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TODAY'S SMILE
A timely thought: Pray
for a good harvest but keep
on hoeing.

Survey Suggests County Schools Get \$244,000



THE FIRST HEAVY SNOW of the season in the Waynesville area looked this way on the courthouse lawn. Lighter snows were reported at Clyde and Bethel. Snow came down from 10 a.m. until 1:30. By 2:15 the sun broke through the clouds.

Schools Dismissed Early, May Close Tomorrow

Waynesville schools were dismissed at 1 p.m. today because of the snow, but schools in other communities closed later in the day because the snowfall was not deep in those areas.

Stanley Livingstone, principal of Clyde School, reported only a half inch of snow had fallen there. Waynesville was covered with more than two inches, C. C. Dexter at Bethel also reported a half inch at that place this morning.

The Salvation Army Citadel reported that snow started falling about 9:30 this morning and continued to fall through the day at three inches at 1 p.m.

In Waynesville the sun made its first appearance of the day at 2:15 p.m.

Whether schools will close tomorrow depends on the conditions of roads in the morning, Lawrence Leatherwood, county superintendent, announced.

Boosters Club Will Meet Thursday Night

The monthly meeting of the Boosters Club will be held at the Hazelwood Presbyterian church on Thursday night, at seven o'clock. There will be a regular dinner meeting.

Richard Barber is president and S. Wright is secretary.

Chamber of Commerce Board To Meet Tuesday

The directors of the Chamber of Commerce will meet Tuesday night for their first meeting of the year. President Johnny Johnson will announce proposed plans for the year, and committees will be named for the various projects of the organization.

The meeting is set for 7:30.

The Weather

Monday, snow, probably ending this afternoon. Tuesday, partly cloudy and rather cold.

Official Waynesville temperature as compiled by the State Test Farm:

Date	Max.	Min.	Rainfall
7	49	15	—
8	57	18	—
9	59	39	—
10	60	43	.06

Red Cross To Step Up Programs For Blood

The board of directors of the local Red Cross Chapter, this morning, voted to instruct the three delegates from here to favor the new blood bank program of the Red Cross, when the question comes to a vote at a district meeting Thursday.

Mrs. Dave Hyatt, chapter chairman, Johnny Edwards, in charge of the blood program, and Mrs. Ethel McDarris, Red Cross worker here, will attend the meeting Thursday.

The details of the new program were explained and discussed here Friday night at a district meeting. The new program will mean the continuation of the blood program, with the quota of this chapter being about 500 pints. It is understood that the local hospital uses about 600 pints per year.

The new program, Mrs. Hyatt said, is one designed to get an increase in blood donations. In the past few years, medical science has found a greater need for blood than ever before, and with the increasing demands, the Red Cross is having to adopt plans and formulate a program for meeting the increase, she explained. The details and mechanics of the new program will be given later.

The board of directors also outlined plans for the annual membership drive, and will announce soon the personnel to head the campaign, which begins the first of March. The quota this year is expected to be about \$5,000, Mrs. Hyatt said.

Mrs. Hyatt also expressed the belief that perhaps next year, this community would operate on the United Fund plan, and that the Red Cross would be a participant, and it would not be necessary to have a separate drive for the organization. A substantial part of the money raised here is spent on the operation of the bloodmobile, which is one phase of the work of the Red Cross.

Mrs. McDarris said that the work load of adding service men was showing an increase, as she pointed out, "I helped nine with varied problems before noon Saturday."

M. T. Bridges Heads W.N.C. Press Group

Marion T. Bridges, co-publisher of The Mountaineer was named president of the Western North Carolina Press Association, at the meeting Saturday night in Asheville. He succeeds Johnny Anderson, of Brevard.

The W.N.C. Press is an affiliate of the N. C. Press Association.

Miss Frances Walker, Brevard, was named secretary and Bob Sloan, Franklin, is vice president. Mr. Bridges served as vice president during 1953.

John Parris, recently named professor of journalism at Western Carolina College, was the speaker at the meeting, and pointed to the need of increasing interest and factual teaching of modern journalism in the high schools of the state.

He cited the absence of adequate text books on the subject—"most of them were written 20 years ago and are out of date; many were written by people who did not have actual newspaper experience."

Mr. Parris said he was encouraged at the interest and prospects of the journalism courses at the college, and believes many capable writers will come from the department in the years to come.

13 Haywood Men Leave For Induction

Thirteen Haywood County young men left the courthouse this morning for Knoxville, Tenn., and induction into the armed forces.

In the group were:

David Hugh Massie, Chestnut Park Drive, Waynesville; Tommy Mac Morrow, Route 2, Waynesville; Robert Lee Gentry, Route 4, Waynesville; Newton Richard Breece, Route 1, Waynesville; Thad Tate Medford, Route 4, Waynesville; Edward Lee Messer, Route 4, Waynesville; David Eldridge McCracken, Route 2, Waynesville; Cecil Ray Young, Route 1, Canton; William Guy Arrington, Jr., Route 1, Waynesville; William Douglas Cody, Route 3, Waynesville; Bobby Gene Presnell, Lake Junaluska; Willis Franklin Smathers, Route 1, Waynesville, and Lloyd Frady, Route 2, Waynesville.

Eleven other men were sent to Knoxville for pre-induction physical examinations, the draft board announced.

E. A. Williamson Retires After 41 Years In Insurance

E. A. Williamson, district manager of the Imperial Life Insurance Company, retired January first, after serving for almost 43 years with the firm. Mr. Williamson came here in 1942 and opened the district office.

He said today he plans "to take life easy, do some fishing, and help Mrs. Williamson with the garden."

The retirement of Mr. Williamson also meant the moving of the district office to Sylva, where it will be under the direction of N. N. Stiles, former staff assistant to Mr. Williamson.

Mr. Williamson started with the company on March 1, 1911, in Winston-Salem. A year later he was promoted to superintendent over a staff of six men, and two years later was made manager of the Winston-Salem district.

In 1914 was transferred to build the Durham district, and remained there until he came to Waynesville in May 1942.

The company house organ, in giving an account of Mr. Williamson's retirement, said: "His goal has been to retire with at least one million ordinary insurance in force and a thousand dollar industrial debit... both goals have been realized."

Mr. Williamson is a native of the Fines Creek area of Haywood, and has been active in civic and church affairs since coming back here in 1942. He is a member of Rotary.

Jaycees Set To Honor Blue Ridge Champions

Blue Ridge Conference trophy by a representative of the Asheville Army Store, awarding of letters to varsity players, short talks by Coaches Weatherby, Jaynes and Swift, and special music by the WTHS Girls Trio. A football game film will also be shown if it is made available at the time of the banquet.

The banquet's principal speaker will be Rex Enright, head football coach at the University of South Carolina, who was named "Coach of the Year" in the Atlantic Coast Conference last fall, and who is now serving as acting commissioner of the ACC.

Coach Enright, who was once an All-Midwestern fullback under Knute Rockne at Notre Dame, is now in his 16th year as head coach and athletic director at USC.

After playing two years of pro ball with the Green Bay Packers, Enright began his coaching career as an assistant at the University of North Carolina in 1928. In 1931 he became assistant football coach and head basketball coach at the University of Georgia, where he remained until he went to South Carolina in 1938. His 10-years at (See Jaycees—Page 3)

Joint Effort Under Way For March Of Dimes

The annual March of Dimes campaign in Haywood will feature several programs this week, as workers begin their work for collecting funds to fight polio.

The Canton and Waynesville area leaders are working together on joint programs in behalf of the campaign. Dave Felmet and Leo Weill and leaders of the campaign in the Waynesville area, while Walter Clark and Yoder Clark are leading the work in the Canton area.

The annual singing which has proven so popular for many years, will be held at the court house Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Kay Allen, W. T. Queen and Ray Parker have been in charge of the program for a number of years, and expect another capacity crowd at the program this coming Sunday afternoon. Details of the program will be given in the Thursday edition of this newspaper.

Three programs are scheduled to be broadcast from WHCC this week, according to Kenneth D. Fry, manager. One program will be Tuesday, the 12th, at 7:15; another Thursday the 14th, also at 7:15. The station will announce later the time of broadcast of the Sunday singing program.

All committees have been named for the entire county, and plans are being made for a complete coverage of the county during the campaign this month.

This weekend will see the inauguration of the dime board here, with the Rotary Club as sponsor of the campaign in this area, in charge. The dime board will be operated only on the weekend, and according to Leo Weill, in charge of that phase of the campaign, a dime board will also be operated in Hazelwood on the same days.

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Hazelwood Motorists Warned To Purchase Their Town License

Persons living in Hazelwood and owning motor vehicles were warned today by Chief Roy Stevens of the necessity of having a city tag on the vehicle on or before February first.

Chief Stevens said the tags were available at the city hall at one dollar each. Motorists failing to comply with the ordinance will be subject to additional costs.

Shooting Believed Try At Suicide

Waynesville police are continuing their investigation of a shooting Friday night, which may have been attempted suicide.

The man involved in the case—James Ruff, about 33, sustained scalp wounds inflicted by a 32-caliber automatic. Ruff claims that the shooting was accidental, but Police Chief Orville Noland said that, from all appearances, Ruff attempted to take his own life.

Chief Noland said that someone called Tony Davis at the Crawford Funeral Home, urging that an ambulance be sent to "pick up a dead man."

When Davis arrived at the scene off Killian Ave., near the Waynesville Ice and Storage Co., he went next door to ask where Ruff lived. While there, he heard a shot and phoned the police. Police arrived and found Ruff lying on a bed with his head bleeding.

They took him to the Haywood County hospital, but the wounded man refused to let doctors there treat him, demanding to be taken to his own doctor in Sylva. Police complied with his wishes, and took him to Jackson County.

His wounds were found to be not serious, so he was returned here and put in the Haywood County jail. He was later released on \$500 bond.

The shot was fired from the back of his head, which police attributed to Ruff's being left handed.

Newspapers Give Big Play Up To Grover C. Davis

The announcement of Grover C. Davis as candidate for solicitor of the 20th district, received a big play up in the newspapers of the state as the first candidate to file. The Raleigh News and Observer played the story up under a two column headline on page one; Asheville used a picture, and the Associated Press story from Raleigh, as other state papers used the story from Raleigh.

Mr. Davis told The Mountaineer, in announcing, and in giving this newspaper the original story, "I decided there was nothing to be gained in waiting, so I just wrote out my check for \$71.20 and mailed it in with my application to the secretary of the state board of elections."

Solicitor Thad Bryson, Jr., has not formally filed for office, but it is understood he is definitely planning to be in the race seeking re-election.

Hospital Care Enrollment To End Thursday

The present enrollment of members of the CDP hospital insurance program will close Thursday evening, Mrs. C. T. Wanzer, Hospital Care Association representative, said today.

Enrollment of new members will be conducted this week in the county, and for old members who have not renewed their policy.

The campaign to enroll old members in the new program has been "very good", and nearly all have decided to continue their coverage, Mrs. Wanzer said.

Meetings scheduled in the county this week in connection with the hospital insurance will be held tonight at Allen's Creek School and at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Methodist Church in Iron Duff.

County Due To Receive More Later

Haywood County Board of Education will meet tonight and hear a tentative report of a state survey committee, whereby this county will get about a quarter of a million dollars for school building improvements.

The report of the survey committee was due several weeks ago, but due to technical difficulties, the report was delayed in Raleigh, according to officials in a telephone conversation from there this morning with Lawrence Leatherwood, county superintendent. The survey was made on December 14-15 by a special state committee of three. It is upon the basis of their report as to how much will be allocated this county out of the fifty million voted by North Carolinians last October. There is twenty-five more million to be allocated. No indication has been made as to Haywood's share of that, but it is estimated at about \$150,000.

The four major projects which Haywood plans to use their 70 percent of the quarter of a million—\$171,000, with the Canton district getting \$73,000—is as follows:

Some to complete the gym and cafeteria at Crabtree-Iron Duff school, and also some for use on the Fines Creek project, where a new cafeteria and general repairs are being made. Both these projects, the board hopes, will be ready by next September.

The new projects to come under the October state-wide bond issue includes:

East Waynesville—two classrooms, new heating plant, and new restroom fixtures.

Hazelwood—4 to 6 classrooms, and some minor repair work.

Cruso—a heating plant, small cafeteria, lighting and restroom facilities.

Colored school—Waynesville—a new structure. No size yet determined.

Several schools are due to get some general repair work, school officials said, but those projects will probably be delayed until after the contracts are let for the above projects, in order to determine their costs.

Under the terms of the state orders, no money will be permitted to be spent on repairing old buildings.

The Haywood board of education favors this plan, and it is expected that engineers and architects will begin work at once on blueprints, so contracts can be let at an early date.

Mr. Leatherwood, in commenting on the other school projects, said he felt that the new building at Waynesville high, Bethel elementary, and the Clyde gym, would be "It now looks like each of the major projects will be ready for occupancy by September first," he said.

Clark Re-elected By Thickety CDP

J. H. Clark was re-elected chairman of the Thickety CDP at a meeting last week at the Oak Grove Baptist Church.

Other officers chosen were: Mrs. Gladys Burrell, vice chairman; Miss Lura Wright, secretary and reporter, and Mrs. Gaston Rhinehart.

CDP members also voted to sponsor some project to raise money for the March of Dimes later this month.

Special Program To Be Given At Church of God

"At The Great Judgment Morning," will be presented in pantomime at the Church of God Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

The public is invited.

Friday Is Deadline On Performance Reports

Haywood County farmers who have not yet signed performance reports for materials they received during 1953 from the ASC (PMA) office, must do so by Friday, or be placed on a federal register of indebtedness for double the amount they received. A. W. Ferguson, ASC office manager, announced today.

Man Is Charged With Assaulting Wife

John Cline, Jr., of Hyatt's Creek, was bound over to Superior Court this morning after a hearing by Justice of the Peace J. J. Ferguson on charges of assaulting his wife with a .22 rifle.

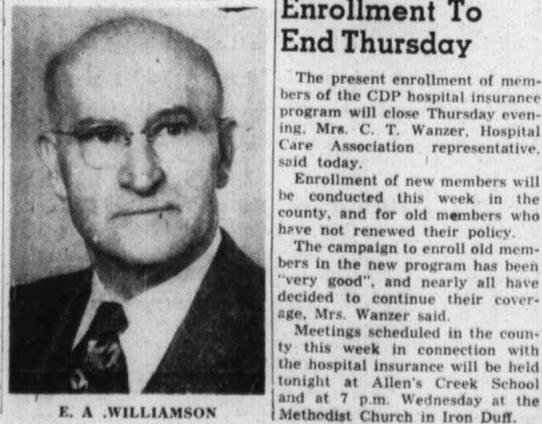
He is now being held in the county jail.

Ratcliffe Cove CDP Will Meet Tuesday

A meeting of the Ratcliffe Cove Community Development Program will be held Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the REA building.

Jefferies To Give Program At Church

H. A. Jefferies will be in charge of the prayer meeting at Elizabeth Chapel Methodist Church Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m.



E. A. WILLIAMSON

Highway Record For 1954 In Haywood (TO DATE)

Killed 0
Injured 0

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