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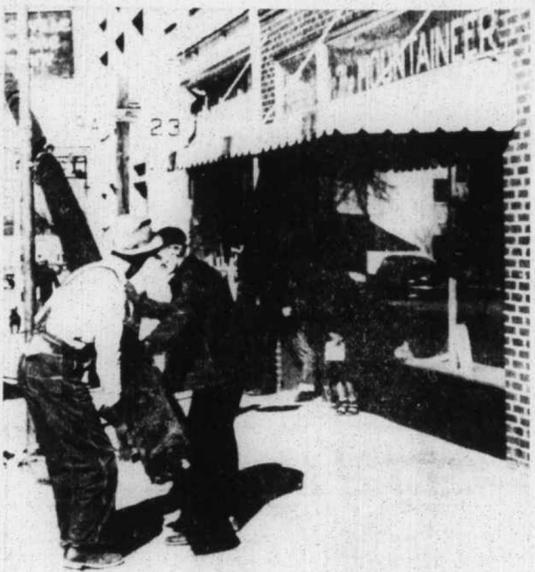
TODAY'S SMILE
Mess Sergeant: "You're not eating your fish. What's wrong with it?"
Private: "Long time no sea."

More People Than Ever Are Reading The Mountaineer

1946 YEAR NO. 16 16 PAGES Associated Press WAYNESVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY AFTERNOON, FEB. 25, 1954 \$3.00 In Advance In Haywood and Jackson Counties

200 Methodist Churches To Join In Rally Here Friday

More than 200 churches in the Waynesville district will join in an evangelistic rally here Friday from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. It will be held at the First Methodist church, and will be presided over by Dr. J. C. Madison, president of the Conference Board of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist church, Morganton.



WOODEN POLES which formerly held up lights and power lines on Main St. were removed this week by town crews. Here Walter Mehaffey (right) and Robert Yarborough take down the pole in front of The Mountaineer office, using a special crane. (Mountaineer Photo.)

Waynesville Says Adieu To Old Main St. Friends

Waynesville this week said goodbye to a number of old "friends"—the battered, weather-beaten wooden poles which have supported lights and power lines on Main St. for many years.

Day after day these sturdy poles have witnessed the constant flow of humanity beneath them—and have seen the face of the town change slowly with the passing of time.

Now these same poles have fallen victim to the pressure of progress and have yielded their "grandstand" seats on Main St. to bright gray posts of steel.

The ticking of the clock brings changes that are both saddening and gladdening, but already Main St. looks cleaner and brighter.

And these new poles — being less numerous than the old ones — will support fewer politicians . . . leaning on them while rustling up a few votes among constituents, and will dent fewer fenders of cars which sometimes test the theory that two solid objects cannot occupy the same space at the same time.

Actually, we aren't saying goodbye to all to the old poles. Later on they'll appear in other spots over town—but removed from the big parade on Main St. But while standing on some quiet street, think what memories they'll have to recall!

Other contestants and their speeches were as follows: Hubert Liner, "America First"; T. L. Francis, "The National Anthem"; Jimmy Todd, "Why I Am Glad I Am An American"; Bob Wickes, "Americans For America"; and Terrell Teague, "Washington At The Delaware".

Mrs. Raymond C. Lane, chairman of Americanism of the DAR, introduced the speakers and presented the awards. Judges were (See Ned Tucker, Jr.—Page 8)

All Red Cross Workers To Get Material Monday

The Red Cross Fund Campaign will get off to a start with a "kick-off" meeting at 10 a. m. Monday, March 1, in the dining room of the Waynesville Presbyterian Church, it was announced by E. A. Williamson and Miss Louise Ballard, co-chairman of the drive.

All chairmen and workers may pick up material and get final instructions there any time between 10 a. m. and 2 p. m., although residential workers are especially asked to come at the opening hour by their committee heads.

Institute For Handicapped Is Advocated

Establishment of an institution in Western North Carolina for feeble-minded children is advocated in a resolution passed by delegates to a meeting of Western North Carolina Associated Communities Tuesday at the Town House.

The matter was brought up for discussion by Dr. Paul A. Reid, president of WNCAC and also president of Western Carolina College, who said that a friend of his at Franklin had suggested that the WNC group go on record in favor of the project.

Dr. Reid explained that, at present, feeble-minded children from Western Carolina have to be taken to Kinston, which is more than 300 miles from most towns in this end of the state.

Two other special projects have been approved previously by WNCAC and are now under consideration: legislation to prohibit the keeping of wild animals for commercial exhibition, and marketing of distinctive Western North Carolina hams, such as the famed Smithfield hams in Virginia.

Edward A. Hummel, superintendent of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, said that the proposed increase in appropriations for the park is "a trend in the right direction, but does not warrant quite as much optimism as some reports indicate."

Mr. Hummel said the fund increase, if approved by Congress, will permit development of picnic grounds and the ranger station — and may lead to the employment of rangers and ranger naturalists during the vacation season.

He also pointed out that a camp ground is new under construction in the Deep Creek area near Bryson City, while water and sewerage disposal lines are being laid in the Cades Cove section.

John Parris, publicity director for the Cherokee Historical Association, discussed the establishment of the association and the improvements it has brought about on the Qualla Reservation in living conditions, agriculture, handicraft manufacture, tourist business, and providing college scholarships, and the establishment of (See WNCAC Meets—Page 7)

\$2,000,000 Boost In County Farm Income Held Possible



HAPPY OCCASION—Everyone seemed in a happy mood when Lindsey M. Gudger, left, architect for the Central Elementary School, presented the master keys to Tom Leatherwood, chairman of the board of education, here Tuesday night, as the school was formally dedicated. In the background are a number of those on the stage during the dedication ceremonies. (Mountaineer Photo.)

Action Urged To Alleviate Price Squeeze

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article on ways to increase farm income in Haywood County, written by Steve Cassell, assistant county agent, represents the opinion of all five of the county's farm agents, a number of farmers, and agricultural specialists from N. C. State College.)

Haywood County farmers could realize an additional \$2,000,000 income from the same numbers of livestock and acreage of crops now grown through the adoption of more efficient methods.

Today, while the average size of farms in the nation is increasing rapidly, here in Haywood County the average farm is decreasing in acreage. The job facing the farmer is rapidly growing more difficult, larger, and offering a greater challenge than ever before. The rapid growth of U. S. population, decrease in number of farmers, food exports to less fortunate nations, mechanization of agriculture, and competition is making the job of the farmer of more importance to the nation. There is very little additional land available to bring into use in the United States to help feed our growing population, which means that our present acreage must carry the load.

The only road open to the farmer is to make each acre and animal produce more efficiently. This can be done, in most cases, with very little, if any, additional labor or cash outlay, and will result in greater net profits. Today, when the farmer is faced with declining farm prices, about his only recourse is to become more efficient in the use of his land, labor, and capital. The only alternative to the adoption of more efficient methods is a gradual decline in living standards and few folks will want this to happen. A fortunate factor in this problem is the fact that the practices which make a farm more efficient also tend to conserve and build the soil resources available to the farmer. This fact takes on far greater importance when considered in terms of the rapid growth in population and increased burden on each acre, and our moral obligation as custodian of the soil for future (See Farm Income—Page 8)

\$300,000 New Elementary School Dedicated Tuesday

The modern \$300,000 Central Elementary school was formally dedicated, and open houses observed by several hundred interested patrons and citizens here Tuesday night.

The school is the first new building completed under the county-wide school expansion program, and is termed one of the most modern in the state.

Harry Kent, president of the Parent-Teacher Association, was presiding officer for the program, which was held in the combination cafeteria and auditorium.

Rev. James H. Coleman, pastor of the Maggie Methodist church, was in charge of the devotional, and took as his subject, "And The Truth Shall Make You Free." He cited the role that churches and schools play in showing the importance of truth, and how closely the church and schools work for a common cause of bettering a community. The speaker pointed out the growing need for more people in many professions, citing that there was at present a shortage of some 53,000 teachers in America.

Then he said, "The church goes deeper than just home with you on Sunday after services; it goes into the school rooms, and into business the other days of the week."

"And the truth we shall never fear," he concluded.

Lindsey M. Gudger, architect for the building, presented the master keys of the building to Tom Leatherwood, chairman of the Board of Education. Mr. Leatherwood in turn presented them to Claude Rogers, principal of the school.

James Hardin Howell, Jr., in behalf of the American Legion Post 47, presented Mr. Rogers with a check in payment of a state flag to grace one corner of the stage. (See Central School—Page 7)

Several different projects will be discussed during the meeting in an effort to find jobs for a number of handicapped individuals in the county.

A native of Haywood, he spent (See Political Fronts—Page 2)

Schoolmasters Meet Tuesday

Dr. Taft Botner, director of teacher training and placement at Western Carolina College, will be the principal speaker at the regular meeting of the Haywood County Schoolmasters' Club to be held at 8:30 p. m. Tuesday at Bethel High School.

The announcement was made by C. B. Binkley, club president, and John W. Sloan, secretary.

A meal will be served at the meeting by Miss Mary Jane Leath, home economics student at Bethel.

Kiwanis Members At Central Open House

After a short business session Tuesday night at Spaldon's, the Waynesville Kiwanis Club adjourned to meet early to permit a number of members to attend the open house at the new Central Elementary School building.

At the next meeting, the Kiwanis Club will elect a treasurer. The secretary-treasurer are currently holding that post.

The guests Tuesday night included a delegation from the Waynesville Kiwanis Club.

Good Highlanders Meet Monday Night

Waynesville Highlanders held their regular monthly meeting at 7:30 p. m. Monday at the open house, it was announced.

DeVos, president, will be the speaker of the meeting.

Weather

Max.	Min.	Rainfall
55	31	.02
60	23	
57	41	.08

Along Political Fronts

Mutt Tate Seeks Tax Collector's Post
Mutt Tate, well known Haywood man, today formally announced he was seeking the nomination as tax collector.

Tate was a candidate for the same post in 1950. He is a native of Haywood, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe M. Tate, Hazelwood. He attended Waynesville high school, and worked for a number of years at The Tannery. For the past three years he has been a clerk at Waynesville Auto Parts Company.

For the past six years he has been an honorary member of the Canton VFW post, and recently joined the newly organized Moose Lodge here.

Edwards Seeking Re-Election
Clarence L. "Foxy" Edwards announced today he was seeking re-election for Constable of the Waynesville Township. Edwards has already filed with the county board of elections.

Edwards was elected to the post in 1952, and said today he was

Revenue Office To Remain Open On Saturdays

With the deadline for filing income tax returns nearing, the local office of the United States Internal Revenue Service today announced plans for maintaining Saturday hours for taxpayer assistance.

The office, at Waynesville, usually operates on a five-day week from 8:30 a. m. to 5:15 p. m. The office will also be open the last Saturday before the income tax filing deadline of March 15. Also from 8:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. on Saturday, February 27th and March 6th.

The agents will be on duty to assist taxpayers in preparing their returns during Saturday office hours.

Internal Revenue officials point out that all taxpayers seeking assistance at the Revenue office should bring all Form W-2's, together with records of income and business expenses.

Taxpayers, especially those with rental or business incomes, can also facilitate the filing of their returns if they bring their duplicate copy of last year's tax return.

'Employ Handicapped' Group Plans Meeting

Waynesville's "Employ the Handicapped" Committee will meet at 2 p. m. March 5 at the Park Commission office, Mrs. Doyle D. Alley, chairman, announced today.

Several different projects will be discussed during the meeting in an effort to find jobs for a number of handicapped individuals in the county.

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Mountains, Forests Protect WNC From Dust Storms

While Western North Carolina farmers were enjoying the downpour of rain Saturday, a heavy dust storm was raising havoc over a wide area of the midwest and southwest.

If you've ever wondered why this region is not troubled with dust storms, here are some of the reasons as explained by Steve Cassell, assistant county agent.

First, the towering mountain peaks do much to break up the wind currents that cause so much damage and destruction over the plains and prairies of the Central States.

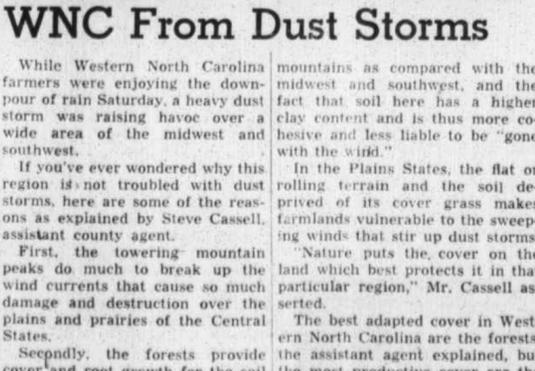
Secondly, the forests provide cover and root growth for the soil of Western North Carolina and other mountain sections.

Other factors cited by Mr. Cassell are the heavier rainfall in the mountains as compared with the midwest and southwest, and the fact that soil here has a higher clay content and is thus more cohesive and less liable to be "gone with the wind."

Highway Record For 1954 In Haywood (TO DATE)
Killed . . . : 0
Injured . . . : 2
(This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol.)



ANNOUNCED — Mutt Tate has announced that he is a candidate for the nomination of Tax Collector.



FOR SHERIFF—Hub Ruff, former city policeman here for 10 years, announced today he is a candidate for the nomination of sheriff.

The Weather

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