

Bargain Days

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TODAY'S SMILE
A sign observed on the outskirts of a Washington State community read: "Our speed limit is 25 miles per hour, with a fine of \$3 per mile for faster driving. Pick out a speed you can afford."

YEAR NO. 59 12 PAGES Associated Press WAYNESVILLE, N. C., MONDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 25, 1955 \$3.50 In Advance In Haywood and Jackson Counties

Polio Shots Be Given Schools

Polio shots will be given to first- and second-grade pupils in Haywood County schools. The vaccine will be re-administered when county schools re-open in the fall, it was announced today.

A decision was reached at a meeting of representatives of the Haywood County Medical Society and the Health Department.

It was expressed the belief that it would be difficult to reach children now since a number of them are on vacation or in camps.

It also pointed out that the resumption of the shots will materially lessen the effect of the disease on children.

The first in the series of three injections was given to 1,600 pupils the later part of the year.

For the final shot will be given later after information is received from the state.

The event that children will be able to take the shots at the school can be sought at the Health Department to be given at the new health center.

On Monday night a seven-year-old girl from Allens Creek was taken to the Asheville Orthopedic Hospital but diagnosis on her illness has not been completed.

She is a Canton girl who was taken to Asheville to become the first victim of the disease.



NORTHERN HOSPITALITY was enjoyed by members of the Haywood County farm tour group during a stop in Viroqua, Wis. last Thursday. Identified were A. B. Robinson of Canton (second from left), Miss Martha Stringfield of Waynesville, Mr. and Mrs. N. S. DeBord of Canton. Not identified are the man seated at the left or the woman at the far right. Standing is a member of the Vernon County Homemakers, who served a steak dinner to the Carolinians. (Photo by Guy Fuller, Jr.)

Haywood Farm Group To Eat With Truman 27th

\$65,000 Ready-Mix Plant Goes Into Operation Here

By W. C. MEDFORD

ALLIANCE, Neb. (Special) — Haywood County's out-of-state farm tour group stopped here at noon today for lunch and then prepared to leave at 12:45 for Grand Island, Neb., where the Tar Heel travelers will spend the night.

Excitement is running high among the group over the news of having a breakfast date Wednesday morning with former President Harry Truman at the New Pickwick Hotel in Kansas City.

The final details for the breakfast were worked out through Rep. George Shuford over the weekend. It looked for a while that a conflict in schedules would prevent the group from meeting with Mr. Truman. Now the plans are all made, and the Haywood countians are excited over the "breakfast date" with Mr. Truman.

Tuesday morning the group will tour famed Boys Town and then have lunch in Omaha, from the Nebraska metropolis, the tour will move southeast into Kansas City, Mo., and one of the highlights of the trip — breakfast with Harry Truman.

Wednesday the trek homeward will begin — through Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, and Tennessee — with the group scheduled to arrive in Waynesville at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

Last Friday morning, the group divided forces at Minneapolis with the women touring the Betty Crocker Kitchens and the men touring the Minneapolis Grain Exchange. From Minnesota, the tourists went on to Brookings, S. D. to spend the night.

Saturday featured a visit to the campus of the South Dakota State College, and a tour of Badlands National Park. Spending the night at Rapid City, S. D., some of the Haywood countians attended the dog races in progress there.

Sunday proved to be one of the most interesting of all days for the group. (See Farm Tour—Page 6)

Shot Kills Haywood Native, 15

Phillips Darrell Ledford, 15, a native of Haywood County, who has been living in Wilmington, Del., was shot to death early Sunday in Asheville.

Arrested in connection with the slaying was Robert Lee Connor, 24, of Asheville. Held as a material witness was Ledford's brother-in-law, Edgar Smith of Haw Creek.

According to an investigation by Buncombe deputy sheriffs, Ledford and Smith were riding around together Saturday night. After coming to Waynesville, they returned to Asheville and stopped at a drive-in on Southside Ave., where Smith became involved in an argument with Connor.

As Smith started to drive away, it was reported, Connor drew a pistol and fired at the car, the bullet striking Ledford in the chest.

Ledford, who was a high school student and part-time grocery clerk in Wilmington, was pronounced dead. (See Shot Kills—Page 6)

Young Men Arrested For Forging Checks

Two young men charged with forging checks worth \$2,000 in forged checks were taken to Detroit this morning with two Detroit detectives.

where Canton police made the arrest.

A third man is still being sought as the third member of the group. Sheriff Fred Campbell said one of the men was 26 years of age and from Macon county, and the 33-year-old prisoner was from Watauga county. Both have lived in Detroit for the past 10 years. The two refused to divulge the name of their third partner. He is believed to be a Detroit man.

Sheriff Campbell said the men had a check writing machine and other equipment with them which was used in forging checks.

Haywood Bond Investments In July More Than \$50,000

Sales of U. S. Savings Bonds in North Carolina continued to soar with purchases in June being 19% greater than last year. This sets a new ten-year sales record for the month. For the first six months of this year, a new all-time peace record was set with sales amounting to \$28,907,934.00, 21% greater than 1954. This amounts to nearly 50% of the annual state quota of \$3.8 million dollars.

This report, released today by J. E. Massie, Haywood County Chairman, shows that Haywood County sales for June were \$50,962.50.

According to Mr. W. H. Andrews, Jr., Volunteer Chairman of North Carolina, "This reflects a tremendous increase of interest and support of the U. S. Savings Bonds Program on the part of the many volunteers and bankers in North Carolina."

Mass Meeting Called For Tuesday For Discussion Of Recreation Plan

Large Crowd Is Expected, 7:30 At Court House

Citizens of Waynesville and Hazelwood will have an opportunity to get all the facts, both pro and con, on the recreational bond election, at a mass meeting Tuesday night in the court house. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Boyd Owen, chairman of the 11-man Recreation commission, said this morning the mass meeting was being called in order that a thorough discussion could be had on the recreation program and the election which is set for Tuesday, Aug. 9th.

"We want everyone to attend. This is to be a factual meeting, and we feel it important that everyone who is interested in the movement to be present. No matter whether you are for or against the \$175,000 bond election, we feel it is important that you attend and hear the discussion," the chairman said.

The election to be held the 9th of next month, is for the issuance of \$175,000 in bonds, with \$136,500 coming from Waynesville, and \$38,500 from Hazelwood, on a pro rata basis for the first phase of a long-time recreation development program.

Dr. Owen said that all civic organizations of the community will be represented at the mass meeting. He said several members of the Commission would explain the tentative proposed plans, and others would be called upon to give ideas on the program.

The Commission chairman said that the Waynesville Lions Club went on record Thursday night pledging to actively support the program. Dr. Boyd said he plans to visit other civic groups within the next two weeks and present similar propositions to them.

About 18 months ago, a survey of the recreational needs here was made here by Charles M. Graves, Atlanta recreational engineer. The project was financed by two gifts of \$1,000 each, one from the Dayton Rubber Company, and the other from Heinz Rollman.

Mr. Graves in his report proposed a 40-acre site just off the Pigeon Street, known as the Shelton Property. He made a suggested sketch of all buildings and constructions, which included a modern club house, swimming pool, and various courts, for tennis, horse shoes, and miniature golf, plus a ball ground, horse ring, and junior baseball field.

The proposed outdoor swimming pool would be 120 feet long, 35 feet wide at the deep end, and 70 feet wide at the shallow end, with 6,300 square feet of water area. About 80 per cent of which would be used for swimming. (See Mass Meeting—Page 6)



THESE ARE FIVE of the six Lions Club leaders in Haywood for the year. Left to right: Ernest Edwards, president Waynesville club; Roland Leatherwood, president Clyde club; Lawrence Leatherwood, district governor; Charles Smith, president Canton club; Ralph Summerrow, president Hazelwood club. The sixth president, Carson W. Clark, of Pigeon Valley Club, was absent when the picture was made. (Mountaineer photo.)

Two Hurt In Accident At Crabtree

Mrs. Elizabeth Shelton of Saunook and her daughter, Beulah Faye, suffered injuries at 10:30 a.m. Sunday when the 1947 Chevrolet pickup truck in which they were riding figured in a collision on the Crabtree road south of the Methodist Church.

State Patrolman V. E. Bryson reported that a 1952 Ford pickup, driven by Mrs. Mabel Ledford of the Chambers Mountain area, tried to pass the Shelton vehicle, ran off the pavement on the left swerved back on the highway to the right and forced the latter off the highway and down a bank into a field.

The patrolman said that Shelton's truck remained upright, but that the Ledford vehicle overturned twice.

Mrs. Shelton sustained a knee injury, while her daughter suffered a broken left leg. The two drivers were uninjured as was Mrs. Ledford's daughter, Opal, 16.

Damage to the Ledford truck was estimated at \$300 and to the Shelton truck at \$400.

Mrs. Ledford will be charged with improper passing.

Shopping Here Brisk For Summer Clearance Sales

A check with individual merchants on Friday, Saturday and this morning revealed a high degree of satisfaction with the progress of the area-wide summer clearance sale now in its third day. The department stores and specialty shops were leading the parade of bargains offered and were enjoying the most active trade. Shoppers were finding real bargains in top quality new merchandise.

The sale opened on Friday morning with a goodly number of early shoppers on hand when the stores opened. A steady stream of shoppers continued to come throughout the day and trading continued active. Store owners and managers were pleased with this steady business since sales people were able to give better service.

Saturday morning, the second day of the sale, brought shoppers in greater numbers and by mid-afternoon, many stores were barely able to serve the throngs of thrifty buyers. At least two stores were short on sales people on Saturday after bringing in extra help for the day. A second call for extra sales clerks was reported in one store.

Variety and hard goods stores were not enjoying the same active business reported by soft goods merchants. These businesses do not ordinarily participate in summer clearances of this type, therefore, shoppers were overlooking some real bargains offered by the hardware and variety store merchants.

To the casual observer, it was rather obvious that practically all the business places were enjoying some benefits from the area-wide promotion.

The big summer clearance will continue throughout the week and will end with closing time on Saturday, July 30.

Brothers Jailed For Car Theft

Two brothers from Tampa, Fla., were arrested by State Patrolman Harold Dayton at 11:00 a.m. Saturday at Maggie on charges of stealing a car at Chattanooga the night before.

The patrolman said he spotted the pair driving a 1949 Ford near the Smoky Mountain Craft Shop and halted them for questioning.

The driver told the officer that the car belonged to his brother, but Patrolman Dayton noticed that the ignition wires had been hooked together by hand and arrested the pair on charges of auto theft.

The two were identified as William Spencer Hays, 27, and his brother, Walter Ralph Hays, 25, both of Tampa. They are being held in Haywood County jail for release either to Chattanooga authorities or the FBI.

Patrolman Dayton was assisted in the case by P. R. Kitchen, SBI agent, who fingerprinted and questioned the suspects.

Measurement Of Tobacco Acreage Near Completion

Unless the weatherman steps in again, measurement of Haywood County burley tobacco fields will be finished by the end of this week, according to A. W. Ferguson, ASC county manager.

Approximately 150 burley plots in the White Oak, Beaverdam, and Pigeon communities are still to be checked, he added.

After the measurements have been completed, spot checkers will continue work until they have checked at least 5 per cent of the county's 2,000 burley fields.

Spot checkers from the state ASC office also will be in the county to determine if measurements have been accurate and if burley producers are complying with federal regulations.

Approximately 35 per cent of the burley plots measured in the county have been found to be over their established allotments, Mr. Ferguson said. Of this amount, excess tobacco has been destroyed under ASC supervision on 95 per cent of the farms involved.

Legion Members Will Clear Lot

Members of Haywood Post 47 of the American Legion have been asked to meet with the ground clearance committee at the Legion's lot on South Main St. at 3 p.m. Wednesday for a two-hour brush-clearing period.

Workers are requested to bring axes, bush hooks, and work gloves. J. H. Howell, Jr., and Bill Barber will be in charge of the ground clearance.

Haywood Broiler Business Hits \$250,000 Mark; Local Firm Expands Facilities

New hatching equipment has been installed and is now in operation by the Haywood County Farmers Co-operative, according to H. M. Dulin, manager.

The new equipment provides for double the former capacity of the plant, as 12,000 eggs are now being hatched here each week.

Dulin said that the increase demand for broilers necessitated the addition of the new equipment.

"Haywood farmers are realizing about \$250,000 cash per year for the sale of broilers," Dulin explained, as he pointed that through his firm 10,000 broilers per week are being shipped to a processing plant in Morganton.

This has been a banner year for the broiler folk, the manager said. The market has been good, the season has been satisfactory.

The firm is using eggs of a Nichols No. 12, with a Lancaster or Vantress crockered cross. About half of the chicks hatched here are sold in Haywood, the others go to Henderson and Buncombe.

Dulin said the acreage grower makes from 15 cents up per bird. Most of the chicks take from 9 to 10 weeks to reach market requirements.

The Co-operative has invested about \$10,000 in new machinery for hatching eggs, it was explained.

14 Haywood 4-H Members To Attend State Convention

Fourteen Haywood County 4-H Club members and three extension agents are attending the annual North Carolina 4-H Club Week this week on the campus of N. C. State College.

Among the group will be livestock and dairy judging teams. The livestock team is made up of Neal Kelly of Bethel, Jerry Ferguson and James Ferguson of Fines Creek, and Verlin Edwards of Maggie. On the dairy judging team are George Kirkpatrick of Crabtree-Iron Duff, Tom Garrett of Saunook, Arnold Phillips and Tommy Davis of White Oak.

Kelly, who is president of the 4-H County Council, will be a candidate for vice president of the State 4-H Council. Garrett will present a demonstration and also work on the state 4-H newspaper. (See 4-H Club—Page 6)

SHOWERS

Other

Max.	Mon.	Pr.
81	60	.03
83	58	.02
84	59	.02
82	63	.10

Highway Record For 1955 In Haywood (TO DATE)

Killed . . . 1
Injured . . . 59
Accidents 110
Loss . . \$43,721

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