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TODAY'S SMILE

It's what a person does,  
not what he's capable of doing,  
that shows in the record  
of achievement.

## Democratic Majority Cut To 638 In Haywood



PART OF THE more than 14,700 Haywood voters who cast their ballots on Tuesday. This picture was made just as they dropped their ballots in the boxes at Center Waynesville. From left: Ned

Howell, Mrs. Z. H. Brown, Douglas Worsham, clerk, Mrs. Mable Able and W. L. Matney, and just behind Mrs. Able's hand is Mrs. Hill Matney. (Mountaineer Photo.)

### All-Record Vote Polled On Tuesday

(See Tabulations, pages 4 and 6)

Haywood stayed in the Democratic column Tuesday by margins ranging from 638 in the presidential race to 3,886 in the governor's race, according to the unofficial returns tabulated by the board of elections and The Mountaineer staff Tuesday night and Wednesday morning.

Haywood was one of the three counties in Western North Carolina to remain in the Democratic column in the presidential race — others were Jackson and Swain. About 300 more votes were cast Tuesday than in 1952. The Tuesday vote was about 1300 short of pre-election predictions when it was felt that Haywood would

cast about 16,000 votes. The actual unofficial count was 14,784.

Haywood voters turned down the proposed agriculture center by a margin of 3549. The measure carried in only six of the 29 precincts. The unofficial vote was 4235 for, and 7784 against. The measure carried a proposal for a tax minimum of three cents per \$100 assessed valuation.

Charles B. McCrary polled a 3,697 unofficial majority over Walter G. Snavers in the race for member of the House of Representatives.

Governor Luther Hodges, led the Democratic ticket in Haywood, polling 9,123 as against his opponent Kyle Hayes, who got 5,237, giving Hodges a majority of 3,886.

Stevenson carried 15 of the 29 Haywood precincts. The 14 precincts giving Eisenhower a majority included: Allens Creek, Big Creek, Cecil, East Fork, Ivy Hill, Pigeon and Center Pigeon. Cataloochee was the only precinct in the county not casting a

Republican vote in the presidential election. Cataloochee was joined in the Representative's race by Big Creek and Fines Creek No. 2. Cataloochee was the only precinct going 100 per cent for Hodges. Fines Creek No. 2 gave the governor all but one vote.

Tuesday's election will go down in history as one of Haywood's quietest and largest. Voting was steady throughout the day out in a quiet manner.

Beaverdam No. 6 perhaps can lay claim to having voted the highest percentage of registered voters of any precinct in the county, and perhaps the state. There are 970 registered voters and 925 votes were cast.

Tabulators in election headquarters Tuesday night got to calling the agriculture tax proposal, the "barn issue." It was shorter, and added a little humor to the tense 6-hours of steady, hard, and nerve-racking work.

The returns were handled by a staff who were veterans at such a job. John Carver, chairman of the board of elections, Mrs. Raymond Caldwell, clerk, Mr. Caldwell, were joined by Robert Winchester, M. T. Bridges and W. Curtis Russ, of The Mountaineer, in getting the returns tabulated while Ken Fry and H. C. Turner of WHCC, put the news on the air.

The results were sent out to state and regional centers as fast as substantial totals were available.

Two people handled the two phones and made the precinct reports in triplicate, one copy going to the two chart markers, one to the two adding machines and the third to the radio crews.

The Board of Elections were making a canvass of the vote in their offices today.

Loranzo Snavers, chairman of the Haywood executive committee was all smiles Wednesday morning, as he said: "We stayed in

the Democratic column — even though by a smaller margin than we would like. But we shall be back next time, and making a stronger bid than ever for the votes. I am proud of the work done by so many loyal Democrats."

The Haywood board of elections issued a total of 436 absentee ballots. Ten were issued Tuesday to persons who became ill and were unable to get to the polls.

At least one, and perhaps two complaints were filed with the district attorney from Haywood Tuesday. While details were not available, it was understood in each instance the matter dealt with only one voter as to a question of eligibility to vote.

Congressman George A. Shuford is expected to poll between 9,000 and 10,000 majority when the official canvass is made of the 12th district voting. The Asheville man was opposed by Richard Clarke, Jr., Hendersonville. The unofficial returns, with more precincts yet to report, gave Shuford 46,600 and Clarke 37,500.

The Republicans gained a State Senate seat in the 28th, as William E. Cobb, Morganton, was elected. Transylvania elected James Gaither, Democrat, as their representative, giving that county a Democrat for the first time in years.

Dr. Kelly Bennett, Bryson City, Democrat, was re-elected state senator from the 33rd district.

R. Lee Whitmore, of Hendersonville, and J. R. Stephenson, Saluda, are the State Senators of the 32nd district. Both Democrats and were unopposed.

The Haywood Republicans cut the Democratic majority in the presidential election by about 2,000 over the 1952 election, when the Democrats had a majority of 2,627.

Tuesday's Democratic margin was the smallest since 1928 when the county went into the Republican column by 299 votes. The county had 11 precincts at that time. Practically the same areas that went for Eisenhower Tuesday voted overwhelmingly for Hoover in 1928, as he opposed Al Smith.

The results of the presidential races in Haywood for the past 24 years and majorities are as follows:

Year	Dem.	GOP.	Majority
1928	4173	4472	299(R)
1932	6790	3082	3708(D)
1936	8175	3331	4844(D)
1940	8631	2357	6274(D)
1944	7755	2919	4836(D)
1948	7373	2684	4689(D)
1952	8761	6124	2627(D)

### DR. STRINGFIELD RESUMES PRACTICE

Dr. J. K. Stringfield has resumed part-time practice of medicine after a six-months period during which he has been confined to his home because of illness.

## Engineers Cite Correction Needs Of Sewer Line

### Cataloochee Park Section Sets Up Low Fire Record

The fire record of the 45,000-acre tract in the Cataloochee district of the Smokies reads like fiction — only three fires in 13 years, and all caused by lightning, but even at that, less than six acres were burned.

This is the record which is believed to be unequalled in the nation.

Mark Hannah, Park Ranger, is in charge of the area, and served as county fire warden for two years prior to taking the position he now holds with the Park in 1943.

Ranger Hannah believes in taking all precautionary measures, and then cites he has the best cooperation of the folk living in and near the area of any ranger in the nation.

The fire tower at Mt. Sterling is manned during the fire season, and tests are made at 10 a.m. and 2 and 4 p.m. daily for fuel moisture. These tests are made with three balsa sticks, which are placed about 12 inches off the ground, and allowed to absorb all available moisture and then weighed. A balsa stick will absorb twice its weight in moisture.

"This has been the best fire season in many years," Ranger Hannah explained. "The foliage has stayed on the trees longer, and remained greener, as we have had very little frost. The highest fire index we have had is about eight, and we consider 10 as the time to start manning the tower. The index (See Cataloochee—Page 3)



RANGER MARK HANNAH

### Legion Planning Veterans Day Dinner Saturday

Gold Star parents will be honored at a Veterans Day dinner at Central Elementary School cafeteria Saturday night at a program sponsored by Haywood Post 47 of the American Legion.

The Rev. John Ivan Kizer, pastor of the Hazelwood Baptist Church, will be the principal speaker. From Fayetteville, Terry San- (See Legion—Page 6)

### United Fund Just \$3600 From Goal

United Fund officials today were making plans for the "last round-up" of the campaign, and were within \$3,675 of the goal of \$31,297, according to Charlie Woodard, campaign chairman.

Woodard, in a formal statement today, pointed out that "the United Fund campaign workers are trying hard to finish the drive as soon as possible. We are about \$3,600 short of our goal, but have every reason to believe we will go over the top very soon."

"In spite of the effort by our volunteer workers to contact everyone for their share of the program, we know some people who are interested in the United Fund program want to have a part have been missed. If you have not been contacted, won't you please just mail your check to United Fund, Waynesville, or drop by the office in the courthouse. The fact that you were missed was not intentional, but rather the workers with your name did not get to contact you at the time the territory was worked."

Russell Fultz said today he felt the campaign would be successfully concluded, within the next few days.

Reports from the Canton-Bethel-Clyde United Fund headquarters showed the campaign has about \$22,000 against the goal of \$28,000. Dr. Carey T. Wells, Jr., cam- (See United Fund—Page 6)

### Crews Will Begin Work On Monday

Workmen are scheduled to start Monday morning on cleaning the trunk sewer line in the vicinity of Lake Junaluska, preparatory to a thorough engineering survey to determine the cause of periodic overflow.

Officials of Waynesville, Hazelwood and Lake Junaluska recently ordered the engineering survey, and instructed G. C. Ferguson, town manager of Waynesville to employ an engineering firm to do the work.

W. K. Dickson, Charlotte, of the firm bearing his name, spent two days here with his associates, checking the 5-mile line from Hazelwood to Pigeon River.

Dickson in a letter to Manager Ferguson pointed out several phases of the survey which would be necessary, the first was cleaning the line from about the Howell Mill Road-Southern Railroad intersection to the shoreline of the lake.

The engineer said he believes the line is now carrying four to five million gallons of sewage daily. He recommends that the survey be made to find the quantity of sewage flowing through the line, by establishing a series of gauges along the 5-mile line, and checking them over a 24-hour period.

Officials of the three communities have known for years that there is a certain amount of surface water getting into the trunk line, and the purpose of the gauges would be to determine where most of this excessive water enters the line.

Dickson pointed out that this phase of the survey would be necessary when the time comes—in the near future—for the three (See Sewer Line—Page 5)

### CDP Beauty Queen Will Be Crowned At Meet Tonight



PATSY LOUISE PALMER, 1956 Tobacco Queen, is expected to be on hand to crown the 1956 CDP Queen at the courthouse tonight in a beauty contest sponsored by the REA. (Mountaineer Photo.)

Although only one top county winner will be named tonight at the courthouse at the annual CDP awards meeting, all seven of the competing communities will share in the \$1,000 prize money.

The No. 1 community will receive only \$25 more than other communities selected in the blue ribbon group in the contest, which has been judged on the Danish system. All communities in the red ribbon group will receive the same amount of prize money, as will those in the white ribbon group. A total of \$800 will be awarded in the rural development contest, while \$200 more will be presented in the form of eight incentive prizes of \$25 each.

Communities competing for the prize money are Allens Creek, Francis Cove, Ratcliffe Cove, South Clyde, Iron Duff, Upper Crabtree, and Thickety. Last year Ratcliffe Cove took first place in the county CDP contest, and later placed in the top 10 of the WNC district contest. Again this year, the county winner will enter the district event.

Principal speaker on tonight's program will be W. F. Algary, manager of the J. C. Penney Store at Asheville, who has been active in the rural development program in Western North Carolina. (See Queens—Page 5)

### Hospital Chaplains Aid Patients

Inaugurated this spring, the hospital chaplain program sponsored by the Haywood County Ministerial Association has won an appreciative response from both hospital patients and the county's churches.

The program began with seven churches participating; there are now 22 in the program and more are expected to enter later.

The Rev. James Y. Perry, past president of the ministerial association, explained the program this way:

When a patient enters Haywood County Hospital, he or she is visited by Mrs. Robert Breese of Love Lane, paid by the ministerial association, who asks the church affiliation of the patient, and then notifies the minister of the particular church.

Ministers are notified by telephone. (See Chaplains—Page 6)

### Five Haywood Men Enter Armed Forces

Five Haywood County men were sent to Charlotte today for induction into the armed forces.

The group included: Frank Glenn Clark, Route 1, Clyde; George Dennis Williamson, Route 3, Canton; Jake Denver Burrell, Route 3, Canton; Roy Chambers Moody of Hazelwood, and J. B. Martin of Waynesville.

### Former Salesman For Unagusta Is Indiana's New Governor

Howard Handley, former salesman for the Unagusta Manufacturing Company, was elected governor of Indiana Tuesday. Handley served as lieutenant governor for the past four years, a post to which he was elected on his first entry into politics. He is a Republican.

### County GOP Organization Slated For Waynesville

Haywood Republicans have been called to meet Saturday night, 7:30 at the Canton Town Hall, for the purpose of setting up a permanent

GOP organization in the Waynesville area.

Gudger Duckett, chairman of the Haywood Republican executive committee, said he was particularly anxious that many representatives of Waynesville attend the meeting.

"Everyone interested in the two-party system, and anxious to see an active and permanent organization in all sections of Haywood are asked to attend," Duckett explained.

### State And Federal Offices Will Be Closed Monday

State and federal offices in the Waynesville area will be closed all day Monday in observance of Veterans Day (Armistice Day), which actually falls on Sunday this year.

To be closed will be the Waynesville and Hazelwood postoffices, driver's license office, Health Department, Welfare Department, and Employment Security Commission.

Schools, business places, banks, and courthouse and town offices, however, will be open Monday. In observance of Veterans Day, Haywood Post 47 of the American Legion will honor local Gold Star parents at a dinner Saturday night at the Central School Cafeteria.

### The Weather

Partly cloudy and cooler today. Friday generally fair with moderate temperatures.

Official Waynesville temperature as reported by the State Test Farm:

Date	Max.	Min.	Pr.
Nov. 5	71	38	
Nov. 6	64	37	
Nov. 7	63	41	.01



THE FOUNDATION of the new \$100,000 Pigeon Street school is being built. The construction crews are on the job, and ready to pour the foundations for the modern school. The old school is in the background. The new school will face Pigeon Street. (Mountaineer Photo.)



RECORDING THE CHURCH AFFILIATION of a patient at Haywood County Hospital, Miss Maude Smathers of Canton (right), is Mrs. Robert Breese of Waynesville, who is employed by the Haywood County Ministerial Association to assist pastors in the chaplain program at the hospital. Miss Smathers, an employee of the Champion Paper and Fibre plant, was scheduled to leave the hospital the day this picture was taken. (Mountaineer Photo.)

**Highway Record For 1956**

**In Haywood (TO DATE)**

Killed . . . . . 4  
(1955 — 2)

Injured . . . . . 97  
(1955 — 82)

Accidents . . . 175  
(1955 — 153)

Loss . . . \$63,355  
(1955 — \$84,930)

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