

TODAY'S SMILE
During the last western drought the cattle grew so thin that cowpunchers were using carbon paper and branding two at a time.

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\$3.00 In Advance In Haywood and Jackson Counties

Down Tax Rate To Remain At \$1.40

Tax rate for the Town of Waynesville will remain at \$1.40 per year, it was learned from a report by town manager, today.

County Tops '54 H-Bond Sales Quota

Haywood County is one of three counties out of a total of 16 in Western North Carolina which have already exceeded their 1954 H-bond sales quota in only five months, Jonathan H. Woody, president of the First National Bank and area chairman of the U. S. Savings Bond Committee, has disclosed.

H-bond sales here now stand at \$78,000—five thousand dollars over the quota of \$73,000. J. E. Massie is chairman of H-bond sales in the county.

Polk County has more than doubled its quota with sales of \$49,000—its goal being \$21,000. Graham County, with a quota of \$8,500, has already sold \$11,100. Buncombe County is at the two-thirds mark, with sales of \$256,000 toward a quota of \$392,000.

In an effort to meet Western North Carolina's goal of \$8,000,000 in H-bond sales, meetings are being held throughout this region by banking officials and Kenneth C. Wible, U. S. Savings Bond representative, to study ways of spurting bond sales.

Mr. Woody said he has recently received a letter from Secretary of the Treasury George Humphrey thanking local banks for their work in doubling the sales of Series H bonds. The letter pointed out: "Sale of Series H bonds in 1954 have averaged almost seventy-five million a month—more than double a year ago. Much of the improvement of H bonds sales can be attributed to banker activity."

Humphrey's letter also informed Woody that sales of E & H bonds throughout the nation were 14 per cent ahead of 1953 during the first four months of the year.

Mr. Woody also complimented Mr. Massie, Haywood chairman, J. G. Landrum, Polk County chairman, and J. S. Howell, Graham County chairman, for already making their 1954 quota.

Mr. Woody said the Series H bond is an income producing investment in which an interest check is mailed to the owner every six months. This bond pays 3 per cent compounded interest and is always redeemable at par.

Dancing will be from 9 p.m. until 12 on the parking lot at the courthouse. The dances will be held each Wednesday through Labor Day.

No charge will be made for spectators, but dancers will be charged 25 cents per couple per dance. The Jaycees announced that the dances will be sponsored again both for the benefit of tourists and local residents.

Assisting Hendrix and Beck in conducting the dances will be a committee composed of Tommy Green, Lester Burgin, Bill Burgin, and Jim Milner.

Anyone who knows the present address of Burnette Nandow Greene or Ben Jack Cagle has been asked to contact the Selective Service Board in the courthouse.

The two men have not answered mail sent them by the draft board.

Fasting Prisoner To Be Given Check-Up Today By Physician At Hospital

Bryan Medford Is Smiling Bigger Than Ever Before

Bryan D. Medford, the recently elected Democratic nominee for Tax Collector, is back in town, wearing about as big a smile as he did the day after the Democratic primary.

This time the smile is not from a political victory, but for successfully conquering a 40-pound fish in Miami waters.

Medford is proud of his big fish.

At two o'clock this afternoon, Jackson and Haywood officers were awaiting a physician to check Berl Moss, 58-year-old man who entered his 14th day of fasting in jail.

Deputy Green, of Jackson, and Sheriff Fred Y. Campbell, made arrangements this morning to take Moss to the Haywood County Hospital for a check-up. The prisoner will probably be fed through the veins while there. Early this afternoon the officers were waiting for the physician to complete an operation.

Moss has refused food during his 14 days in the Jackson and Haywood jails.

Tuesday a cousin brought Moss some cookies, and asked him why he would not eat. The cousin received a short answer, as the prisoner said: "It is none of your business." The cookies were passed by the prisoner to some cellmates.

Sheriff Campbell said Moss drank part of a cup of coffee once, and a swallow of a soft drink on another occasion.

Moss gives no reason for his fasting, and keeps telling that "Moses fasted 40 days and 40 nights." He told officers he had fasted 40 days once before, and felt able to do it again.

According to officers, the prisoner appears to be in good health, robust and strong.

He has refused to let photographers make his picture while in jail.

The prisoner is charged with prompting his nine-year-old son to shoot fatally Lindsay Passmore, 15, son of a neighbor, Berl L. Moss, Jr. He is being held by Jackson County welfare authorities in Sylva.

While his right side is still described as being numb, it is felt that he will not suffer any permanent injuries.

Messer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Messer, and has been working on his father's farm since he arrived home from Duke, where he is making an outstanding scholastic record.

The electrical storm was accompanied by one of the heaviest rains to hit the Crabtree area in many years, residents of the section reported.

Ratcliffe Cove Served With Water From System

Workers are now tapping residential lines to the water main in the Ratcliffe Cove section. The work is being done by workmen of the Town Water Department.

The laying of the mains was completed a short time ago, and are now tapped to the water system here.

G. C. Ferguson, town manager, said that about 10 days would be required to make all of the taps, and begin serving the citizens in the area with water from the Waynesville system.

Residents of the area bought the pipe for the mains and have donated the system to the town in order to get city water service, and protection of several fire hydrants in the area.

Draft classifications for 59 Haywood County men were announced this week by Selective Service Board 45 following a meeting in the courthouse.

On Monday morning the board sent eight men to Knoxville for induction into the armed forces and 10 more for pre-induction physical examinations. Those classified were:

Class 1-A (available for induction)—William Fulton Osborne; Carroll Loyd Sheppard; Ralph Bolden Moody; David Bobby Revis; Ray Johnson; William Howard Blalock; Ervin Jack Rogers; David Lowell Anderson; Earl Calvin Reece; Bruce Doyle Smith; Stanley Verlin Turner; Francis Laxton Webb; Donald Edward Singleton; Ernest Lee Buff; William Hugh Powell; George Kenneth Mease; See Draft Board, Page 6)

Three runs have been made by Waynesville firemen in the last three days, the first to Allen's Creek, the second to the site of the new school building at Bethel, and the third to Hillside Terrace.

Damage estimated in excess of \$200 was caused about 11 o'clock this morning when a tractor owned by Walter Ketter caught fire in the Hillside Terrace section. Foamite was used on the blaze, which was believed caused either by a short circuit or a gasoline leak.

A fire started in a small unoccupied residence on Turner St. in the Allen's Creek community about 11 p.m. Monday caused damage estimated at \$50. Cause of the blaze was not determined.

Another run was made at 11:50 a.m. Wednesday at Bethel School where a tar pot outside the new building became ignited. Damage was not reported.

Bill Milner and Jack Arrington, sanitarians in the Haywood County Health Department, will return Friday from Chapel Hill, where they have been attending an interstate sanitarian seminar.

States represented are North and South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia.



INJURED—Charles Messer was knocked down by a bolt of lightning at his father's barn in the Crabtree area early Wednesday afternoon. He remains in the Haywood County Hospital.

Lightning Bolt Knocks Down Messer

Charles Messer was painfully injured shortly after noon Wednesday, when he was knocked against a stone wall in his father's barn by a bolt of lightning, in the Crabtree section.

Messer, a rising junior at Duke, was shearing some sheep when the bolt of lightning ran in on the wires and through the electric shears he was using.

With Messer at the time were three assistants, who suffered a slight shock. Henry Parton was knocked down. Suffering slight shock were Junior Caldwell and Kenneth Caldwell.

Messer was rendered unconscious for about an hour. He was rushed to the Haywood County Hospital, where his condition at noon today was reported as satisfactory. He suffered bruises about the body, and received a severe blow on the head as he crashed into the stone wall.

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Haywood County Rates High In Buying Power

(Special to The Mountaineer)

Haywood County proved to be a strong market during the past year, standing well-up among the nation's 3,072 counties in business activity. The findings are contained in Sales Management's new, copyrighted survey of buying power, with statistics for 1953 for all parts of the country.

Continued heavy spending by residents of Haywood was a bright spot in the local business picture. Their purchases in the county's retail stores reached \$23,229,000 in the year, slightly above the \$22,708,000 volume recorded in 1952.

Per family, these expenditures amounted to \$2,300 in the year. The strength in consumer spending in the county stemmed from better earning power, which made for eager budgets and greater diversity of expenditures, especially in the direction of luxuries.

The data shows that the 10,100 local families had a net disposable income, after taxes, of \$40,917,000. The per-family income in Haywood County, an arithmetical figure obtained by dividing total income by total number of families, was \$4,051 last year.

That more money is going into savings and into insurance and investments locally is indicated by the fact that only 57 cents of each available dollar is being spent in retail stores. On the average, throughout the country, 67 cents is so spent.

Such considerations as the number of people living in an area, the amount they earn and spend and the amount they might have spent go into a rating called "buying power index." For Haywood County it is .0173, which is the percent of the national business that might be produced locally. Actually only .0135 percent of that potential was reached last year, indicating that much pent-up purchasing power remains.

Limitations Placed On Registration For Primary

"Only persons who have become qualified to register since May 15th, may register at the polls on June 26th—day of the second primary," W. G. Byers, chairman of the Haywood County board of elections said today.

"Persons who were qualified to register on May 15th, and did not register, will not be eligible to register at the polls on the 26th," the chairman emphasized.

About the only manner in which a person would become qualified would be the time limit of being in a community.

The fact that a person would be 21 in November for the general election does not apply, since they had an opportunity to register in May for the general Democratic primary when the books were open for three weeks.

A regular Haywood County singing convention will be held in the Court House Saturday night at 8 o'clock.

Several special groups will be included on the program. The public is invited.

A Decoration Day program has been set for early Sunday afternoon at the Balsam Baptist church cemetery, it was announced by Louis M. Ensley.

Cankerworms Attack Trees In Saunook, Devour Leaves

At first glance it appears that some trees on the property of Sumter L. Lowery on the Walker road in Saunook have "forgotten" to bloom this year—looking in June as they ordinarily do in January.

The cause, however, according to assistant farm agent Joe K. Davis, is the troublesome cankerworm, which has stripped several trees on the Lowery property completely clean of leaves. Other trees have been partially denuded of their foliage.

Cankerworm caterpillars are slender worms that measure approximately three-fourths of an inch in length when full grown. They vary in color and may be pale green, dark gray, brown, or nearly black, with pale whitish lines lengthwise down their body.

Cankerworms, also called "loopers," "inch worms," and "measuring worms," usually hit walnuts the hardest, but also like to feast on the leaves of maples, beeches, oaks, birches. The only tree to escape their appetite is the locust.

Although control measures are available, they are not practical in woodlands because of the expense involved and due to the fact that cankerworms ordinarily do not attack the same area twice, Mr. Davis explained. Trees themselves are not hurt unless infested several years in succession.

Control measures, however, may be advisable in yards of homes, the assistant agent added.

Thus far, only Mr. Lowery has reported damage from cankerworms. Other county farmers whose trees may be "victimized," are urged to call the county agent's office.

Last Friday, Mr. Davis and another assistant agent, Bob Tippet, went up on Eagle's Nest where trees there appeared (from the ground) to have been attacked by cankerworms. However, it was found that the damage there has resulted from frost and cold weather.

N. C. Masonic Assembly Slated Here July 11-13

The Masonic Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in North Carolina will convene at the Waynesville Army Camp July 11-13, it has been announced by Claude B. Hosaflook, secretary.

The convention will open Sunday evening with a Masonic service conducted by the Rev. Dorsey H. Rutter of Daytona Beach, Fla., general grand chaplain of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in the United States.

Following this service, a social hour arranged by the women of the Order of Eastern Star, and conducted by Companion W. A. Coble will be held.

Sunday evening, a number of Masons and their wives will attend "Unto These Hills," Cherokee Indian Drama.

James A. Buford, past grand master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in Tennessee, will confer the Super Excellent Masters Degree during the assembly.

Principal speakers will be Charles A. Keith, past grand master of Masons in Kentucky, and Boyce E. Wooten, grand master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in Tennessee.



BISHOP IVAN LEE HOLT

Bishop Holt Will Speak At Assembly

A leader in the Protestant ecumenical movement, Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of St. Louis, Mo., will be the platform speaker Sunday in the first of six addresses he is to make at the Methodist Church's summer assembly at Lake Junaluska.

He will preach at both the 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday services in Junaluska auditorium on "The Mountain of the Lord's House" and "The Methodist Approaches to Religion."

Monday through Thursday, Bishop Holt will be the evening speaker in Memorial Chapel as a feature of a meeting of Methodist historians.

Bishop Holt, resident bishop of the St. Louis area since 1944, is president of the World Methodist Council. He is also vice chairman of the World Council of Churches, which is to hold its assembly August 15-31 in Evanston, Ill., and was formerly president of the Federal Council of Churches, now organized as the National Council of Churches.

Dr. Elmer T. Clark, Lake Junaluska, secretary of both the World Methodist Council and the Association of Methodist Historical Societies, will head the work of an editorial committee which is to meet Monday through Friday at Lambuth Inn.

The committee of church historians is conducting research for a new edition of the famed journal of Francis Asbury, first American bishop of the Methodist Church and a pioneer circuit rider in Western North Carolina following the Revolutionary War. Asbury's three-volume journal, first published in 1821 as a record of his itinerant ministry, has long been out of print.

Gov. Umstead To Dedicate New Canton Library

Governor William B. Umstead will make the principal address during the dedication of the new Canton Public Library Monday morning, it has been announced. Ceremonies will begin at 11 a.m.

The new building, a gift from the Champion Foundation, will be presented by Reuben B. Robertson, Jr., president of the Champion Paper and Fibre Co., on behalf of the foundation, to Cedric A. Stone, (See Governor, Page Six)

Highway Record For 1954 In Haywood

(TO DATE)
Killed . . . : 0
Injured . . . : 15
(This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol.)

County Dairy Meeting Set Next Tuesday

Prices, marketing problems, rising costs of dairy products will be discussed at a meeting of county dairy farmers at 10 o'clock Tuesday at the courthouse.

County Agent L. Franklin will be the speaker.

Dr. D. Kirkpatrick, president of the Haywood County Milk Producers Association, also will discuss the question of reactivation of the State Federal Milk Association, (2) the possibility of joining the State Federation of Milk Producers, and (3) the question of assistance to promote the dairy industry in the county and state.

Other items of interest to dairymen will be discussed at the meeting.

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It Had to Happen . . .

We held off as long as we could . . . We cut corners, wiggled and squirmed . . . BUT WE MUST RAISE SUBSCRIPTION RATES. Effective July 1, THE MOUNTAINEER subscription rates will be:

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Six months	3.00
LOCAL CARRIER DELIVERY	
Per month	40c
Office-paid for carrier delivery	4.50

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TB Committee Presents New Microscope To Lab

A new binocular microscope was presented by the Waynesville Tuberculosis Committee this week to the Haywood County Health Department for use in its bacteriological laboratory.

The instrument, which cost \$375, was purchased by the TB committee with funds raised during the organization's annual Christmas seal sale.

Mrs. Rebekah Murray, laboratory technician, said that the new microscope, with its double eye-



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