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**TODAY'S SMILE**  
"I notice that in telling about the fish you caught, you vary the size of it for different listeners."  
"Yes, I never tell a man more than I think he will believe."

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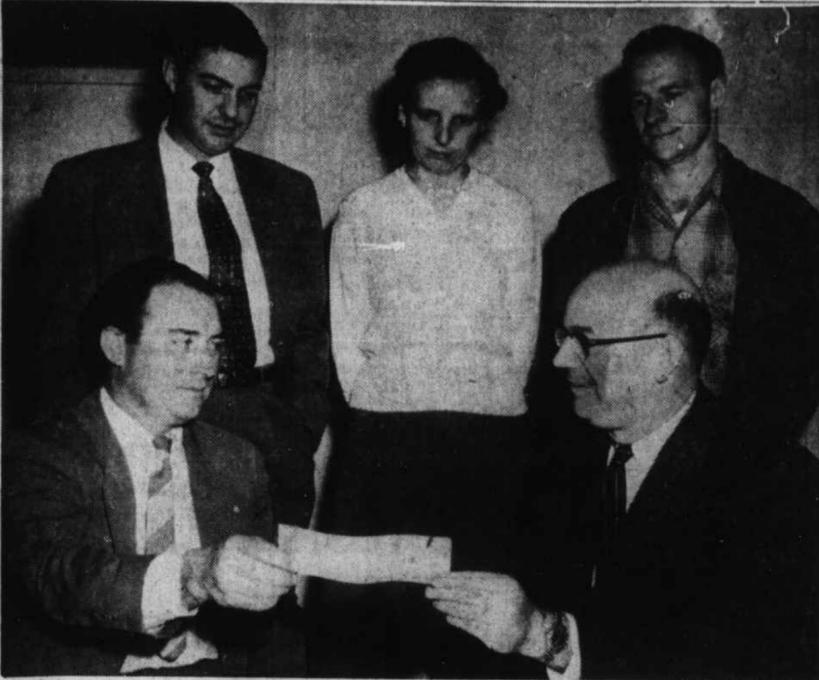
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HAYWOOD COUNTY'S DISASTER FUND will receive \$1,500 from Local 277, United Rubber Workers Union, at Dayton Rubber Co., in accordance with a vote taken by the local's membership Saturday afternoon. Here Robert R. Hipps, president of Local 277, presents a check for \$500 to Paul Davis (right), chairman of the Disaster Fund, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. The union also will contribute \$100 a month for the next 10 months and longer if the need still exists. Others in the picture are Dick Bradley, Chamber president; Elizabeth Mitchell and John H. Messer, secretary and vice president, respectively, of the URW local. Absent when this picture was taken was Florence Drinnon, treasurer of the union. (Mountaineer Photo).

## Over \$3,000 Donated To Disaster Fund In Two Days

The Haywood Disaster Fund moved above the \$3,085 mark today, according to Paul Davis, chairman. The campaign began Friday morning.

The Waynesville Dime Board accounted for \$740 Friday and Saturday, with an additional \$275 coming from the Hazelwood dime board.

The Rubber Worker's Union, at Dayton Rubber Plant, have given \$1,500; First National Bank \$200, Rotary Club \$200, Masons \$70, Business and Professional Women \$100.

Chairman Davis said the dime board would operate daily in Waynesville, and the Hazelwood board on the weekends.

## Couple With Six Children Made Homeless By Fire

A young Waynesville couple and their six children were made homeless Friday morning when a fire swept through their frame house on Hill Street. All their possessions, except the clothes they were wearing, were lost in the blaze which started from a defective fuse.

Left homeless were Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gibson, and their children: Oscar, 8; Norman, 7; Phyllis, 5; Dianne, 3; Linda, 17 months, and Jimmy, six weeks.

After the fire, the Gibsons moved into a vacant storeroom temporarily, but planned to move into another house this week.

Mr. Gibson was at work at a sawmill when the fire started in the living room. Mrs. Gibson had to get the children to safety and was unable to save any household articles.

Soon after reports of the fire were received in town, residents of this community responded quickly with donations of food and clothing for the homeless family.

Mrs. Gibson told the Red Cross Saturday that she was well supplied with clothes for her infant son, Jimmy, but needed more clothing for her other five children.

She added that she would also welcome receiving bed clothes, and household furnishings, and kitchen utensils.

## Waynesville Pilot Sees Unagusta Fire From Jet

Among the many persons who saw the Unagusta fire Wednesday afternoon was one man who saw the blaze from a very high altitude—Capt. Thomas W. Liner from the cockpit of his Sabre-jet fighter plane.

On a flight with other jets from Knoxville to Youngstown, Capt. Liner saw the huge pall of black smoke spiralling skyward from the Hazelwood plant Wednesday and called his mother, Mrs. Mary Liner, long distance on his arrival at Youngstown to ask where the fire was.

Capt. Liner, a veteran of the Korean war, is stationed at the Ohio base.

## Garden Club Is Sponsoring Yule Contest

A Christmas Decoration contest is being sponsored by the Richland Garden Club in the Waynesville-Hazelwood-Lake Junaluska area. The contest is open to business firms for window decoration and to individuals for outdoor decoration of residences. A prize of \$10.00 will be awarded to the best decoration in each group.

Mrs. T. L. Gwyn, chairman of the contest, announced that judging will take place December 22. Those who wish to enter must register by calling Mrs. Gwyn or a member of her committee, Mrs. R. H. Stretcher and Mrs. F. G. Rippetoe.

## DAIRYMEN TO MEET TONIGHT

The Haywood County Milk Producers Association will meet at the courthouse at 7:30 p.m. tonight to discuss a possible request to the North Carolina Milk Commission for an increase in price paid by distributors to the farmers.

The Haywood dairymen will meet at Asheville at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Buncombe County courthouse when producers from that county will petition the state commission for a price increase.



JARVIS H. CALDWELL has been elected a member of the board of directors of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation. The announcement of the (See Jarvis Caldwell—Page 8)

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Prestwood was charged with driving drunk by Highway Patrolman V. E. Bryson, who investigated the accident.

The truck was not damaged, but damage to the passenger car was estimated at \$450.

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# Restraining Order On County Farm Continued By Consent Until January

## Judge Patton Urges Matter 'Cleared Up'

The temporary restraining order stopping the sale of the 140-acre county home farm, has been continued, by consent, to the January civil term of superior court here.

The decision was reached Saturday morning, after Judge George B. Patton, Franklin, heard evidence for six and a half hours Friday, and announced he would make his decision Saturday morning.

The plaintiffs and defendants, agreed that the issue be continued, without prejudice, until the January term, when the presiding judge can hear the case on its merits, as a jury trial was waived, also by consent.

The order signed by Judge Patton, sets out that the judge "make his findings of fact and conclusions of law and enter a judgment based thereon, which judgment shall have the same force and effect as a jury verdict and a judgment rendered thereon."

Also by consent, the restraining order bond was raised from \$1,000 to \$2,500.

Judge Patton, in a 45-minute talk to the court Saturday morning, pointed out that the pending action of the county in seeking \$25,000 damages and cost, would not be settled even if he ruled on the matter of the restraining order Saturday.

"I cannot dismiss that action, and it will save a lot of costs and time," the Macon jurist advised the attorneys on both sides.

Judge Patton told the court Saturday morning that he held Haywood county up as one of the finest middle-sized counties in North Carolina and also one of the best balanced counties in the state.

"You have what the Master has given you in the way of soil and natural resources; and you have the results of progress that man has created.

"But things like this lawsuit, if continued, and agitated, will do more to the detriment of the county than anything I know.

"You must remember that Democracy is built on faith—faith in each other.

"Fear and suspicion are two of the things that are wrong with the world today.

"This feeling of distrust, suspicion, and 'yow-yowing' will reflect in Haywood county.

"The majority of the people put in the commissioners. By so doing, they put the affairs of the county in their hands, but that did not mean there were no restraints.

"I wore out the covers last night thinking about this case, and thinking of the many ways this could be worked out legitimately.

"I am not fooled one bit—I know both sides are mad and have lost all sense of reason.

"When this matter first started, the commissioners and those opposing the sale of the property should have gotten together and agreed to put the question to the vote of the people. That could not have hurt anyone.

"Under the law, the board has a right to sell the property.

"The next best thing other than a vote, would have been to agree to sell the property, with the restriction that the deed could not be made until it was approved by the resident judge. And I do not think there is a finer gentleman than Judge Dan K. Moore, our resident judge.

"I have about decided you just want to 'law.'

"It is apparent that both sides have hench a point now without (See Court—Page 3)



A FAMILY OF EIGHT was left homeless Friday morning after the interior of a home on Hill St. was left gutted by fire. Fighting the blaze here were Henry Clayton of the Waynesville Fire Department (left) and two volunteers—Roy Woods and Harvey Coward (going in window). The family lost virtually all of its possessions in this fire. (Mountaineer Photo).

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## Balloting Opens To Elect Soil Conservation Director

Balloting for election of a new Haywood County Soil Conservation District supervisor opens today at 11 voting places and will close this Saturday.

Candidates for a three-year term, nominated by regular petition, are Joe S. Davis of White Oak and Mrs. Carl Medford of Lake Junaluska. The winner will replace Herschell Rogers, whose term expires December 31 of this year.

All persons eligible to vote in a general election are eligible to vote in the Soil Conservation District election.

Other members of the three-man soil conservation board are Van C. Wells of West Pigeon and D. J. Boyd of Jonathan Creek.

Ballot boxes for the voting this week will be at:

Farmer's Federation in Canton; Robert Messer's Store at Cecil, Pigeon Valley Store in Pigeon; Poston's Store at Cruso, Burgin's Store at Dellwood, Mark Ferguson's Store at Fines Creek, Ralph Boyd's Store at Jonathan Creek, Sam Ledford's Store at White Oak, Suttles Store at Clyde, Duckett's Store at Crabtree, and the county farm agent's office at the Haywood Courthouse.

## Main Street Is 'Santa Claus Lane' For Month

Main Street may rightly change its name to "Santa Claus Lane" for the month of December.

Attractive new electrical decorations have been added to the usual Christmas lights, resulting in a gay holiday appearance for the town.

The new decorations are attached to the light posts all along Main Street and are in the form of Santa Clauses, red candles, red bells, candy canes, and reindeer.

The display was bought by the Merchants Association and erected by the Power and Light department of the Town.

All the lights were turned on Saturday night, along with the decorations on the beautiful tree on the Court House lawn.

## Special Hours Are Announced By Local Stores

Special Christmas season store hours have been announced by the Merchants Association, to begin this week.

The December schedule calls for slightly different open hours for businesses and grocery stores and will enable employees of the stores as well as other residents of the community to do their Christmas shopping during extra hours.

The businesses will remain open all day each Wednesday before Christmas Day and will remain open until 9 o'clock Friday evenings, December 9 and 16. Beginning on Monday, December 19, and continuing through Friday, December 23, these stores will remain open until 9 o'clock.

The grocery stores will remain open on Wednesday afternoons, December 14 and 21, and on Thursday and Friday evenings, December 22 and 23, until 9 o'clock. On Saturday, Christmas Eve, the grocery stores will close at 7 o'clock, the usual closing time.

## Haywood Boys Win Prizes In Tobacco Show

James Ferguson and Jerry Ferguson of Fines Creek won prizes in the second annual WNC Junior Tobacco Show at Asheville Friday.

James was third with his exhibit of lugs and fourth in flyings, while Jerry was third in leaf.

In the contest for burley grading, Waynesville High's team was fifth. Team members were James Hannah, Gene McGaha, and Phil James.

Display crops of the 4-H Club and FFA members at the show were sold Saturday morning, starting at 10 o'clock. At 12:30 all participants were guests at a banquet at Tingle's where show prizes were awarded.

## Sheriff's Condition 'Good' After Prison Truck Wreck

Sheriff Fred Y. Campbell of Haywood County was reported in good condition today at Memorial Mission Hospital, Asheville, where he is recovering from injuries suffered when a prison truck in which he was riding skidded on the ice and overturned in West Asheville early Friday morning.

Sheriff Campbell underwent surgery Friday after suffering a blow on the head. He also received a shoulder injury.

The driver of the prison truck, Joe Otis Green, and eight prisoners also were hurt in the wreck, which occurred at the intersection of Patton Avenue and the Leicester road. Green suffered a broken back and facial bruises.

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SHERIFF FRED CAMPBELL

**Highway Record For 1955**  
In Haywood (TO DATE)  
Killed . . . . 3  
(1954 — 3)  
Injured . . . . 85  
(1954 — 66)  
Accidents 172  
Loss . . \$78,920  
(This information compiled from records of State Highway Patrol.)