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TODAY'S SMILE

A father was asked what his son was going to be when he got through college. "Old," he answered.—Quote

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WAYNESVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JAN. 7, 1954 \$3.00 In Advance In Haywood and Jackson Counties

## Max Listing In Haywood 'Best Ever'

The first week of listing 1954 in Haywood County has been very good—the best we can remember. Mrs. Mildred Bryson, collector and supervisor, commented today.

At one time this week, 35 per cent were waiting to list their taxes, Mrs. Bryson said. This normally happens only during the week when the deadline is reached.

Max listing has been "very fast" in Waynesville, Beaverdam, and Hill. Mrs. Bryson added, but somewhat slower in Crabtree and Creeks.

Listing of taxes in the county continues through the month of January. Failure to list taxes in time brings penalties, Mrs. Bryson said to county residents.

Max listings will work at their desks during the month and at other locations on specified dates. Their schedule includes:

Waynesville — Mack Caldwell's office, Mack Caldwell, Jr., lister, January 9.

Crabtree — Cagle Furniture Store, Dan Osborne, January 9.

East Fork — Poston's Store, Kenneth Poston, January 9.

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

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MORE THAN FOUR SCORE YEARS of growing tobacco in Haywood is the record of Tom Yarboro, of Haywood. Mr. Yarboro began his long career when a lad of 10, and now 93 years old, has just marketed his current crop — the 83rd annual crop he has grown or helped produce. (Mountaineer Photo).

## Haywood Farmer Has Been Growing Tobacco 83 Years

By W. C. MEDFORD

### 224 Licenses To Wed Issued Here During Past Year

Dan Cupid was a busy little fellow in Haywood during 1953. In fact, he sent his arrow dart into the hearts of 224 couples, according to the records of Jule Noland, register of deeds of Haywood.

Mr. Noland's records show that two more marriage licenses were issued in 1953 than in 1952. Not only is Dan Cupid a consistent worker, but he is gaining on his records of the past years.

### Plastering Being Done At County Courthouse

Plastering work is now going on in the county courthouse in the courtroom and a number of offices, according to C. C. Francis, chairman of the county commissioners.

A large scaffold has been erected on the south side of the courtroom to repair plaster damage by leaking water.

## Underwood Is Installed As President Of Kiwanis

Mr. Winchester, were Mr. Underwood, as vice president, and Ray Pleiness, secretary-treasurer. In his installation address, Mr. Underwood urged Kiwanis officers and members to think often of the Kiwanis motto for 1954—"Build by Service."

## Grover C. Davis Is Candidate For District Solicitor

Grover C. Davis, Waynesville attorney, has filed as a candidate for solicitor of the 20th district. His application and filing fee went to the State Board of Elections this week. He seeks the nomination in the Democratic primary, to be held May 29th. The former solicitor is seeking the post of district solicitor which embraces Haywood and the six counties west of here—Jackson, Swain, Graham, Macon, Clay and Cherokee.

Mr. Davis, a native of Iron Duff, began the practice of law here in Waynesville in 1913. Ten years later he was elected as solicitor, and served for eight years—from 1923 through 1930.

He served two terms as chairman of the board of elections, and was county attorney for four years.

In 1949 he represented Haywood county in the General Assembly. Active in the affairs of the Methodist church, he taught a men's Bible Class for five years.

In all probability he is the first candidate to pay the filing fee for the approaching Democratic primary, which is set for May 29th.

"I'm still ahead over there," said Tom Yarboro to the writer when he mentioned the subject of tobacco. He was referring to his standing as a contestant for the oldest tobacco grower in the 19 western North Carolina counties. "I feel pretty sure you'll win Uncle Tom," we replied. "Any way, we want to get your picture, also data, for a writeup."

"I will be 93 years old if I live to see next June 1st," continued Mr. Yarboro, "and I've been raising tobacco or helping raise it ever since I was eleven or twelve years old. I was about that age when I started helping my daddy in his tobacco at Panthers Creek."

"Have you raised it every year, Uncle Tom?" we asked. "Yes, Sir, every year."

To give Tom Yarboro's experience in the growing of tobacco, both bright and burley, from an individual standpoint would be like writing the history of tobacco in Haywood since 1871 or '72. That's about the time the industry was started here—and that's about the time Tom Yarboro, as a boy, went into the "nasty of 'backer patch'—suckerin' and

Waynesville's sale of Christmas seals to raise money to fight tuberculosis has fallen short of its goal by \$325. Mrs. R. R. Campbell, seal sale chairman, announced today.

Mrs. Campbell said she reported contributions of \$970 as of December 31 to the National Tuberculosis Association. Waynesville's goal was \$1,300, she added.

Since the last of December, she has received several more dollars. Mrs. Campbell said, but the amount is still well under \$1,000 and far short of the campaign goal.

The seal sale chairman urged that persons who received Christmas seals send in their contributions so that Waynesville can reach its quota or at least approach it more closely.



GROVER C. DAVIS

## Jury Panel Chosen For February

Sixty-seven county residents were selected on a jury panel this week for the February term of Superior Court, when both criminal and civil cases will be heard before Judge H. Hoyle Sink of Greensboro.

The panel selected a meeting of county commissioners includes:

Everett C. Powell and W. E. Abbott, Beaverdam; William R. Robinson, Lake Junaluska; E. F. Caldwell, Hazelwood; Hugh Ledford, Clyde; Marion Green, Jonathan Creek; Fred Sanford, Waynesville; E. L. Poston, East Fork; Jesse Williams, Waynesville; A. G. Hughes, Beaverdam; Dock Gragg, East Fork; W. E. Earley, Beaverdam; T. C. Heatherly, East Fork; C. H. Morrow, Beaverdam; James M. Hall, Beaverdam; Henry Seaman, Beaverdam; Earl Joe, Beaverdam; James R. Daniel, Waynesville; J. R. Gibson, Beaverdam; Harry L. Haynes, Beaverdam; J. R. McDowell, Waynesville; W. H. Warren, Pigeon; George C. Borning, Jonathan Creek; Weaver L. Rathbone, Waynesville; Marvin Yarborough, Waynesville; Milton Messer, Fines Creek; J. W. Ray, Waynesville; G. R. Worley, Beaverdam; Girdwood Smathers, Beaverdam; Fred W. Haney, Beaverdam; Thomas Howell, Canton; Ralph Davis, Clyde; Ray Boone, Beaverdam; E. O. Robinson, Beaverdam.

Also George Galloway, Waynesville; Troy Norris, Waynesville; Roy Trantham, Clyde; W. J. Brooks, Beaverdam; Everett Erwin, Cecil; Lee W. Dunlop, Pigeon; Cline Moore, Pigeon; Ernest B. Messer, Beaverdam; George A. Brown, Jr., Waynesville; Elbert Phillips, White Oak; T. S. Grogan, Beaverdam; Charles B. Medford, Clyde; William Green, Iron Duff; Frank A. Hall, Beaverdam; Grady Moore, Beaverdam; Lloyd G. Pruett, Beaverdam; J. G. Hipps, Beaverdam; J. A. McGee, Beaverdam. (See Jury—Page 8)

## Blaze Destroys Passenger Car, Damages Building

A fire which broke out in the Potts Garage on Haywood St. at 7:20 p.m. Wednesday caused "considerable" damage to two cars and the building involved, Waynesville firemen reported today. Amount of the damage has not been estimated.

The fire broke out in a car in the garage—possibly from defective wiring, firemen said. That car was almost totally destroyed and paint was burnt on a truck in the garage. The blaze damaged the garage and a poolroom over the garage.

Firemen laid two lines of hose in fighting the flames and remained at the scene for an hour and 10 minutes.

### J. E. MASSIE REPORTS FLORIDA TOURISTS INCREASING

J. E. Massie has returned from Avon Park, Florida where he joined Mrs. Massie for a four weeks stay. Mr. and Mrs. Massie are owners and operators of the Terrace Motel in Avon Park and Mrs. Massie will remain for the winter. Mr. Massie reports that the Florida tourist business is showing a daily increase at this time.

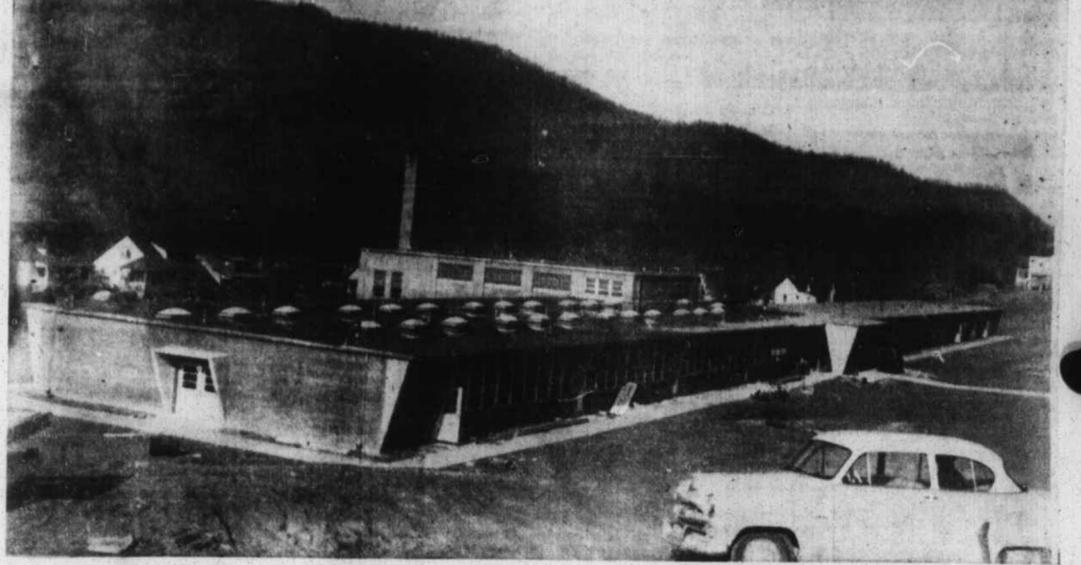
## Exhaust Fumes Overcome Local Family Of Four

As the result of four members of a local family being overcome by carbon monoxide while watching a movie in their car at a drive-in theater, the Haywood County Health Department and the State Highway Patrol today warned county residents of the danger from the deadly fumes in the winter time.

Dewey Henson, his wife, and their two sons, Albert, 9, and A. C., 7, all were overcome last Friday night while watching a movie with the car's engine running to operate the heater.

Mr. Henson said that he heard one of his children call to him from the back seat. He turned around and found them lying prostrate on the seat. He succeeded in opening the car door, but was then overcome himself and fell out of the car onto the ground. Mrs. Henson screamed at this occurred and then became unconscious.

Persons near the Henson car were attracted by Mrs. Henson's screams and came to the aid of the



THE LATEST FEATURES in school architecture are incorporated in this new Central Elementary School building at the end of Haywood Street. All classrooms are on one floor. The entire structure is 411 feet long. (Mountaineer Photo).

## Progress Being Made; Whiteway Poles Are Erected

Workmen are pushing along with the installation of the modern whiteway on Main Street here. The 22 steel poles are up, and plans are to soon fasten the steel brackets which hold the mercury vapor lights to the poles. For the past few days electricians have been taking the last remaining wires off Main Street and serving all buildings from the back.

Walter Mehaffey, superintendent of the Light Department, said only one small wire would be used for operating the whiteway.

Many people have been asking Mehaffey what type of spikes he would use to climb the steel poles. He has a ready answer for such questions:

"We use steel spikes to climb wooden poles; guess we'll use wooden spikes to climb the steel poles," he informs the inquisitive. "The answer stops the conversation short."

## Rev. Williamson's Son Nominated For Scholarship

Stanley M. Williamson, Waynesville high school senior, and William M. Groce, Jr., Canton high senior, have been nominated for Morehead Foundation scholarships at the University of North Carolina. Both nominees are the sons of ministers.

Williamson is the son of the Rev. Malcolm Williamson, pastor of the Waynesville Presbyterian Church, while Groce is the son of the Rev. Harold Groce, pastor of the Canton Methodist Church.

Their names have been forwarded to the Morehead Foundation executive committee at Chapel Hill, according to Fred Ferguson, chairman of the county nominating committee.

Others serving on the county selection committee besides Ferguson were Dave Felmet, Mrs. Charles Ray, Ralph Prevost and Dr. Thomas Stringfield, all of Waynesville, and Mayor William Stone of Canton.

## Central Elementary School Building Has 'New Look'

### Banquet Tickets Are Going Fast

Tickets for the banquet next Wednesday night at Hazelwood School, honoring the 1953 Waynesville football team, are going fast, sponsoring Jaycees announced today.

Persons interested in attending the banquet are urged to get their tickets by the end of the week as only a limited number are still available, Jaycees said.

Tickets are on sale at Dan's Drug, Charlie's Place, American Fruit Stand, Curtis Drug, and Hazelwood Pharmacy.

### Medford Develops New Hand Lotion

A new medicated hand lotion, developed by Devoc Medford, Clyde pharmacist, is being introduced in the Waynesville area today at the Clyde pharmacy.

The lotion has been put on the market experimentally and has met with considerable approval, especially from farm families and those whose occupation requires them to work outside.

It is especially good for chapped hands, face, and lips and roughness caused by sun, wind, and cold weather.

## Sgt. Morgan Of Canton Is Listed As Dead

Sergeant Arnold L. Morgan of Canton, who was reported missing in action while serving with the army in Korea, January 3, 1951, has been reported as presumed dead, according to a message from the War Department, received by his mother, Mrs. Annie Harbin, a few days ago.

Sgt. Morgan, son of the late Rufus Morgan of Canton, was an employe of the Champion Paper and Fibre Co. for five years. He entered the service in September, 1941, and took his basic training at Fort Knox, Ky.

He was serving with the 24th Infantry Division in the Korean fighting at the time he was reported missing. He went to Korea in August, 1950.

Morgan served with the Third Army in Germany during World War II and was stationed at Fort (See Sgt. Morgan—Page 8)



SGT. MORGAN

## Bethel Cow 11th Victim Of Rabies

A cow in the Bethel section became the county's 11th rabies victim this week and had to be destroyed, Dog Warden Ernest Chambers announced today.

Mr. Chambers said that both he and Dr. Reigg examined the cow, owned by Turner Vance of Bethel, and that there was "no question" about the animal being rabid.

The dog warden warned that the danger of rabies in this area has not decreased, and emphasized that the county-wide quarantine on dogs remains in effect.

Mr. Chambers explained that he has had numerous complaints about dog owners letting their pets run loose although the law specifies that they be kept confined during quarantine periods. He added that other complaints have been received concerning people disposing of dogs by letting them out on the highway, or leaving them behind when moving to a new residence.

Mr. Chambers urged that dog owners not let their dogs run loose and asked them not to let animals out on the roads.

He asserted that a dog let out on the road last summer is becoming a habit. (See Bethel—Page 8)

## East Pigeon CDP Reelects Sherrill As Its Chairman

L. M. Sherrill was re-elected chairman of the East Pigeon Community Development organization at a meeting Tuesday night at Bethel School.

Also chosen were C. S. Rollins, vice chairman; Miss Eva Nell Henson, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. John Johnson and Mrs. Mary Blaylock, reporters; and Miss Billie Thompson, girls basketball manager.

East Pigeon CDP agreed to sponsor a girls basketball team in the CDP league and voted to buy uniforms for the team.

The program also included a talk on hospital insurance by Mrs. Ruth Wanzer, representing the Hospital Care Association of Durham.

## Time Limit Is Extended On Nominations For DSA

The time limit on nominations for Waynesville's "Most Outstanding Young Man of 1953" has been extended to January 20th, according to an announcement by Harry "Blue" Robinson, chairman of the Jaycees committee in charge of the project.

The Jaycees will make their Distinguished Service Award February 1 at a district meeting of the Junior Chamber of Commerce here at the Elks Club.

Mr. Robinson urged civic organizations, other groups, and individuals to send in their nominations for the town's outstanding young man by the 20th of this month.

The Distinguished Service Award will be made to a Waynesville man between the ages of 21 and 35 inclusive who has rendered outstanding service to this community during 1953—over and above the usual calling of his business or profession. It is not necessary that he be a member of the Jaycees.

The points on which the DSA award is based include:

1. Contribution to community, welfare during 1953.
2. Participation in all-around community activities.
3. Evidence of lasting contribution to the community.
4. Evidence of leadership ability.

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Highway Record For 1954 In Haywood (TO DATE)

Killed . . . 0 Injured . . . 0

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

The weather

FAIR

	Max.	Min.	Rainfall
4	60	15	—
5	51	33	—
6	40	24	—