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TODAY'S SMILE
Nothing New
"Historians say that women were using cosmetics in the Middle Ages.
"Well, women in the Middle Ages are still using them."

More People Than Ever Are Reading The Mountaineer

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AN UNEXPECTED VISITOR at the Soco Crafts shop near Soco Gap early Wednesday morning was this big Roadway Express truck, which rammed through the stone wall at the gift shop on Highway 19 when the vehicle's brakes failed.

At the spot where the truck came to rest is a Maggie Sez sign which on one side reads: 'Maggie Sez: Lawh What a View?' and on the other side, 'Maggie Sez: Whoa, Bud, Don't Miss This View.' (Mountaineer Photo).

Driver Leaps To Safety As Brakes Fail

By feeling glad to be alive, Fred Collins, 28, of Salem, Route 5, who es- with only slight scratches leaping from his big tractor truck when its brakes failed east of Soco Gap at 5 Wednesday morning. Collins leaped from the truck at the west end of Crafts gift shop drive. The truck continued on to a portion of the driveway, smashed into a stone plat- and wall. Platform and part of the sent crashing over the most of the wall stayed place, although broken, and the big vehicle to a halt edge of a steep hill. had it not been for the wall, the and trailer probably would been demolished, as well as Army clothing and equipment when the truck was carrying from Chattanooga to Winston-Salem. Weight of the load was 32,000 pounds. Its value was placed at \$50,000. The tractor was damaged on its left side, but the trailer was not damaged extensively. Owner of Soco Crafts, Johnny Johnson of Waynesville, estimated the damage to his place of business at \$2,500. Patrolman Harold Dayton of the State Highway Patrol was the investigating officer.

Jaycees To Present 53 Awards

Waynesville's "Outstand- ing Man of 1953" will be at the Jaycees' annual Dis- tinguished Service Awards ban- quet at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Club in the Masonic Temple. Banquet, with Lester Bur- ous master of ceremonies, will honor two outstanding and three business firms. In the opinion of Junior members, have done the out various community during 1953. SA banquet will be held tion with the Western the Jaycees—Page 2)

The weather PARTLY CLOUDY

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
Jan. 25	55	30	—
Jan. 26	60	36	—
Jan. 27	64	32	20

Rollman Leaves On 4-Month Tour Of World; To Promote World Construction Plan

Sunday morning Heinz W. Rollman will drive from here to Knoxville for the first leg of a 80,000-mile trip around the world that will require more than four months. The entire trip, except from here to Knoxville, will be by plane, and he will stop at more than fifty major cities in the South Pacific, Australia, India, Japan, Formosa, Africa, make a complete circle of South America, then to Central America, and from Mexico City back home, scheduled to arrive on June 8th. Two-thirds of his time will be devoted to meeting and talking with business, civic groups and colleges about World Construction. His conferences have been pre-ar- ranged, and he will speak as many as five times in one day. Accompanying Mr. Rollman will be V. J. Bjaeck, a Ro-Search technician, who will devote his time in consultation with directors and managers of shoe manufacturing plants. Ro-Search, a corporation also headed by Mr. Rollman, holds patents on a special manufacturing process, which is now being used in plants in 40 countries around the world. Mr. Bjaeck said he felt that he would arrange for the Ro-Search patents to be used in 25 other plants on this trip. The com- bined daily production of all plants is now in excess of 100,000 pairs (See Rollman—Page 8)

Jaycees Plan Local Talent Minstrel Show

The Waynesville Jaycees will present a minstrel show with local talent on February 17, 18, it was announced Monday night at a meeting of the Junior Chamber. A professional director from Marion will be in charge of the show, but all talent will be recruited from this area. Entertainers interested in ap- pearing in this production have been asked to contact Cecil Blanton at the Haywood Grocery Co.

Red Cross Chapter To Meet Friday Night

The Waynesville chapter of the American Red Cross will lay plans for its annual membership drive, beginning March 1, at a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the home of Mrs. David Hyatt on Walnut St. Chairmen and co-chairmen of the Red Cross chapter will meet and select workers for the fund campaign in March.

Highlanders To Meet Monday At Court House

The Haywood County Highlanders will hold their regular meeting Monday night, February 1, at the County Court House at 7:30 p.m. L. E. DeVous, president, made the announcement.

Clyde Building - Loan's Assets Hit Million Mark

The Clyde Building and Loan Association has passed the million-dollar mark in its assets, Secretary-Treasurer J. Tom Leatherwood announced Tuesday night at the annual stockholders meeting. Mr. Leatherwood said that assets totaled \$978,328 on December 31, 1953, and added that the figure went over one million this month. At the meeting, stockholders also reelected these directors: Glenn D. Brown, Milton Brown, R. C. Cannon, C. R. Francis, E. W. Free, Grover C. Haynes, J. S. Jack-

Porch Light Parade To Aid Polio Drive Friday Night

Porch lights will be burning all over Haywood County Friday night to aid the March of Dimes polio fund drive, which ends this month. In Waynesville, the Mountaineer chapter of the National Secretaries Association will conduct a canvass of homes whose porch lights are burning, signifying the wish of the occupants to contribute to the March of Dimes. The Secretaries, headed by Dixie Campbell, drive chairman, will make a tour through Waynesville, Hazelwood, Allens Creek, and Lake Junaluska to solicit donations. The drive here will get under way at 7 p.m., when whistles and horns (including those at the two fire departments) will sound the opening of the event. In the Canton-Bethel-Clyde area the campaign, known as the "Mothers' March on Polio," will begin at 6 p.m. and will also be heralded by the blowing of whistles. Mrs. R. W. Scholl, chairman for the Canton area, explained that workers will meet at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Canton after the march is over to tally results. She asked that workers be remind- (See Porch Light—Page 8)

207 Vacation Inquiries Received By Highlanders

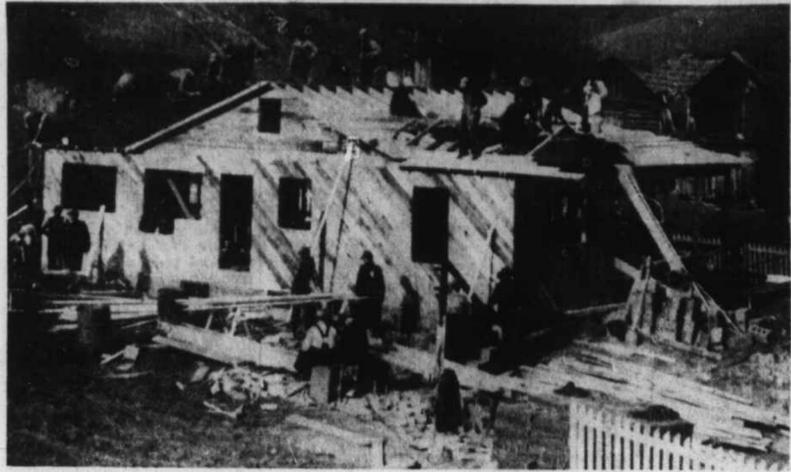
A total of 207 inquiries—from 26 states, the District of Columbia and Canada—on travel accommodations and scenic attractions in this region have been received by the Western North Carolina Highlanders office here from December 15 until the present, Mrs. Doyle D. Alley, secretary, announced today. The highest number of inquiries—13—has come from New York. Other "leaders" have been: Illinois, 11; Ohio and Pennsylvania, 7 each, and Virginia, 6. Other letters and cards have come from Alabama, California, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Canada. The Highlanders' Regional office, located in the Masonic Temple here, sends out a mimeograph- ed list each week to the various county Highlander groups throughout Western Carolina with the names and addresses of persons who plan vacations here this spring and summer.



Glenn Brown is named western regional organizer for the North Carolina Young Democrats, at a meeting of the executive committee in Winston-Salem last week- end. The state is divided into three regions—eastern, Piedmont and western.

McDarris, Caldwell Buy Underwood Supply Store

Charles McDarris and Raymond Caldwell have purchased the Underwood Supply Co., at 416 Depot St., owned by the late David "Dog" Underwood, and will reopen the business Monday as the Farmers Hardware and Supply Co. The store has been closed since the late owner met his death last August. Mr. McDarris, a native of Buncombe County, formerly taught vocational agriculture in Buncombe schools and was employed for 12 years by the Farmers Home Administration in Haywood, Jackson, and Transylvania counties. For the past two years, he has worked for the Production Credit Association in Asheville and engaged in farming. A veteran of 30 months service in the Navy, Mr. McDarris is married to Ethel Hayes McDarris. He is a graduate of Berea (Ky.) College. Mr. Caldwell, a Haywood County native, makes his home at Iron Duff. He was graduated from Crabtree-Iron Duff High School and served in the Navy for 27 Jackie White Caldwell. Since 1946, Mr. Caldwell has engaged in his own trucking business and farming. He is married to Jackie White Caldwell.



GOOD NEIGHBORS, 26 strong of Upper Crabtree, are shown here putting the roof on the house they are building for Mr. and Mrs. Welch Messer. Their home was destroyed by fire on this site exactly two weeks ago. Every man in the com-

munity has had a part in the construction of the house. Several men were working on the inside when this photograph was made by a Mountaineer photographer.

Kiwanis' MOD Show Seeks \$650

The Waynesville Kiwanis Club will attempt to raise \$650 for the March of Dimes Saturday night with an amateur radio talent show over station WHCC, from 8 p.m. until midnight. Last year in a similar radio show the Kiwanians raised \$625 for the polio fund. Club members also will solicit funds tonight at the Waynesville Drive-In Theatre. Ken Fry, manager of WHCC, will serve as master of ceremonies for the Saturday night show, aided by assistant emcees, the Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson of the Waynesville Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. Earl H. Brendall of the First Methodist Church. Members of the Kiwanis Club and the Key Club at Waynesville High School will be stationed in cars throughout this area to pick up contributions as soon as they are pledged. Among special talent to appear on the program will be: The Paul Franklin Quartet, Allen's Creek Trio, Bethel Quartet, Saunook Trio, Shorty Wile Trio, Carolina Quartet, James Gibbs, WTHS String Band, WTHS Girls Quartet, and the WTHS Girls Duo. Max Rogers and Bob Winchester of the Kiwanis Club are in charge of the show. Appealing for the support of the public, Mr. Rogers asserted that "1954 is the decisive year in the fight against polio," pointing out that a possible vaccine against polio, will be tested on a mass (See Kiwanis—Page 8)

Upper Crabtree Building New House For Neighbors, Practicing 'Golden Rule'

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"Two weeks ago we felt we had lost everything we had in the world. Today we find we still have our most valuable asset—friends," said Mrs. Welch Messer, with feeling, as she looked at 26 neighbors hammering, sawing and working untiringly in building a new house to replace the one destroyed by fire on the 14th. It was just two weeks ago yesterday, fire destroyed the Messer home in Upper Crabtree. Only a few clothes of their daughter, Doris, and a dinner suite were saved. It was a gloomy dawn that met the Messers the next morning as they gazed at the smouldering ashes. Neighbors from far and near came by and saw the situation. Before the embers had hardly turned cold, the neighbors met, raised over \$1,000 in cash, a considerable amount of material, and much household equipment. The neighbors told the Messers, "We are going to rebuild your house." In one week plans had been drawn, a basement dug and the ashes of the former home pushed aside. A week from the day the neighbors started to work, they were putting the roof on the house. With favorable weather, another ten days will see the house completed. Every man on Upper Crabtree has had a part in the construction of the new house. Some have worked several days, others a full week. Even some who were unable to work, made their way to the site and have stayed by the project to show their neighborly interest. The women of the neighborhood are doing their bit. They prepare dinner for the men, and help serve it at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Messer, just a short distance away—a new home, which has been rebuilt when their other house burned three years ago. Welch Messer, of course, was overjoyed by the actions of his neighbors, and was heartbroken (See Messer—Page 8)

28 Classified By Draft Board

The following classifications were made this week by the Haywood County Selective Service Board. President Vay Mease announced today: Class 1-A—David Edwin Terrell; William Cansler Haynes, Claude E. Greene, John Lewis Saunders and Donald Bryson. Class 1-C (Reserve)—Lawrence Clay Clark, Jr., Robert Coolidge Sutton, John Edward Mann. Class 1-C (Discharged)—J. B. Ledford, James Clinton Sorrells, Clifton James Clampitt. Class 1-C (Enlisted)—Bobby Lee Stamey, Jack Hugh Burrell, Lon Raymond Reece, Roy Lesley Griffin and Charles Edward Mainous, Jr. Class 1-C (Inducted)—Thad Tate Medford, Newton Richard Breece, Cecil Ray Young, William Guy Arrington, Jr., William Douglas Cody, Bobby Gene Presnell, Willis Franklin Smathers, David Eldridge McCracken, Edward Lee Messer, Robert Lee Gentry, Tommy Mac Morrow and David Hugh Massie. The board will meet again on February 8.

'Finer Carolina' Program Is Launched By Clyde

(See picture page 1, section 2)

Clyde launched its participation in the "Finer Carolina" program Monday night at a banquet at the Clyde Methodist Church where officers were elected and projects chosen. George C. Starr, Jr., pastor of the Methodist Church, was selected as general chairman to head the program sponsored by the Carolina Power and Light Co. to improve communities throughout North and South Carolina. Also named were: Glenn D. Brown, vice chairman; Mrs. Larry H. Cagle, publicity chairman; and Charles F. Lanning, scrapbook chairman. Eight "Finer Carolina" projects chosen by the Clyde civic leaders at the banquet were: 1. Attraction of industry to the area. 2. A "Paint Up, Clean Up, Fix Up" campaign. 3. Construction of a whiteway and "safety island" in the new four-lane highway which passes through Clyde. 4. Erection of large, decorative signs at the entrances to the town, welcoming visitors to Clyde. 5. Creation of recreational facilities. 6. A "Back-to-Church" movement. 7. Attracting more residents to the area. 8. Construction of a new fire station. The "Finer Carolina" program was explained by Mrs. Vivian Bushong, who is in charge of the program in this region, and by James M. Hall, Jr., manager of the Canton division of Carolina Power and Light Co. Mr. Hall pointed out the power company does not benefit directly from the program, which is designed expressly to improve and develop communities throughout the two Carolinas.

Heavy Court Docket Ready As Feb. Term Opens Mon.

Three murder charges and one for rape are included on the heavy calendar of criminal cases scheduled for hearing before Judge H. Hoyle Sink of Greensboro in the February term of Superior Court, which opens Monday. A number of civil suits, including divorce proceedings, will also be heard. The murder cases are those of Joseph Casty Warren, charged with the killing of David "Dog" Underwood; Joe Parks, charged with killing Woodrow Leatherwood; and Holace Sutton, charged with killing Elmer Ball. All three defendants are out on bond. The Warren case was continued from the November term of Superior Court, whereas the other two have occurred since the court was last in session. Also continued from the November term are charges against Clarence Moore of rape and having carnal knowledge of a female under the age of 16. Other cases on the criminal calendar include charges of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, violation of the parole laws, driving after license revoked, drunk driving, aiding and abetting drunk driving, breaking and entering and larceny, bigamy. (See Court—Page 8)

Taxpayers Warned Of Tax Deadline

Haywood County taxpayers were warned today by Tax Collector Mrs. Mildred Bryson that only two more days are left in which to list taxes for 1954. Persons who fail to list their taxes will be penalized 10 per cent of the tax, Mrs. Bryson added. The schedule for tax listers this weekend will be: Cecil — May Phillips Messer, Messer's Store, Saturday. Clyde—William Osborne, Cagle Furniture Store, Saturday. East Fork — Ken Burnette's home, Saturday. Crabtree — Frank Medford, Duckett's Store, Friday and Saturday. Ivy Hill — H. E. Griswold residence, Friday and Saturday. Iron Duff — Roy Medford residence, Friday and Saturday. Pigeon — Gaston Burnette, Retreat Grocery, Saturday. Fines Creek — Glenn McCracken, Mark Ferguson's Store, Saturday. Jonathan Creek — Troy Leatherwood residence, Friday and Saturday. Waynesville — Courthouse, Mrs. R. L. Coin, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. - 12 noon, Saturday. White Oak — Teague Williams residence, Friday and Saturday. Beaverdam Township — Mrs. Wade Rhea and Vaughn Byers, Canton Chamber of Commerce, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. - 12 noon Saturday. Deputy tax collectors are Mrs. J. P. Dieus and Homer Henry.

Snow At Max Patch Reached Five Inches

Although only 1.25 inches of snow fell in the Waynesville area last Friday night, the Max Patch section was blanketed by five inches, Major Cecil Brown of the Salvation Army Citadel told The Mountaineer this week. Vestiges of the snow were still to be seen Tuesday, Major Brown added. The elevation at the Citadel is 4,060 feet.

Highway Record For 1954 In Haywood (TO DATE)

Killed . . . 0
Injured . . . 2
(This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol.)

Fight Polio — Turn On Your Porchlight Friday Night At 7 O'clock