

Mistic
Afternoon a colored man
just finished serving a
for larceny must have
place being free. So he
to pull an optimistic stunt.
went into the basement of
house, got a tire which
to the sheriff's office,
went out to the parking
the court house and tried to
sale.
was caught, and given an-
days on the roads.

e Sense
night this week the State
Patrol was called to in-
an accident at Cedar Top,
between Clyde and Lake
aska.
arriving at the scene Cpl.
ard Smith duly investigated
ne was seriously injured
the course of questioning
ver, was told that speeding
the cause of the accident. "I
was just going too fast,"
man admitted. He was,
and was charged with
s driving.
Smith, poking around in the
found a piece of broken
field. And on that piece of
held, a slogan, which the
of Virginia uses on all its
while inspection certificates
as a constant safety re-
met his eye. It said: "Use
sense to control horse-

**wn Grades Land
School Use**

acre tract of land across
the high school on Brown
is being graded by the
for school use.
John Boyd, county superin-
said that final plans for
of the field have not been
but it would be adapted
for a parking lot or a drill
for the hand. It is very un-
she said, that the lot will
an athletic field.

**ville Presbytery
Meet Tuesday**

Asheville Presbytery will
stated winter meeting at
anna Presbyterian Church
morning at 10:30.
E. K. Brown of Bryson
moderator and Rev. Mal-
Williamson of First Pres-
Church, Waynesville, is
clerk.
sters and ruling elders from
churches in Western North
anna will attend.

**Waynesville Masons
Meet Here Friday**

Waynesville chapter of
Arch Masons No. 69 will
stated convocation Friday,
at 7:30 p. m.
of officers and initi-
the M. M. and P. M. de-
will be a part of the busi-
of the evening.

**Several Cases Heard In
Two-Day Court Session**

Superior Court, which was
this week and several
next week, was adjourned
afternoon by Judge Allen
until Monday.
trial calendar was heard
and during Tuesday one
was tried and five divorces
ed all on the basis of two-
partitions.
case, settled by consent, was
Davis vs. W. H. Snyder. In
judgment, Snyder agreed to
the plaintiff \$500 in full settle-
for his claims and the plain-
court costs.
the following were granted di-
Robert H. Wright vs. Mary Lou
Mary Lewis vs. Paul
Ray Cogdill vs. Nora Lee
Mark L. Truitt vs. Ruby
and Robert H. Anderson
Elizabeth Anderson.

**The
Weather**

Weather
Temperature
Compiled at
State Test
Farm:
Friday: Rain and slightly
Partly cloudy with not
change in temperature Fri-
with possibilities of scattered

Max.	Min.	Rainfall
38	22	
52	19	.01
62	43	.03

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TODAY'S SMILE
Love is like hash — you
must have confidence to en-
joy it.

Telephone Company Makes Move



On Monday the business office of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company was moved into the new building two blocks west of the old location. Although all business is now transacted in the modern brick structure, it will not be until June that the change will be complete for all departments and the dial system put into use. Manager C. T. McCuiston is shown with Mrs. Fay Toy, left, and Mrs. Annie Fie. (Mountaineer Photo.)

Who Says Early Bird Always Gets The Worm?

Two men attempted armed robbery at Spaldon's Restaurant about 6:20 a. m. today but left without getting a penny for their troubles, Sheriff Fred Campbell reported.
Manager Bill Kanos had just opened the restaurant for the day and was in the kitchen turning on electrical appliances when two men entered. One of them held a gun on Kanos while the other went through the empty cash register. Kanos told them that Spaldon had not yet come in with the money, and when the man with the gun said he heard someone coming, they broke off their search and left.
Kanos described the man who kept the gun on him as about 16 years old, short, and with blond hair. The other was tall and slim with black hair. He was wearing a fatigue jacket.
They drove towards Asheville after leaving the restaurant.

Sister Of Mrs. Thompson Dies In Milledgeville

Mrs. Godfrey Osterman, sister of Mrs. C. G. Thompson, died Tuesday morning at her home in Milledgeville, Ga., after a long illness. Funeral services were held in Milledgeville yesterday.
Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Alvin Ward attended the services, having left here last Thursday when Mrs. Osterman became critically ill.

Heart Committee Will Meet Friday

A local chapter of the American Heart Association will be organized Friday at a meeting of the Heart Fund Committee at 7:30 p. m. at the courthouse.
With the formation of the chapter, plans will be completed for the heart drive Feb. 1 to March 1 and a goal will be set. Dr. J. L. Reeves and Mrs. Mildred H. Bryson are co-chairmen of the committee.
Purpose of the drive will be to raise funds for local, State and federal use in combating heart diseases.

WNC To Get Intensive Promotion At Travel Show

Outstanding visitor attractions of Western North Carolina are to be given a big play at the forthcoming National Travel Show in Chicago February 20-March 1, according to Paul Hyatt, Treasurer and member of the Board of Directors of Western North Carolina Highlanders, Inc., which regional promotion organization is arranging the display.
Upward of 300,000 persons are expected to visit this travel show, the only one of its kind planned this year in Chicago, and which is sponsored by the National Association of Travel Organizations, of which Bart Leiper, executive vice president and general manager of

Births, Deaths Show Drop During Year In Haywood

Planting of Crocuses Encouraged In State

"Crocus in Carolina" is expected to become a memorable sight for spring visitors to the Tarheel State as garden and civic clubs boost the more extensive planting of these small colorful flowers along the edges of parks, private lawns and the grounds of public buildings.
Miss Monimia F. MacRae, Asheville Garden Club enthusiast, is promoting crocus planting throughout the State. She says October is the ideal month for planting them on mown lawn areas. The bulbs are inexpensive and the plants themselves, which are members of the Iris family and have grass-like leaves, require no further care. In early spring, before the appearance of even such hardy blossoms as daffodils, crocuses can provide a rainbow of pink, blue and white.
Births, deaths, and the issuing of marriage licenses all showed a decline during 1952 from the previous year, records in the Register of Deeds office show.
There were 119 fewer births reported in the county during the year than the high of 955 recorded in 1951. The death report was almost identical to that recorded in 1951, with 233 recorded in 1952 and 234 in 1951.
And Cupid apparently failed in his job during Leap Year. In 1951 243 marriage licenses were issued and in 1952 225 were issued.
A spokesman in the health department said that Haywood had an average of 15 deaths per month during the year and an average of 83 births, or about five and one half times as many.

March Of Dimes Polio Sing Set For Sunday Here

The annual Polio Sing scheduled for 2 p. m. Sunday at the courthouse, will open the 1953 March of Dimes campaign in Haywood County.
Rev. C. L. Allen and W. T. Queen will be in charge of the sing. These two men have been leading this phase of the March of Dimes campaign since its inception in the county several years ago. The sing, always one of the most popular features of the drive has attracted hundreds of people annually, and has consistently been so well presented that hundreds of dollars have poured into the Dime Drive's coffers as a result.
All singers in the nearby area have been issued an invitation to perform.
An offering will be taken during the nation and will be turned over to the March of Dimes Drive.
Dimes officials said today that many other programs have been planned for the program, some to be presented in the Waynesville area, others in the Canton area, and many of them to be on a county-wide basis.

Visitors Last Year In Smokies Exceed 2 Million

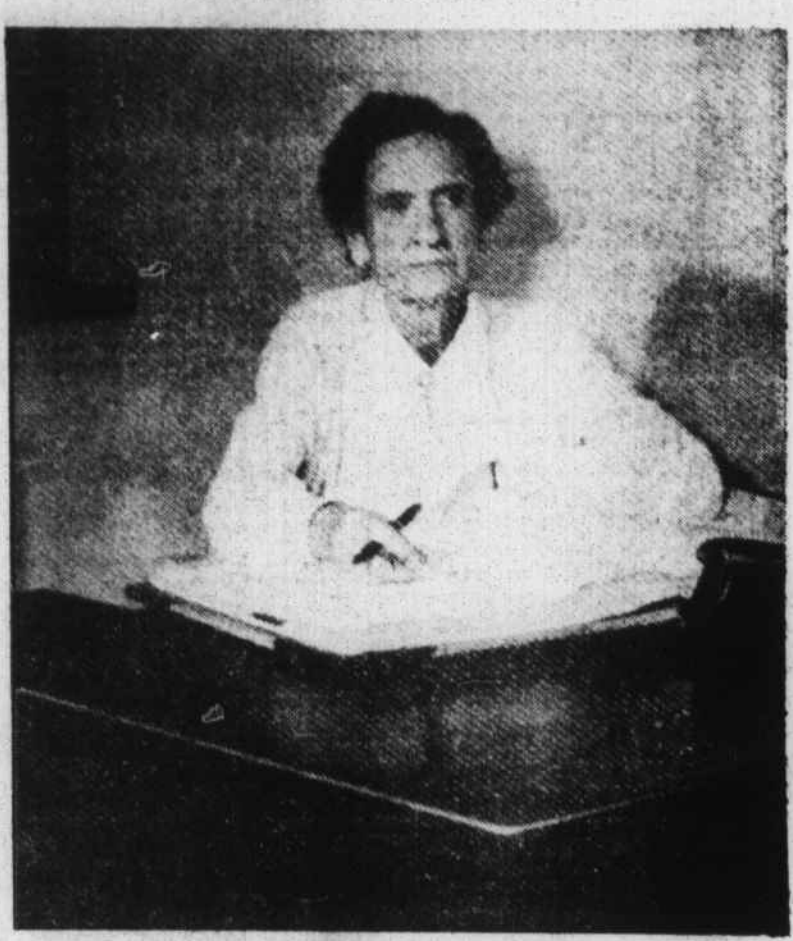
Another all-time record attendance mark has been established by the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.
For the calendar year of 1952 the Park Service reports a visitor total of 2,322,152 or a 19.3 per cent increase over the 1,945,130 total for the 1951 calendar year.
The total was also 1.1 per cent above the last travel-year report for the year ending September 30, which counted 2,295,428 persons visiting the park.
Last December's attendance of 30,541 was 54 per cent above the 19,794 reported for December, 1951.
Beginning with the present report, the National Park Service will keep attendance figures on a calendar-year basis for all national parks.
The Great Smokies were first in the nation last travel year and probably will be the first for the calendar year, 1952.
The Smoky Park has consistently led all national parks in attendance for several years, park officials said.

State Attorney General Holds Local Beer Petitions Invalid

Engineers Checking Main Water Lines Here

Engineers were here this week checking on the final details for the construction of a modern filtering plant, and addition of water lines from the intake on the watershed.
Town officials said that the engineers would soon complete the specifications for the filtering plant, as well as the size and length of additional lines, and ask for bids on the construction.
The voters of Waynesville last November approved the sale of \$300,000 in bonds for the expansion of the water system.
Tentative plans are to build the filtering plant on the Allens Creek road leading to the 9,000-acre watershed.
The new filtering plant will replace the one which was built in 1908, and at the peak of the season is not large enough to filter all the water demanded for the system.
The engineers have not decided upon the size of the additional lines to bring water from the intake to the filtering plant. At present an 8-inch line is used.
Officials hope to get the plans, and specifications soon in order that bids might be received, and work started on the new project.

Retires After 28 Years



Deputy Register of Deeds here since 1924, Mrs. W. L. McCracken has announced her retirement from that office. She has served under six Registers during that time. Her successor is Miss Margaret James. (Mountaineer Photo.)

Mrs. McCracken Retires After 28 Years As Deputy Register Of Deeds Here

Mrs. W. L. McCracken, who has been deputy Register of Deeds since 1924, has announced her retirement from office.
Her successor is Miss Margaret James, who has served as her assistant for four years. Mrs. Roger Medford will succeed Miss James.
Mrs. McCracken has served under six Registers of Deeds: C. E. Kirkpatrick, Weaver McCracken, Edwin Haynes, C. C. Francis, Bryan Medford, and Jule Noland.
She first started as deputy at the request of her brother, Mr. Kirkpatrick, who needed someone to do penwork. By the time he left office, Mrs. McCracken decided she wanted to stay on so she took a night course in typing and went to work under the next Register of Deeds, Weaver McCracken.
Her job, though routine, has been interesting and every now and then something will happen to liven up the bookwork. From time to time, she said, people will ask her—for a fee on the side—if she will change a record. Someone may want a birth certificate or marriage certificate changed to falsify ages in order to get old age assistance sooner or even to be "eligible" to enter the army or navy. Needless to say, no record has ever been changed and no bribe ever accepted.
In 28 years at the same job, Mrs. McCracken has seen many changes. She has worked in both the old and new courthouses and has seen the gradual accumulation of records until they greatly outnumber the original books. When she went to work, Mrs. McCracken made entries in book number 63 and now she is working in number 154. Each book, she said, contains 640 pages.
And during the term of C. C. Francis a new filing system was adopted that was a great improvement over the one used formerly. (See Mrs. McCracken—Page 8)

Community Sing Set For Beaverdam Area

A community-wide singing for the Beaverdam section has been announced for Saturday night at the Beaverdam Baptist church at 7 o'clock. Cooperating in this program, which is one of a series to be held in connection with the polio drive, in this area, are the North Canton Baptist church, Beaverdam Methodist and Beaverdam Baptist.
Some well known singers have been secured for this singing, including the Sentz Trio and Friendly Five of Asheville, the Sanford Family and Silvertone quartet, and a number of other local singers.
An offering will be taken during the evening for the polio drive.

Boosters Club To Meet

The Hazelwood Boosters Club will hold its regular meeting tonight (Thursday) at 7 o'clock at the Presbyterian Church.
All members are urged to be present.

Ross Family Gets Good Prices For Tobacco Crop

The R. H. Ross family of Jonathan Creek has no complaints about their tobacco crop this year. Between father and son 3.1 acres of tobacco brought a total of \$4,218.70, of which \$2,292.58 went to Ross, Sr. for 1.5 acres.
This acreage produced 3,440 pounds for Mr. Ross and brought an average of 66.64 cents per pound. Two-thirds of this, 2,014 pounds sold for 70 cents. Of the remainder, 448 pounds brought 67 cents, 270 pounds were sold for 57 cents, and 260 pounds, 46 cents.
Roy Ross, Jr. did not quite equal his father in number of pounds or in price. He grew 2,966 pounds on 1.6 acres for \$1,926.12 and an average of 65 cents. His top grades, totaling 2,392 pounds, brought 69 cents. The next 100 pounds brought 68 cents, 350 pounds, 54 cents, 88 pounds, 47 cents, and 116 pounds, 28 cents.
The Rosses received considerably higher averages than the average for the Asheville market to date. Average prices Wednesday at Asheville was 49.51 cents, which was not equal to the season's average.
In general, tobacco quality is lower this year than a year ago, the markets reports.

Ruling Sets Out Error In Petition Asking Election

The petitions recently circulated here asking for an election to make beer and wine sales legal in Waynesville have been declared technically in error, it was learned today. The state attorney general said that in his opinion the petitions were not satisfactory for calling an election.
The point as brought out by the attorney general is that the action calling for the petitions should have been made at a full session of the board of aldermen, since the aldermen serve as the board of election in town elections.
Mayor J. H. Way said that the matter is due to come before the board in session this afternoon.
If the board passes the action, then a new set of petitions would be put into circulation for signatures of voters within Waynesville. The requirement is 15 per cent of those voting in the last town election, or about 250 signatures. About 1750 votes were cast in the last election for mayor.
Mayor Way said that the petitions which were put into circulation several weeks ago contained more than 600 names, and according to those handling the petitions, many other names could be had.
Haywood county voted out the legal sale of wine and beer in an election last September.
The attorney general's letter said, in part: "The question is as to whether or not the election would be valid under conditions upon which petition was called, or whether the Board would be required to call the election since no official action was taken by the board in releasing the petitions."
General Statutes 18-124 (d) provided that it shall be the duty of the board of elections, upon release of petition forms, to give public notice of the fact that such petition is being circulated. General Statutes 18-127 provides that an election authorized by that section shall be called by the governing board of the municipality. General Statutes 160-3 provides that the corporate powers of a municipality.

Six Haywood Men Killed In Korea

The war in Korea, regarded by many people as not much more than a police action, has taken the lives of six Haywood County men in addition to three missing and 28 wounded.
This information, which comes from the Department of Defense, lists 398 servicemen from Western North Carolina as having been killed in the conflict.
Haywood County is fourth in the 18 county district in number of deaths. Buncombe led with 23 killed; Rutherford, 12; and Henderson, eight. Burke county also had six deaths.
Those from Haywood who have died in Korea are Pfc. Charles R. Wilson, Pvt. William C. Welch, Jr., Sgt. Charles E. Burgess, Capt. Z. V. Sizemore, Pfc. Jack Hannah, and Major Platt Medford.

Mrs. Medford Elected Welfare Board Head

Mrs. Carl Medford of Lake Junaluska was recently named chairman of the Haywood County Welfare Board to fill the vacancy caused by the death of N. C. West. Mrs. Medford will assume her new duties immediately.

**Highway
Record For
1953
In Haywood
(To Date)**
**Injured 5
Killed 0**
(This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol.)

Speaker



Eugene T. Bost, Jr. (above), of Concord, is Cabarrus County representative in the General Assembly which opened on Jan. 7, and is Speaker of the House. (AP Photo)