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TODAY'S SMILE

Diplomat: A man who can convince his wife she looks too stout in a fur coat.

## Francis Cove Starts New Church



When building is completed about three months from now of a Methodist Church in Francis Cove, every community in Haywood County will have a church. Work was started this week near the community house, built originally more than 20 years ago as a school, and brick laying will start Monday. To cost \$30,000, the building will contain in addition to the auditorium, Sunday School rooms, rest rooms, and a heating plant on the main floor to make it one of the most compact, yet complete, churches in the county. Robert Boone, Sunday School superintendent, has been leading the drive for a church more than 20 years. (Mountaineer Photo).

# Tennessee Gives Contract For Link At N. C. State Line

## Canton Is Interested In Proposed United Fund

A group of civic leaders in Canton have expressed keen interest in the editorial suggestion of The Mountaineer that consideration be given to a county-wide United Fund.

The plan would merge all charitable drives into one, as is being done in a number of places, including Asheville.

The Canton leaders have discussed the mechanics of the plan with the director of the Asheville group, and are much interested in further study with the idea of a county-wide proposition being set up.

One Canton leader told The Mountaineer, in commenting on the editorial of last Monday: "We agree with you that the time has come when we must do something, because it is taking so much time of so many people to make the drive after drive in which we must all participate."

## New Flag At Courthouse



About every eight months the flag at the courthouse wears out and must be replaced with a new one. The latest flag, costing \$18, was raised this week by George Queen. County officials are considering the use of better flags.

(Mountaineer Photo).

## Contractor Gets Work Over Line

The State of Tennessee, long interested in a water level route along the Pigeon River, announced this week that it had let a contract to connect the North Carolina portion of the road to the Tennessee portion.

The contract, which was given to the A. B. Burton Company of Lynchburg, Va., same firm that was awarded the North Carolina contract, calls for blasting and clearing of about 600 feet of rock cliffs inside the Tennessee line. The project will insure the meeting of both states' roads at a central point, thus eliminating any possibility that the connection of the roads would be difficult.

Officials of the Burton Company have stated they would be located on the project within 30 days for clearing purposes. The section around the route of the road is extremely difficult to reach but, with Tennessee's announcement this week, the road will probably be somewhat easier to construct.

The announcement of the construction has brought wide comment from other sections of North Carolina. Since the new road will afford the shortest route between Knoxville and Asheville, motorists are eagerly awaiting its completion.

Right at the state line is a sheer cliff of rock, and the Tennessee Commission felt a better contract could be had by the same firm doing the entire section.

While it is not certain, there is a possibility that the construction will actually begin 600 feet beyond the Tennessee line and then continue for 6.59 miles into North Carolina.

The firm already has a contract in that area, and has done considerable work in Eastern Tennessee.

## County Patrolman Helps Capture Alleged Killer

A Haywood county officer, Cpl. Pritchard Smith of the Highway Patrol, was one of the two officers who arrested Noah Dockery of Cherokee county about 11 p. m. Wednesday.

Dockery had been sought as the alleged killer of Sheriff Charles Crawford who had been shot Tuesday afternoon in Dockery's yard where he had gone to serve a warrant charging Dockery with burning a sawmill. The sawmill belonged to Jess Crouser of Waynesville.

With Cpl. Smith at the time of the arrest was Sgt. T. A. Sandlin of Bryson City, also of the Highway Patrol.

Dockery was placed in the Haywood county jail shortly after midnight and as of noon today no one has been allowed to see him.

Sheriff Fred Campbell and Cpl. Smith were among the group from the county who attended services at 11 a. m. today in Murphy.

The prisoner will probably be questioned when the officers return this afternoon.

Four of Dockery's relatives have been arrested, and because of the high feeling over the shooting, are being kept in an undisclosed jail. They include his wife, son, Allen, and his daughter and son-in-law.

Dr. and Mrs. H. G. Allen have returned to their home at Lake Junaluska after a vacation at Jamaica, British West Indies.

Highway Record For 1953

In Haywood (To Date)

Injured . . . 11  
Killed . . . 0

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

## Quota For Defense Bond Sale In County \$672,000

### Water Bonds Sell For Average 3.37 Per Cent

The sale of \$300,000 worth of water bonds for the Town of Waynesville brought an average rate of 3.37 per cent, officials said today.

The bonds were sold Tuesday at the offices of the Local Government Commission in Raleigh. A modern filter plant and additional intake lines from the 9,000-acre watershed will be included in the expansion program. Repayment of the bonds will not be completed until 1981.

## Youth Implicated In Theft At Lake Last Week

A 17-year-old white youth of this county was being held in the county jail this morning on a charge of breaking and entering three houses at Lake Junaluska, Everett McElroy, deputy sheriff at the Lake, said this morning.

The youth, who admitted to entering the houses and stealing a radio from one of them, was taken into custody after McElroy traced the stolen radio through a Waynesville radio dealer who had been asked to be on the lookout for it.

McElroy said he is still investigating and expects that two or three more boys will be implicated in the robberies.

Owners of the houses were listed as Rev. H. M. Russell of Radford, Va.; Rev. Cas Turner, Chattanooga; and Rev. Glenn Boye, Copperhill, Tenn. They were reported as being on their way to Waynesville today to aid in the investigation and identify the stolen property.

The thefts took place last week.

Haywood County has been assigned a U. S. Defense Bonds quota of \$672,000 for the year 1953, it was announced today by J. E. Massie, County Defense Bonds Chairman. The overall county quota consists of \$446,000 in Series E Bonds; \$119,000 in Series H Bonds; and \$107,000 in Series J & K Bonds combined.

The overall County quota is a proportionate part of North Carolina's quota of \$67,200,000.00, and a national quota of \$5,650,000,000.00.

Chairman Massie pointed out that, in effect, the sale nationally of \$5,650,000,000 in Defense Bonds during 1953 will not take a single dollar from bank deposits or the spending stream; it will only match the volume of redemptions of matured and unmatured Defense Bonds.

Chairman Massie stated that the county and state quotas set for 1953, are not going to be easy to achieve. They represent a formidable task. However, the county and state have always successfully carried their fair share of the load in the Defense Bonds Program, and we have every hope of success this year. Nationally, cash sales in January totalled \$504,000,000 and exceeded the amount the Treasury paid out for redemption of matured and unmatured Defense Bonds by over \$69,000,000.00.

## Large Crowds At Formal Opening Of Ray's Store

An exceptionally large crowd attended the four-hour open house of Ray's new super market at Hazelwood Wednesday afternoon and night.

During the period, 1,600 biscuits and country ham were served, in addition to several hundred cups of coffee, and over 900 cones of ice cream. Other favors included chewing gum, balloons and flowers.

At the close of the open house, a large number of prizes were given, including a number of \$8 food baskets, nylon hose, and a \$50 bill which went to Ben Sloan, Jr.

Climaxing the event on Saturday night will be a cash prize of \$100, together with 22 other food baskets, and numerous pairs of nylon hose.

William S. Ray said the list of winners will be posted on the store window.

## March Came In Like A Lion (Tuesday Night)

March, which didn't come in like a lion Sunday, made up for it Tuesday night when strong winds blew trees down in several sections of the county.

Some people who were up late that night reported that heavy lightning and the strong winds were the fiercest on record.

So far the month has been fairly good with the exception of Tuesday.

There's only 16 days left until Spring, which won't come a bit too early to Haywood.

## School Classes To Be Held In County Saturday

Students in the Haywood County school system will attend classes on a regular schedule Saturday, and most of them are glad of it.

Because of a flu epidemic that closed the schools for six days in January the students were scheduled to continue classes until June 8. That was eating well into the summer vacation and school officials decided to do something about it.

They obtained permission from the county Board of Education and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to hold two Saturday classes—the other is March 21—so that the students would be dismissed on June 4 instead of June 8. Barring further interruptions, the schools will close June 4 . . . and the students aren't unhappy about it at all.

## Kelly Succeeds Caldwell Here As Dixie Manager

J. D. Kelly will succeed Don Caldwell as manager of the Dixie Home Store here Monday morning, it was announced today.

Mr. Caldwell, manager of the local store since May 1951, is going to Gastonia, which is the largest store in the Dixie chain.

Mr. Kelly has been taking special training as a manager since last January. He was formerly in charge of the market of the local store, and is a native of Waynesville.

Mr. Caldwell came here from Lenoir, and has been with the firm for 13 years. Mr. Kelly joined the firm five years ago.

This morning Mr. Caldwell expressed appreciation for the business given him, and the many friends he had made during his two years in Waynesville. "It has been an enjoyable two years," he said. His home is Granite Falls.

## Town To Receive Bids For Water System Contract

City officials announced today that they will receive sealed bids at the Town Hall March 19 for improvements to the Waynesville water system.

Contractors have been invited to bid on the construction of a 12-inch water supply main 9500 feet long and an 8-inch water main 900 feet long.

This part of the program to improve Waynesville's water system is the initial step in improvements that will cost about \$300,000.

Harwood Becke Company of Spartanburg is the engineer for the job.

## 20,000 Tourist Booklets Printed

The Mountaineer has completed the printing of the 1953 tourist bulletin but it will not be ready for distribution until the pages have been assembled.

The order was for 20,000 booklets in two colors, the same number as last year although different colors have been used for the current publication. The number of pages has been increased from 24 to 28 pages.

Most of these booklets will go to the Haywood County Tourist Association. That organization will distribute from 12,000 to 15,000. The Chamber of Commerce will also act as a distributor for requests that come to the office.

## Death Takes Mrs. Shapter In Florida

Mrs. Evelyn Fitzhugh Shapter, 74, a Waynesville summer resident for many years, died Tuesday at her home in Orlando, Florida.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 2 p. m. in Grace Episcopal Church here. The Rev. Edgar Gould will officiate and burial will be in Green Hill Cemetery.

The body will arrive in Waynesville Thursday and will be taken to the chapel of Garrett Funeral Home to await the funeral hour.

Surviving is one daughter, Miss Agnes Fitzhugh Shapter, of Orlando.

## Petitions Ask Road Be Closed At Bethel School

By MRS. HENRY GARNER  
Community Reporter

Petitions are being circulated by the Pigeon Valley Athletic and Recreation committee to the effect that: "We, the undersigned parents and patrons of Bethel School, hereby petition that the road between the school buildings at Bethel be closed to through traffic and that another road be built across between the High School building and Community Cannery. This request is made as a safety measure

## 1.4 Miles Of Haywood Roads Improved In Feb.

The State Highway Commission completed 0.2 mile of paving and 1.2 miles of stabilization in Haywood County during February, Commissioner L. Dale Thrash reported today.

Dix Creek was graded and surfaced with traffic bound macadam, 0.2 mile.

These roads, and their lengths, were stabilized: Rabb Road, 0.2 mile; Martin Creek, 0.4 mile; Hilltop Road, 0.3 mile; and Leatherwood Road, 0.3 mile. The existing surfaces on these roads were strengthened with traffic bound macadam.

All the above projects were financed by funds from the secondary road bond program.

The Tenth Highway Division brought a total of 2.2 miles of paving and 29.5 miles of stabilization to completion during February, Commissioner Thrash added.

## Quota Exceeded On Bloodmobile Visit Monday

Crowds shuffled in and out of the Hazelwood Presbyterian Church all day Monday as the Asheville Regional Bloodmobile Unit made its regular unit. At the end of the day officials announced that 152 pints of blood had been donated, more than the quota.

This is the first time in several months that the quota has been

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## Red Cross Drive Opens Here This Week; \$5000 Goal

The 1953 American Red Cross drive in Haywood County officially opened Tuesday morning when an unusually large number of workers reported to the Waynesville Presbyterian Church for initial instructions.

Miss Louise Ballard and Fred Moody, co-chairmen of the drive (See Red Cross—Page 6)

## Canton May Remove Timber From Beaverdam Watershed

On recommendation of the Tennessee Valley Authority, the State Forestry Service and the State Board of Health, officials of the Town of Canton are considering removing the hardwood timber from the Beaverdam Watershed.

The 809-acre tract acquired by the town more than 30 years ago, is now for the most part a dense forest. Many of the native trees are still standing and will make saw timber, while much of the latter growth will be marketable for fuel or pulp wood. The cutting could be a thinning-out process it was pointed out, and would be done under strict supervision of the State Forestry Service and TVA. The smaller trees, including the evergreens planted by students of the Canton schools will be protected during the removal process. The watershed will be reforested for future use and for protecting the water supply.

Questioned concerning the rumors that the watershed property would be sold, officials stated emphatically that no thought of selling the lands had been considered.

The TVA and state agencies have been interested in the timber and reforestation project and have made considerable study of the proposed timber removal.

Funds from the sale of the timber could well be used to expand and improve the town's water system, it was pointed out. By the proposed reforestation program, if carried on from year to year, the town would realize a steady income from the timber and could continue to develop and extend the water system and fire protection even into outlying areas where such service has not been made available.

Plans have not been completed for removing the timber, and officials are unable to say just when the work will begin.