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TODAY'S SMILE

The problem some girls face is whether it is harder to return their fiance's ring or his affection.



CHARLES EDWARD SMATHERS tries mighty hard to smile for the camera, to show he is proud of being born in Haywood. He arrived at 11:40 a.m. Saturday, at the Haywood County Hospital, and was two hours old when he obligingly posed for this picture. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smathers, Hall Top Road. (Mountaineer Photo).



ROCKY NELSON TUCKER, of Canton, demonstrated his ability to fling his fists around as he lay on his mother's arm—Mrs. Troy David Tucker, Jr., of Canton. Rockey has two little brothers at home, and apparently felt he would have to be prepared to meet all "on-comers". Rockey arrived at 9:25 Saturday morning at the Haywood County Hospital. (Mountaineer Photo).

## 3 Soldiers Arrested In Stolen Car

Three soldiers from Ft. Bragg, wanted on a variety of charges by both military and civil authorities, were picked up here in a stolen car at 10:30 p.m. Thursday by the State Highway Patrol.

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Patrolman W. R. Wooten identified the trio, riding in a 1950 Chevrolet convertible, stolen from the Ft. Bragg military reservation, as Dulon Dove of Bladenboro, N. C., Duford Deaver, also of Bladenboro, and Leigh Roderick Baker, of Ohio.

Dove was charged by the patrol with car theft, breaking and entering a business establishment near Nashville, Tenn., carrying a concealed weapon, and driving without an operator's license.

He also was charged by the military with being AWOL and violating restriction to the post and the State Highway Patrol in the Raleigh area for speeding 85 miles

hours, reckless driving, and driving without an operator's license.

He also has been investigated by the SBI on another charge of car theft.

Dove's companions were cited on counts of aiding and abetting car theft, aiding and abetting breaking and entering, and being AWOL.

The patrol here turned over the three servicemen to the FBI.

They were apprehended on U. S. 19, just east of Dellwood.

## Five York Rite Bodies Install Officers

The Waynesville York Rite Bodies were host to all other Haywood County York Rite Bodies in a joint installation service, with Past Grand High Priest Chas. C. Ricker, of Asheville, in charge. He was assisted by T. L. Green, also of Asheville, Past High Priest.

The following officers for the five groups were installed:

Canton Chapter 87, Royal Arch Masons—W. S. Edwards, high priest; J. G. Mills, king; V. S. Ivey, scribe; J. Ben Patton, treasurer; P. B. York, secretary; E. Ben Rose, captain of the host.

Mark Swaim, principal sojourner; Jack Allison, Royal Arch captain; Ray M. Burnette, master of 3rd veil; W. H. Henson, master of 2nd veil; Oliver M. Hamlett, master of 1st veil; Joe Powell, sentinel and W. T. Hawkins, chaplain.

Waynesville Chapter No. 69, Royal Arch Masons—J. L. Carwile, high priest; R. E. Allison, captain of the host.

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## Stork Little Late Arriving On First

### Each Subscriber's Paper Weighed 26 Pounds Last Year

The 101 issues of The Mountaineer during 1954 averaged 16 pages each, according to a final check-up by the business office today.

The total number of pages for the year amounted to 1,664, making a combined thickness of about six inches.

The total weight of the papers for each subscriber last year was over 26 pounds. In order to provide newspapers for all our subscribers, more than 117,000 pounds of newsprint went through the big newspaper press.

To print the 1,164 pages, about 2,500 pounds of ink was used.

### Polio Sing Set Sunday Afternoon

The annual polio singing, which has proven so popular in the past, will be held Sunday afternoon at the court house. The program will begin at two o'clock.

This is also the date for the regular quarterly singing convention, and all agencies are cooperating in an effort to raise a substantial sum for the March of Dimes.

The combined program is expected to attract a record attendance, as in the past, when even standing room was at a premium. Last year \$300 was raised by the event.

Floyd Baldwin, of Lake Junaluska, is president of the Haywood convention, and Woodrow Rowland, of Saunook is secretary.

Rev. C. L. Allen and Tom Queen are cooperating with the Convention officials for the polio program.

All singers, and singing groups are invited to attend and take part in the program.

### Work On Stock Pens Under Way At Clyde

Livestock pens along the Southern Railway tracks at Clyde are now being torn down, but will be replaced with new facilities, it has been announced.

The new unit will have six pens and two loading chutes.

Also being demolished but not scheduled for replacement is the Southern's freight depot at Clyde.

## Bowles Discusses Problems U.S. Schools Face Today

The problems of education in the United States today were discussed by M. H. Bowles, superintendent of Waynesville district schools, at a meeting of the Lions Club Thursday night at Spaldon's.

Concerning the criticism that American public schools are not teaching students the things they ought to know, Mr. Bowles asserted he believes the schools are doing the best they can in view of the handicaps under which they are operating.

Major problems, he said, are a shortage of teachers, overcrowding

and inadequate facilities.

In comparing the public schools with private institutions, he pointed out, it must be remembered that public schools have students in all the IQ ranges, whereas the private schools usually have mentally superior individuals.

Private schools, too, are far less crowded and can give students more individual attention, he added.

Touching on the question of segregation and noting that several Southern states are considering

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## County Soldiers Split Mountaineer 20 Ways

If you get irritated at times because your copy of The Mountaineer gets divided into two or three sections by your family, consider the plight of Pvt. James R. Parton of Waynesville, who often has his paper divided into 20 or more pieces.

The local serviceman explains that when the time comes for mail call at Fort Jackson, some 25 Haywood County men in Parton's company keep a sharp lookout for a colored wrapper, which identifies the contents as

a copy of The Mountaineer.

Anxious to get the news from home and unwilling to wait until each man can read the entire paper, the young soldiers solve the problem by giving each individual a page apiece.

Sometimes the paper gets reassembled, sometimes not. But even when it does, it's somewhat the worse for heavy wear.

(MORAL: Subscribe to The Mountaineer so that your serviceman can have his own paper.)

## Representative Rogers To Finish Details Of Rural Police Bill After More Investigation

Haywood's two members of the General Assembly have gone to Raleigh for perhaps one of the toughest assignments of Tar Heel lawmakers in many years. State Senator William Medford left this morning, and Representative Jerry Rogers left Sunday.

The 1955 Assembly will convene Wednesday, and at 12:30 will hear Governor Hodges give his report of the state, in which he plans to point out the need for raising an additional \$50 million dollars for the next two years in order for the state to maintain its present standard of progress.

Representative Rogers said he is continuing his study of the proposal to put additional full-time deputies under the direction of the sheriff's office, and have all members of the department on a salary, with all fees going into the county general fund.

He is comparing figures obtained from Henderson and Rutherford counties on a similar program, and said just before leaving: "From what I can learn, it is the only practical course for Haywood. While I do not have the bill in the final form, I have it pretty well in mind as to what I feel is urgently needed."

Count Agent Virgil L. Holloway said that both state and national specialists will be at the convention to discuss the latest information on all phases of apple growing.

Registration will open at 8:30 a.m. Thursday at the George Vanderbilt, while the first assembly of the apple growers will begin at 10:30 a.m. At a banquet Thursday evening at 6:30, the principal speaker will be R. C. "Bob" Francis of Ratcliffe Cove, the county's noted farmer-humorist.

R. N. Barber, Jr. of the Barber Orchards at Saunook is vice president of the North Carolina Apple Growers Association.

Rockey's father is janitor at the main office of Champion Paper and Fibre Company.

At 11:30 Charles Edward Smathers, also a third child, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smathers, of Hall Top Road, Waynesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Smathers have two daughters.

Charles Edward, just slightly more than two hours old when his picture was made, took the flash of the camera as a matter of fact, rammed his fist into his mouth and waited patiently for the second picture to be made.

Mr. Smathers is a floor finisher.

The gifts of the Waynesville merchants were presented to the parents of Charles Edward.

Gifts to be presented will include:

Thirty quarts of homogenized milk from Biltmore Dairy, baby car seat from the Firestone Store, sterling cup and spoon from Reliable Jeweler, \$10 trade certificate from Belk-Hudson, bottle sterilizer from Smith's Drug Store, free transportation home for the baby and his mother in Crawford's ambulance, two-weeks dry cleaning service by the Waynesville Laundry, \$3 savings account at the First State Bank in Hazelwood, free subscription to The Mountaineer, and one gallon of paint from Haywood Builders Supply Co.

Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Barber and young son, Larry, left yesterday for their home in Ipswich, Mass., after spending the holidays with Mrs. Barber's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Way.

### Five Dairies Selling Grade-A Milk Here

Five dairies are now selling Grade-A milk in Haywood County, it was announced today by Health Department sanitarian Bill Milner.

The dairies are Pet, Biltmore, Skyline, Sealtest, and Ferguson raw.

## 16 ASC Practices Offered To Farmers For 1955

Ten agricultural conservation practices will be available to Haywood County farmers during 1955, according to Floyd Fisher, chairman of the ASC county committee.

The practices are:

1. Initial establishment of permanent pasture or hay on land not suitable for cultivation.

2. Establishment of pasture of hay in crop rotation.

3. Lime on cropland devoted to legumes in 1955 or 1956.

4. Forest tree planting.

5. Improving permanent pas-



SENATOR MEDFORD

REPRESENTATIVE ROGERS

## Farm Forecast Good, But There's An 'If'

### Christmas Lights Removed, Only The Bills Remain

The new year of 1955 should be a good one for Haywood County farmers, but there's an "if" connected with the favorable forecasts made by county agricultural leaders.

Because of higher costs for what the farmer uses, and lower prices for what he produces—due largely to surpluses and overproduction—farmers will have to produce efficiently to realize a satisfactory margin of profit in 1955.

Virgil L. Holloway, county farm agent, asserts that Haywood County farmers can increase their income from 10 to 25 per cent by (1) better buying of seed, fertilizers, feed, breeding stock, etc., (2) more efficient management and (3) following recommended agricultural practices.

Mr. Holloway also stated: "During the past year, farm income in Haywood County dropped slightly from the average of the past three years, but the decrease is not serious and is nothing to be alarmed about."

"This decrease was due, in part, to a drop in building and construction, which affects agriculture. In 1955, however, it appears there will be a high rate of employment and a tremendous use of steel."

"Farm prices for products produced in Haywood County will be about the same as in 1954. Prospects for a few special enterprises, such as sheep, fruits and vegetables and strawberries, are brighter for 1955."

"It looks like a prosperous year for farmers in 1955."

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### Clyde Erects Highway Signs

As a project in Clyde's "Finer Carolina" program, one community sign has been erected at the town's eastern entrance and another is to be put up soon on the western outskirts.

Provided by the Clyde Lions Club, the signs read: "Clyde: A Friendly Town, Elevation 2,539 Feet." It also notes "Suitable Industry Invited" and lists the meeting date of the Clyde Lions Clubs (second and fourth Fridays at the Central Methodist Church).

The course is part of the state adult education program, and is being started here in the electronics department of high school, with Yates Burgess, instructor.

The course will be divided into four parts, with 250 hours of class-work for each unit. Tentative plans are to meet twice a week for two hours per session.

The special committee in charge of the program includes: M. H. Bowles, chairman; Fred Martin, of Lawrence Leatherwood, county superintendent of education; J. W. Kilian, Jack McCracken, members of the Board of Education; and Norman Grant, of Martin Electric Company.

The first course, Bowles said, will stress the fundamentals of radio.

The cost of the course to the individual will be 25 cents per hour to cover costs of materials and supplies used.

Although solicitors in the porchlight drive will accept adults' clothing, the greatest need is for children's items, Mrs. Walker pointed

A second porchlight drive for out.

Also needed are monetary contributions to purchase articles which are not donated, she added.

A large part of the Clothing Closet's previous stock was collected on November 30 during a porchlight drive at the Waynesville Kiwanis Club and during a December 17 "White Christmas" program at Canton High School.

The Clothing Closet now maintains a distribution center on the third floor of the courthouse—open from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

### Highway Record For 1955

#### In Haywood (TO DATE)

Killed .... 0

Injured .... 1

Accidents.. 4

Loss ... \$850

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