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\$3.00 In Advance In Haywood and Jackson Counties

MAIN STREET FIRE DAMAGES SET AT \$92,460

City Leaders Map Plans Get Haywood Hospital Included In State Funds

Health, Industries
Plans Presented
Proposals For
Relocation

County's civic club re-
presents laid plans to fight for
to get the needed enlarge-
the Haywood County Hos-
pital included in the state-wide
aid program and give the
commissioners more free-
dancing the hospital's ex-
pend maintenance at a meet-
ing night in the superin-
tending education's office at the
county seat.

Recommendations to be put
at the next meetings of the
clubs and industrial tax-
payers of the county in petition
to ask Haywood's state legis-
lators to sponsor a state-wide bill
to include hospitals and health
"necessity", which would
authorize commissioners author-
ize bonds for hospital con-
struction and levy taxes for
maintenance without a spe-
cial vote within the counties.
The bill outlined above
is to have local legis-
lators to increase the
3 cents taxation rate for
support to a sufficient
to take care of the insti-
tutions, since the present
is insufficient.

At the state-wide program,
presented the General As-
sembly the State Medical Care
bill, he supported in all
but the costly plans to
teaching hospital and ex-
medical school at Chapel
Hill for the medical school
to be allotted to other phases
of the program, and laws enacted
to allow county to participate.
The proposal to build a medical
school at Chapel Hill, which would
include a large portion of the
federal money assigned
for improvement in North
Carolina, was attacked bitterly at
the Monday night
meeting. Reeves, representing the
club, described it as unne-
cessary. He said that
vacancies exist in the
university and Wake Forest
and a large portion of the
there are from other
Several other doctors and
attending the meeting, as
representatives of the Haywood
Medical Society and the
Lions club, also voiced op-
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Cars Named Sent For Lys Line

Fire and Battery Company
named dealers for the
of jeeps, station wagons,
trucks and the standard
six-cylinder automobile,
due in April.
Sims, owner of the firm,
said yesterday that a line of
at a station wagon were
by at the company's show
Main street.
Interest has been shown in
day, and several sales have
been made.
Lys automobile, due in
will be of standard size, com-
to other six-cylinder cars,
Sims said.

Weather Report

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Weather Bureau):
Jan. 30—Cloudy and
th strong gusty winds and
thunder storms today.
this afternoon. Tonight
windy, and colder with oc-
sionally showers. Lowest tempera-
ture near freezing.
Jan. 31—Partly cloudy
clearing in the after-
noon and colder Friday night
today.
Waynesville tempera-
ture recorded by the staff of
the Test Farm:

Max.	Min.
63	25
66	26
67	39

Swiss Area Bishop Will Speak Here Wednesday

Bishop Paul Garber,
Native Tar Heel,
To Give Address
At Methodist Church

Bishop Paul Garber, resident
bishop of the Methodist church for
the Geneva, Switzerland area, will
speak Wednesday night, Feb. 5, at
the First Methodist church at a
district rally.
Persons of all faiths are extend-
ing a cordial invitation to hear
Bishop Garber by Rev. Paul Town-
send, pastor of the host church.
"The bishop has been in Europe
for two years," he remarks, "work-
ing daily among the Christian peo-
ple of Poland, Czechoslovakia, Bel-
gium and other war-ravaged areas.
He has a great story to tell of how
the people of Middle Europe are
turning to the Christian faith, and
his story of suffering there will
touch the heart of every one."

A native of North Carolina and
former member of the Western
Carolina conference, Bishop Gar-
ber is making an extensive speak-
ing tour of the south, after which
he will return to Europe. During
the coming week he will stay with
Dr. Elmer Clark at Lake Junaluska.

Today Is Deadline For '46 Auto Tags

Today is January 31st.
This is the last day to use a 1946
automobile license in North Car-
olina without being subject to a
fine. Get your new tag and have it
displayed properly before mid-
night. If you live in Waynesville,
get your city tag as well.

No Extension On Tax Listing Given

No extension of time will be
given for listing taxes, it was
learned yesterday from officials
at the court house. Today is the
last day to list for 1946 taxes,
without being subject to a pen-
alty, the official pointed out.

GAS BURNS—NO DAMAGE

A bucket of gasoline turned over
in Ben Noland's Garage, at Hazel-
wood, Thursday night about seven
o'clock. The Fire Department an-
swered the call. No damage was
done by the blaze.

Reece Named President Of Chamber Of Commerce

C. J. Reece was named president
of the Chamber of Commerce by
the new board of directors here
Tuesday night. Mr. Reece succeeds
L. E. Sims as head of the organi-
zation.
M. D. Watkins was named as one
of the vice presidents, and Richard
Barber the other vice president.
James Kilpatrick was named treas-
urer, succeeding William Medford,
and Miss S. A. Jones was re-elected
secretary.
The new board discussed plans
for the coming year, and heard re-
ports from the committee that will
go to Washington next week for
the Park hearing before Secretary
of Interior Krug, a meeting ar-
ranged by Representative Monroe
Redden.
The new board was elected two
weeks ago.



C. J. REECE

Damage Of Main Street Blaze Nears \$100,000 Mark



This photograph was made shortly after the fire was discovered in the basement of Garrett Furniture Store on Main street Tuesday afternoon. The white gaseous smoke pouring from the right of the store is where the disastrous blaze is believed to have started. Firemen fought the blaze for three hours before bringing it under control. Smoke almost as dense as the smoke was pouring from the back of the building at the time this picture was made. The heat from the fire was just as intense as the smoke was dense. To make this picture the photographer stood on the marker on the court house lawn. (This is a Mountaineer photo by Ingram, Skyland Studio). (Other Fire Pictures on Page 8 and Page 1 of Second Section)

College To Lease Hotel For Summer Term Here

Health Dept. Of District Meets Here Wednesday

The annual meeting of the board
of the District Health department
composed of Haywood, Transylva-
nia, Macon, Jackson and Swain
counties and the Cherokee reserva-
tion area, which is served by the
district through the Indian agency,
was held here Wednesday in the
offices of the health department in
the courthouse with George A.
Brown Jr., chairman of the group,
presiding.
The board endorsed a resolution
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Waynesville Hotel To Serve As Girls Dormitory During Summer School

The Waynesville Hotel will be
leased to Florida Southern College
as a dormitory to be used during
a five-weeks summer school here,
starting June 2nd.
Mrs. Grady Boyd, who manages
the Main street hotel under an
agreement with the administrators
of the Woolsey estate, reports that
only "a few minor details" remain
in the way of sub-letting the hotel
to the college.
E. R. Riedel, dean of men at
the Lakeland, Fla. college, was in
Waynesville three weeks ago mak-
ing arrangements for the school to
begin a summer session here. He
was offered the use of Waynes-
ville Township High school class-
room facilities, and before leav-
ing said that housing space for
non-resident girl students was the
only thing standing in the way of
starting the school.
A letter was received, written
January 23 by Dean Riedel to
Supt. Jack Messer, stating that "It
seems everything will work out all
right for the summer school in
Waynesville," and quoting tuition,
board and room rates. He also ask-
ed that Supt. Messer find out how
many teachers in the Haywood and
Canton school districts would en-
roll in the summer school, and
the courses they would want to
take.
When here earlier this month,
Dean Riedel talked to Mrs. Boyd
regarding use of the Waynesville
Hotel as a dormitory. Mrs. Boyd
since that time has discussed it
with the hotel owner's attorney,
William Medford, and the lease
between her and Florida Southern
College is expected to be signed
within a short time.
The college plans to use its own
staff to manage the hotel, and in-
crease the bed capacity to hold ap-
proximately 75 persons.
The college also desires another
rooming house for use as a boys'
dormitory, but this was not con-
sidered a necessity since it is pos-
sible to let them room privately.
Enrollment for the summer term
was estimated by Dean Riedel, who
will be in charge here, to include
about 125 regular Florida South-
ern students—the majority of them
girls, and approximately 100 day
students from this area.

Last Rites For Horace Sentelle Held Today

Was Formerly
Connected With
Waynesville Courier,
Local Newspaper

Funeral services will be con-
ducted this afternoon at the Clyde Bap-
tist church at 3 o'clock for Horace
N. Sentelle, 73, who died at his
home in Clyde after a long illness.
Rev. R. A. Kelly will officiate and
burial will be in Pleasant Hill
cemetery at Clyde.
Active pallbearers will be Dr.
F. M. Davis, Joe Hargrove, Way
Kinsland, Gudger Bryson, Hugh
Leatherwood, T. H. Haynes, Ray
Cashion and Joyce Warren.
Members of the Masonic Lodges
of Waynesville, Clyde, Canton and
Bethel will conduct the graveside
rites. The body will remain at the
home of his daughter, Mrs. Sam
Robinson, Academy street, Canton,
until the hour of the funeral.
For a number of years Mr. Sen-
telle was active in public affairs
of Haywood county and was chair-
man of the county Republican ex-
ecutive committee.
In his early manhood he served
as postmaster at Clyde and then
entered the newspaper field. His
first paper was a weekly published
at Clyde and he later was asso-
ciated with the Waynesville Cour-
ier, now The Waynesville Moun-
taineer. He also published the
Vindicator-Observer at Canton. He
was at one time business manager
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School Aid Bill Backed By Haywood Legislator

Senator William Medford of
Haywood was among the sponsors
of the bill sent to both the House
and Senate in Raleigh this week to
provide grants-in-aid by the state
for help in construction school
buildings. Representative Dan Tom-
kins of Jackson and Senator Bax-
ter C. Jones of Swain are other
legislators from the western part
of the state sponsoring the meas-
ure.
The bill would establish a fund
of \$10,000,000 for aid to poorer
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Furniture Store, Cafe Suffer Heavy Damages In 3-Hour Fire Tuesday

Losses In Tuesday's Blaze

(These are conservative estimates, gathered by The Mountaineer after consulting with contractors, owners, suppliers, and officials).

Garrett's Stock	\$60,000.00
Garrett's Building	25,000.00
Burnette's Cafe (Stock-Fixtures)	3,500.00
Noland Building (Cafe Building)	3,500.00
Jones' Furniture (Apartment)	60.00
Briggs' Furniture (Apartment)	400.00
TOTAL LOSS	\$92,460.00

Smoke began boiling from the basement of Garrett's Furni-
ture Store early Tuesday afternoon to signal the beginning of
a fire that gutted two floors of the store and ate into the
Burnette's Cafe next door for over \$92,000 worth of destruction
in one of the most costly blazes to ever hit the
Waynesville business district.

Work Starts On Repairs In Burned Cafe Here

Damage At
Burnette's Cafe
Is Estimated At
Approximately \$7,500

Workers began yesterday morn-
ing cleaning out the debris in Burn-
ette's Cafe, preparatory to reno-
vating the building, which was badly
damaged in Tuesday's blaze. Es-
timates were that the building,
which is owned by D. Reeves
Noland, was damaged \$3,500 or
more. A like estimate was placed
on stocks and fixtures of the cafe.
The cafe is owned by Mr. and Mrs.
H. W. Burnette.
Tentative plans are to have the
building renovated so the cafe can
re-open in ten days or two weeks,
provided no difficulty is experi-
enced in getting sufficient mate-
rials.
The entire ceiling of the cafe,
walls and all windows, both front
and back, will have to be replaced.
The smoke was first discovered in
the cafe, and due to the heavy duty
suction fan in operation, Mr. No-
land said he felt this had a tenden-
cy to pull the smoke from the
Garrett building. The fan was
shut off soon after the fire was
discovered.
Fire ate through a connecting
wall into the cafe and burned to
the ceiling of the first floor. "In
four minutes more the blaze would
have been into the second story and
out on the roof," Mr. Noland sur-
mised.
The fire burned the switch boxes
of the Noland building, and elec-
tricians were busy yesterday in-
stalling new units.
Some employees of the cafe were
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700 Gallons Water Per Second Used On Fire Tuesday

One of the visiting firemen
estimated that at the peak of
the fire fighting Tuesday 700
gallons of water was being
used per second, or 42,000 gal-
lons a minute.
Normal pressure on the hy-
drants being used is 85 pounds,
when run through the fire
truck pump, this was increas-
ed to nearly 200 pounds.
Any person who worried
about using up all the water
in the reservoir may forget it.
One of the town workmen went
up to the storage tank during
the fire and opened the inlet
valve to keep it full. When the
fire was over the reservoir was
running over.

Town Police Arrests Decline In January

Fourteen arrests have been made
by local police since January 20,
raising the total figure for the
first 30 days of this month to 36
arrests as compared to 70 during
the month of December.
Eight persons were released on
paying court costs when found
guilty of public drunkenness, and
two were given a suspended sen-
tence, to be lifted upon payment of
costs. Three others, on the same
charge, and one charged with
speeding, are to be tried Monday.

Criminal Court To Open Monday With 122 Cases

A heavy docket is scheduled for
the February term of Haywood
county Superior court which will
convene here on Monday morning,
February 3, with Judge William H.
Bobbitt of Charlotte, presiding. It
will be the first court in Haywood
in which the newly elected solicitor,
Dan K. Moore, of Sylva, has
appeared in his official capacity.
Solicitor Moore told The Moun-
taineer yesterday that he expected
the greater part of the first day to
be taken in naming a grand jury,
and the charge by Judge Bobbitt to
the grand jury which will serve for
a year.
There are 97 cases carried over
on the docket and twenty-five new
ones, according to the docket. The
new cases coming up for trial the
first time include:
The State versus Lawrence D.
Brooks, charged with reckless driv-
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SOLICITOR DAN MOORE

Highway Record For 1947 In Haywood

(To Date)

Killed - - 0
Injured - 6

Vehicles Checked.....692

(This Information Compiled
From Records of State High-
way Patrol)