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County-Wide Industrial Labor Survey Begins

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Waynesville Fire Losses Set New Low Record

4,600 Loss In Town; Rural Area Larger

Waynesville's fire losses for 1953 were the lowest in many years, a check of the records has just revealed.

Local firemen answered 50 calls within town, and the total loss was $4,675. Of this total, $3,000 was accounted for in two fires. The home of Gaither Thompson sustained a loss of $3,000 and the John Boyd storage house was listed at $1,000 loss. Other losses included cars, burning flues, and defective stoves and heaters.

The firemen answered 12 calls outside of town, and the losses for the county calls amounted to $83,[illegible]5. Included in these losses was $5,000 for a Trailways bus on [illegible]oo Mountain, Burgin's Dairy, several houses and a barn.

A breakdown of the alarms sent showed that 13 were for fires in residences; 6 at merchantile places, one manufacturing plant, one storage, 11 grass and brush fires, and 12 for cars or machinery.

May was the heavy month for alarms with 10, while June and December recorded only one each. The alarms by months are:

January	8
February	6
March	7
April	5
May	10
June	1
July	3
August	7
September	5
October	5
November	4
December	1
Total	62

This 1953 record is believed to be among the lowest fire loss in a state for a town with a valuation of five and a half millions.

Felix Stovall is fire chief; Ben [illegible], assistant, and the drivers are Clem Fitzgerald and James Turner. The department has 20 volunteer firemen.

MEMBERS OF THE 'GALLON CLUB' (persons who have contributed a gallon of blood to the Red Cross Bloodmobile) met at the Hazelwood Presbyterian Church when the Bloodmobile set up operations there Wednesday afternoon. Receiving a "Gallon Club" pin from Mrs. B. E. Colkitt of Balsam Road is Joe Boone of Waynesville. Having a cup of coffee are Mrs. Violet Moore of East St., Waynesville; Jerry Rogers of Hazelwood, and Dave Hyatt of Walnut St., Waynesville.

Early Indications Point To Interesting Political Campaign Here This Spring

By W. CURTIS RUSS
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The subject of politics is already becoming one of the main topics of conversation. And rightly so, because 1954 is a big election year in Haywood with ten county offices to fill, besides some district, state and township offices.

The campaign looms as an exciting one for some races, while others are taking it for granted that there will be little or no opposition for some offices.

There is a possibility that the commissioners race might bring forth the most candidates. Several have been mentioned as possible candidates, for both members of the board and chairman.

Many potential candidates have been sending out "feelers" and testing out their possibilities against the sounding board of public sentiment. Of course every would-be candidate will not follow through and file for the office with which his name is often linked There are others who have already reached a decision but are waiting until they formally file for the office to make their formal announcement.

Haywood will take more than usual interest in the race for U. S. Senate. Although there are three candidates already out for the post, it is easy to see that Haywood voters will talk and discuss but two—former Governor Scott and Senator Alton Lennon.

For Congress there is likely to be just one candidate, Representative George A. Shuford. He has already filed and is seeking reelection. With Richard Queen, a local man, his secretary, and Shuford's interest in Haywood, it is easy to see right now that he will get a big vote here in May.

The action of the Democrats in deciding to continue the plan of alternating every other term with Henderson in naming the State Senator, means that the nominee will come from Haywood this May. Two names are being linked with that post, but neither have made a formal statement. Often the rumor mill gives out wrong names at this

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HARRY ROBINSON SHOWS SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT

Harry (Blue) Robinson, who has been in a critical condition since undergoing surgery at Mercy Hospital in Charlotte last week, was reported to be showing slight improvement today.

McCrary To Get Democratic Tie

Charles B. McCrary will soon be sporting a big Democratic tie. He is to get the tie with the Democratic emblem because he as chairman of the Haywood Democrats, met the quota for the Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner—seven tickets at $50 each.

McCrary says he plans to pass it around among the 28 members of the county executive committee to wear.

25 Haywood Men Leave For Induction

Twenty-five Haywood County men were sent to Knoxville this week for induction into the armed forces, according to an announcement by Way Mease, chairman of the county selective service board.

Inductees included:

Melvin McDonald Rhinehart of Bethel, J. T. Ball of Cove Creek, Thomas Albert Caldwell of Maggie, James Wilson Shipman of Lake Logan, John Lewis Saunders of Allen's Creek, David Lewis Presnell of Cove Creek, Billy Joe Wells of Canton, Lowery Odell Ferguson, Jr. of Crabtree, Louis Edwin Gates, Jr. of Canton, James Roy Moody of Dellwood, Thomas William Alexander, Jr. of Cataloochee, Fred B. Calhoun, Jr. of Waynesville, J. M. Crawford of Waynesville, James Carroll Burgess, Richard Camden Smith of Waynesville, Charles Caldwell, Jr. of Dellwood, Robert Lloyd Mills of Waynesville; Claude E. Greene of Hazelwood, Perry James Caldwell of Waterville, Bobby Thomas Parton of Jonathan Creek, James David Mitchell of Waynesville, Franklin D. Rich of Maggie, Bobby Francis Rogers of Fines Creek, Carroll Virgil Medford of Beaverdam, and Carl William Ward of Jonathan Creek.

The draft board also sent 23 other men for pre-induction physical examinations.

Information Is Sought To Interest New Plants

Haywood county is being saturated with questionnaires by the Chamber of Commerce industrial committee in an effort to determine the accurate labor market here.

The information is vital in interesting industrialists to consider this area for new or expanded plants, according to W. A. Bradley, chariman of the committee.

Ten thousand blanks are being distributed throughout Haywood in order to get information from every person who would be available for an industrial job.

"This is the first thing we must have," said Mr. Bradley as he pointed to a letter from a firm who was interested in establishing a plant in this area. The first question in the letter was "how much skilled and unskilled labor is available?"

Mr. Bradley said that a broad guess could be made, but that industrialists that are out to spend thousands upon thousands of dollars do not go upon "guesses" for their answers. They must have the facts, and that is the reason for the questionnaire.

The blanks are being distributed through the Community Development officers, through the schools in Waynesville, Clyde, Hazelwood and Canton. Other blanks can be secured at the Chamber of Commerce, Employment Office, County Agent's Office, or Farmers Cooperative on Depot Street.

A couy of the blank is being published on page one of the second section of today's paper, and this blank can be used. The same consideration will be given

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4 Officers Elected By Little Theatre

Roger Walker was elected president of the Waynesville Little Theatre at the group's organizational meeting at the courthouse Wednesday night.

Also chosen were Walter Baermann, executive vice president; Miss Jackie Sue Messer, secretary; Mrs. Carrie Hannah, treasurer; and Bob Conway, public relations director.

After a discussion of the organization's aims, Mr. Walker named a six-member committee to draw up temporary by-laws and a constitution and and consider nominees for the board of directors.

Appointed to the committee were Ray Pleiness, chairman; Charles Underwood, Mrs. Fred Campbell, Mrs. J. H. Smathers, Jr., and Mrs. Joe Liner. This committee will meet tonight at the home of Mrs. Smathers on Fairview Road at 7 p.m. The next general meeting of the Little Theatre group will be March 3 at the court house.

Two Murder Cases Are Continued

The scheduled two weeks of a mixed term of Superior Court adjourned early Wednesday, with Judge Hoyle Sink, presiding.

The jury was dismissed shortly before noon Tuesday, after Solicitor Thad D. Bryson, Jr. announced the continuation of the case of Holace Sutton, charged with the death of Elsmer Ball, in January.

Solicitor Bryson had said on Monday that the case would be called Tuesday morning, but announced Tuesday that he needed additional time to check on some vidence. The case of Joe Parks, charged with the death of Woodrow Leatherwood, in Iron Duff, last November, was also continued until the July term of court.

Judge Sink is slated to come back here in May for a term of civil court.

Several motions were heard by Judge Sink Wednesday morning just before court adjourned.

Twenty-five defendants forfeited $3,050 in cash bonds, according to the records of J. B. Siler, clerk of court. This money goes into the

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Williamson Nominated For UNC Scholarship

Stanley M. Williamson, a Waynesville high senior, has been recommended by the district committee for an interview with the trustees of the University of North Carolina for one of the John Motley Morehead Foundation scholarships.

Stanley was interviewed a week ago by the district committee, after being approved by the county committee.

He will go to Chapel Hill early in March for the interview with the trustees. About 15 Morehead scholarships are awarded each year, and are valued at about $1,250 per year for four years.

22-Light Whiteway Along Main Street Is Completed

Another Bright Spot——

Pardon us, but there is another bright spot in town —

—the new, all time record of circulation of The Mountaineer.

Today's issue sets an all-time high for the number of paid subscribers.

The circulation list has been steadily growing through the months.

To those scores of new subscribers who have recently started taking the paper, the publishers want to welcome you to the group of some 4,500 families of readers.

It does not take a professional economist to realize that things are brighter — at night — along Waynesville's Main Street.

Shortly before seven Tuesday night, the modern mercury-vapor lighted whiteway was turned on, and made the entire six-block long street resemble early twilight.

The 22 specially designed lights, on steel poles, are served by a single strand wire atop of the poles.

Today members of the electrical department were removing the old-type bulb street lights, and wiring.

According to Walter Mehaffey, superintendent of the light department, plans are to remove all remaining wooden poles sometime next week. He and his crew must stop to read meters for several days.

Mehaffey said that just as soon as the weather was warm enough the present rd steel poles would be painted battleship grey.

Some motorists have found that the mercury-vapor lights make the color of motor vehicles take on a different hue. One owner of a red truck was reported to have "lost" his truck after the lights came on the first night. He passed what he thought was a brown truck several times looking for his red one.

Mr. Ferguson said the engineers guaranteed that a newspaper could be read at any spot on Main Street with the lights turned on. The test was made Tuesday night, and their appraisal of the system was correct.

The project cost about $15,000.

Haywood Gains Credit For Only 86 Pints Blood

Eighty-six pints of blood were donated when the Red Cross Bloodmobile visited Hazelwood Wednesday. Most donations were made by employees, especially women, of Wellco Shoe Corp.

The amount of blood taken in was 39 pints under the day's quota of 125. Some fifteen people who offered blood had to be refused because of previous illnesses like malaria, jaundice, etc. Haywood County Hospital has announced that people in this community use more than 700 pints of Red Cross blood a year.

Rudolph Carswell and Johnnie Edwards, co-chairman of the local blood program for the Red Cross, issued this joint statement:

"Perhaps the many hundreds of others in this community who either cannot or will not give blood can at least contribute to the Red Cross fund campaign which begins March 1. It would be their way of showing appreciation of the fact that free live-saving blood is available to them at all times in our Haywood County Hospital. Their gift of either blood or money is like an insurance policy—the people of Haywood are the beneficiaries."

Haywood Citizens Invest Heavily In Savings Bonds

Haywood citizens invested over $109,213 in U. S. Savings Bonds during January, according to an official report just made by the Treasury Department.

The state had a total of $4,819,870 during the month, which put Haywood far ahead of the average for the state.

J. E. Massie is county chairman for the sale of bonds. The totals included the sale of both E and H bonds.

Train Severs Hazelwood Boy's Leg Late Wednesday

Bobby Cecil Conard, 9, of Hazelwood, suffered the loss of his left leg at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday when he fell beneath the wheels of a Southern Railway freight train at Hazelwood.

Apparently there were no witnesses to the accident, but Police Chief Roy Stephens of Hazelwood said that the boy probably tried to hop a ride on the train. He had been playing near the tracks with several other boys before the train passed through Hazelwood.

Crewmen of the train were not even aware of the mishap and did not learn what happened until their arrival at Asheville. The train was en route to Asheville from Bryson City.

Bobby Cecil, the son of Mrs. Norvella Conard of Richland St., Hazelwood, was treated by Dr. Stuart Roberson and first taken to Haywood County Hospital, and later to Mission Hospital in Asheville.

Chief Stephens accompanied the boy and Dr. Roberson to the hospital. His condition has been reported as "fair."

The Weather

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Showers this afternoon, turning colder with possible snow flurries tonight. Friday, cloudy and colder. Official Waynesville temperature compiled by the State Test Farm.

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
Feb. 8	45	14	—
Feb. 9	61	35	—
Feb. 10	68	23	—

Construction Of New Store For Dixie Starts Monday

A new Dixie Home Store will be built on the old Garrett property, bounded by Haywood, Miller and Montgomery Streets, former site of the Massie Funeral Home. The homestead was torn down a few weeks ago.

Construction will start Monday on the large super-market building to be surrounded by large areas of paved parking space. The contract was let by R. H. Longstreet and Associates, architects, at the Dixie Home Store home offices in Greenville, S. C.

The Dillard Construction Company of Sylva won the contract and expects to complete construction in aobut 90 days.

The property, which is about 180 feet square, is registered in the name of Calvin Houghland of Nashville, Tenn. Owners are renting both the land and building to the Dixie Home Stores.

Democrat Executive Group Meets Monday

The Democratic executive committee will meet Monday to nominate three members for the county board of elections. The nominations will be sent to the State Democratic Executive committee for approval and recommendation to the State Board of Elections.

Tourist Group To Publish Big New Booklet In Spring

The deadline for participating in the 1954 Tourist Booklet is February 15th, according to L. E. DeVous, president of the Haywood County Highlanders.

Mr. DeVous said that there would be 15,000 copies of the new booklet published and distributed throughout the eastern seaboard.

Several major changes are planned for this new booklet, including a map of the immediate area and showing the location of every participating member. "This, we feel, will be of particular benefit to the visitors and of material value to the members," he said.

Bank's 'Walkup Window' To Operate Until 4 P.M.

The First National Bank of Waynesville will "extend" its banking hours from 1 until 4 p.m. daily (except Wednesday) with the installation of a "walkup window" on the corner of the building at Main and Depot streets.

Bank President Jonathan H. Woody said that the equipment is being installed to accommodate the public in facilitating its banking and also to eliminate a dangerous spot where several people have fallen. Two women have broken their arms in tumbles there.

Mr. Woody added that the walkup window was designed by the architectural firm, Six Associates of Asheville, and is being installed by the Diebold Safe Co.

When completed, the unit will be the only one of its kind west of Charlotte. One of its main features will be the utilization of bullet-proof glass.

Mr. Woody explained that the walkup window will not be open during regular banking hours, but only from 1 until 4 p. m.

Annual Membership Drive Starts For Local C. of C.

Over 300 letters and statements are being mailed today to potential Chamber of Commerce members for the new year. The letter explains the budget of $9,440 for the organization, and the membership dues at $24 each. Some firms are being allocated one membership, and others up to ten.

The big end of the 1954 budget this year will be for the industrial committee, with $3,000 allocated for this project.

The next largest item is $2,930, for the secretary's salary, and $900 for publicity and advertising, and $750 for additional new highway signs.

Office supplies, pamphlets are set at $500, with a miscellaneous item of another $500. The janitor service is $200, with telephone, $150, banquet $100, and lights and fuel $90.

Johnny Johnson, president, announced that Paul Davis was in charge of the finance program of the organization, and was anxious to get the membership back as soon as possible.

President Johnson named an agriculture committee, composed of H. M. Dulin, C. G. Thompson, Wayne Franklin, and Richard Barber. The banquet committee is headed by Dr. Boyd Owen, assisted by Clayton Walker and A. P. Ledbetter.

The directors on Tuesday night heard various reports from several committees, which caused President Johnson to comment: "It appears that some constructive work is under way, and that we have some committees that are going right to work on their 1954 programs."

Highway Record For 1954 In Haywood

(TO DATE)

Killed 0
Injured 2

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