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TODAY'S SMILE

Worry like anything be-
fore the thing happens; then
you won't miss out if it
doesn't.

Board Says Sale Of County Farm Best For All United Fund Campaign For \$38,841 Launched In This End Of Haywood



C. A. GEORGE, center, opens the first United Fund campaign here by handing his \$100 check to Mrs. William Prevost, chairman of the special gifts committee. Dave Felmet, campaign chair-

man, looks on, with an optimistic smile, as the campaign to raise \$38,841 for 25 agencies gets under way here.

(Mountaineer Photo)

Rep. G. Shuford Re-States Stand On Pigeon Road

Congressman George A. Shuford told Haywood Young Democrats, meeting in Canton Monday night, that "three years ago I made a speech in Waynesville and said I was for the Pigeon River road. Nothing has been said or done to change my mind."

Congressman Shuford was the speaker for the evening, and told the group that Haywood was to be congratulated as being a banner Democratic county of the state. He was warm in his praise of the work of the YDC in keeping the spirit of the party up during the off-election years.

The speaker said the Democrats were carrying the burden in Congress, and that the people of the nation "now realize that the Democratic party is for progress."

Walter Clark, president, presided, and named a committee on local education and information. The committee members are: Bill Stone, Julie Noland, and Mrs. May King.

Richard Queen, secretary to Congressman Shuford gave a brief report on the recent state CDC meeting. He cited the highlights as the address of Senator Mansfield of Montana, and the endorsement of Senator Sam Ervin for re-election by Senator W. Kerr Scott.

President Clark said the next meeting of the organization would be held at the courthouse in January.

Rotarians Will Hear

J. D. Fitz On Friday

J. D. Fitz, assistant publisher of the News-Herald, Morganton, will be the speaker at Rotary Friday. Fitz is a Rotarian and civic leader in Morganton.

His talk will be in keeping with National Newspaper Week, which is observed each year throughout the nation.

Christmas Seal Group Declines Aid From UF

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1,241 Haywood Citizens Receiving Total \$56,165 Monthly Social Security

A total of 1,241 residents of Haywood County were receiving \$56,165 a month in Old Age and Survivors Insurance benefits at the beginning of this year, according to Grady Grubbs who provides local service in this area as Field Representative for the Asheville District Office of the Social Security Administration. These figures represent a 14% increase in beneficiaries and a 34% increase in total monthly benefits over corresponding figures for the previous year.

The total amount of benefits being paid to County residents, by type of benefit was as follows:

There were 508 retired wage earners and self-employed persons receiving \$30,583 monthly;

A total of 181 wives of retired persons were receiving \$5,569 monthly;

Also 367 children under 18 of retired or deceased wage earners were receiving \$11,791 monthly.

And 185 other beneficiaries, including dependent husbands and (See Social Security—Page 8)

Mrs. Michal Succumbs To Shotgun Wounds

Mrs. Thomas L. Michal, Sr., member of a prominent Haywood County family, died yesterday of shotgun wounds, which Sheriff Fred Campbell said she accidentally sustained in bringing the gun down the stairs of her home in the Bethel section. She was 59.

Mrs. Michal died about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon in the Haywood County Hospital where she was taken following the accident. Campbell said his investigations re-

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Answer To Complaint Set Friday

The Haywood County Commissioners, on Friday afternoon, at 2 p.m., will tell Judge Dan K. Moore, in an answer to a restraining order, issued to stop the sale of the 140-acre county home and farm, that their actions were based upon the best interest of the inmates of the home, and the taxpayers of Haywood.

The answer to the complaint, has been filed with the Clerk of Court by Grover C. Davis, county attorney. The answer, 19 pages long, cites that the board, acting upon the advice of Miss Annie Ray Pemberton, supervisor Services to the Aged of North Carolina, of last February, in a report, concluded: "The low population of the Haywood county home and the inadequate program leads us to recommend that the Board of County Commissioners give consideration to plans for the residents in private boarding homes."

The other parts of Miss Pemberton's report carried in the Commissioner's answer, says:

"Meals are not planned in advance and there is no record of menus served, there is no system of inventory supplies."

"A sanitary report on this date (Feb. 18th) shows a rating of 56. There is total population of 14 persons in the home, all white."

The Board, in their answer, will also set out that an audit made for a period beginning July 1, 1949, and ending June 30, 1955, showed that the expenses for the 7-year period for operating the county home and farm was \$103,777.67. This amount, the audit said, does not include the amount spent during the year 1952 for repairing of the home after a fire.

The same audit, the answer says, shows that during the 7-year period, the income from the farm by the sale of livestock, poultry, eggs and miscellaneous items, amounted to \$26,493.32. Also, the report continues, during the same 7-year period, the county spent on the farm and home a total of \$77,284.65 more than received from the county farm, making an annual average cost to the county of \$11,

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Food Store Will Close Saturday After 20 Years

The Food Store, 283 Main St., will close Saturday after 20 years of business, according to an announcement by the owners, the management of Ray's Super Market and C. E. Ray's Sons Department Store.

Closing of the Food Store was attributed to "the lack of floor space and parking facilities (which) make it impossible for us to provide our customers modern and efficient service at this location."

In an ad in this issue and in circulars distributed this week, The Food Store thanked its customers for their past patronage and invited them to visit Ray's Super Market behind the postoffice.

Several employees of The Food Store will join the present staff of Ray's Super Market.

Kiwanis Names Dr. Owen As Lieutenant Governor

Dr. Robert H. Owen of Canton was elected lieutenant governor of Division 1 of the Carolina District of Kiwanis International at the 35th annual session of the district at Winston-Salem Tuesday.

Dr. Owen is president of the Canton Kiwanis Club, which was organized in 1953 by the Waynesville Kiwanis Club.

In the past year the Canton club has broken all records among Kiwanis clubs in the United States and Canada by organizing five new clubs this year. Since January 1, the Canton Kiwanians have organized new Kiwanis clubs in Murphy, West Asheville, Sylva, Bryson City, and Maggie Valley.

The Maggie Club has a distinction of being the first in Kiwanis International to be organized in

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DR. ROBERT H. OWEN

Methodists Of District Had Exceptional 5-Year Growth

Rev. Frank C. Smathers Returns To Native County As District Superintendent



REV. FRANK C. SMATHERS, new superintendent of the Waynesville District of the Methodist Church, is a native of Haywood County. He is coming here from Greensboro where he has been pastor of Grace Church.

The Rev. Frank C. Smathers, who succeeds the Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt as superintendent of the Waynesville District of the First Methodist Church, is expected to arrive the first of next week to assume his new duties. He and his family will occupy the district parsonage at Lake Junaluska.

Mr. Smathers is no stranger to this section since he is a native of this county and spent his boyhood in the Pigeon section. He is a graduate of Tennessee Wesleyan College, the University of Chattanooga, and Vanderbilt University.

A member of the Conference Board of Missions, Mr. Smathers has held pastorates in Spencer, Charlotte, Rutherfordton, Hendersonville, Lenoir, and Weaverville. He is the newly elected president of the Conference Historical Society and has held the office of president of the Greensboro Interdenominational Ministerial Association.

His wife is the daughter and granddaughter of Methodist ministers in the Alabama Conference. They have three children, A. Vance Smathers, instructor in Dental Technician's School at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas; Keener M. Smathers, sophomore at Wofford College; and Libby Smathers, a high school junior.

The current membership of the district is 12,111. The actual membership in 1950 was 11,270, but the 1952 Conference called for a modernizing of rolls, and the churches "cleaned" their rolls, Rev. Mr. Huneycutt said, as he pointed to the fact that during the 5-year period 1,794 joined on profession of faith, and 1,780 otherwise, making a total of 3,574 for the period.

The new church organized in the district was the Francis Cove church here in Haywood.

In the building program, in which \$1,182,800 was spent during the past five years, there were 22 new churches, built at a cost of \$830,500. Eight educational buildings for \$140,000, and five churches were remodeled for a cost of \$24,000.

Ten new parsonages were built for \$159,000 and seven major improvements on parsonages totaled \$21,000.

The district superintendent cited the Crabtree charge as an example of growth, and expansion. The new churches were built, while Sunday Schools were remodeled and added to two others for \$76,000. The four churches of the charge have built a parsonage at Crabtree at a cost of \$11,300, making a total of \$87,300. The churches were built during the pastorates of Rev. and Mrs. C. O. Newell, while the parsonage was erected with Rev. E. D. Davis, pastor. The program of building was started about six years ago.

The ministers of the district are getting \$38,511 more than in 1950, when the salaries were \$64,919.

A supplement from the conference minimum salary fund to be paid during the current year is \$26,150, as compared with the \$10,500 paid in 1950, making an increase of \$15,650.

The total to be paid ministers in the current year amounts to \$128,850, which is \$54,161 more than the \$74,419 paid in 1950.

Saunook CDP To Meet

The Saunook CDP will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Saunook School.

A number of business matters will be discussed, according to Mrs. Julia McClure.

Mrs. J. W. Payne, who has been the guest of Miss Louise Ballard while conducting a study course at the First Methodist Church, left this morning for her home in Cherryville.

Highway Record For 1955
In Haywood To Date
Killed . . . 1 (1954 — 3)
Injured . . . 76 (1954 — 42)
Accidents 142
Loss . . . \$59,626
(This information compiled from records of State Highway Patrol.)

Ray, Huger Named Directors Of New N.C. Travel Council

Charles E. Ray, Waynesville merchant, and Beekman Huger, Champion Paper and Fibre Company executive, were among residents of the mountain region named as directors of the new Travel Council of North Carolina, established Monday at Raleigh.

Selected as vice president of the organization was Harry E. Buchanan, a resident of Hendersonville. Other members of the committee are Douglas Kouns of Asheville, John Parris of Sylva; Buchanan, and Greig.

Governor Hodges told the organizing group that effective tourist promotion must be done on a statewide basis. "What helps the eastern section, in the long run, also

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