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Haywood County Goes Well Over \$15,000 March Of Dimes Quota

At noon today it appeared that the March of Dimes campaign here would exceed the quota by more than \$2,500, according to Rev. Earl Brendall, general chairman. The quota was \$7,500, and the campaign in this area of the county was sponsored by the Rotary Club.

Rev. Mr. Brendall said that several committees had not made a final report, and he was asking that all reports be completed and in by this weekend.

From the schools, it was learned through M. H. Bowles, chairman, that the \$2,500 quota would be exceeded by about \$500.

The two dime boards which were operated by members of the Rotary Club, both on the streets here and Hazelwood, netted \$1,300. Leo Weill and Roy Wright were in charge of this phase of the campaign.

Three industries contributed well over \$5,000. The reports from others were incomplete this morning, John N. Johnson, chairman said.

Dave Hyatt, in charge of the campaign among business and professional men said the reports were incomplete, but "above the quota."

The Canton area is well over their quota of \$7,500, which is half of the Haywood quota of \$15,000. Turner Cathey is general chairman in the Canton area, said over \$12,000 was in hand.

Thousands Use Pisgah Facilities

Pisgah Forest had about 679,000 visitors to the recreation areas in the forest during 1954. Ted Seely, chief forester told The Mountaineer today.

Besides those seeking recreation facilities, the Forest accommodated about 8,000 hunters during the deer season. Of this number about 2,400 hunted in Sherwood Forest and 5,600 in Pisgah, Seely reported.

This year marks the golden anniversary of the Forest Service and Seely said plans were to prepare a number of interesting facts about Pisgah National Forest and some of the main attractions in the area.

He said that the pioneer road of the Blue Ridge Parkway from Bridgers Camp Gap to Beech Gap had been completed, and he expected Clement Brothers, contractors, to resume work about April on that connection of the Parkway.

Ward Remains In Critical Condition

J. L. Ward, Jr., Canton drug-gist, was reported today from Mission Hospital as being conscious and "wanting to talk". His condition remains critical, the report showed.

Ward was injured in an automobile wreck January 16, east of Canton.

CDP Aid To Be Sought In Sanitary Fill Program

A meeting of chairmen of CDP groups in the county with a special committee named by the Board of Health will be held in the near future to discuss possible sites for sanitary land fills for the disposal of garbage in both town and rural areas.

He said he thought the garbage disposal problem could be solved best by the communities and individuals directly concerned.

Mr. Green added that hiring private contractors to pick up garbage is probably the most satisfactory way to handle the matter.

Four open dumps are now being maintained in the county at Waynesville, Canton, Hazelwood and Lake Junaluska.

Canton has been one of the strongest supporters of the plan for sanitary land fills to overcome the pollution of the Pigeon River, source of the town's water supply.

The Board of Health also (1) heard a report from Dr. A. P. Cline of Canton that county dentists will equip a dental treatment room at the new health center on the Asheville road, and (2) re-elected Dr. N. F. Lancaster of Waynesville to a four-term as a member of the board.



LEARNING AT AN EARLY AGE about burley tobacco, during the annual burley school at the courthouse Wednesday, was Little Doris Anne Underwood of South Clyde, who attended with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Chambers, also of South Clyde. (Mountaineer Photo).

Groundhog Goes Back To Snooze

Sleepy-eyed Mr. Groundhog peeped out of his den Wednesday, squinted about for a moment, whiffed the chilled air, squinted again from the glare of the snow, yawned, and went back to his bed. He saw his shadow, and in his opinion, there were six more weeks for him to sleep before winter weather would be history.

The men and women who get paid for predicting the weather hinted there was more winter weather to come, but did not say how much, nor how long.

—and according to the outlook at noon today, Mr. Groundhog might have had the right idea for today at least, because the clouds look mighty like snow.

Parents Will Follow Students' Schedule At PTA

Parents are invited to follow the day's school activities of their children at a meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association of the Waynesville Township High School, Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Each student will take home a copy of his class schedule for his parents to follow. The teachers will be in their respective rooms to receive the parents and answer questions.

This plan, as announced by the Rev. Earl H. Brendall, vice president and program chairman of the PTA, is made to give parents an opportunity to visit each of their children's classes, meet their teachers and to gain a better knowledge of school activities.

Prior to the program, a brief business session will be held in the auditorium with the Rev. J. W. Fowler, Jr. presiding. Information on the progress of the PTA and future plans will be given at this time.

All parents are especially urged to attend this meeting.

200 Haywood Farmers Hear Tobacco Specialists

Some 200 Haywood County burley tobacco farmers attended the annual tobacco school at the courthouse yesterday to get the latest information on burley varieties, disease and insect control, fertilization, and irrigation.

Principal speakers were Harold Nau and F. A. Todd of North Carolina State College and Dr. Luther Shaw of the Mountain Experiment Station.

Discussing irrigation, the specialists said that irrigation of tobacco fields is growing in North Carolina, but cautioned farmers to select the type of irrigation equipment best suited for their particular farm.

They also warned of the danger of spreading plant disease — particularly blackshank — in the water used in irrigation.

Special emphasis was placed on the production of better tobacco plants to insure a high-paying burley crop. Last year, according to Farm Agent Virgil L. Holloway, there were not enough good, healthy plants grown here.

The farmers were especially interested in a discussion of a new variety of leaf, called "Burley 21", which is high yielding, of good quality, and highly resistant to wildfire. It was pointed out, however, that seed for this variety will be very limited this year.

Several growers at the meeting expressed the belief that, by following recommended practices, they can raise as much burley this year as in the past — even if a 10 per cent cut in allotments is endorsed.

The speakers urged farmers to notify the county agent's office immediately whenever any plant disease appears in their burley crop so that the particular disease can be identified and proper control measures instituted.

Rep. Jerry Rogers Introduces Three Bills For Canton

Rep. Jerry Rogers introduced the three bills for the Town of Canton in the Tuesday session of the House, which he described while home over the weekend.

The bills are Numbers 127, 128 and 129, and are as follows: To authorize the board of aldermen of the Town of Canton to adjust assessments for street, sidewalk and sewer improvements. Counties, Cities and Towns.

Relating to the filing of claims against the Town of Canton. Counties, Cities and Towns.

To fix salaries of officials of the Canton police court. Counties, Cities and Towns.

Highlanders To Hear Talk By Taft Monday

Michael Taft, manager of the State Advertising Bureau, will be the principal speaker at a dinner meeting of the Haywood County Highlanders at 7 p.m. Monday at Spaldon's Restaurant, according to President L. E. DeVous.

Mr. Taft, a former Asheville resident and onetime manager of the Battery Park Hotel, replaced Fred Whittaker as manager of the State Advertising Bureau last year.

A special invitation to attend the meeting is being given to Chamber of Commerce members.

County Now Has 11,172 Registered Motor Vehicles

There are 11,172 privately owned vehicles in Haywood County, according to the recent report of the Motor Vehicles Department.

These 11,172 vehicles are part of the 1,437,823 in North Carolina, the report shows. There are 1,373,299 trucks, trailers, autos, buses and motorcycles in the state, 35,229 vehicles registered under the name of dealers and 29,295 public owned vehicles.

Mecklenburg tops the list with 84,902, and Tyrrell the fewest with 1,085.

Fire Hits 2 Homes In Canton Section

Two homes in the Canton area have been damaged by fire in the past few days. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Russell was destroyed by fire, with only a washing machine saved. Mrs. Russell and a small child was at a doctor's office when the fire broke out, and the other five children at school. Mr. Russell was at home.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Gaither Rollins, of the Scottsdale Road, was damaged when the roof caught on fire. Neighbors helped save the house by use of water from garden hose.

Both homes were outside the city limits, and without fire protection.

District Jaycees To Meet Here

Jaycees of North Carolina's First District will meet here at 7 p.m. Friday at Spaldon's for a district meeting.

Tom Posey of Asheville, district vice president, will be in charge of the business session.

In charge of arrangements for the events will be Waynesville Jaycees John Carver, Andy Blanton, and Ralph Thurman.

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Cancer Death Rate Lower In Haywood, Survey Shows

(Special to The Mountaineer)

Official figures, just released by the U. S. Public Health Service, show that the rate of death from cancer in Haywood County is considerably lower than in most parts of both the United States and the South Atlantic States.

The government data contained in the new report, covering 1951, shows that there were 30 deaths from cancer and other malignant tumors among residents of Haywood County in the year.

This represented a rate of 784 deaths per 100,000 population and was much lower than the national rate for the year, which was 1,342 per 100,000. In the South Atlantic States the record was 1,035 cancer deaths per 100,000. The general average in the State of North Carolina was 797 per 100,000.

The importance of the cancer problem and the reason for the emphasis being placed upon it is

288 Cases Of Varied Nature On Criminal Court Docket

Criminal Court Convenes Monday With Judge Moore, Sylva, Presiding

Some 288 cases are listed on the docket for hearing during the two-week February criminal term of Superior Court, which will convene Monday morning before Judge Dan K. Moore of Sylva.

Of that total, 165 cases have been continued from previous terms of court, while 123 are new cases.

On the opening day of court, nine grand jurors and a foreman are due to be chosen.

Court officials said today that they expected the case of Robert Ledford, charged with beating his wife and 8-month-old baby would take at least half a day. Officers arrested Ledford on charges of cruelty to his wife and baby, and for not providing them with food. When officers arrived at the place where the Ledfords lived, they found the place without a fire on a cold day. Physicians said the baby had numerous bruises about the body, and the eyes crossed. Ledford has been in jail since his arrest.

Another case which will likely take at least half a day is the charges against Burrell Warren for shooting his son, Allen, a Korean war veteran. The shooting happened below Canton.

One of the major cases to be tried will be a manslaughter charge against Earl Dean Moody, growing out of a fatal accident last fall at the intersection of U. S. 19 and the Jonathan Creek road. On the docket the charge is listed as "murder", but court officials said the count probably will be changed to manslaughter since the death of Van Moody was caused accidentally.

Again leading the docket are charges of driving drunk — totaling 80 — while speeding is second with 49 cases listed.

Other major charges are: Breaking and entering and larceny, 12 cases; reckless driving, 11; driving without an operator's license, 19; liquor law violations, 7; non-support, 17; assault, 19.

Other charges to be heard include: Resisting arrest, violation of the game laws, violation of the health laws, disposing of mortgaged property, assault with a deadly weapon, carrying a concealed weapon, possession of a still, carnal knowledge, embezzlement, hit and run, allowing cattle to run at large, indecent exposure, forgery, passing a bad check, damaging property, fraud, affray, driving after revocation of operator's license, use of vulgar language, drunkenness, driving on the wrong side of the road, interfering with an officer.

Probably the most unusual case on the docket is a charge of refusal to open a church against Hobart Franklin, custodian of a small church in the Hemphill community.

The jury list for the first week is:

C. P. Parham, James B. Soesbee, J. Carl Burnette, Coy Messer, Roy Reeves, J. G. Burgess, Lee Smith, James R. Gregory, Robert S. Rymer, H. C. Johnson, William S. Ray, Hubert Creasman, John Millner, Dillard Hooper, Kelly King, H. B. Angel, W. H. Burgin, John E. Pless, Robert L. James, Harley B. Mann, Grady Pruitt, (See Court—Page 2)



HEADING FOR THE TALL TIMBER are these does released in the Harmon Den Wildlife Management Area last week. Hind quarters of the animals are painted red for identification. See other pictures and story on Page 1, Section 2. (Mountaineer Photo).

3 Communities' Porchlight Drives Net Total Of \$2,437

(See Picture, Page Five)

Canton Students To Go To School On 3 Saturdays

Canton area students will go to school on three Saturdays to make up the time lost during the recent snow, which fell on Wednesday, January 19.

School bells will ring throughout the Canton system this coming Saturday and on February 19 and March 5, according to Superintendent of Schools Rowe Henry's office.

2 Accidents Reported In Canton Area

Two accidents in the Canton area were reported yesterday by Patrolman W. R. Wooten of the State Highway Patrol.

One took place on the North Canton road when a 1948 Pontiac driven by Floyd Franklin King of Canton and a 1949 Ford driven by William Errel Clark, Route 1, Canton, collided head-on.

King, who was charged with driving on the wrong side of the highway, told Patrolman Wooten that he grabbed for his small son who was about to open a car door and in so doing he swerved the vehicle over the center line.

Damage to both cars was estimated at \$300.

Charles Richard Haynes, Route 3, Canton, lost control of his 1952 Ford truck when it ran off the pavement onto a soft shoulder on the new four-lane highway a mile east of Canton at 1 p.m. Wednesday.

The truck turned over on its right side, spilling out several bags of chicken feed which Haynes was hauling.

Damage to the truck was estimated at \$50.

Chas. B. McCrary At Burley Meet

Charles B. McCrary left by plane Monday for Lexington, Ky., to attend the burley conference. He represents Haywood at the conference with Federal Agencies, in the discussion of further curtailment of allotments of burley acreage.

Haywood growers went on record in a mass meeting opposing a cut for growers with an allotment of seven-tenths of an acre or less; increasing the penalty from 50 to 75 per cent for over allotment crop, and remove all penalty for failure to plant full allotment.

3 Communities' Porchlight Drives Net Total Of \$2,437

A total of \$2,437 was raised in the Waynesville, Canton and Clyde areas in porchlight drives for the March of Dimes—with Bethel still to be heard from.

Canvassing Waynesville, Hazelwood and Lake Junaluska homes Tuesday night, the Waynesville Secretaries chapter raised a total of \$267—with another donation promised from St. John's School.

The same night, approximately \$1,700 was donated in the Canton area to the "Mother's March on Polio."

Contributions in Canton proper were \$848.88, in West Canton, \$301.60; Thickety, \$176.16; Beaverdam, \$105.29; Hominy, \$100.90; and Morning Star, \$172.95.

Mothers in Clyde led off the parade last Thursday night by raising \$470 in that community.

Canton Man Hurt In Salisbury

John J. Duckett, 36, of 14 Watts street, sustained a double fracture of the left leg Saturday morning, when his car skidded on ice. The accident occurred about 6:45 a.m. near Salisbury.

Duckett was going east, traveling in a 1953 Chevrolet owned by E. F. Mills Co., of Charlotte, when he lost control of the car on a bridge. He was thrown from the car as it overturned, and was pinned beneath as it came to a rest on his leg. Damage to the car was placed at \$750.

Duckett was admitted to the Rowan Memorial Hospital immediately after the accident, and was later moved to the Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte where he is rapidly improving.

Duckett is a personnel analyst and sales auditor for the E. F. Mills Company of Charlotte.

According to Highway Patrolman E. W. Jones, another accident had occurred at the same place earlier Saturday morning.

Highway Record For 1955 In Haywood (TO DATE)

Killed 0

Injured 7

Accidents . . 21

Loss . . \$9,484

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



Lt. Minett To Fly Flights At Force Base

Waynesville AFB, Miss.—2nd Lt. Cyril W. Minett, a 1947 alum of the University of North Carolina, will shortly assume leadership of "Dixie" Flight at Green Force Base, Mississippi.

Lt. Minett, who is planning a tour of a professional Air Force officer, graduated at Mississippi Training Installation, Dec. 3, 1954. Prior to his assignment into the flying program, he was squadron commander at AFB, Texas; and while in training at Columbus Air Base, Mississippi, he was a member of Kappa Alpha Order and the Episcopal Church.

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