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TODAY'S SMILE

Pay no attention to what critics say. There has never been set up a statue in honor of a critic.

re'n There
In
Carolina

MINOED? INDEED!

happened. A Justice of
in Jacksonville got so
people and per-
official acts that he
the expiration of his
and for one full year
to speak, without port-
has been introduced.
Legislature to rec-
ion, making the JP's
roactive back to the
mission expired.

ONE CAPTURED

and FBI officials an-
the capture of De-
last week. The action
complete the capture of
convicts who escaped
County prison camp
ber. Inman and F. C.
had been seen near
on several occasions
escaped. The FBI en-
case when they learn-
both men had been in-
a bank robbery.

THEIVES IN PITT

safe robberies occurred
County Thursday night
made away with some
one of the robberies
carried away 40 \$100 bills
quantity of silver. SBI
local officers are still
ing.

CRANKS BETTER?

the question of a States-
was asking today. He
countless numbers of
n people had had their
en or hurt pretty badly,
one like his own. In-
ing a crank on his
car, the Statesville
his finger on the start-
It (his finger) slipped,
against the dash
he's now suffering a
thumb. Hmph . . . these

COPTER RESCUE

helicopters joined efforts
week to rescue a downed
man in the icy waters of
ound. The plane sunk
before the airman had
ed and returned safely
to his base.

NO TAX HIKE

man of the North Caro-
appropriations com-
ediated Friday that the
legislature would not ap-
tax increases and won't
ise revenues by remov-
tax exemptions as sug-
Governor Umstead.
North Carolina greeted
happily.

hog Predicts

Winter Weeks
hogs, at least in the
ille area, peered from
s today, squinted, and
out for a look at the
sunshine. He saw his
and, for those people

WHO, ME!



any stock in the ground-

prediction, it was a bad
ant, in short, that we're
have six more weeks of
certainly not a pleasant

out your overcoats, ear-

nd, if you're in the same
mind as one man, your
p. He's going to make a
attempt to fix Mr.
og so he won't be able
his shadow next year.



SUNNY

Sunny, windy, and mild.
Waynesville temperatures
ed by the State Text

Max.	Min.	Rainfall
47	22
55	21
60	34
51	42

Haywood Offered Details Of Successful Rural Fire Protection In Forsyth

No Consideration Given To Holding Saturday School

There have been a lot of rumors going around that Haywood schools would operate on Saturdays in order to make up for the six days lost due to flu.

This morning Mrs. Lucy Jones Boyd, county superintendent, said that no consideration had been given the matter up to this time.

"Under the present schedule, school will be out on June 8th," she said. "As for the Saturday schedule, it has not been considered, and no school principal has suggested such a plan," she continued.

Work Of Putting Down Pilings At School About Over

Workmen expect to drive the last of the 168 pilings at the new high school building here sometime Tuesday.

As the work of putting down a foundation began, it was found that 168 pilings ranging from 18 to 27 feet would have to be sunk under the two-story portion of the building.

The pilings are being driven down to solid rock.

Drivers Given Until Tonight To Purchase Tags

A two-day period of grace was granted to automobile operators in North Carolina who didn't purchase 1953 license tags before the end of January.

Instead of handing drivers with 1952 tags a ticket today, officials are waiting until midnight tonight (Monday). After that time anyone with 1952 tags will be summoned into police court.

The two-day grace period was granted because all offices that issued the tags were closed Saturday afternoon and many people were unable to purchase the tags.

But with the beginning of February 3, midnight tonight, officers will be on the lookout for all red tags.

The same situation applies to Waynesville city tags.

Haywood Highlanders To Meet Wednesday

The regular monthly meeting of the Haywood County Highlanders will be held Wednesday night at the Court House, according to L. E. DeVous, president.

At the meeting, which will begin at 8 o'clock, a movie will be shown and general business will be taken up.

Iron Duff CDP Sets Regular Meeting

The Iron Duff Community Development Program regular monthly meeting will be held Thursday at 7 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chambers on Crawford Road.

All people of the Iron Duff section are urged to be present.

County Library To Hold Open House This Thursday

An open house, celebrating nine years of county wide library service, will be held at the Haywood County Public Library Thursday afternoon from two until five o'clock, Miss Margaret Johnston, librarian, announced today.

Principal feature of the open house will be a tea sponsored by the Waynesville Woman's Club.

A silver offering will be accepted and will be used for the new Building Fund, which was recently established by the Haywood County Library Board.

Receiving at the door will be Miss Johnston, Mrs. James Atkins, and members of the Library Board—Col. J. H. Howell, Mrs. T. L. Gwyn, Glenn C. Palmer, William Medford, and Fred Doudt.

Presiding at the tea table will

Editor's note—This article was written for The Mountaineer by Miss Lucille Cathey, reporter on the Winston-Salem Journal. Miss Cathey's home is in Clyde, and her interest in Haywood prompted this article on rural fire protection.

WINSTON-SALEM—If a house or barn in rural Forsyth County caught fire a couple of years ago, there was little chance that it might be saved.

But today the picture is changed. Fires are no less destructive and people are no less afraid of them. Buildings still catch fire and some burn to the ground.

But the organization of a county fire department, offering protection to those people who live outside the city limits, has reduced by thousands of dollars the loss by fire.

The same story has been repeated across the state because, as an Associated Press writer, phrased it: "Fire engines are following paved roads into rural North Carolina."

The secondary roads program and expansion of telephone service during the past two years have made the organization of rural fire departments practical for the first time.

Forsyth County's Fire Department will not be two years old until this March.

In that short time, however, the (See Rural Fire—Page 8)

Former Head Of Local Schools Taken By Death

Prof. John D. Everett, 85 former superintendent of Waynesville schools, died in Johnson City, Tenn., last Wednesday following a short illness.

He was superintendent of the local school system for three terms, 1915-1917.

He came back last November 29th for the reunion of the graduating class of 1917, which was held at The Towne House. He was the honored guest of the occasion.

He was a retired Carson-Newman College professor. He had served as deacon and Sunday School superintendent of the First Baptist church in Johnson City.

While in Waynesville he was active in church affairs.

One of his former Waynesville students, said: "I never heard Prof. Everett say a cross word, or a harsh word. He was kind, considerate, and respected by all who knew him."

Another student wrote: "Prof. Everett was indeed a fine man, and stood for all that is fine and good. We who were privileged to study under him shall always be thankful, and proud of the part he played in our lives."

Funeral services were held Friday in Johnson City. The deceased is survived by a son, Dr. John E. Everett, Niagara Falls, N. Y.; a daughter, Mrs. Lowell P. Leland, Bowling Green, O.; brothers, Henry S. and S. T. of Robinsville, N. C., and Simon Everett, of Fayetteville.

MRS. BOWLES IMPROVING

Mrs. M. H. Bowles, who has been at Duke Hospital since last Wednesday, is reported to be getting along nicely. She will probably return to her home this week.

Porch Light Parade Nets \$721



The Secretaries Club had a "porch light" parade Friday night in Waynesville, Lake Junaluska, Allens Creek and Barberville and collected \$721 for the polio fund. Residents turned on their porch lights to notify paraders get their donations. Counting the money are, from left, Mrs. James Tutwiler, recording secretary, Miss Mary Medford, and Miss Patsy Rogers. (Mountaineer Photo).

Parkway Job To Start On March First

Plans are being pushed for starting construction of a 4-mile link of the Blue Ridge Parkway in Pisgah Forest on March first.

W.P. Wright, project engineer, and a crew of assistants are here, preparing for the job, which was let under contract to Clement Brothers last fall.

The link will connect the existing links at Wagon Road-Gap and Beech Gap, and when completed will provide a loop drive atop the rim of Pisgah Forest.

Board Hears Of Programs Made In Revaluation

The county commissioners in holding their regular first Monday meeting today took up routine matters.

Some time was spent hearing a report from Jule Boyd, on the progress of the new revaluation program in the county. Mr. Boyd is general supervisor.

Some of the smaller townships have completed their work, it was reported, and others are making satisfactory progress.

According to C. C. Francis, chairman, no final details have been completed for any township to show the new total valuation.

Engineers Putting Down Center Line Parkway Stakes

A crew of engineers, under the direction of Joe Todd, are putting down center line stakes on the link of the Parkway from Soco to Balsam Gap. This is one of the highest links in the entire 450-mile Parkway.

The line was surveyed sometime back, and now the engineers are going back and putting down the center line stakes for further engineering work.

It is about 12 miles from Soco Gap to Balsam Gap.

Ground Broken For New Bethel Elementary Bldg.

BULLETIN

With perfect weather, an unusually large crowd attended the formal breaking of ground for the new half million dollar elementary school building at Bethel this afternoon at two o'clock.

Impressive ground-breaking ceremonies were held this afternoon at Bethel to mark the beginning of a new elementary school building that will cost in excess of half a million dollars.

Many county officials joined with leaders of civic and church groups in the Pigeon Valley area in the ceremonies. The new building is to serve six communities—West Pigeon, Center Pigeon, East Pigeon, Stamey Cove, Cruso, and Cecil—all of which fall in the Bethel School District.

Dayton Rubber Employees Give Over \$2,600 To Polio

The 900 employees of Dayton Rubber Company have given over \$2,600 to the Polio Fund, according to J. G. McKinley, plant manager, this morning.

This is about \$800 more than was given last year, Mr. McKinley pointed out. An increase of over 45 per cent.

"The campaign is not quite over in our plant, and we expect the final figure to be much above the present cash-in-hand figure of \$2,600," he said.

The contribution of the company is not included in this amount. The \$2,600 is just the gifts of employees.

Library Trustees Set Up Building Program; Ready To Receive Gifts - Donations

Two Fires Over Weekend; Mishap Occurs At First

Fire Chief Clem Fitzgerald today reported two fires of serious nature over the weekend, one of them totally destroying a building and the other partially destroying a frame dwelling house.

Friday the fire department answered a call to a fire at the old Long's Chapel Methodist Church at Lake Junaluska. But before the truck could get there an accident in which the fire truck partially overturned, occurred, and the building was completely destroyed.

The accident happened on a curve in the road near Sims Place. A car driven by an unidentified woman was in the wrong lane and, in an attempt to avoid collision, Walter Mehaffey, who was driving the truck, steered it into an embankment. No one was seriously injured.

Damage to the church was not determined.

Sunday afternoon about 1:30 the home of Gaither Thompson on Meadow Street caught fire of undetermined origin, and several rooms in the building were gutted. Insurance covered most of the loss.

The board of trustees of the Haywood County Public Library in their meeting Friday set up a building fund, and made provisions for receiving gifts and memorials for a new structure.

The trustees acted after recognizing the definite need for more space, as the present Library program has outgrown all space and facilities at the Main Street quarters.

No definite plans have been made as to a site, or type building. Sentiment of the board leans towards a new site, which would provide adequate parking, bookmobile space, as well as interior building room.

The initial gift to the building fund will be the silver offering received Thursday afternoon at open house, sponsored by the Woman's Club.

At the meeting, Miss Margaret Johnston reported on the steady growth of the circulation of the Library, as well as the film department. More than 9,600 adults have seen film from the new division of the Library.

The Library had 90,000 books in circulation in 1952, the report said. This is eight times that of 1944.

The trustees are composed of Col. J. H. Howell, Mrs. T. L. Gwyn, Glenn C. Palmer, William Medford, and Fred Doudt.

Police Arrest 15 Over Weekend; Mostly Drunk

Waynesville police had a busy time this past weekend, arresting 15 persons, mostly on charges of drunkenness.

Chief Orville Noland said this morning that one person was arrested for driving drunk, one for reckless driving, one for speeding, and 12 for being drunk.

All were cited into police court.

Woman Named On Grand Jury; Smathers Foreman

As far as can be learned, today marked the first time that a woman has ever been named as a member of the Haywood county Grand Jury. Mrs. Lucy Scates Milner was named along with eight men to serve on the Grand Jury for a year. Nine members were named last July.

This morning Frank R. Smathers, of Canton, was named foreman, succeeding Thomas W. Reeves who has served in that capacity for the past year. The nine new members of the

Area Nears Polio Goal; More Time Given For Reports

Beer Petitions Checked; Election Likely In April

An election to determine whether the people of Waynesville desire the legal sale of beer within the town limits will probably be set Thursday when the Town Board of Aldermen hold their regular meeting.

Petitions that have been circulated among the qualified voters in Waynesville were turned in last week and town officials have carefully checked the petitions to determine if the required number of names are on them. At latest count, some 429 qualified names were on the petitions, 172 more than was required.

The election will probably be set for April, an official said, as it requires at least five weeks after the Board sets the election for it to be held.

Court Now In Session

Criminal Court opened today with a number of the 125 cases disposed of by Superior Court Judge Allen H. Gwynn of Reidsville.

Most of the cases are for non-support and drunken driving plus divorces, a routine docket.

Although the term of court is scheduled for two weeks, the second week will probably see the disposition of 10 civil cases, plus divorces. Few criminal cases were left over from the last term and those on the docket are expected to be completed the first week.

The following will serve on the jury the first week:

Gilmer Long of Waynesville, Harold D. Pressley of Pigeon, Furman Davis of Beavardam, Will J. Leatherwood of Waynesville, A. T. Medford of Pigeon, Leon Russell of Waynesville, Alfred Johnson of Pigeon, Carey Shepard of Beavardam, Clay Neal of Pigeon, Howard Hall of Clyde, Ella Shuler of Clyde, S. T. Cooper of Beavardam, W. V. Hyatt of Waynesville, Briscoe Hamilton of Beavardam, D. Reeves Noland of Waynesville.

John Chambers of Jonathan Creek, Grover Robinson of Waynesville, Porter A. Broyles of Beavardam, Dewey Justice of Beavardam, Grady Yarborough of Waynesville, Frank Scates of Waynesville, Sam McElroy of Waynesville, Sidney L. Haynes of Clyde, Fred Early of Beavardam, O. L. Adkins of Waynesville, L. M. Smathers of Beavardam, Lon Goodson of Beavardam, R. V. Robinson of Clyde, Lucy Scates Milner of Waynesville, Virgil L. Robinson of Beavardam, Roy B. Smathers of Beavardam, Luke Gaddis of Clyde, Russell Jones of Beavardam, Lester Heatherlee of East Fork, and Fannie Kate Browning of Waynesville.

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Dr. Nease was critically injured in an automobile accident near Seneca December 29. Shortly after he underwent an operation and the hospital reported the operation was "effective."

In addition to Dr. Nease's connection with Lake Junaluska, he is also executive secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council of the Methodist Church. He formerly was secretary of the denomination's Western Carolina Conference.

Clean-Up Project At Fines Creek Church

A clean-up project has been scheduled at the Lower Fines Creek Methodist Church, beginning next Monday.

All people who have relatives or friends buried in the cemetery at the church are asked to lend a hand in the clean-up project. The project will take about a week.

Chairman McCarroll Reports \$10,500 Goal "In Sight" If Late Reporters Measure Up To Expectations.

Officials of the March of Dimes drive in the Waynesville area stopped tallying funds this morning long enough to predict that the quota would be reached "if the rest of the reports are as heartening as those we've already received."

H. P. McCarroll, chairman of the drive in the Waynesville area, said this morning that the drive would be extended through this week so that various committees may have the required time to complete their solicitations. The operation of the Dime Board will also be carried over for two days, Friday and Saturday.

Mr. McCarroll said that several committees still have not made reports. Among those committees are the ones that are handling the schools, most of the industry committees (except Dayton Rubber Company) and the committee which is handling the annual basketball tournament.

The tournament begins Thursday night and will continue through Saturday night, Bill Kanos, tournament chairman, said. Eight teams including industrial league teams, two all-star aggregations, and the Brevard College five, are entered.

Dayton Rubber employees subscribed something over \$2,600 and are among the top groups in contributions to date.

Saturday night the White Oak CDP held a program and netted something in the neighborhood of \$96, all of which was turned over to the Drive.

The annual Porchlight Parade, conducted by the Waynesville Secretaries Club was held Friday night and total donations amounted to \$721. This is almost double what that part of the drive contributed last year and officials today expressed appreciation to all those who took part.

The dance held Saturday night in the Waynesville Armory, which was co-sponsored by the Beta Sigma Phi sorority and the Junior Chamber of Commerce, netted approximately \$100.

Dimes officials today urged everyone who has not contributed to the fund to do so either by attending the basketball tournament, putting coins on the Dime Board, or by sending their contributions to the March of Dimes committee.

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Highway Record For 1953 In Haywood (To Date)

Injured . . . 11 Killed . . . 0

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