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TODAY'S SMILE  
If it took any effort to go from today to tomorrow, some fellows would still be in yesterday.

## United Fund Campaign Here Goes Over Quota By \$635



CHARLIE WOODARD (right) shows John N. Johnson the final figures on the United Fund Campaign here, which went over the goal of \$31,297. Woodard is campaign chairman, and Johnson heads the industrial division, which gave about \$15,000 to the current fund. (Mountaineer Photo).

## Woodard Is Elated Over Completion

The United Fund quota has been passed by \$635, according to Charlie Woodard, campaign chairman. The fund this morning was \$31,932, with the quota being set at \$31,297 several months ago.

Chairman Woodard said several individuals had called him that their money and pledges would be in by Friday, and he felt that it would mean several hundred dollars more. The ratio now shows the campaign was 102 per cent subscribed.

The chairman was all smiles today over the results, and was warm in his praises of everyone who contributed and worked on the current campaign.

Russell Fultz, president, was happy this morning also, as he heard the figures of the quota being reached. He pointed out the "magnificent job of Woodard and all his assistants in staging the campaign so successfully."

Chairman Woodard and Mrs. Raymond Caldwell, clerk of the UF, were compiling the records today which will show the total gifts for each division of the United Fund organization. Woodard said he felt the list would be ready for publication by Monday.

The Industrial Division, headed by John N. Johnson turned in about \$15,000 to the campaign, it was reported by Woodard this morning.

## 25 Families Remain On 'Aid' List

Twenty-five deserving families remained on the Welfare Christmas list this morning, according to Mrs. Sam Queen, superintendent. The list originally had 70 names.

Among the families remaining on the list were some "very pathetic ones" Welfare officials pointed out.

In one instance, a 9-year-old boy faces a bleak Christmas unless someone remembers him. His mother is ill, and cannot work, and his father is in a hospital several hundred miles away. The little fellow has not had too many things to enjoy in his life, and for this Christmas, the outlook is even darker.

A number of groups and individuals have checked by the Welfare office for the names of those who need help, and are planning to take care of the specific needs of them. The Welfare office has a list of the needs of each group, as well as details as to addresses.

Mrs. Hugh Leatherwood, a case worker at the Welfare Department, urged all groups planning to give assistance to needy families at Christmas to check with the office here to avoid duplication.

Welfare groups proceed on their own, some families may receive aid from several sources while others get none, she explained.

## Postoffice Lists Schedule Changes

The Waynesville post office will be open all day this Saturday, next Wednesday, December 19, and Saturday, December 22, according to Postmaster Enos Boyd.

After the 22nd, the local post-office will resume its Wednesday and Saturday afternoon closings, Mr. Boyd said.

## Van Wells Returned To Soil Board

Van C. Wells of West Pigeon has been reelected for another three years as a supervisor of the Haywood County Soil Conservation District.

Mr. Wells, who is the present chairman of the soil supervisors board, received the highest vote on the ballot which included three other candidates — R. H. Boone, Watson Howell, and Delmar Reed.

Mr. Wells got 84 out of a total of 138 votes. This figure represented an increase of 50 per cent over balloting last year.

The ballots were counted by John R. Carver, chairman of the county board of elections; J. A. Singleton, and D. J. Boyd.

Other members of the soil supervisors board for 1957 will be Mr. Boyd, treasurer, and Joe Davis, secretary.

## Engineers Want Rain To Finish Sewer Line Check

Engineers checking the 5-mile trunk sewer line have set up recording gauges in several manholes along the line. They have records of the flow in the line at all hours of the day for every day, and are now waiting on the next big rain to see what difference that might make in the flow.

The general belief has been that there is a certain amount of surface water entering the line, which adds to the cause of the periodic overflow.

Gauges have been set up in Hazelwood, near the Ice Plant, in Abel's pasture and nearer the Lake.

The aldermen of the two towns and officials of the Lake ordered a survey made by an engineer firm to see what caused the overflow, and for recommendations for correcting the over-loaded line at times.

## Santa Due Back Here On Friday

Santa will be back to town Friday on three different occasions — 10 to noon, then 2 to 4 in the afternoon and 6 to 8 Friday night when the stores will be open. Santa came to town in a parade on the 23rd.

On Saturday he will be here from 10 to noon and also 2 to 4 in the afternoon.



MARION COWARD of Spring Creek, the oldest living man in Madison County, set a new record at Haywood County Hospital recently when he underwent an appendicitis operation. With him is his son, M. C. Coward, also of Spring Creek. (Mountaineer Photo).

## 99-Year-Old Farmer Has Operation For Appendicitis

### Ministers Will Have Service In Christmas Issue

The annual Christmas edition of The Mountaineer, which will go to press at noon Saturday, Dec. 22, will carry a feature which was so popular last year — "A Christmas Service."

The service was prepared and written by five ministers of five denominations of Waynesville. The service this year will be handled by the same five ministers who had such an impressive one last Christmas.

The issue of the 22nd will have many Christmas stories, pictures and greetings as in the past.

## Pair Held In Stabbing Of Goodson

Edward E. Tittle, 24, of Hazelwood and Lewis C. Ensley, 34, of Clyde, are being held in Haywood County jail on charges of assault with a deadly weapon and inflicting permanent and serious injuries in connection with the stabbing of Charles F. Goodson, 28, of Candler early this morning.

Deputy Sheriff Gene Howell said Goodson was cut three times by the two men during an altercation at the home of Sam Johnson on the Asheville highway.

Mr. Howell said that Goodson was cut severely twice in the region of the ribs and once on the neck. One of the chest cuts nar-

A record was believed set at the Haywood County Hospital recently when a retired farmer, J. Marion Coward of Spring Creek, who is going on 99, underwent an operation for a ruptured appendix.

Performing the operation was Dr. Boyd Owen, surgeon, assisted by Dr. Thomas Stringfield and Dr. James Fender.

Mr. Coward was reported in a critical condition today at the hospital.

His son, M. C. Coward, who is 72, said that his father was in good health before he suffered a ruptured appendix.

In an interview this fall, Mr. Coward, who celebrated his 98th birthday June 7, said that he hopes to live to the age of 105 — because his mother, Emily Jane Bryant, lived to be that old.

Born in Transylvania County in 1858, Coward lived in the Fines Creek community for a number of years before moving to Spring Creek.

For a long life, Mr. Coward advises others: "Live close to the Lord — and you'll live longer."

## New Gift Shop Opens In Clyde

The new Hillwood Craft Shop, situated on the four-lane highway at the western entrance into Clyde, opened for business this week.

The new shop is owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Otha Hall and daughter, Jacqueline, of Canton, and is managed by Mrs. M. K. Hall of Canton.

The shop will carry a complete line of crafts, jewelry, pottery, china, and other gifts.

## Four Innocent Teen-Agers Shot By Fines Creek Farmer Irritated By Firecrackers

### None Of 4 Seriously Injured

An irritated Lower Fines Creek farmer, unnerved by the shooting of firecrackers along the highway where he lives, last night fired a shotgun into a pickup truck containing five teen-aged boys, wounding four of them — none seriously.

According to Deputy Sheriff Gene Howell, none of the boys riding in the truck were guilty of shooting firecrackers, but were returning to their homes in the Fines Creek and White Oak communities from a trip to Waynesville.

The deputy said the boys stopped their pickup truck to exchange drivers, and were shot a short time later by the farmer, who was standing about 50 yards away near his barn.

Mr. Howell identified the four boys who were hit by the shotgun pellets as Stanley Rathbone, J. R. Justice, Ray Fisher, and Tommy Davis, all students at Fines Creek High School, who were wounded in the head and upper part of the body.

Rathbone was admitted to Haywood County Hospital last night, but was discharged this afternoon. A fifth boy in the group, Ronald Fish, was not hit.

The farmer (whose name is being withheld pending the completion of the investigation by the Sheriff's office, and the placing of a formal charge against him), admitted firing the shotgun blast, but contended that one of the boys in the truck threw a firecracker at him.

Deputy Howell said, however, that "there is nothing in our investigation at present which confirms this claim."

Mr. Howell said that two other boys — aged 13 and 19 — have confessed to shooting firecrackers while walking along the highway last night.

Other firecrackers were set off in the area last night by persons riding in cars, according to the two boys and neighbors in the vicinity.

Mr. Howell pointed out that the shooting of firecrackers is prohibited here by both county and state laws.

## Eight C. of C. Directors Will Be Elected Soon

Ballots were mailed Wednesday to members of the Chamber of Commerce for voting on eight directors for the coming year. The ballots must be back in the office of the organization by 5 p.m. Tuesday, December 18, it was announced by C. G. Thompson, president.

The eight members are for five groups or divisions, as follows: Agriculture — a 3-year term, vote for one — Pink Francis, Joe Cline.

Civic and professional — vote for three. One will serve 3 years, one 2 years and the other 1 year. William Millar, Tommy Boyd, Dr. Phil Medford, George Williamson, Harry Whisenant and Frank Riggs.

Merchants — vote for one, a 3-year term — J. C. Jennings, Bob Wilson.

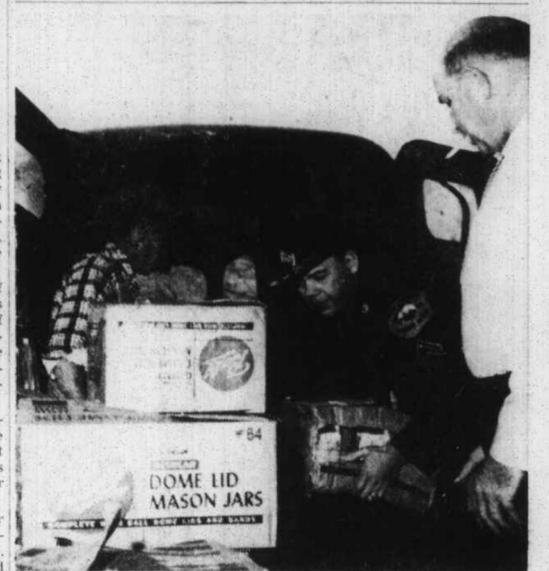
Tourist group — vote for one, 3-year term — George "Mo" Kimball, J. C. Patrick.

Industrial development — vote for two; one for 3-year term, other 1-year term — Roy Reed, Roy Wright, Henry Tuttle, and R. E. Thomas.

The nominating committee will serve as tabulators and announce the results Thursday, Dec. 19.

The reason some groups have more than one director to elect is due to the resignation, or moving away of some on the present board, it was explained.

The newly elected board, and present board will hold a joint meeting on Tuesday, January 8, at which time a president, vice president, and treasurer will be elected. The board employs the secretary and executive vice president.



THIS PANEL TRUCK, halted on Cove Creek Mountain by Cpl. Pritchard Smith and Patrolman Harold Dayton of the State Highway Patrol yielded 120 gallons of moonshine and led to the arrest of three men and a woman from South Carolina. Here at the rear of the courthouse (from left) Jay Kirkpatrick and Cpl. Smith unload the liquor, preparatory to pouring it out Monday afternoon. At right is Sheriff Fred Campbell.

## Program Announced For WTHS Christmas Concert

(See Open House story, Page 1, Section 2)

The program for the annual Christmas concert at Waynesville Township High School gym at 8 p.m. Friday night has been announced by Charles L. Isley, director of music at WTHS.

The first part of the program, entitled "Christmas and Santa," will feature selections by the orchestra, the band, and the chorus. The orchestra will open with "Christmas Festival Overture"; the chorus will sing "Carol of the Bells"; the band will play "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," and then Wayne Deitz, second-grade student at Central Elementary School, will sing a solo, "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town."

The chorus will take over next for six songs: "Silver Bells," "Christmas Song," and "White Christmas," with solo by Glenda Eavenson; "Jolly Old St. Nicholas" by Debbie Welch and Maxine Rogers, first-grade students at Hazelwood School; "Mister Santa," and "Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly."

"Frosty the Snowman" by the orchestra—with solos by Debbie Welch, Maxine Rogers, and Betty Rowland—and "Sleigh Ride" by the band will conclude the first part of the concert.

During the intermission program, various acknowledgements will be made and senior awards will be presented. (See Concert—Page 8)

## Haywood County Employment Up By 8.02 Per Cent

Average employment in Haywood County during the second quarter of 1956 was 6,872, according to a report by the North Carolina Employment Security Commission.

This figure represents a gain of 8.02 per cent, the commission reported.

Total wages paid in Haywood County during the second quarter of the year reached \$7,558,675.

## Tax Listers Named For The County

Haywood tax listers have been named, and will begin work January 1, it was explained by Bryan Medford, tax collector and supervisor this morning.

The listers are: Clyde, Spurgeon Byers; Crabtree, Mrs. Bob Fisher; Cecil, Mrs. Clyde Caldwell; Cataloochee, Mack Caldwell; East Fork, Bryan Heatherly; Fines Creek, Mrs. Carl Rogers; Iron Duff, V. R. Davis.

Ivy Hill, Albert Siler; Jonathan Creek, Mrs. Fred Allison; Pigeon, Mrs. David Edwards; White Oak, Mrs. Francis Teague; Waynesville, Mrs. Ruth Kelly and Mrs. Bob Williams; Beaverdam, Vaughn Byers, Marie Smathers and Fred Williams.

## Boosters Club To Install 1957 Officers Tonight

Officers for 1957 will be installed by the Boosters Club at its annual Christmas party and dinner at Hazelwood School tonight.

Officers to be installed are: John Moore, president; Lawrence Davis, the retiring president who becomes vice president; Bill Green, secretary, and Bill Freeman, treasurer.

New directors are Dr. Warren Kitts, George Bischoff, and Roy Wright.

The program, which begins at 7 p.m., will be under the direction of Dr. R. Stuart Roberson and Mr. Bischoff, and will feature Christmas music.



9 SHOPPING DAYS TO CHRISTMAS



The Weather  
FAIR AND COLDER  
Mostly cloudy, mild and windy with occasional showers, turning colder late today, with showers possibly changing to snow flurries. Friday, mostly fair and cold. Official Waynesville temperature as reported by the State Test Farm.

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
Dec. 10	58	24	—
Dec. 11	53	19	—
Dec. 12	59	50	1.30



SIDNEY TRUESDALE (right), of the Canton law firm of Robinson and Truesdale, was re-elected president of the Haywood County Bar Association at a meeting Monday. Other officers named were William Millar of Waynesville, secretary-treasurer, and James Hardin Howell of Waynesville, librarian. In addition to electing officers,

the bar association also completed the calendar for the January civil term of court, which will be presided over by Judge P. C. Fronberger of Gastonia. This will be the judge's first official visit to the Haywood court since his recent appointment to the Superior Court bench. (Mountaineer Photo)

**Highway Record For 1956**

In Haywood (TO DATE)

**Killed . . . . 4**  
(1955 — 3)

**Injured . . . . 99**  
(1955 — 85)

**Accidents . . 181**  
(1955 — 172)

**Loss . . \$64,700**  
(1955 — \$78,920)

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