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TODAY'S SMILE

Now-a-days it seems that the children run about everything but the lawnmower and the vacuum cleaner.



FIVE WAYNESVILLE FAMILIES were left homeless shortly after noon Wednesday when flames engulfed the property on Smathers St.

owned by the heirs of the late Jim Ewart ("Jim Canadian"). Cause of the fire was unknown and damage was not estimated. (Mountaineer Photo).

Five Families On Smathers St. Left Homeless After Fire Wednesday

'World Methodist Day' Observance Being Planned

Toastmasters Club To Install Officers Monday Evening

New officers will be installed by the Waynesville Toastmasters' Club meeting Monday, April 9, at 7:15 p.m. at Spaldon's Restaurant.

A. H. Hunt will assume the presidency. Homer Justice is executive vice president and Jack Noland, educational vice president. Secretary-treasurer is John Thomas and John Reeves is sergeant at arms.

The invocation will be given by Al Marshall and instructions by Clifford Harrell. Toastmaster will be Virgil Smith.

Speakers include Jack Snyder, Ted Stackpole, Homer Justice and William Medford. Evaluators are Jack Dickerson, Charles Underwood, Jerry Rogers and John Reeves.

Others taking part on the program include Raymond Ellis, table topics; John Thomas, table topics evaluator; Jack Noland, grammarian; and Jack Felmet, master evaluator.

Episcopal Fund For New Building Climbs \$1,000

An additional \$1,000 has been pledged since Monday toward the \$75,000 building fund of Grace Episcopal Church, according to the rector, the Rev. James Y. Perry, Jr. This brings the total to more than \$56,000.

The campaign began on Palm Sunday, and it is hoped that the goal will be reached by the end of the week.

Actual construction is expected to get under way in the fall.

Hereford Dispersal Sale Set At Arden Saturday

A dispersal sale of polled and horned Herefords will be held at Graceland Farms, Arden, by owner M. O. Galloway at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Mr. Galloway formerly resided in Waynesville. Approximately 200 head will be offered for sale — including 14 bulls.

The Weather



Continued mild, partly cloudy. Possible showers Friday. Official Waynesville temperature as reported by the State Test Farm:

| Date | Max. | Min. | Pr. |
|---------|------|------|-----|
| April 2 | 69 | 47 | .17 |
| April 3 | 77 | 48 | |
| April 4 | 75 | 58 | .35 |

Electronics Course Here Is Praised

J. T. Winn, equipment manager in the Charlotte office of the Long Lines Department of the American Telephone and Telegraph Corp., who visited electronics classes at Waynesville High this week, said that experience gained by students here will prove valuable if they enter the steadily growing field of electronics.

Mr. Winn came to Waynesville to interview from 10 to 15 electronics students — including those in both the high school and adult courses — for employment with AT&T at Charlotte, Greensboro, and Greenville, S. C.

The official said that those interviewed were given tests and successful applicants will be invited to Charlotte to discuss employment with the telephone firm.

Those employed would be engaged in the maintenance of long-distance telephone and television equipment.

One WTHS electronic graduate, Frank Bumgarner, already is working for AT&T in Charlotte.

Mr. Winn said that there is a heavy demand for trained and experienced electronics men and added that the present supply is not adequate to fill the demand.

While here, the telephone official discussed with instructor Y. F. Burgess possible changes in the Waynesville High course to more closely fit the instruction with the present needs of the communication industry.

At present, Waynesville is the only high school in the state offering a course in industrial electronics.

Mrs. Hudson Returns From Trip To Europe

Mrs. R. Gordon Hudson, owner of the Parkway Knoll on Depot St. in Waynesville, returned last week on the Queen Mary from a 12-nation motorcoach tour of Europe — visiting Britain, Holland, Luxembourg, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, Lichtenstein, Austria, Italy, France, Monaco, Spain and Gibraltar.

In traveling through Europe, which suffered its most severe winter in recent history, Mrs. Hudson and others were stranded several times by deep snow in the Alps and at Brenner Pass. While abroad, Mrs. Hudson had an audience with Pope Pius in Rome, and saw the Queen Mother in London and Generalissimo Franco in Spain.

Mr. and Mrs. Hudson will reopen the Parkway Knoll for the 18th season on June 15.

Haywood Sales Tax Collections Up \$3,625.85

Sales tax collections in Haywood County during February this year exceeded those for February, 1955 by a total of \$3,625.85, according to figures cited in "The Retailer," published by the North Carolina Merchants Association.

Collections this February were \$33,396.14 in comparison with a total of \$29,770.29 for the same month last year.

During January, 1956, collections amounted to \$55,849.75.

E. R. Rawson To Succeed McCuiston

Elmer R. Rawson of Burlington will become the new manager of Southern Bell Telephone Co. exchanges in Waynesville and Canton. He has been announced.

He will succeed C. T. McCuiston, who has been appointed state directory sales manager in the company's North Carolina headquarters in Charlotte.

Prior to going to Burlington last year, Mr. Rawson was office manager in Asheville. A graduate of the University of Mississippi, he joined Southern Bell in 1948 as commercial representative at Laurel, Miss. He was later manager at Brookhaven, Miss., before going to Asheville in 1953.

The new Waynesville manager served as a bomber pilot in the Army Air Force during World War II, flying 19 missions over Germany. He was discharged as a first lieutenant in 1945. He is married, has one daughter, and is a member of the Baptist Church.

County Home Land Brings \$107,346 At Public Auction Sale Wednesday



THE LAST CHAPTER in the controversy over sale of the county home farm was unfolded Wednesday as the choice 140-acre tract on Highway 110 was sold for a total of \$107,346.35. The county home itself was sold for \$16,600 to Mr. and Mrs.

Lee Teague, who operate the Teague Rest Home on Walnut St. in Waynesville. More than 500 people in some 200 cars attended the sale, which lasted most of the day. (Other photos on Page 1, Section 2. (Mountaineer Photo).

W. L. Teague Buys Home For \$16,600

After being blocked several times by lawsuits, the sale of the county home farm finally was carried out Wednesday, when the 140-acre tract of land in Pigeon Township brought a total of \$107,346.35.

The sale attracted more than 500 people and lasted from 9:30 until 5 p.m.

No bids were received for the farm as a whole, so the property was sold in small tracts and lots. The county home itself was purchased for \$16,600 by Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Teague, who operate the Teague Rest Home here.

Another leading purchaser yesterday was W. R. Francis, Waynesville attorney, who figured in property purchases totaling \$13,135. Mr. Francis and his wife bought six lots for \$3,120; Mr. Francis and Henry Davis bought nine for a total of \$4,515, and Mr. Francis and his brother, C. C. Francis, bought 12 for a total of \$15,400.

Jessie Reckman purchased six lots for a total of \$8,500, and Judge I. M. Anderson of Florida bought three for \$7,092. Lester (See County Home—Page 6)

Haywood Women Top Attendance At District Meet

With 131 members present, Haywood County club women won the gavel for the largest attendance at District III meeting held in the Calvary Episcopal Church, Fletcher, on Wednesday, April 4. Mrs. W. D. Kerner, president, was in charge of the meeting with Mrs. Henry Garner of Bethel serving as secretary.

Officers elected to serve during 1957 are Mrs. E. H. Mackey, Transylvania county, president; Mrs. S. M. Garren, Henderson, 1st vice-president; Mrs. Henry Garner, Haywood, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. Arthur Whitmore, Transylvania, secretary; Mrs. L. F. Saltz, Henderson, treasurer; Mrs. Paul Robinson, Haywood, historian. These were installed into office by Miss Mary Harris, District Home Agent.

Featured speaker was Miss Iris Davenport, Woman's Editor for the Farm and Ranch Magazine, Nashville, Tenn., who spoke on "You Are Important."

The morning welcome was extended by the Rev. Mark Jenkins, rector of the church, with Mrs. George Frady, Haywood county, responding. Greetings were brought by E. E. McBride, Henderson County Board of Commissioners; D. W. Bennett, Henderson County Farm Agent and Mrs. Ralph Profit of Ball Creek, 1st vice-president for the N. C. Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs.

Group singing was led by Mrs. J. Edgar Burnett, Haywood county, with special music by Clyde Jackson and Mrs. John Sinclair of Henderson county and by the Flat Rock High School Glee Club.

Mrs. R. J. Fowler, president of Haywood County Council, presented the county Home Demonstration report, while Leona Davis of Saunook gave the 4-H report.

Recommendations for the District Program were given by Mrs. Paul Robinson of Beaverdam. Serving on the Courtesy committee was Mrs. Jimmie Williams of Waynesville; on the Nominating Committee, Mrs. Steve Plemmons of Saunook and on the Registration, Mrs. V. E. Wilson, Jr. of Morning Star and Mrs. Hugh No. (See Haywood Women—Page 6)

Conservation Education Planned For Next Term

L. B. Leatherwood To Attend Special School Conference

Lawrence B. Leatherwood, superintendent of Haywood County schools, is one of six superintendents in North Carolina who have been invited to attend a two-day conference in "Improving Training Programs for Administrators", to be held at Raleigh April 30-May 1.

Six superintendents and six principals from the state's public schools will attend the conference, which is sponsored by the project advisory committee of the Coordinated Statewide Study of Educational Administration.

Proposed Postal Increase Could Add \$13,200 Locally

(Special to the Mountaineer) NEW YORK — To what extent will the proposed bill to increase postal rates, now before Congress, affect people in Waynesville, if approved?

In round figures, local residents and business concerns would have to spend an additional \$13,200 a year.

The measure, proposed by Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield and presented to Congress by President Eisenhower, seeks to cope to some extent with the continuing annual deficit of the Post Office Department by upping mail rates more than \$406 million a year. About \$311 million of this would be increases in first class mail charges.

First class rates would rise to four cents an ounce from the present three cents. Air mail would also go up one cent, to seven cents. There would be an increase of 30 per cent, divided over two years, in rates for books, magazines, newspapers and other second class mail. Third class rates would go up 29 per cent. The overall average rise would be 17 per cent.

In Waynesville, in the past fiscal year, \$76,800 was spent for stamps and other postal services, according to the Post Office Department's (See Proposed Postal—Page 6)

Restaurant Being Built At Clyde On Super-Highway

A new restaurant, to be called the Mulberry Restaurant, is now being constructed on the four-lane highway in Clyde by Devoe Medford, owner of the Clyde Pharmacy.

When completed in about six weeks, the new establishment will be operated by persons experienced in the restaurant business, Mr. Medford said.

The building will have a seating capacity of 60 or more in booths and at the counter. Both exterior and interior walls will be of rustic brick, and the floors will be tiled.

The restaurant will serve breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and will specialize in "home cooking" — including homemade pies. Curb service will be a specialty.

Mr. Medford said that business hours have not been set, but said that the restaurant will open early in the morning and close late at night.

Mr. Medford added that the new restaurant will be designed to serve all of Western North Carolina.

Clyde Plans Program Of Summer Recreation

A benefit dinner will be held at Clyde High School Friday night, April 13, to raise funds for the summer recreation program which will be sponsored by five churches in the community.

The dinner will be served in the school cafeteria from 5 until 8 p.m. Tickets will be 50 cents for students and \$1 for adults.

A program of summer recreation — including softball, volleyball, and possibly tennis — will start on the Clyde High athletic field in June and continue for 10 weeks. Hours will be from 3 p.m. until dark.

Sponsoring churches which have already pledged their support to the program are Wesleyan Methodist, Central Methodist, Clyde Baptist, Woodland Baptist, and Fincher's Chapel. Business firms (See Clyde Plans—Page 6)

They'll Drink About Anything

"They'll drink anything," said an officer as he brought in a man, about 50, who appeared to be in a state of shock.

"Just as I got to him, he pulled out a can of Solox, and took a big drink out of the can. It was enough to burn him up," the officer continued.

On the can, in red letters, were the words poison, dangerous, etc., if taken internally can cause blindness followed by death.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Akin and son Bob, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gillis and children Patty and Paul, of Clyde, are leaving Friday for a weekend visit with Mrs. Akin's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor of Rocky Mount, and Mrs. Gillis' brother-in-law and sister, S/Sgt. and Mrs. C. A. Reinert at Cherry Point.

Highway Record For 1956 In Haywood (TO DATE)

| | |
|---------------------|----------|
| Killed | 1 |
| (1955 — 0) | |
| Injured | 28 |
| (1955 — 11) | |
| Accidents | 58 |
| (1955 — 40) | |
| Loss | \$21,639 |
| (1955 — \$15,079) | |

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

McConley P. Ford Named Fire Chief At Thickety

McConley P. Ford was named chief of the newly formed rural fire department in the Thickety community at a meeting of directors Monday night.

The board of directors selected a week previously, completed their organization Monday night also. Harley Wright was named chairman of the board, with J. Hack Clark, vice chairman; and Mrs. Robert Atkinson secretary-treasurer. Officers of the Department named to serve with Ford, were T. J. Fletcher, assistant chief, and H. E. Wright, Jr., captain. A group of some 20 firemen will be selected later, to take special training, together with the above named officers, in fire fighting.

Jim Bailey met with the group again and further explained the workings of the organization, plans for securing a charter and for drafting the by-laws.



ELMER R. RAWSON