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TODAY'S SMILE

Nothing is opened by mis-
take more often than the
mouth.



ABOUT \$1,500 is being spent by the Lions Club on clothing for about 150 children in this area. The program is one of the agencies of the United Fund of this community, and merchants gave a special discount on all merchandise sold for outfitting the children, Ernest Edwards, past president, is shown with some of the children being outfitted. This is an annual event for the Club. (Mountaineer Photo).

Four Held For Robbery, And Assault

Four men are being held in the Haywood County jail for Madison county officers, on warrants charging robbery and assault of an elderly Balsam man early Saturday night.

Sheriff Fred Y. Campbell said early Saturday night, Patrolman Harold Dayton called in to the office for help to bring four men to jail who were drunk. The patrolman had stopped the men in a car near the intersection of Highway 19A and Ratcliffe Cove road.

While the four were being lodged in jail, a deputy from Madison county called Sheriff Campbell to report that Jim M. Maynor, of Balsam, had been found beaten and robbed just inside Madison county. The Balsam man said he had been carried over Highway 209 from Waynesville through Betsy Gap and thrown out after being beaten and robbed of between \$20 and \$25, plus a knife.

The vague description of the men tallied with those just arrested, Sheriff Campbell said.

Two of the men have told Sheriff Campbell they beat the old man, but did not rob him. The other two said they did not even know Maynor.

Hollis H. Conard has been charged with driving drunk, while his three companions, a brother, James R. Conard, both of Saunook, Bill Aiken, Dolan Road and Fred Parker, of Willets, have been charged here with being drunk.

Sheriff Campbell said the four would probably be turned over to Madison county officers Tuesday. The Madison County sheriff was here Sunday and talked to the four men. Two of the men—Aiken and Parker—admitted to the Madison officer of beating the man, just as they told Sheriff Campbell.

Sheriff Campbell said Maynor suffered two black eyes, and several skinned places.



THREE Chamber of Commerce officials are shown working on the annual report of the organization, just prior to a meeting of the board of directors. From the left: C. G. Thompson, president; Mrs. "Tuck" Ray, secretary and H. M. Dulin, treasurer. The pens they are using have blue ink instead of red, it was learned as the report was made later to the board. (Mountaineer Photo).

Top Quality Hams To Be Produced In This County

Plans for producing more top-quality country hams in Haywood County were discussed last week at two meat-cutting demonstrations — one at Crabtree-Iron Duff School and the other at Bethel School.

The demonstrations were conducted by John Christian, meat specialist from N. C. State College, who discussed the cutting, trimming, and curing of country hams.

At the two sessions, County Agent Virgil L. Holloway pointed out that the market for country hams in Haywood County—especially during the tourist season—is "wide open."

To encourage the production of more hams, he said, the county agent's office is now making plans for a ham show and sale for 4-H Club and FFA members, to be held next year either in June or July.

Mr. Holloway said that only the best hams will be sold at this sale, and explained that all meat entered will first be tested by N. C. State meat specialists for flavor, curing, and color.

The county agent commented: "We have sold too many sorry hams in the past, but we are planning now on doing the job right and hope to attain the reputation for Haywood County of producing hams that are as good as can be obtained anywhere."

Mr. Holloway said that information on the proper cutting, trimming, and curing of country hams is now being compiled, and will be published soon in The Mountaineer.

Wayward Geese Not Living By 'Golden Rule' At Lake

The four wayward geese which left a good farm and are now living at Lake Junaluska, are not living up to the tradition of the Assembly Grounds by following the "Golden Rule."

The geese have taken a certain dislike to several flocks of privately owned ducks on the Lake. The mother goose fights the ducks and keeps them from getting to the corn thrown out by the owners. Some of the ducks have been badly bitten by the hissing goose, which left a good farm, and plenty of food after 11 years. She was accompanied by her three 6-month goslings.

Since the Assembly is a bird and water fowl sanctuary, no one is allowed to shoot the geese. Owners of the flocks of ducks are just hoping that a flock of geese will soon fly over, and induce the widowed goose and her three goslings to join them.

Appeal Taken From J. Court Judgement

Judge Dan K. Moore, Sylva, will set a date soon for hearing the case which Mrs. W. C. Piercy, Canton, appealed from Juvenile Court here. The lower court ruled that five minor Piercy children be placed in state-approved homes.

J. B. Siler, judge of Juvenile Court here, acting upon a petition signed by Mrs. Sam Queen, superintendent of Public Welfare, ruled last week that the five children be taken from the Piercy home, and placed in state-approved places. The appeal was taken to Judge Moore Saturday, and he announced the date for the hearing will be made soon.

The two-hour hearing held here before Judge Siler, involved 12-year-old twins, a girl and a boy, and three other girls, 10, 7, and 15-months old. The children were placed in custody of welfare workers, who put them temporarily in a state-approved home in this county.

Piercy was sentenced to two years in prison at the November term of court, after pleading guilty of assault on a female. Piercy was arrested last summer, and had remained in jail without bond, until his trial in November. He is now at a prison camp near Murphy.

Schools Will Close Wednesday For Holidays

Schools of Haywood will close Wednesday for the Christmas holidays. Classroom work will be resumed January 3rd.

Haywood County UTD Reelects Three Officers

All three officers of the Haywood County Unit Test Demonstration farm program were re-elected Thursday night at a meeting of the organization at the Iron Duff community house.

Selected for another term were R. H. Boone of Francis Cove, president; Sam Jackson of South Clyde, vice president, and Tom Brummitt of Fines Creek, secretary-treasurer.

Reports given at the meeting included those by: Leland Garnett on 10 burley varieties; D. J. Boyd on potato varieties; Herbert Singletary on hatch-

Almost 2 Inches Of Rain In 4 Days

Almost two inches of rain fell here from Thursday through Sunday, according to the official weather report of State Test Farm. The official reading showed 1.89 inches since last Thursday.

The ground was so dry, that most of the heavy downpour was quickly absorbed, and the run-off was far below normal for that much rain.

STILL CRITICAL

Marion Coward, 99-year-old Spring Creek man, remains on the critical list at the Haywood County Hospital. The retired farmer underwent an emergency operation for a ruptured appendix about two weeks ago.

GALUSHA HERE

J. C. Galusha, former merchant here, and now of West Palm Beach, is here on business for a few days.

Proposed Law Would Make It Mandatory To List Car For Taxes Before Tag Sold

A new law is being studied which will mean \$40,000 additional revenue to Haywood County, it was learned today from Bryan Medford, county tax collector and supervisor.

The proposal, already adopted by 52 counties, will go before the General Assembly next February for enactment into law.

It merely means that no person can get a license tag for their motor vehicle until the same has been listed for taxes on the county books.

The plan will be a relatively simple mechanical operation. Before a license tag is sold for any motor vehicle, the registration card will have to bear a stamp from the county tax collector showing that the vehicle has been listed for taxes.

Of course listing for taxes and paying the tax is two different matters, but that too, has been thought of by those writing the law for the state. After failure to pay the taxes on the vehicle for a year, the tax office could refuse to issue the stamp on the registration card for the next time, which would mean "no stamp, no license tag."

Tax Supervisor Medford said that there are too many people getting by now without listing their cars, and that it is not fair

Stores Open All Day Wednesday

Local stores will remain open Wednesday afternoon until 5:30. The dry goods and variety stores will remain open Thursday night, while all stores, including grocery stores will remain open Friday night.

Regular hours will be observed on Saturday and Monday.

to tax some and not others. Under the present system, a list of the car owners is mailed back here from Raleigh, but it makes it almost a matter of impossible checking to run down every one of the some 12,000 motor vehicle registrations in the county.

Under the new system, a person would not dare attempt to drive without a current license tag, and the new proposed law would hold up sale of the tag until the vehicle was properly registered.

"The new law would mean just about \$40,000 more per year to the county, and it is money which we are entitled to have," Mr. Medford explained, as he said: "I sure hope the General Assembly passes that law—we need it."

Five Cars Collide In Heavy Rain

One driver was injured slightly and four cars were damaged in a five-car pileup on the Asheville highway two miles east of Canton during a downpour of rain Saturday afternoon.

The investigating officer, Patrolman W. R. Wooten of the Highway Patrol, said that the accident occurred when Howard Thomas Carter, 24, of Canton stopped on the highway to make a left turn.

The car behind him, being driven by Betty Ann Burnette of Canton, stopped and then was struck from the rear by a 1956 Ford pickup truck, driven by Kenneth E. Mehaffey of the Greenhill section of Canton.

Mehaffey's truck then was struck from the rear by a 1953 Ford pickup truck driven by Garland William Brookshire, 37, of Route 2, Canton, and the second vehicle was in turn struck from the rear by a 1956 Ford pickup truck, driven by Kenneth E. Mehaffey of the Greenhill section of Canton.

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Rogers Adds Furniture To Stocks

Announcement is being made today of the opening of the new addition of Rogers Electric and Furniture Company. The firm recently more than doubled their sales floor space by adding a second story. Electrical appliances as well as a general line of furniture will be featured by the firm.

The second floor is 38 by 50 feet, and is modern lighted, and has a tile floor.

Max Rogers and Jimmy Messer have been working on the plans for the expanded firm for some time, and have for the past few days been unloading a number of large shipments of furniture as well as appliances.

Teacher Shortage Termed State's Crucial Problem By W.C.C. Head W.E. Bird

"I see no immediate solution to the problem of recruitment and retention of teachers in our schools and colleges," President W. E. Bird told Rotarians here Friday.

"The problem is double two-fold," the veteran college executive told the club members. "It is a problem of getting the teachers and holding them against the keen competition of industry and business in general, largely because of the salary differences," he continued.

President Bird said the problem

is more grave than most folk think and cited it as the "most crucial matter facing North Carolina today."

The solution to the problem is not simple, he said, in the face of increasing enrollments. He cited that North Carolina public schools have an increase of some 30,000 students per year, and that the present enrollment of eight million college students in the nation is expected to reach 14 million by 1970.

"In 15 years, there will be a need for almost double the housing for classes and the present number of teachers. The present need of public school teachers in the state is 3,400, plus 1,000 per year from now on. The college needs are, in the same proportion."

"At Western Carolina College, the student-teacher ratio is the greatest in the history of the institution, of 1 to 20, and in some departments, 1 to 30. In many schools the ratio is considered high at 1 to 12," he said.

President Bird said experiments were being carried on in a number of colleges, but all the plans were "dehumanizing" the classroom, and presented a grave problem.

Most of the experiments now under way deal with one professor lecturing a class via TV or radio, over a large area. The professor

\$27,386 Paid County From Three Terms Of Court Here

A check for \$7,524.18 has been turned over to the county by Clerk of Court J. B. Siler covering collections for the recent term of criminal court.

Of this amount, fines amounted to \$4,325, while jury and stenographers fees were \$442. Bonds and forfeitures amounted to \$2,801. The Solicitor's fees \$560, and jail fees \$394, making a total of \$7,524 paid over to the county.

The \$3,325 in fines and \$2,801 in bonds forfeited went to the school fund.

The report of the office shows that for three 1956 terms of court, a total of \$27,386 was paid to the county by the clerk's office. The largest amount was \$12,319 in July. The term last February was within a few dollars of the November term.

Sheriff Campbell Starting Junior Deputy League Here

Any Haywood boy in the 10th or 11th grade will soon have an opportunity to get first-hand study of "law enforcement."

Sheriff Fred Y. Campbell announced today that the formal organization of a Junior Deputy

League in each high school of the county would begin right after the holidays.

A meeting was held here last week with 36 boys from the high schools of the county, and the general plan explained. The 36 representatives were keenly interested, and asked the sheriff to proceed with plans for the clubs in each school.

"First of all, the club is not designed for the members to furnish." (See Junior Deputies—Page 8)

The Weather

Partly cloudy and mild today. Tuesday scattered showers and turning colder.

Official Waynesville temperature as reported by the State Test Farm:

Date	Max.	Min.	Pr.
Dec. 13	61	51	.08
Dec. 14	64	55	.93
Dec. 15	64	54	.75
Dec. 16	66	45	.03



6 SHOPPING DAYS TO CHRISTMAS



'THE LITTLE SHEPHERD', a Christmas pageant to be presented tonight by Hazelwood School pupils in the school auditorium, will be climaxed with this Nativity scene. In the foreground are Maxine Rogers as an angel, Monica Leslie as Mary, Ronnie Dean (standing) as Joseph, Ross Prevost (kneeling) as David, the little shepherd,

and Kathy Isley (kneeling right) as another angel. In the background are Dick Kimball, Tommy Carswell, Eddie Grooms, and Jackie Parton as shepherds; Jo Prevost (arms raised) as an angel, and Lynn Milner, as David's angel.

(Mountaineer Photo).

Highway Record For 1956 In Haywood (TO DATE)

Killed 4 (1955 — 3)

Injured 100 (1955 — 85)

Accidents 182 (1955 — 172)

Loss . . . \$65,775 (1955 — \$78,920)

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