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TODAY'S SMILE
Have any of your child-
hood dreams come true?
"Yes, when my mother
used to pull my hair I wish-
ed I didn't have any."

Piedmont Group Enjoy View From Devil's Court House



This morning a party of some 50 folk from Eastern Carolina visited Devil's Court House and the Beech Gap area. With perfect weather, and beautiful flowers, the group were enthused over the trip. This picture, made by Sebastian Sumner, of the State News Bureau, shows Sam Robinson, and Mayor W. J. Stone, of Canton, Carl Goerch, leader and organizer of the party, Alvin Wilburn, Ed Harrison, and Major General R. O. Shoc.

Waynesville-Hazelwood Water-Sewer Controversy Now Question For Courts

Waynesville Shows 80% Growth In Last 10 Years

Piedmont Folk Enjoy Trip To Beech Gap Area

"Just more than we expected" was the general comment of some 50 Eastern Carolina visitors here today after a pre-noon visit to Devil's Court House, Beech Gap, and the Sherwood Forest area. The delegation, arranged by Carl Goerch, of Raleigh, had "a delightful time, and everything was lovely," they said as they arrived here for lunch at the Towne House. The delegation left Asheville about 8:30 with Patrolman Joe Merrill leading them. Alderman Felix Stoval brought up the rear of the 30-car motorcade, as they went into the Sherwood area. Meeting the group at Beech Gap was a local group headed by Dave Felmet, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and G. C. Ferguson, A. P. Ledbetter, and others. Soft drinks and ice cream were served on top of the mountain. On Wednesday night Charles E. Ray and W. Curtis Russ, of Waynesville, and Sam Robinson, of Canton, met with the group, and told them of the plans for the day. The court house parking lot was reserved for the delegation during the luncheon period. Leaving the Towne House the group motored through Lake Junaluska, with some remaining here, and others going into other parts of this immediate area. Mr. Goerch organized the motorcade after getting such a favorable impression on the trip several weeks ago.

Waynesville was in the top ten cities and towns of the state in growth for the 10-year period from 1940 to 1950, according to a recent comparison made by the University News Letter. Waynesville showed an increase in population in the 10-year period of 79.9 per cent and ranked tenth in the state. Jacksonville led with 350 per cent, but is near Camp Lejeune which accounts for this fact. The next Western Carolina town was Rutherfordton, which held 22nd place with a 45 per cent increase. Brevard had 27, Hendersonville 12th, Asheville 13th, Canton showed a decrease of 2.2, and Marion also showed a decline of 5.6 per cent.

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Many Matters Claim Attention Of C. of C. Board

Matters running from increased office traffic to highways claimed the attention of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce here Tuesday evening. All committees reported unusual increase in activities including advertising road projects, highway signs, and agriculture. The board has under consideration a full agricultural program, the details are just in the making.

Mr. Gordon Schenck reported much interest in advance sales of tickets for the Cherokee Drama. Dave Felmet, president, announced that tentative plans for the annual banquet were in the making, with an outstanding speaker now working out a date for the event.

Mr. Wilburn reported a complete list of car owners in the county, and this list is being checked with the listing sheets. Officials say that hundreds of cars were not listed for 1950 taxes.

15 Car Owners List Late Taxes

Paul P. Brown, who failed to list their motor vehicles for taxes in January, have contacted with the warning by tax collector Sebe Bryson. The tax officer recently received a complete list of car owners in the county, and this list is being checked with the listing sheets.

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Officers Find Still In Full Blast; 3 Men Flee

Three Haywood officers walked four miles up Wilkins Creek river a rough trail in search for a liquor still, and came upon the operation going full blast. The officers got to within 30 feet of the still before the operators realized they were being watched. The stillers took to the thick undergrowth and escaped.

The officers were tight on the still when the men saw them and took to their heels right up a steep mountain. One operator left his jacket and lunch. The still was made of an oil drum with the cap and worm of copper. About six quarts of liquor had been made, and three barrels of mash nearby would have made about 24 more gallons, officers said. The operators had used a horse to pack in supplies to the still, and had a tree for hitching the horse. The outfit had been in use for a long time, officers said. Those making the raid were Detectives Carl Soler, Everette McElroy, and Farady Noland.

1950 Community Awards To Be Given Here 23rd;

The names of winners in the 1950 Community Development Contest are to be announced at ceremonies at the Court House on Saturday, June 23, at 11 o'clock. Several agricultural authorities are expected to be present. Among those invited are Gordon Clapp and Dr. H. S. Curtis of the T. V. A. and Dr. J. H. Hilton, Director of Agriculture at State College. Judging of the communities was completed the latter part of January by a committee headed by Mrs. Katherine Riggle, home specialist, and C. E. Clark, farm specialist, both of State College. The 1949 contest was won by Ratchiff Cove Iron Duff placed second and White Oak third.

Haywood Man Is Arrested 3 Times For Driving Drunk

One Haywood man will face three separate charges of driving drunk on the highways—all since February. The defendant is slated for trial in the July term of Superior Court. He was arrested by three different patrolmen on the three occasions. Court officials say that conviction will mean permanent revocation of his driver's license. He was arrested by Patrolmen Dayton, Wooten and Basden in each case he and his brother made bond.

Parks Committee To Visit Waynesville

Members of the Parks Committee of the State Department of Conservation and Development are scheduled to spend the night in Waynesville June 21. They are to make an inspection trip of public recreational areas in Western Carolina.

Boards Fail To Settle Differences; Temporary Injunction Is Served

A temporary injunction, restraining the cutting off of the water in Hazelwood, was served on Dr. Tom Stringfield, Waynesville alderman and chairman of the water committee, about three o'clock today. The injunction papers were signed by Judge J. C. Rudisill, and stipulates that a hearing would be held in Sylva, before Judge Dan K. Moore on July 4th.

Officials of the two towns met earlier this week but failed to arrive at a final settling point. Since the Waynesville board had previously given Hazelwood until June 15th to settle the delinquent water bill, it is expected an injunction will be sought in lieu of settlement.

Ten days ago the Hazelwood board, in a published letter to the Waynesville officials, announced that according to their records, "Waynesville was due Hazelwood almost a like amount (\$5,000) for rental on sewer line charges."

It is these two points—the new water rates to Hazelwood, and the sewer charges against Waynesville that remains unsettled. A temporary restraining order would mean that the spigots in Hazelwood would continue to flow while the matter is being carried further in the negotiating phases towards settlement.

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Haywood To Uphold Rights On Road Down Pigeon River

EDITORIAL

Pigeon River Road Must Be Built—Haywood Answers Buncombe and Madison

If Haywood County, and our neighbors to the west, are ever to have a road to Tennessee, we will have to overcome the strong and selfish attitude of Madison, Buncombe, and some folk in Henderson. It became clear yesterday that the civic leaders of these three counties are in no ways interested in the full development of the area as a whole.

For several days civic leaders of Haywood have been trying to get across to the group east of the French Broad, the true facts that are a matter of record. For an answer we received distorted editorial and action by the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, saying they would back the French Broad river project and attempt to block the Pigeon River road.

The action of the leaders in Buncombe, and Madison, and some in Henderson, proves beyond all measure that they are no longer interested in Western North Carolina other than what profit they can derive.

This selfish group apparently refuse to believe that the Pigeon River road dates back to 1891, when North Carolina adopted the original road program. They forget that for 25 or more years they have had a paved road to Tennessee, while we have waited patiently for ours.

Asheville proudly announces to the world that she is the Eastern Entrance of the Great Smokies, yet the directors of the Chamber of Commerce turn a blind eye down on a road which would open up the most beautiful part of the Park (the Catalochee and Big Creek areas) and the part nearest to Asheville and the State Board. Attention is called to the fact that to make the Park possible Haywood County gave up the revenue and taxes from 60,461 acres of land now in the Park and some thousands additional that have gone into the Pisgah National Forest in the Pigeon area.

It all boils down to the fact that Asheville and Madison have become so selfish that they are willing to disrupt area-wide progress in order to have "everlasting" themselves.

In an editorial The Times-News, Hendersonville, misses the mark so far that we shall not mention on the gross errors. They even went so far as to say the Pigeon River road went to Hot Springs. They need a new, and up-to-date map, and further study of the facts as sent the newspaper earlier this week. Their points, according to a modern map, are 50 miles off.

On the question of the inter-regional road, sometimes referred to as the "super-highway," Haywood has not asked for such construction. Naturally it is expected that the Pigeon Road would be built as a modern highway. The location for the inter-regional highway is a matter for decision by the Federal and State engineers. Haywood is content to leave that decision to them. Our understanding, however, is that the purpose of the

Local Leaders Set Out Facts About Road Down River

The Brevard Chamber of Commerce joined Haywood and others today in strong support of the construction of the water level highway down Pigeon River to New York.

The Brevard Chamber of Commerce, and representatives here today, as well as in others in Western North Carolina.

In the meantime the road project was being pushed through the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, and the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, saying they would back the French Broad river project and attempt to block the Pigeon River road.

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Delights of The News
Waynesville fire department
men answer alarms
Crabtree-Iron Duff Set
School Needs In Meeting;
Improve Program Planned
Weather

Max.	Min.	Rainfall
76	43	
77	48	.08
78	58	.63

(See Crabtree—Page 6)

Highway Record For 1951 In Haywood (To Date) Killed . . . 0 Injured . . . 24 (This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol.)