

Fire Chiefs Of Four Haywood County Towns Give Timely Suggestion

Observance Of Fire Prevention Week Is Started

The fire chiefs of the four fire departments in Haywood, have issued copies of a home fire safety check list, which is timely, and a part of a program of curbing fire losses.

The four fire department heads said that since this check list is supposed to cover the kind of house most people live in, it is quite possible some of the hazards listed are not found in your home. For example, your home may not have a basement. Therefore, basement hazards will not be found. Or, you may live in an apartment and have no yard or garage hazards, and quite possible, you do not own a portable oil heater, the firemen said.

The lists are as follows:

Yard and Garage Hazards

Have you removed all combustible rubbish, leaves and debris from your yard?

Have you removed all waste, debris, and litter from your garage?

Is an adult always present during the entire time trash, leaves, etc., are being burned out of doors?

Is trash and refuse burned in a suitable outdoor incinerator?

Have weeds, dried leaves and rubbish been removed from vacant property adjacent to yours?

Does your garage have a concrete, brick, or earthen floor?

If you store paint, varnish, etc., in garage, are the containers always kept tightly closed?

If your garage is in the basement, or is a part of the house, have cut-offs or barriers been provided to prevent leakage of gases, smoke or odors into living quarters?

Housekeeping Hazards

Do you keep your basement, storerooms, and attic free from rubbish, oily rags, old papers, mattresses, broken furniture, etc.?

If you use an oil mop, do you keep it in a metal container or other safe, well ventilated place where it will not catch fire by spontaneous ignition?

Do you destroy or safely dispose of oily polishing rags or waste after using?

Do you deposit ashes in covered hole-free metal containers, and dispose of them at frequent, regular intervals?

Has your family been forbidden to use gasoline, benzine, or other similar flammable fluids for cleaning clothing or floors in your home?

Heating and Cooking Hazards

Is your inside basement door at the head of the stairs tightly fitted and kept closed at night?

Are wood floors under stoves and heaters protected by metal, brickwork, concrete, or ventilated air space?

If your house is oil heated, is the motor oiled, and burner cleaned, adjusted and inspected by a reliable service man before the heating season?

Are all stovepipes and chimneys cleaned, repaired and your furnace inspected each fall?

Have you eliminated all stovepipes and gas vent piping which pass through attic, closets, storerooms, or frame partitions?

Are walls, ceilings and partitions near boilers, stoves, furnaces and heating pipes protected by non-combustible insulation or is adequate separation provided?

Are members of your family forbidden to start fires in stoves, fireplaces, etc., with kerosene or other flammable liquids?

Are all fireplaces equipped with metal fire screens?

If you have gas connections made of rubber tubing for portable gas heaters or appliances, are shut-off valves installed in the metal gas pipe line?

Oil Heater Hazards

Are your oil heaters and oil stoves of a type which has been examined and listed by the Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc.?

Are rooms in which oil heaters are used, properly ventilated for



CLYDE'S FIRE DEPARTMENT has a new truck and building, plus much modern equipment. Here are some of the members of the department, with their truck in front of the fire station. (Mountaineer Photo.)

Clyde Department Has New Truck, Other Equipment

The fire losses reported by the Clyde Fire Department this year amount to \$22,000, with \$20,000 of that in one fire, the loss of the Jarrett Williams home.

The department, with Larry H. Cagle, chief, and J. B. Martin, assistant, have made nine calls this year. Two calls were to burning cars and seven to homes.

The department recently added

United Fund

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local United Fund Campaign, said a lot of hard work had already gone into the program to assure its success.

"The 25 agencies who are participating are dependent upon the generosity of the public. The 'one-time' contribution plan for the 25 agencies makes the work here simpler, easier, and also means that more of every dollar goes into the work for which it is contributed, because the United Fund plan raises the money much cheaper per dollar than it is possible to do under the multiple drive plan," he said.

The chairman of the different divisions are:

Advance gifts, Mrs. Bill Prevost, Industry, Joe S. Davis and Charlie Woodard.

Commercial (business district) Euel Taylor and Lonnie L. Lyda.

Professional, Dr. Jack Dickerson.

Public employees, Mrs. Fred Campbell.

Residential, Hye Sheptowitch and Robert Winchester.

Rural and C.D.P., M. R. Whisenhunt.

Colored area, Henry Tuttle.

Schools, M. H. Bowles.

The list of agencies to share in the United Fund program proceeds include:

Boy Scouts.

Girl Scouts.

Polio.

Red Cross.

Clothes Closet.

WTHS Band.

Christmas Cheer Fund, Health and Welfare and Sight Conservation for both Waynesville and Hazelwood Lions.

Crippled Children.

Woman's Club Christmas Tree for needy.

Cerebral Palsy.

Physically Handicapped group.

U. S. O.

American Social Hygiene.

National Traveler's Aid.

United Seaman's Service.

The Children's Home Society of North Carolina.

Carolina United.

Felmet, campaign chairman.

Liquor

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ing over a 150-foot embankment, Cpl. Smith added. It was put out of operation by the force of the crash and had to be towed into the sheriff's office. According to law, it will be sold at public auction.

Browning appeared at the sheriff's office Friday and posted a \$1,000 bond on a charge of transporting and possession of non-tax-paid liquor for the purpose of sale. He will be given a hearing before Justice of the Peace J. J. Ferguson at 3 p.m. Friday. Investigation into the identity of his companion is being continued.

The two patrolmen said the whiskey hauled by the two men probably came from Tennessee.

Farm Bureau Dinner Slated Monday Night

The Haywood County Farm Bureau's annual membership drive will start with a kickoff dinner at 7 p.m. Monday at the Towne House, according to Joe L. Boone, Farm Bureau president.

The principal speaker will be John E. Jones, general manager of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company.

The drive itself will get under way on Tuesday.

Canton Has Largest Fire Department In The County

The Canton Fire Department, with H. L. Setzer, chief, has five paid firemen, an assistant, Gladson Layne, and 23 volunteers.

The department has modern equipment, with a late model truck recently added to the department.

Fred Smith is secretary, and one of the five paid firemen. Other paid firemen include Ted Cole, Claude Roberts, Claude Ammons and Arlan Sharp.

The volunteer firemen of the department are:

Joe Mease, W. M. Coman, W. W. Mitchell, C. B. Witt, Walter Price, Sr., Guy McCracken, E. J. Gallienne, G. C. Banks, Frank Smathers, Wesley F. Holtzclaw, R. W. Robertson, Gordon Miller, Walter Price, Jr., Rufus H. Jones, Jack D. Woody, Ed Harkins, W. K. Stephens, Bobby Sellers, Bobby J. Owens, Bill Coman, Jr., Charles J. Summey, J. Z. Smathers, Claude Broyles.

The fire losses for Canton thus far this year have amounted to \$7,035. There have been 19 calls answered by the department for this year, according to the department's records.

Lesson Taught

ATLANTA (AP) — Alice Montgomery, 15, of Thomaston, Ga., was baby sitting and teaching her young charges the alphabet via plastic blocks. She sneezed with an A in her mouth and it lodged in her windpipe.

Doctors here retrieved it but Alice now has her doubts about combining education and baby sitting.

J. M. Ratcliff Dies At 78 After Illness

James M. Ratcliffe, 78, a retired farmer and dairyman of Waynesville, Route 3, died in the Haywood County Hospital at 6:45 p.m. Sunday following a long illness.

He was the son of the late Mack and Elmira Jones Ratcliffe of Haywood County and was a member of the Ratcliffe Cove Baptist Church.

Funeral services will be held in the Ratcliffe Cove Baptist Church Tuesday at 2 p.m. The Rev. Gay Chambers, the Rev. Ode Burnett, and the Rev. Thomas Erwin will officiate and burial will be in the Ratcliffe Cove Cemetery.

Nephews will serve as active pallbearers and members of the Men's Sunday School class of the church will be honorary pallbearers.

The body has been taken to the home where it will remain until 30 minutes prior to the service when it will lie in state at the church.

Surviving are the wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Liner Ratcliffe; three sons, Algie and Fred Ratcliffe of Waynesville and Frank Ratcliffe of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; one sister, Mrs. Savage Medford of Everett, Wash.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Crawford Funeral Home.

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DEATHS

MRS. EMILY MICHAL

Funeral services for Mrs. Emily Michal, wife of Thomas Michal, were held Friday afternoon at Grace Episcopal Church. The Rev. James V. Perry, Jr., rector of the church, officiated.

Members of the vestry served as pallbearers. Interment was in Woodrow Cemetery at Bethel.

Mrs. Michal was wounded when a shotgun she was bringing downstairs slipped from her hand and discharged as it struck the floor, the shot lodging in her left side. She died about 5 p.m. Wednesday in the Haywood County Hospital.

WILLIAM R. JENKINS

William R. Jenkins, 76, of Waynesville, Rt. 2, died at his home Friday following a long illness.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Oma Barker Jenkins; two sons, Roy of Lenoir, and Lloyd of Waynesville, Rt. 2; a daughter, Birdie Mae of the home; a brother, Roy of Franklin; three half-brothers, Tom, Goley and Kenneth of Swain County, and two sisters, Mrs. Walter Buchanan of Swain County, and Mrs. Elsie Cochran of Morganton.

Funeral services were held in the Alarka Church of God, Swain County, at 2 p.m. Sunday, with the Rev. Riley Phillips officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Virgil and Troy Parris, Harold Loftis, Van and Worley Woodard and Mr. Phillips.

Crawford Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

W. R. Clark Is Taken By Death

W. Rufus (Blackie) Clark, Hazelwood died early this morning after a short illness.

He was the son of the late and Callie Gaddy Clark of wood County and was with A. C. Lawrence.

Surviving are the wife, Molly McIlhine Clark; two sons, Mrs. Wilson Holland of Hazelwood and Mrs. Vivian Henderson of Lenoir; a son, Clark of Hazelwood; a grandson, Phillip Holland of Lenoir; and a sister, Mrs. Rudisal of Hazelwood.

Funeral arrangements, under direction of Crawford Funeral Home, are incomplete.

Haywood Baptist Mission Study Institute Planned

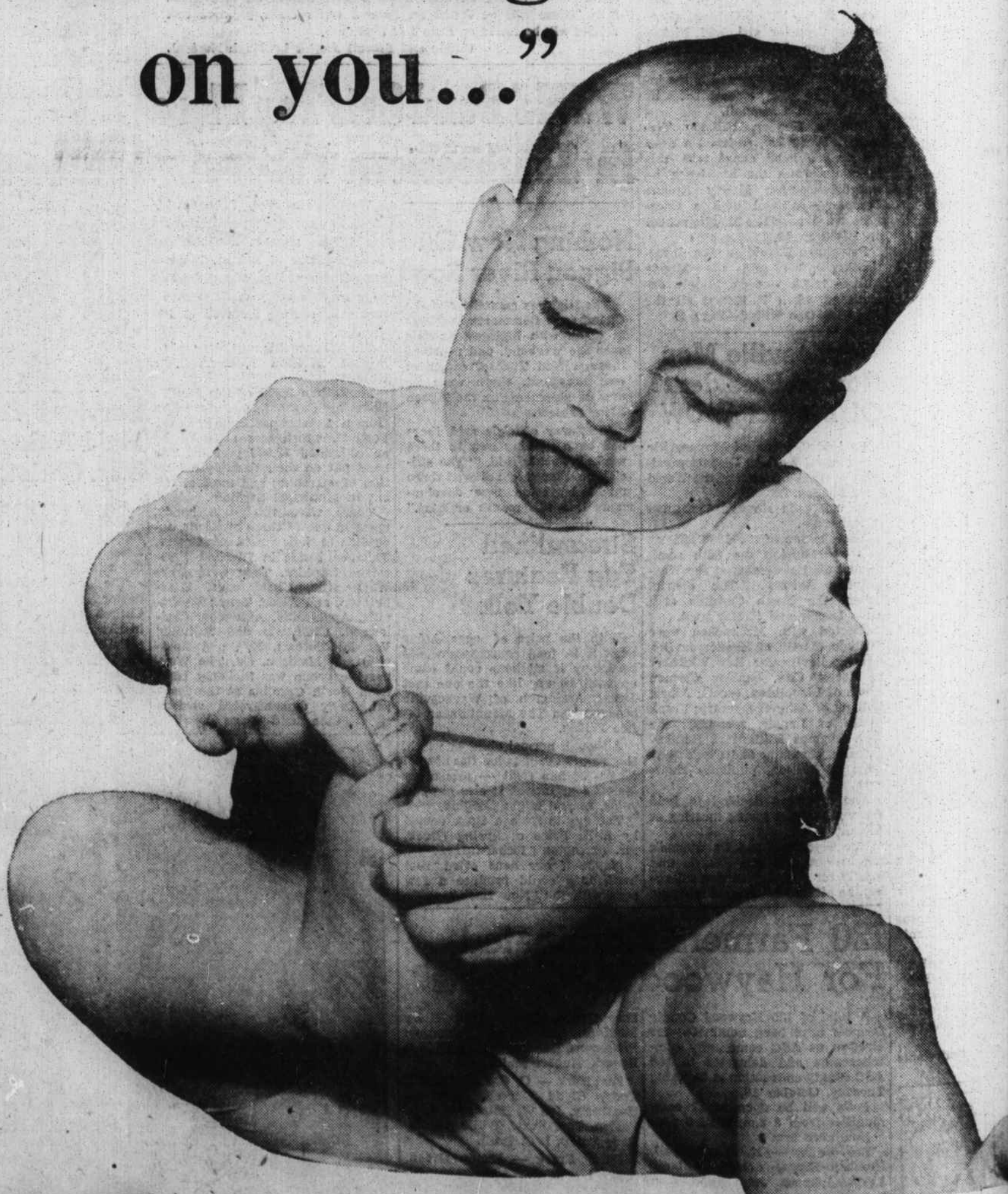
A mission study institute will be held by the Haywood Baptist Association at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14, at the First Baptist Church, Waynesville, according to T. E. Robinett, mission study man.

At the institute, instruction will be given by Baptist teachers in new foreign mission series, Moslem world.

Haywood Baptist teachers and mission study chairmen of various county churches are to attend the institute here.

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