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DOWNHILL BOUND are Mrs. William S. Ray and her son, Jimmy, of Waynesville, enjoying the sleighing on the Waynesville Country Club grounds. An accomplished golfer, Mrs. Ray is a familiar figure on the golf links when the greens are not blanketed with snow. (Mountaineer Photo).



SNOW SCULPTORS on Brown Ave. in Hazelwood Wednesday morning were this trio composed of Jeannie Davis, Mary Frances Hicks, and Kitty Ann McCall. The snow man was actually built by Woody Caldwell, then given these finishing touches by the three girls. (Mountaineer Photo).

## Burley Meet Slated Here Friday Night

An important matter to many Haywood County farmers — the cutting of burley tobacco production — will be discussed at a special meeting sponsored by all county agricultural agencies at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the courthouse.

Leading authorities throughout the eight-state "Burley Belt" now agree that reducing the production of burley is a "foregone conclusion" in order to cut down on heavy surpluses now on hand.

One proposal aimed at reducing the cultivation of burley is to abolish the present regulation which exempts growers with 7 of an acre or less from allotment cuts.

Proponents of this plan want to lower the figure of 7 or to do away with all exemptions.

If this action should be taken, "little growers" in Western North Carolina and other burley areas would suffer a loss in income.

County meetings similar to the one planned here Friday night will be held throughout the Burley Belt, to be followed by district meetings and an Interstate conference at Lexington, Ky.

Western Carolina's district meeting will be held at Asheville January 29.

All burley growers in Haywood County are urged to attend the meeting Friday at the courthouse.

## Kiwanis Hears District Leader

Early G. Lee of Asheville, Kiwanis lieutenant governor, was the principal speaker at a meeting of the Waynesville Kiwanis Club Tuesday night celebrating the 40th anniversary of Kiwanis International.

Mr. Lee related that Kiwanis was founded in Detroit in 1915, received its name of Kiwanis in 1917, adopted its motto, "We Build," in 1920, and adopted the present title of "Kiwanis International" in 1924.

He also pointed out that Kiwanis is nearing its anniversary goal of having 4,000 clubs and a quarter of a million members.

Charlie Underwood was in charge of the program Tuesday night. President Hye Sheptowitch presided at the meeting.

Miss Anne Albright left this week for Mooresville where she is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. L. Harris.

## Snowfall Ranges From 6 To 10 Inches In County

Waynesville and Hazelwood got six inches (there was that amount on the courthouse lawn), while from eight to 10 inches were reported at such high altitudes as Soco Gap and Wagon Road Gap.

Max Patch, usually the leader in Haywood County snowfalls, reported only six inches at the Salvation Army Citadel.

The heavy snow gave county school children a two-day and possibly a three-day holiday. (At noon today it was still undecided whether schools would be opened on Friday.)

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## 2 Hit-Run Accidents Are Reported

Four accidents — two involving hit-and-run drivers have been investigated by the State Highway Patrol and Waynesville and Canton police during the last several days.

Two incidents occurred last weekend, but details were not reported until today.

At 9 p.m. Friday, according to Cpl. Pritchard H. Smith and V. E. Bryson of the Highway Patrol, Ned Cook of the Hemphill community struck another car near the

(See Hit-Run—Page 8)

## \$200 Check Trips Up Youthful Check-Forgery

After successfully passing four checks in Waynesville for a total of \$92, a Jackson County youth got overconfident this week and attempted to pass another for \$200. That led to his downfall.

Sheriff Fred Campbell reported that Ernest David Cagle, Route 1, Sylva, was given a hearing before Justice of the Peace J. J. Ferguson this morning on five charges of forgery.

He was bound over to Superior Court and bonds of \$500 on each charge were ordered by Mr. Ferguson. Unable to make the bond total of \$2,500, Cagle is being held in the county jail.

The sheriff said that Cagle first passed a worthless check for \$40 on January 14, which was cashed in a Waynesville supermarket.

## Highlanders Set Deadline For Tourist Booklet

February 1 is the deadline for submitting copy for the Haywood County Highlanders' fourth annual tourist accommodation booklet, it has been announced for Highlander president L. E. DeVous.

This year the tourist organization will issue a total of 20,000 booklets or 5,000 more than last year. The booklet is becoming more profitable and popular each year, Mr. DeVous said, and the 15,000 printed in 1954 did not satisfy the growing demand.

Tourist inquiries have been coming in steadily since the end of the season last year and all indications point to another good season in 1955, Mr. DeVous added.

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A number of area events still remain to be held for the March of Dimes.

## Internal Revenue Jobs Opened To Applicants

The United States Treasury Department has announced that it is accepting applications from men between the ages of 18 and 35 who are interested in jobs as Internal Revenue agents. Eligible are college seniors majoring in accounting and men who have had actual experience in accounting.

Information on the posts, which pay \$3,410 a year at the start, can be obtained from J. T. Russell at the post office.

## Trip And Examination Upset Little Suzanne

Little Suzanne Milner is back home, suffering from an upset stomach, and the effects of the long trip to Minneapolis, and the many tests given her during the four-day stay at the University of Minnesota Hospital.

Her brave parents are heartbroken because the doctors found there was no known cure for the heart ailment which little Suzanne is suffering.

The little black-eyed girl, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Milner, arrived home about nine o'clock Tuesday night after a flight in a pressurized cabin plane from Minneapolis to Knoxville, and

from there home through snow. Suzanne entered the hospital for examinations, with the thought that a possible operation might be performed in order to correct a heart ailment suffered by the little bright-eyed girl. Specialists found that the condition — a thickened wall about the heart — could not be corrected by surgery.

The doctors told the parents, "We are working on some remarkable things right now, but thus far there is no known cure for what little Suzanne is suffering."

The specialists seemed as surprised as the parents at the condition.

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## Post Office Receipts Up 4.5 Per Cent

Receipts at the Waynesville post-office showed an increase of \$3,320.33 or 4.5 per cent during 1954 in comparison with 1953, it was disclosed Wednesday by Postmaster Enos Boyd.

The increase was general in all departments of the local postoffice, Mr. Boyd said.

He asserted that "it is believed that 1954 saw the heaviest flow of letter and greeting card mail during the holiday season as cancellations exceeded 175,000 for the last two weeks of December."

The peak day was December 21 when 23,000 pieces of mail were cancelled, he said.

Last year's increase was actually a little less than shown the previous year. The gain during 1953 was 6.5 per cent over 1952, Mr. Boyd explained.

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## County Schools Won't Reopen Until Monday

Although the main highways are in comparatively good shape, the poor condition of the secondary roads has forced the delay of reopening of county schools until Monday.

Superintendent of Schools Lawrence Leatherwood announced his decision after conferring with Cpl. Pritchard H. Smith of the State Highway Patrol.

Mr. Leatherwood said that if the schools attempted to open Friday, a number of school buses probably would have to be pulled out of the mud.

## Highway Record For 1955 In Haywood (To Date) Killed . . . 0 Injured . . . 5 Accidents . . . 16 Loss . . . \$7,449

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

## Haywood Bar In Opposition To Lower Court Plan

### Resolution Sets Out Reasons For Bar's Opposition

The Haywood County Bar Association is opposed to the proposed creation of a lower court in the county, for two reasons, according to a resolution of the Association.

The Bar Association, in the resolution pointed out that the criminal terms of court, scheduled to be in session during the past two years for 72 days, actually worked 41 days. The group also said establishment of a lower court would add unnecessary expenses to the county.

The third main point of the resolution was that should the court be established, that a licensed attorney be named judge, and also a licensed attorney be named solicitor.

The grand jury in two recent reports has urged that a lower court be established. Since a state law gives the board of commissioners power to set up such a court, the board has had the matter under consideration for some time, and has visited other counties in a course of study of the operation of lower courts. The board has not made any decision on the matter.

Glenn Brown is president of the Association, and Sydney Truesdale is secretary. The resolution of the Bar group is as follows:

In a daily called meeting of the Haywood County Bar Association held in the Law Library in the Court House at Waynesville, North Carolina on January 14, 1955, the following resolutions were unanimously passed:

1. THAT WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the members of the Bar that the Board of Commissioners is giving serious consideration to the establishment of a Court in Haywood County with criminal jurisdiction inferior to the Superior Court, and

WHEREAS, Haywood County now has three terms of Superior Court each year in which to dispose of all criminal cases, making a total of 36 days per year authorized, and

WHEREAS, the Court officers have not been utilizing these 36 days each year in that during the past two years the Court has only been in session for 41 days when it could have been in session for 72 days, thereby enabling the Court to dispose of all criminal cases coming before it in an expedient manner, and

WHEREAS, the establishment of (See Haywood Bar—Page 8)

## Senate Leader Johnson Lauds Ervin's Ability

Senate Democratic Leader, Lyndon B. Johnson has issued the following statement in connection with the assignment of Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr. to the Armed Services, Interstate and Foreign Commerce, and Government Operations committees:

"Senator Ervin is an outstanding lawyer and judge who is a recognized expert in the problems of interstate commerce. He has a distinguished record of service as a veteran of World War I. He has already demonstrated his ability as a member of the Government Operations Committee. Two of the largest military establishments in the world are located in North Carolina.

"The steering committee is very pleased and proud to accord recognition to Senator Ervin's abilities and his record by placing him on these two committees where he can more effectively serve his state and his nation," Senator Johnson stated.

Senator Ervin succeeded the late Senator Clyde R. Hoey in the United States Senate from North Carolina. Last November he was elected without opposition to Senator Hoey's unexpired term of two years.

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50	15	
47	17	
43	24	634"