

# Haywood History

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Chapter 11 —  
**Government and Taxation (1840-'50)**  
 Government and taxation in Haywood has perhaps changed in any other order or practice the decade 1840-'50. We have done away with offices of Entry-Taker, Master, Standard Keeper, Treasurer and, of course, powerful County Court. Its duties and functions have been taken over by County Commissioners, Superior Court and the J.P.'s. Department, (5) the voters or electorate.  
 1850 assessment \$1.20 was each poll and the same on worth of land "according to the General Assembly Act Assylum and 20c out dollar to go to the poor before the county had a small ad valorem tax rate and a \$2 poll tax. There were court costs, license privileges — and on the public roads. It seems that there had received from the Literary Fund for mentioned heretofore). We were probably self-sufficient. We do not know if the received any fund there of the court fees were as Judgment, \$1.00; Execution, Docketing Judgment, Sheriff's costs, \$1.30. Fines County Court were general—sometimes \$2.00 and sell or over. Occasionally a defendant. Superior fees ran generally from \$5.00.  
 60 persons were returned-sheriff, J. B. Allison, in being insolvent. Also in notice that the sheriff turned Court a list of discovering 1685 acres of land, \$2,675 (about \$1.60 per acres were taxed at from dollars each and "re-liquor dealers) at four

dollars. Peddlers were also taxed.

**County Officials, Attorneys, Etc.**  
 Along about this time last of the 1840's and early '50's, some of the county officials were: John L. Smith, Clerk; John B. Allison, Sheriff; Banister Turner, Register; C. T. Rogers, County Solicitor; N. W. Edmonston, Trustee; and Wm. Evans, County Surveyor.  
 There were a few practicing attorneys. They would read law for a short while, get an easy license and start out. In the County Court minutes of 1845 is this entry: "Bryson (no first name given) is admitted to practice law on condition of oath and license." We suppose the reference is to Sam C. Bryson, who after the war, left this county to reside in Texas, where he became a Superior Court judge. J. A. B. Fitzgerald, C. T. Rogers and R. M. Henry are also spoken of as attorneys, 1840 to '52. Also Michael Francis probably practiced some; and Col. Robert Love, though not an attorney, did a lot of legal work, it seems.

**The Crafts, Commodities, Etc.**  
 The trades of Hatter, Cooper, Lock and Gun smith, Tanner, Wheelwright, Shoe Maker, etc. (they were usually capitalized) were still being followed here in the 1840's and later. Quantities of custom-made goods were being sold over the counter by the Loves and Dillard, here and at Webster; by Wm. Johnston, John Smathers, Whip Hill and others, because many commodities for home use could not be produced locally. In this list were the more costly clothing goods, fancy articles of cloth, ribbons, needles and pins, combing cards, guns, steel yards, some axes, ropes, cutlery, tinware, the trade tools, cooking utensils, chinaware, etc., were brought in, as was also cotton, sugar, coffee (in green beans), indigo and salt.  
 On the other hand, here's a list of some of the many things our forebearers made, either in their own homes or were emade locally by such craftsmen mentioned above: chests, cupboards, beds—in short, all articles of furniture used in that day; plows, hoes, handles, wheels, sleds, wagons and carts. Then there were yokes, harness, chains, grain cradles, etc. The women carded, spun, wove and dyed for the weaving of woolen, cotton and linen goods in their homes—for suits, dresses, skirts and shirts, shawls and socks for the whole family. Most of these old pioneers

## BRANDO'S FIANCEE ARRIVES IN U.S.



JOSIANE BERENGER holds a picture of her fiance, film star Marlon Brando, as she awaits clearance through customs after arriving from Paris at the International Airport, Idlewild, N. Y. Brando was expected to follow her as soon as possible. The French fisherman's daughter who became a model said she expected to marry Brando "around June" and hopes to make a movie with him. Meanwhile, she will study at an American dramatic school. (International)

## ARRAIGNED IN GIRL'S SLAYING



PETER MAKAREWICZ, 15, of Norwood, Mass., is handcuffed to a policeman as he is taken from the Dedham, Mass., jail for arraignment on a murder charge in the slaying of Geraldine Anness, 15. The girl was found strangled in a garage near her home. (International)

come in possession of through the will of John Strother and otherwise.  
 Then there were his lots and land lying in and around Waynesville—these we notice he placed the most value upon. Two other tracts, one of which was mentioned as "lying on Pigeon river" were included in the will, but he did not give the number of acres therein. Two tracts in Jackson County (300 acres) were also bequeathed.  
 Now we come to the 5,366 acres which the old "Founder" states as being in the "Western District of Tennessee"—he mentions Henry, Lauderdale and one or two other counties. These tracts he gave

mostly to his five daughters, viz. Anna Gudger, Winnie S. Miller, Dorcas Henry, Sallie McBee and Mary Ann Welch. These lands he valued at \$16,600, or a fraction over \$3.00 per acre. In his bequests to the daughters he states that he had "already given (them) slaves which (they) now possessed." However, we note that there were 26 slaves, men, women and children, left to the estate to be administered. These were not sold; instead they were hired out by the administrators or executors to different individuals for a period of 12 months service. It seems they were kept in family groups—a kind consideration. The price paid for 12 months

## Librarian Colonel Webb Is A Whittler At Heart

By JANE EADS

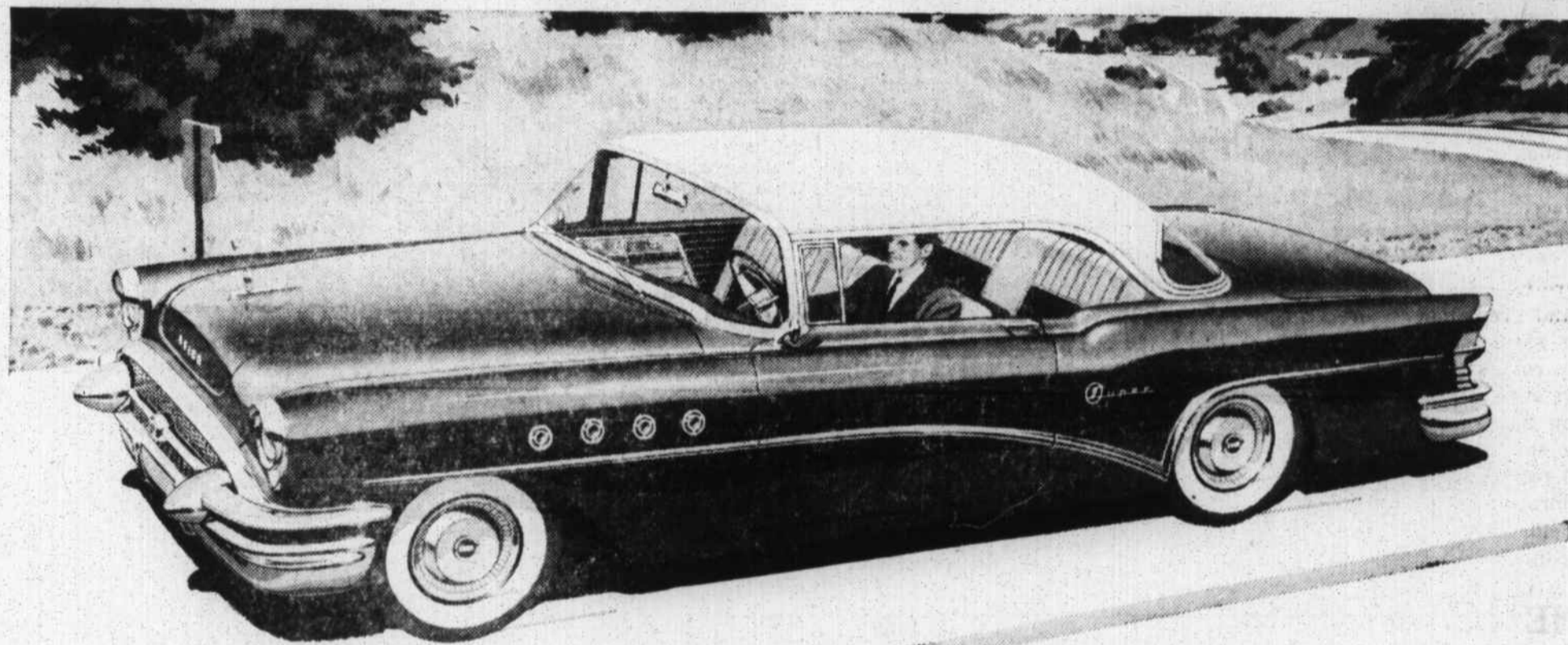
WASHINGTON—Usually when Col. Willard Webb gets his vacation he stays home in his nearby Virginia country house and whittles.  
 Colonel Webb is chief of the Library of Congress' stack and reader division. This year he's been tapped to be American representative at the Eighth International Film Festival at Edinburgh, Scotland, and is combining business with vacation and is leaving his whittling knife at home.  
 In addition to attending the "noncompetitive, no-Oscar competition" of documentary and educational film showing, in which this country has entered 111 commercial and 16 government films, he expects to visit Aberdeen, Scotland; London, Leeds and Oxford, England, and Paris on business for

the Library.  
 As representative of the Library's principal public service division, the five or six-million-item, classified collection, he plans to discuss with librarians in these cities the concern of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for a universal system of cataloging. The colonel's lady, Margaret, interested in ceramics and weaving, expects to get some expert pointers on her hobbies. "I'm playing the side tips by ear," the colonel explained, "for everything is grist for the mill of my curiosity. As for my assignment to the Film Festival, I feel like a grade-B cinderella."  
 Tennessee-born Webb, now 50, was commander of the 782nd Heavy Tank battalion in the Pacific during World War II. He had to brush up on his reserve training at Fort Knox before taking off for Scotland.  
 "I got plenty of whittling in there," he laughed. "The more a commanding officer whittles, the less he gets into the hair of junior officers who know more about how to do the job at hand."  
 Though he says he's no linguist, Col. Webb doesn't expect to have any real language handicaps on his European journey. He knows how to say a few things in French and Italian, and he once wrote a book on "How To Say It In Spanish."

### Glider For Sale

DAYTON, Ohio (AP)—The Air Force experimental glider XG-18 is as big as a house and that's probably what it will wind up as. It weighs 4½ tons, has a 72-foot wing spread and a 39-foot body, comfortably seating 48 fully equipped troops. But the Air Force found only a four-engine plane could haul it into the sky—so it's on the auction block.

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