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TODAY'S SMILE

"Now, Billy dear, what will you say at the party when you have had enough to eat?"
"Goodbye."

Young Folk Propose Safety Campaign Plans

Rogers Will Not Seek Re-Election

Representative Says He Cannot Leave His Work

Rep. Jerry Rogers announced today that he would not seek re-election as a member of the General Assembly this May.

Rogers is superintendent of State Prison Camp 1404, and a \$50,000 improvement program is under way, and he said he did not feel "it would be fair to the state to leave at this time, when the building project is his responsibility".

Rogers said he had received a lot of encouragement to seek re-election. "I appreciate the compliments and requests to seek the post again, but with the prison construction work, and the fact that I am chairman of the building committee of the Hazelwood Baptist Church, and that project is also under way, I do not feel like taking time off from them."

Rogers made many friends in the 1955 Legislature, and served on 10 committees, being one of the two freshmen on appropriations. He was also on the education and agriculture committees and vice chairman of the committee on justices of peace.

There is a possibility that the Legislature will be called into session early this summer, according to remarks dropped recently by Governor Hodges. With that possibility facing the 1955 members, Rogers pointed out that a special session would require time, and he did not see his way clear to become a candidate, although he has had lots of encouragement. Some political leaders said they did not feel he would have any opposition if he decided to seek re-election.

A number of potential candidates have been hinted as probably getting in the race in the event Rogers did not run. Thus far no one has officially announced, awaiting the decision of Rep. Rogers.

Henderson HDC Council Hears Mrs. W. D. Ketner

Mrs. W. D. Ketner of Lake Junaluska, president of District 3 of the Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, addressed the Henderson County HDC council Friday on projects and activities planned by the state federation for county participation.

The meeting was held in the Henderson County Agricultural Building—a like structure which has been planned for Haywood County for a number of years.

Mrs. Ketner will appear before the Transylvania County HDC council March 28 to discuss the state HDC meeting, which she attended at Raleigh March 7-8.

Car Plunges Off Soco Gap, Strikes Trees

Charles S. Doster, Jr., 29, of Anniston, Ala., escaped injury when his 1955 Buick skidded on ice and plunged off the highway on U. S. 19 near Soco Gap.

Doster told Cpl. Pritchard H. Smith and Patrolman W. R. Wooten of the State Highway Patrol that he lost control of his car on a sharp curve on the highway, causing the vehicle to go over an embankment and strike several trees.

Damage to the car was estimated at \$500.

The Weather



Partly cloudy and cool with snow flurries today. Tuesday, fair and somewhat warmer.
Official Waynesville temperature as reported by the State Test Farm:

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
March 15	60	43	.59
March 16	52	36	.63
March 17	44	24	—
March 18	52	36	.12

\$50,000 Is Being Spent Modernizing Prison Camp

A \$50,000 expansion and improvement program to the State Prison Camp (1404) Hazelwood is under way, it was announced today by Supt. Jerry Rogers.

An extension is being built to the supply department of the camp; a segregation cell installed, the entire camp repaired, and three additional guard towers erected.

The camp is one of the three close security camps in the state for Negro prisoners.

Twelve white prisoners from other camps were brought in to do the construction work, under supervision of maintenance men of the prison department.

Supt. Rogers said the new additions will provide for better facilities at the camp, which has a capacity of 80 prisoners. There are now 75 at the camp. The camp has 15 employees.

About two or three months will be necessary to complete the job.



JERRY ROGERS — Not Seeking Re-election —

Haywood's Herefords Average \$316

Nine Herefords consigned by Haywood countians at the WNC sale at Enka last week averaged slightly over \$316, bringing a total of \$2,850. The entire sale average was \$246.

The show's Grand Champion Female, exhibited by Dr. A. P. Cline of Canton, brought a premium of \$500. Another of Dr. Cline's heifers went for \$295, and his bull for \$395.

Joe Reinertson of Rocky Knob Farm, Waynesville, sold a bull for \$280, and three heifers for \$290, \$260, and \$200.

A heifer also was sold by Dr. N. F. Lancaster of Waynesville for \$350, and a bull by M. C. Harkins and Sons of Canton for \$280.

At the sale Thursday, 11 bulls brought an average of \$330 and 40 females an average of \$222.

The auctioneer was A. W. Hamilton of Lewisburg, W. Va.

Social Security Agent Here On Alternate Mondays

Social Security representatives from Asheville are at the Haywood County courthouse the second and fourth Monday of each month, it has been announced.

The field agent is in the commissioners' room, starting about 10:30 a.m. or a little later, until about 4 p.m.

The local representative for the Veterans Administration, Col. J. H. Howell, is in his office on the third floor of the courthouse (in the same room occupied by the Draft Board) every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Haywood UTD Farm Tour Proposed For This Year

Haywood County unit test demonstration farmers at a meeting Friday night at the South Clyde Community Center discussed proposals for a tour of UTD farms in late summer or early fall to witness the results of 1956 agriculture demonstrations.

The UTD farmers also named three members and their wives to represent Haywood County at the Southeastern UTD meeting at Muscle Shoals, Ala., July 26-27, and voted to send one outstanding 4-H Club boy and one girl to the 4-H resources-development conference at Fontana Village June 6-8. The 4-H representatives will be selected later.

Representing the county at the Alabama meeting will be Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Boone of Francis Cove, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Brummitt of Fines Creek, and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Boyd of Jonathan Creek.

The principal speaker at the meeting at South Clyde Friday night was W. P. Collins of Asheville, Western District farm agent,

41 Western Ewes Ordered; Sales Set To Continue

Orders from Haywood County farmers for 41 Western-bred yearling ewes were sent off Saturday and will arrive about May 1.

Last Saturday was originally set as the deadline for taking orders in Haywood County for the Western ewes, but Mr. Holloway said he has been informed that the N. C. Department of Agriculture has informed him they still have 125 ewes for sale and that orders will be taken throughout the state until they are all sold.

The animals sell for \$24.50 a head—with a \$5 deposit required.

Cecil Farm Sold Saturday, \$14,800

The 31-acre W. R. Cody Farm, in Burnette Cove, Cecil, brought \$14,800 at auction Saturday. The property was bought by Wayne Singleton.

West and Gossett handled the sale.

Brownie Scouts Tour Mountaineer Plant

Fifteen members of Hazelwood Scout Troop 91 and two adult leaders toured The Mountaineer plant last Thursday. They were:

Rosalie Prevost, Linda Phillips, Joyce Bryson, Linda Anglin, Donna Fay Allen, Dora Ann Holloway, Deanna Beck, Jo Ellen Dillard, Linda Kands, Nancy Holder, Mary Sue Haddock, Gloria Bishop, Carolyn Clubb, Brenda Gail Gentry, Jeanette Davis, Mrs. Virgil Holloway, and Mrs. Charlie McCall.

who said that Haywood County last year ranked fifth among the 15 WNC counties in the UTD program, which is sponsored by the Tennessee Valley Authority.

He also pointed out that a summary of UTD farm records book for 1955 showed that poultry was the top money maker for UTD farmers, and that dairying was second.

Mr. Collins asserted that farmers must do a good job to stay in business and must have high-producing land, livestock, and poultry, and excellent food conversion with broilers.

The speakers lauded the new valleywide association of UTD farmers, which, he said, has done much to change the thinking of TVA officials in regard to the importance of the UTD program.

For the first year since 1946, he added, the Tennessee Valley Authority is increasing its budget for the test demonstration program.



NEW STREET MARKERS in Hazelwood, like this one at the corner of Main and Balsam streets, have been erected recently under the town's "Finer Carolina" program for 1956. Inspecting the marker here are Mrs. George Bischoff (left) and Mrs. C. N. Allen. (Mountaineer Photo).

Board Hears Group Asking For Exchange Of Property

A group of civic business and professional men this morning presented their views to the Board of Commissioners on the proposal to exchange the county-owned Welch Farm property for the Horse Show site.

D. Reeves Noland, speaking in behalf of the exchange, pointed out that there is enough room in the horse show tract to accommodate a small industry in addition to the Livestock and Home Arts Buildings, as well as the show and sale ring.

Noland further explained that the county, in his opinion, could utilize only about half of the Welch Farm site for Home Arts and Livestock buildings, and show rings.

J. W. Fowler, Jr., served as chairman of the group appearing before the Commissioners this morning.

Beekman Huger, official of Champion Paper and Fibre Company, said that the company had given \$5,000 towards the contest. (See Board Hears—Page 6)

WTHS Musicians Win Top Ratings In District Contest

Waynesville Township High School's musicians won top ratings in the annual Western District Music Contest held Friday and Saturday at Western Carolina College.

Performing in the highest grades, with regard to the degree of comparative difficulty of music, both the military band and the mixed chorus received ratings of "superior." The band performed in Grade 6, highest for instrumental groups, and the chorus was classified in Grade 4, the most difficult for singers. Lee Edwards High School of Asheville entered the only other band playing in Grade 6 and received a rating of "good."

The WTHS Orchestra, playing in Grade 4, received a rating of "good," and the Junior Band, playing in Grade 2, received an "excellent" rating.

A rating of superior or excellent is necessary to advance a unit to the state contest in Greensboro.

The WTHS Chorus and the Lee Edwards Chorus, both performing in Grade 4, received superior ratings.

Excellent ratings for vocal solos were given to Rosalind Ammons, Bette Liner and Jimmy Fowler.

The only small ensemble, entered by WTHS, a French horn quartet composed of Shirley Bridges, Salinda Dicus, Joel Rothermel, and Sandra Scruggs, received a rating of "good."

The musicians were accompanied to Cullowhee by their directors, Charles Isley, Jr., and Robert Campbell.

Take Lead In Mapping A Program

By W. CURTIS RUSS

An enthusiastic and energetic group of sound-thinking, level-headed young people came forward today with several proposals for a county-wide highway safety program.

The group said they were stimulated into action, and arrived at the proposals after the county-wide mass meeting 11 days ago, when some 600 citizens attended.

The young folk, reluctant to make public their proposals sooner, because they were waiting on "the adults to act" decided to present their views, since, as they pointed out, "we have heard nothing more about a safety program."

The young people asked me to write their story. They asked for a conference in which they expressed their views and ideas. They had previously talked the program over with their parents, and for various reasons, to which we agree, they asked that their names not be used. We shall under no circumstances reveal their identity.

Here is their story, exactly as told to me:

First, we felt that some program would have been formulated by now, especially following the enthusiasm of the mass meeting. Since we have not heard of any program, we have a few ideas.

The large majority of us are 100 per cent for highway safety. This majority is also dead set against racing or speeding on the highways. The percentage of young people that violate traffic laws are very small—perhaps five per cent, yet all of us are often included in the group as being violators.

We feel that the adults—those 21 years of age and older, are not as a whole setting the proper example for the younger drivers—those from 16 to 21. We have checked the court records, and find some interesting facts.

In the February term of criminal court here in Haywood, there were 18 convicted of driving without an operator's license; 44 for speeding, and 12 for reckless driving. According to the court, 85 per cent of those defendants were 21 years of age or older.

There were 51 cases before the court where the defendants were charged with driving drunk. Not a single person 21 or under was in that group.

Three were convicted of driving after their licenses had been revoked, and not a single young driver was among the three.

We are not upholding the 15 per cent for violating the law, but we feel the facts must be reckoned with.

Not far from where two cars crashed in a race, near Saunook, a young girl was killed. Officers said the driver was drunk. The case has not been tried. Not very much of anything was said about that incident. And here again, we are not favoring or approving racing. It is dangerous, and we feel that young drivers realize this more than ever.

Here is what we propose:

Let's have some cards printed, and thereon list about 15 of the most common traffic violations. (See Safety Program—Page 6)

FFA Land-Judging School Stresses Soil Knowledge

A land-judging school to pick teams of vocational agriculture students in Haywood County high schools to enter a district contest at Bryson City Tuesday will be held at the Mountain Experiment Station today at 2 p.m.

Four-man teams will be selected from each of the county schools competing. Entered in the contest at Bryson City will be FFA members from the Balsam and Nantahala federations of the Future Farmers of America. The winning team in the district meet will go on to the state contest at Farmer, N. C., located 13 miles southwest of Asheville. The district and state contests are sponsored by the Carolina Power and Light Co. and the North Carolina Bankers Association in cooperation with the Soil Conservation Service.

Conducting the land-judging school at the test farm today will be Jack King of Waynesville, soil scientist for the Soil Conservation Service.

Carver, Woody On Board Of Elections

(By The Associated Press)
The State Board of Elections has sided with the Haywood County Democratic chairman in a disagreement among Haywood Democrats over nominees for their county board of elections.

Frank D. Ferguson, Haywood County Democratic chairman, had recommended John Carver, Jack Woody and W. G. Byers, in that order, as nominees for the Haywood board. State Democratic chairman John D. Larkins also had recommended the same three in the order named.

Raymond Maxwell, executive secretary of the state board, said a petition signed by 21 of 29 members of the Haywood Democratic Executive Committee requested that Woody and Byers be the board's Democratic members. The petition said Woody and Byers tied for top place when the committee voted and Carver was third.

The state board approved the list of 100 county boards of elections. The state Democratic chairman and Republican chairman each sent in the names of three nominees for each county board. The state board selects two Democrats and one Republican for each county board.

Three Boys Break Into Four Places

Three 14-year-old boys from the Waynesville area had a busy night last Wednesday. Engaging in a spree of breaking and entering, the trio forced their way into the WTHS band building, the Moose Lodge hall, and two business buildings.

For all their trouble, they got only a small quantity of food and drinks, two electric clocks, and money from a vending machine.

However, they also got a term in the Jackson Training School at Concord after being arrested by Sgt. Arthur Paul Evans of the Waynesville police, Sheriff Fred Campbell, and School Attendance Officer Carl Setzer, and then given a hearing before Juvenile Judge J. B. Siler.

They will be at the training school at least a year and possibly longer—depending upon the discretion of the school's superintendent.

The three boys—one from Hemphill, one from Jonathan Creek, and the other from Hyatt Creek—told this story to the law-enforcement officers:

After slipping into the Smoky Mountain Drive-In Theatre Thursday evening and watching the show for awhile, the trio entered. (See Three Boys—Page 6)

Weather Curtails Pipe Line Project

Town forces are awaiting favorable weather to cover the 3,000-foot ditch which was recently dug through the Golf Course for an 8-inch water main.

Bad weather has kept the workmen from completing the job, according to G. C. Ferguson, town manager.

Filling the ditch, and re-seeding is all that remains to be done on that project, he said.

Commissioners To Start Checking On Property

The county commissioners will begin a review of the cases brought before them last week when they sat as a board of equalization and review.

Faraday Green, chairman, said he felt the board could complete their survey of all the property in question this week.

Schoolmasters Club Meets Here Tonight

The Haywood County Schoolmasters Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. tonight at Spaldon's Restaurant.

Perry Plemmons, Clyde School principal, will be in charge of the meeting.

Rural Fire Protection Meeting Set

Rural fire protection and the possible establishment of a volunteer fire department in the Thickety section will be discussed at 7:30 tonight at a meeting of the Thickety CDP in the Oak Grove Baptist Church.

The principal speaker at the meeting will be Jim Bailey, former assistant fire chief at Asheville and now a representative of the American-La France-Foamite Corp.

Sherrill Jimison, chairman of the Thickety CDP, worked at the courthouse last week to prepare a map of the community to be used in discussing a plan of fire protection.

Members of other CDP groups in the county are invited to attend the Thickety meeting.

Bridges Attends NCPA Mechanical Conference

M. T. Bridges, co-publisher of The Mountaineer, attended the annual North Carolina Press Association Mechanical Conference held in Raleigh this weekend. He is a member of the planning committee for the conference.

At the close of the conference he visited his son, Charles Bridges, who is a student at Chowan College, Murfreesboro.

Girls' Reading Contest Is Set For Tomorrow

The annual reading contest for girls in the Waynesville Township High School will be held in the school auditorium Tuesday at 9:45 a.m. The event is sponsored by the Woman's Club.

Mrs. W. E. Carter, chairman of the education department of the club, will preside.

The public is invited.

Highway Record For 1956 In Haywood (TO DATE)

Killed 0
(1955 — 0)

Injured 25
(1955 — 11)

Accidents 51
(1955 — 33)

Loss . . . \$15,824
(1955 — \$11,834)

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