridge Conference championship trophy, which was given to Coach Weatherby informally in Asheville in December, (See Banquet—Page 8)

Rev. Robinett To Address Lions

The Rev. T. E. Robinett, new pastor of the First Baptist Church, Waynesville, will be guest speaker at the next meeting of the Lions Club. It will be a dinner meeting at 7 p. m. at Spaldon's Thursday, January 7, and will be the first regular meeting following the Christmas holiday intermission.

Closet Fire Causes \$300 Damage To Home

Damage estimated at \$300 was caused at the residence of Neal Mathis in Mauney Cove by a fire which started in a clothes closet on the first floor of the home at 6:55 p. m. Saturday.

Feb. 1 Is Deadline For Town Auto Tags

Town auto tags must be purchased by February 1 to avoid a fine, Police Chief Orville Noland reminded motorists today.

The tags cost one dollar, the chief added.



MR. 1954 OF HAYWOOD COUNTY is Ronnie Lee Ramsey, born at 12:03 a. m. New Year's Day to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Ramsey of Cove Creek. Ronnie Lee, the first baby born in the county this year, weighed 8 pounds and 14 ounces. (Mountaineer Photo).

First 1954 Baby Born To Cove Creek Couple

Town Manager Urges Residents Pay Taxes Now

Waynesville residents today were urged by G. C. Ferguson, town manager, to pay their taxes now in order to avoid a one per cent penalty which will be imposed on February 1 and a 2 per cent penalty which will take effect March 1.

A further penalty of one half of one per cent will be imposed for each month that taxes remain unpaid after that, Mr. Ferguson added.

Foreclosure suits will be ordered if taxes are not paid, the town manager warned.

Mountaineer Sets Publication Mark

The Mountaineer set another production record during 1953 by publishing a total of 1,666 pages—18 more than last year's total which established a previous record.

During the year, issues of The Mountaineer averaged 16 pages and an advertising content of 47 per cent.

Special issues included one of 48 pages on the Haywood County Hospital's 25th anniversary, when the new wing was opened; 30 pages on September 3 for Labor Day, and 30 pages in the tobacco issue.

Kiwanis Club To Install '54 Officers Tuesday Night

Charles Underwood of Lake Junaluska will be installed as the third president of the Waynesville Kiwanis Club during ceremonies Tuesday night at Spaldon's. He succeeds Bob Winchester.

Also to be installed are Hye Sheptowitch, vice president, and Don Payne, secretary-treasurer. Mr. Underwood is retiring vice president, while Ray Pleiness is the retiring secretary-treasurer.

New directors to take office are: Enos Boyd, Roger Ammons, Rufus Carswell, Jim Coleman, Mark Kirkpatrick, Henry Clayton, Bill Roberts, Mr. Pleiness, and Mr. Winchester.

In addition to the committees announced last week by Mr. Underwood are the Kiwanis Boy Scout committee, which includes Jack Klopp, chairman; Joe Howells, Mr. Winchester, Hye Sheptowitch, Mr. Ammons, Charles Edwards and Joe Davis, and the Girl Scouts committee, consisting of Ed Alken, chairman, and Hooper Alexander.

Andy Moody is scoutmaster of the Boy Scout troop sponsored by the Kiwanis Club.

Outlook Here Better Than U. S. Average

Haywood Countians can be pretty cheerful about business for the coming year, according to a survey made Monday morning of several leading business men by the Waynesville Mountaineer.

The general opinion seems to be that business here will be above the national average, and about the same as for the past year. Most of the men interviewed agreed that things had been a little off from the previous peak years, but that we can be cautiously optimistic about the future.

Jonathan Woody, president of the First National Bank, had the sunniest outlook when he said, "It's been the best year in business that Haywood has ever had, except the cattle business. The coming year will probably be off a little, according to the forecasters, but I think we'll still eat in Haywood County. All industry is running pretty good, and it looks really favorable. We'll be better off than the average citizen in the U. S."

Hugh Massie, owner of The Toggery, stated he felt that business in 1953 was "hardly as good as the previous year. It wasn't quite up to par, and I think business is going to be almost the same in 1954. I think definitely that sales will be a little lower next year."

Bill Prevost, Assistant to the President, Unagusta Manufacturing Corp., says that "the furniture business has already had its recession, and is settling down to a more normal state of affairs. So far as other types of business are concerned, it seems to have been better last year than ever before. As for 1954, I've just got my fingers crossed. The more people talk 'recession,' the more they keep their money and the less trade there is."

Charles Ray, partner of C. E. Ray Sons, remarked, "My general impression was that 1953 was slightly off, and I feel that the coming year will be about the same."

Ross Caldwell, owner of the Maggie Country Store and the Cherokee Chieftain Indian Trading Post, spoke for the tourist trade this way: "The tourist business in Western North Carolina has been off approximately 20 to 30 per cent during 1953 over '52. The prospects for 1954 would appear to be a continuation of the decline. However a pooling of advertising effort on a regional basis instead of a localized basis would certainly place WNC in a better competitive position with approximately six or seven other well known and established vacation areas."

Wayne Franklin, Haywood County Farm Agent, summarized the farmer's lot this way: "All farm income was lower this year. I don't have the exact figures, but beef cattle are one of the largest sources of income in this county and prices were way off on them. Milk and poultry prices were also down some although the apple market held its own because of a short crop, and extraordinarily high quality. In general, though, our farmers didn't fare as well as last year."

Joe Cline, co-owner, Cline-Bradley Hardware, and outgoing president of the Merchants Association, said that he felt "business was as good last year as in other years, if not better. I've only been in this business two years though and others in town could answer your question better."

Employment was summarized by Miss DeBryda Fisher, manager (See Business—Page 8)

Highway Record For 1954 In Haywood (TO DATE)

Killed : : : : 0
Injured : : : : 0

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