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TODAY'S SMILE
"Broken off your engagement to Mary?"
"She wouldn't have me."
"You told her about your rich uncle?"
"Yes. She's my aunt now."

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\$3.00 In Advance In Haywood and Jackson Counties



WEN CONQUER FOREST BLAZE—About Friday, it looked as if the 4-H Club Camp State Test Farm might be endangered by the fast traveling forest fire which was moving towards the buildings. Firemen from Waynesville department, together with county warden crews, dug in, cut a fire path with

rakes and tractor, and back-fired, and brought the blaze under control. The fire truck and water tank from here were sent to the camp to stand by in case the fire got out of control. Chief Felix Stovall is shown here with rake, as he back-fired one section of the blaze. (Mountaineer Photo).

County Club Active In Conservation

An active conservation program is now being carried on by the Haywood County Wildlife Club, in cooperation with the State Wildlife Commission, including the stocking of county streams with trout, and the planting of trees and cover crops for quail, pheasants, and rabbits.

The club, formerly known as the Haywood County Hunting and Fishing Club, recently became a member of the Federation of Wildlife Commissions.

Recently the first of 140,000 brook, rainbow and brown trout, measuring from 9 to 12 inches, to be stocked in Western North Carolina streams, were released by members of the club, Gurley Robinson, treasurer, and Earl Williams, newly appointed county Wildlife Game protector, and representatives of the State Wildlife Commission.

The Wildlife Commission plans to release 80,000 trout into WNC streams between now and April 5, opening day. An additional 60,000 trout will be released between the opening and closing of the current season, they say.

Last week the club brought several coons from Rose Hill, to be distributed among members, N. L. Reece and Lindsey Rogers made the trip to Rose Hill for the animals.

Another outstanding project of the club is the planting of Chestnut trees throughout the areas where they are wanted. Last year 150 blight-proof Chinese chestnuts were purchased by the club at \$1.50 each, and this year another supply will be secured. Members and other residents are encouraged to plant a few trees in their back yard, or on the farm, to replace the trees lost to blight some years ago. These trees are producing successfully in sections where they have been planted, and should do well in this area.

For several years the planting of the multi-foli rose as a permanent fence, and also a cover for small fowl and animals, has been encouraged, and thousands of plants have been distributed. These plants are still available for the asking and may be had by contacting some member of the club. A limited supply of chestnut trees is also available at a small cost, it was announced this week.

The ring-necked pheasants to be seen in nearby sections, are the result of a few "birds" which were released by the club at the Champion Park below Fiberville last year.

The club, starting with a small membership a few years ago, has a total of two hundred members.



FRUITS OF LABOR of many people are represented in this check for \$13,010.51 which Dave Felmet, right, had just handed Max Rogers, as representing the total net contributions to the March of Dimes here. Felmet was general chairman, Rogers is local treasurer. (Mountaineer Photo).

Over \$13,000 Collected For March Of Dimes Here

Tax Deadline Is Midnight Tonight

Don't look now, but the fateful Ides of March are at hand. At midnight tonight will come the deadline for filing 1953 federal and state income taxes without penalty.

In the past several days the office of the Federal Bureau of Internal Revenue in the post office and the state office in the basement of the courthouse have been thronged by last-minute filers of tax returns.

And there was great weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Heritage Group Will Discuss Reds In U. S.

The most controversial question of the day, Communism in America, will be discussed at a meeting of the American Heritage Group at 7:30 p. m. Friday in the Park Commission office.

The session will be in charge of William Medford, discussion leader, and Miss Marjorie Beal, acting librarian.

The organization, sponsored by the Haywood County Public Library, will discuss the United Nations at its April 2 meeting.

Tuberculosis Group To Adopt '54 Budget

The Waynesville Tuberculosis Committee will draw up its 1954 budget at a special meeting at 5 p. m. Wednesday in the commission's room at the courthouse, Dr. Frank Hammett, chairman, announced today.

Acting in an advisory capacity for the group will be William Braswell of Raleigh, field representative for the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association.

Postal Increase Hit By Staunch GOP Supporter

"I'm against 4-cent letter postage, and 2-cent postal cards," protested W. J. Morgan, of Brevard, before the 12th District Republican Convention here recently.

"I've voted for every Republican nominee for president since I first voted for Mr. McKinley, and I'm opposed to raising postage now. I've got a lot of kin folk in many states, and if postage goes up I can't write to them as often."

Should be proportionately felt, would mean \$8,360 a year to local residents.

The Post Office Department

Only Few Ask Tax Revision

Board Sitting To Hear Complaints Of Tax Assessments All This Week.

The Commissioners sitting today as a board of equalization and review, hearing all persons from Ivy Hill, Jonathan Creek, White Oak and Cataloochee who have complaints as to tax assessments.

The number of complaints were very small, it was explained, and the board members were carrying on their regular third Monday meeting business in their spare time.

The board will be in session the remainder of the week, and according to law, this is the only time complaints can be heard and proper adjustments made.

The schedule for the remainder of the week is:

Tuesday, March 16—Fines Creek, Crabtree and Iron Duff.

Wednesday, March 17—Pigeon, East Fork, Clyde and Cecil.

Thursday, March 18—Beaverdam.

The board will visit the premises and make adjustments later, C. C. Francis, chairman, explained.



CANDIDATE—William Medford, Waynesville attorney, today announced he would seek the nomination for State Senate, an office he has held for two previous sessions of the General Assembly. (See Along Political Fronts for details.)

Clyde Masons To Honor Fincher On Tuesday Night

Edwin Fincher of Waynesville, highest ranking Mason west of Asheville, will be honored by the Clyde Masonic Lodge, No. 453, at an "Edwin Fincher Night" program at 7 p. m. Tuesday at the Clyde Methodist Church.

Mr. Fincher, a former merchant at Clyde, became a Mason in 1913 at the Clyde Lodge. He served as Master of the lodge during 1917-18-19 and as secretary in 1920. He was re-elected Master in 1923 and secretary again in 1924—the post he has held continuously ever since. He was made a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason in 1915, a Shriner in 1916; was named Venerable Master of the Scottish Rite in 1948, and received the highest honor in Masonry, the 33rd degree, in 1951.

Dinner will be served at the meeting Tuesday night by women of Clyde Chapter 188, Order of Eastern Star.

Masons Meet Tuesday

The Waynesville Masonic Lodge will hold an emergent communication at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday, according to an announcement by Harry Kent, Master of the lodge.

The entered apprentice degree will be conferred at the meeting.

Post 47 To Observe Legion's 35th Birthday

Waynesville's American Legion Post, No. 47, will join with other posts throughout the country Wednesday night in observance of the 35th birthday of the American Legion, which was founded in Paris, France in 1919 at the close of World War I.

Local Legionnaires will have a covered dish and fried chicken supper at the Legion Hall at 7 p. m. Wednesday.

Sheep Flock Management Sessions Set

The care and management of sheep flocks will be the subject at a meeting for county sheep growers at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday at Crabtree-Iron Duff School.

A. V. Allen, animal husbandry specialist from N. C. State College, will be at the meeting to lead discussions on sheep feeding, breeding, disease and parasite control.

At 1:30 p. m. Thursday at the Braek James farm in the Upper Crabtree community, a number of demonstrations will be given, including those on docking, castrating, and drenching.

In a letter sent out by the county agent's office, it was pointed out that sheep represents one of the most profitable kinds of livestock on the farm today. It was also stated that:

"The outlook for sheep is very good with sheep numbers in the United States at their lowest point since the Civil War. Since Haywood County is excellent sheep country, we urge every sheep grower to attend both the meeting and the demonstrations."

County Orchardmen To Hear Specialists

The latest spray schedule for orchards and recommendations for controlling insects and diseases is to be discussed at a meeting of orchardmen at 7:30 p. m. tonight in the commissioners' room at the courthouse.

In charge of the meeting will be Dr. H. C. Fink, pathologist at Hendersonville, and Dr. George Turnipseed, entomologist at Morehead City.

Cataloochee's Beef Shoot Featured In 'Outdoor Life'

The annual Cataloochee beef shoot is featured in a special article in the March issue of "Outdoor Life"—illustrated with 14 photographs.

Shown in the photos are Bill Pradley, Mrs. Jim Coman, Frank Rich, Rufe Sutton, Col. J. H. Howell, Roy Brooks, Harry Thompson, Ed Mottinger, R. Getty Browning, Roger Brooks, Herman Arrington, George Alexander, T. C. Robinson, Tom Mull, Tom Alexander, Don Parrish, and Val Foregett.

The brief article in "Outdoor Life" reads:

"There was fussin' and feudin' and shootin' last August in the Great Smoky Mountains of North Carolina. But it was all in fun—mostly so, anyway. The men who toted the ancient muzzle-loading rifles were in dead earnest, for they stood to tote home some quarters of prime beef. The occasion was the annual Cataloochee beef shoot, and a photographer was on hand to take exclusive pictures for "Outdoor Life."

The shoot is held on Tom Alexander's ranch atop Fie Top, a mile-high peak near the Great Smoky

Highway Record For 1954 In Haywood (TO DATE)

Killed . . . 0
Injured . . . 3

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

Winners Picked In 4-H Contest Show

(picture on farm page) county winners were seen in the 4-H Club's annual show Saturday morning at courthouse. The young performers represent Haywood at district 4-H contest this spring.

winners were:

Hipps of Lake Junaluska, solo; Jim Francis of Eastville, reading; Billy Best of Crabtree, individual instrument harp; David Leon and Steve Drye of Morning instrumental team (cornet and trombone).

winners were:

Ma Morgan and Joan Green of acrobatics; Jo Ann and Judy Ensley of Eastville, duet; Bobbie Jean and Patricia Messer of Duff, solo; and Patricia Messer of Iron Duff, piano solo.

entrants were:

Bradshaw of Fines Creek, solo; Dale Massie of Lake Junaluska, piano solo; Phillip Davis of Crabtree-Iron Duff, vocal solo; Lunsford of Hazelwood, solo; and Patricia Messer of Iron Duff, vocal; Ann Cathey of Iron Duff, vocal; and Catherine Hill of Hazelwood, vocal.

Highway Officials Say Crews Went Beyond Orders In Cutting Down Trees

Editorial Being Used To Get Fund For Parkway Link

Representative George A. Shuford is using an editorial from a recent issue of *The Mountaineer* on the need for Parkway funds as part of his arguments for \$280,000 to finish the Parkway link in Pisgah.

Rep. Shuford is asking for the \$280,000 to reline the tunnels at Beech Gap, and to pave the Parkway from Beech Gap to Wagon Road Gap, all of which is in the Pisgah National Forest.

Home Agents Will Have Training School

Miss Nita Orr, Extension Economist in Food Conservation and Marketing, will hold a training school for the Home Demonstration Agents of the Western Counties, in the REA Kitchen in Waynesville on Tuesday, March 16.

Along Political Fronts

Who Will Be On Election Board?

Interest right now among the Democrats in Haywood is "Who will be named on the board of elections Saturday?"

The question will be answered by the State Board as they name two Democrats and a Republican to handle the machinery of the primary and fall general election.

The Haywood executive committee sent in three nominees, as required by law. The three nominated were: W. G. Byers, Farrady Green, and John Carver.

Cunningham GOP Congressional Nominee

Charles W. Cunningham, retired businessman, chairman of the Henderson County Republican Executive Committee, and resident of the Fletcher community, has announced he would be a candidate for the Republican nomination for Representative in Congress from the 12th District.

A resident of Hendersonville since 1946, Cunningham is a native of Pennsylvania, but his family resided at Weaverville. He served in both World War I and World War II and was retired from the Army in 1945 after World War II service.

During his residence in Henderson County he has been active in civic and public life and is now the chairman of the board of trustees of the Margaret R. Pardee Memorial Hospital. He is a member of the American Legion, the Elks Lodge, Masons, Hendersonville Executives Club, Rotary Club and of Calvary Episcopal church.

He has served as chairman of the county executive committee for two years ago and four years ago was the party's candidate for Representative in the General

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More trees along Highway 19A-23, East of Waynesville were cut down than was ordered, according to a statement of highway officials to Major J. H. Howell, Sr., in answer to his letter of protest against the cutting of the memorial trees along the highway.

Harry E. Buchanan, commissioner of the 14th District had an investigation made, after receiving the letter of protest from Major Howell.

The 18 oak trees were planted along the highway in April 1924, as a memorial to the 18 men from here who were killed in World War I. The trees were purchased and planted under the supervision of the State Department of Conservation and Development, and in cooperation with the State Highway Commission.

Major Howell in his letter said, "The only information we can get is that the boss ordered us to cut the trees down."

Howell's letter continued: "There has been several wrecks near the curve at the western approach of this section of road, however, all wrecks were caused

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Haywood Man Is Promoted By Bank In Birmingham

Norman D. Pless, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey L. Pless of Cruso, was recently named vice-president of the Exchange Bank of Birmingham. This was announced by Sterling Edwards, Jr., chairman of the board of the Exchange Bank.

Pless, twenty-nine year old banking executive, was promoted from his post of assistant vice-president and comptroller.

After graduating from Bethel High School, Pless attended the University of North Carolina. He joined the Exchange Bank in 1948 after serving with the Bank Examining Board of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Prior to holding this position Pless worked at the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, the First National Bank of Waynesville and the First National Bank of Asheville.

Pless married the former Miss Elizabeth Edwards of Birmingham. They are the parents of a son, Norman D. Pless, Jr.



NORMAN D. PLESS

Burley Allotment Notices Mailed

Burley tobacco allotment notices for 1954 were mailed out today by the county ASC committee, A. W. Ferguson, ASC office manager, said today.

Notices will be sent only to those farmers who have already turned in their 1953 tobacco cards or warehouse sales bills, Mr. Ferguson pointed out. No allotments will be made until the necessary papers have been submitted, he added.

The county's burley allotment for 1954 is 1,268.7 acres as compared with 1,500.3 acres last year. Total acreage planted in 1953 was 1,234.7 acres—with a resultant average yield of 1,959 pounds of tobacco per acre.

New Proposed Postal Rates Would Cost Patrons Here About \$8,360 More A Year

(Special to the Mountaineer)

NEW YORK — Residents of Waynesville will pay an estimated increase of \$8,360 a year for the use of the mails if the Post Office Department's move for rate increases goes through.

The bill in Congress, backed by Postmaster General Summerfield, has been approved in the main by the House Post Office Committee and is awaiting floor action. Chiefly, it calls for an increase in first class postal rates for out-of-town mail from three cents to four cents and for a 30 percent rise for magazine and newspaper handling.

The Post Office Department expects to cut its annual deficit by \$250,000,000 if the proposals become law. It represents an increase in revenues of about 12½ percent.

The latest official figures, for the fiscal year 1953, show postal receipts in Waynesville of \$66,806. The increase, therefore, which

The Weather

COLD

and cold today. Tuesday, somewhat warmer.

	Max.	Min.	Prec.
11	67	35	—
12	76	44	—
13	71	55	.93
14	58	43	.83