

STANDARD PTC CO
Comp-230-280 S First St
LOUISVILLE KY

THE WAYNESVILLE MOUNTAINEER

Published Twice-A-Week In The County Seat of Haywood County At The Eastern Entrance Of The Great Smoky Mountains National Park
68th YEAR NO. 20 12 PAGES Associated Press WAYNESVILLE, N. C., MONDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 9, 1953 \$3.00 In Advance In Haywood and Jackson Counties

TODAY'S SMILE
Some cars have fluid drive
—others just have a drip at
the wheel.

4-H Club Group May Go On 1,000 Mile Tour

As a climax to 4-H Club week, the 1400 members of Haywood's 23 clubs expect final arrangements to be made this week for the annual out-of-state exchange tour. Indications this morning were that 40 Haywood 4-H Club members would go to Berkshire county, Mass., sometime in July, according to Cecil Wells, assistant county agent in charge of the boys' Club work in the county. Mr. Wells said today that he had been in touch with H. M. Jones, in charge of 4-H Clubs in Berkshire county, and that three counties in that area were wanting Haywood members to visit them this summer. As the matter now stands it appears that Berkshire will be the county selected. It is about 100 miles to Berkshire, and tentative plans are to make it an 11-day trip—two days of travel each way, and seven days as guests of the Berkshire counties. The time will be between July first and 20th. Those named to represent Haywood this year will be selected on an honor system, somewhat different from previous years, Mr. Wells said. About forty will make the trip.

In previous years Haywood has had an exchange plan with clubs in Iowa and Texas. During 4-H Club week, various clubs are staging chapel and radio programs, together with bulletin boards in various schools. Miss Jean Childers in charge of the work of the 4-H Club girls in the county.

The county council meets the second Saturday in each month, and is the county-wide head of all the 23 organizations.

Several features of today's paper are devoted to the 4-H Club work here in Haywood.

Air Search For Missing Plane Conducted In Haywood County

Haywood County became the scene of extensive search operations last week when the wreckage of an airplane was discovered on the summit of 6,030 foot Cold Mountain.

The wreckage, which at first was believed to be that of a plane piloted by Worth Stewart, Charlotte theater executive, later proved to be an Air Force B-25 which crashed five or six years ago and was one of two wrecks-ages located on the mountain.

Stewart disappeared on a flight from Jacksonville, Fla., to Charlotte February 26. Since then Civil Air Patrol planes have concentrated their search in three areas in Western North Carolina. Previous air searches were conducted at Cascade Lake near Brevard, and near Blowing Rock.

Last Wednesday State Highway Patrolman W. R. Wooten spotted a shiny object near the summit of Cold Mountain and reported it as being the possible remains of Stewart's plane. A flight over the object proved it to be ice on a rock. The searching did find, however, an old wreckage, which was believed to be the Stewart plane.

A ground search by CAP personnel and highway patrolman Friday proved the wreckage as the crash of a B-25.

The search for the missing plane will be continued, according to a spokesman for the CAP, but further efforts will be centered in South Carolina and north Georgia.

Rites Are Held Today For Mrs. Shapter

Funeral services were held this afternoon in Grace Episcopal Church for Mrs. Evelyn Fitzhugh Shapter, 74, a summer resident of Waynesville, who died Tuesday at her home in Orlando, Fla., after a long illness.

The Rev. Edgar Goold, rector of the church, officiated and interment was in Green Hill Cemetery. Surviving as pallbearers were John P. Taylor, Oscar Knight, James Thomas, Kyle Campbell, Ossie Sutton, and Sam Knight.

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

Arrangements were under the direction of Garrett Funeral Home.

Officers Question Noah Dockery



The two officers who captured Noah Dockery, wanted for the shotgun slaying of Cherokee County Sheriff Charles Crawford, interrogate him after he had been placed in the Haywood County jail. They are Sgt. T. A. Sandlin, left, of Bryson City, and Cpl. Pritchard Smith of Waynesville, both Highway Patrolmen. (Mountaineer Photo).

Instrumentalists Make Good Record Saturday At State Music Contest

About 25 members of the Waynesville high school concert band made an excellent record at the North Carolina District Instrumental Solo and Ensemble Contest at Davidson College Saturday. Waynesville musicians entered 11 divisions in the contest.

In the solo groups, Charles Alley made a rating of superior with an oboe solo; Sylvia Newell made a rating of excellent with a clarinet solo; Bill Whitner made a rating of excellent in the baritone solo group.

In the ensemble groups, the following groups performed: Brass quartet, rating of superior, Mary Ann Byrd, Wanda Sue Hipps, Emmett Balentine and Harold Scruggs.

Brass sextet, rating of superior; Mary Ann Byrd, Aaron Gibson, Don Shaw, Dayrel Cagle, Milton Masie, and Henry Wilson.

Trombone trio, superior rating; Emmett Balentine, Harold Scruggs, and Don Shaw.

Trombone duet, rating of excellent, George Williamson, and Maurice Styles.

Woodwind quintet, rating of excellent A. Campbell, assistant director. (See Instrumentalists—Page 6)

Baptists Set Quarterly Meet Of Exec. Comm.

The quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Haywood Baptist Association will be held Thursday evening at 7:30 at the East Waynesville Baptist Church.

The Executive Committee consists of the Associational officers, all pastors, and one messenger appointed by each church in the association.

The Rev. Thomas Erwin is chairman of the Executive Committee.

Summer Resident Dies In St. Petersburg, Fla.

Mrs. Margaret Winston Hopple, a summer resident of Waynesville for many years, died February 23, at her home in St. Petersburg, Fla. She was the widow of the late Richard Hopple.

Funeral services were held February 25 with the Rev. Arnold Charnock officiating and interment was in Lexington, Ky.

Sgt. P. Franklin Suffers Wounds In Korea Battle

Sgt. Paul Franklin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Franklin, is resting comfortably in a hospital in Japan, after suffering wounds in a Korean battle on February 20th.

Sgt. Franklin had his left leg broken, and his right arm struck by bullets during hand-to-hand fighting.

Letters from Sgt. Franklin and his nurse during the past few days reveal he is doing nicely, and the large cast has been removed from his leg, and a smaller one put on instead.

Sgt. Franklin was on patrol duty when a grenade thrown by the enemy knocked his gun out of his hand. (See Franklin—Page 6)

Heart Fund Gets Big Assist From Dayton Rubber

Employees of Dayton Rubber Company today donated \$365 to the Waynesville area Heart Fund drive, bringing the total collected to date to about \$1,400, twice the goal.

Heart fund drive officials were highly elated at the donation. Mrs. Mildred Bryson, chairman, said today that more funds are forthcoming.

(See Heart—Page 6)

Cherokee People To Rebuild Home For Noah Dockery

Citizens of Cherokee county are going to rebuild the home of Noah Dockery, which was burned after Dockery was arrested and charged with the murder of Sheriff Charles Crawford, of Cherokee, last week.

Dockery was brought to the Haywood county jail and is being held without bond, charged with the death of the sheriff, who was serving a warrant at the time he was instantly killed with a shotgun blast.

Over the week-end, scores of people came here to see Dockery. Only immediate members of his family were permitted to see the small Cherokee wood cutter. It was from the visitors that it was learned that plans are underway to rebuild the Dockery home in the Hanging Dog section of Cherokee county.

Solicitor Thad Bryson was here Friday, and told Dockery he would ask that the court appoint a lawyer to defend him. Dockery is said to have made the statement that he did not have any money to pay a lawyer.

The visitors here over the week-end, including some of his 19 brothers, also said that they planned to ask for the trial of Dockery to be moved out of Cherokee county. No indication was given as to which county they would ask that the trial be moved.

Officers here said that Dockery seemed contented in jail, and was a very meek man, and seemingly without any worries.

Grading Almost Finished Here On School Lot

The grading of the lot across Brown Avenue from the high school is almost complete.

The lot, between the street and railroad, was purchased by the school board some months ago. Tentative plans are to make a parking lot for the school buses out of the site.

The dirt from the lot has been used in filling in a lot between Old Hickory Drive and Boyd Avenue, but facing on Brown.

Boosters Club Will Meet Thursday Night

The regular monthly meeting of the Hazelwood Boosters Club will be held at the Hazelwood Presbyterian Church Thursday, March 12 at 7 o'clock. E. A. Williamson, secretary, announced today.

All members of the club are urged to be present.

Red Cross Drive Making Progress, Officials Say

Optimistic reports coming in to the Waynesville Red Cross offices indicate that the goal of \$5,000 will be reached.

To date some \$1,000 has been turned in. These funds are made up of special contributions and contributions solicited from Waynesville and Hazelwood business houses.

Miss Louise Ballard, who serves with Fred Moody as co-chairman of the drive, said today that the drive is progressing far better this year than it was at the same time last year.

A fuller report will be released Thursday.

Recreation Board To Consult With Expert

Board Of Review Might Meet About April 15th

C. C. Francis, chairman of the board of commissioners said this morning that the annual meeting of the commissioners as a board of equalization and review would probably be held in April.

The regular meeting time to hear taxpayers on adjustments of taxes is the third Monday in March. Due to the fact that two groups have not completed their work of revaluation, the board will have to meet later.

Mr. Francis said the board will meet the 16th of March and set a tentative date. It all depends upon the time the groups in Beavercreek and Waynesville complete their work of revaluation.

"It is taking longer in Waynesville and Beavercreek to complete the revaluation than anywhere else in the county," Mr. Francis said. "There are so many more pieces of property, plus all the business houses that it makes the work slower."

Tentative plans are for the board of equalization and review to begin their work about the middle of April.

Clyde Speaker



John P. Gregg, Jr. of Asheville, will speak to the Clyde Lions Club at the Methodist Church of Clyde on March 13, at 6:30 p.m. using the subject "The Truck In Your Life". Program Chairman, Rev. D. D. Gross will introduce the speaker while President Woodrow Lipham will preside.

The speaker is a native of Western North Carolina and has been active in civic and community work. He is a member of the Customs Relations Council of North Carolina Motor Carriers Association, and a member of the Western North Carolina Traffic Club and District Manager of Pilot Freight Carriers, Inc.

Normal Day At Schools On Saturday

Saturday appeared to be a normal school day, according to Mrs. Lucy Jones Boyd, in discussing the session of Haywood school held on Saturday in order to make up for time lost during a flu epidemic in January.

Mrs. Boyd said this morning that according to all reports, the schools were on normal schedule, and with normal attendance. Some were absent due to jobs held by students, but these were in the minority.

School will be held again on Saturday, March 23, as another make-up time for the schools.

Present plans are to close schools June 4th instead of on June 8th as would have been the case prior to making up the time on Saturdays.

Truck Goes 225 Feet Down Bank As Brakes Fail

A truck, belonging to "Speedy" Williams, went 225 feet down a mountain Sunday when the brakes failed. With Williams at the time was a brother-in-law. Both men jumped from the vehicle as it started down the Fie Top mountain road.

The truck went 225 feet down the mountainside, according to Patrolman Joe Murrill, who investigated.

AAA To Judge Waynesville's Safety Program

The activities conducted by Waynesville during 1952 on behalf of the pedestrian will be judged by the American Automobile Association, sponsors of the National Pedestrian Protection Contest, O. L. Noland, Chief of Police, announced today.

A contest report form, consisting of questions concerning accident records, legislation and enforcement, engineering, organization, school safety and public information, all directed toward the pedestrian, has been completed and mailed, he disclosed.

The city will be judged with other cities of like size and population from all over the country. Winners will be announced by a national board of judges, composed of some of the most prominent men in the field of traffic safety.

Waynesville has not been entered in the contest before.

The last pedestrian killed here was in September, 1949, when a 65-year-old man was struck by an automobile on Main Street.

Expert To Talk With Commission Tuesday Night

The 11-man Recreation Commission will confer Tuesday night with Mr. Graves, of Atlanta, a recreation specialist and planner.

The commission will discuss with Mr. Graves the mapping of a suggested recreation long-range plan for this community. In all probability, Mr. Graves will be employed to do the work, as he has successfully planned some 28 recreational programs in North Carolina in recent years.

Charles Ray, chairman of the commission, said Mr. Graves would arrive here Tuesday noon, and spend the afternoon checking present facilities. That night he will meet with the commission to discuss the general plans, and present some of his recommendations for a recreation program here.

Mr. Graves has been highly recommended for the place. At the initial meeting of a group of interested citizens in discussing a recreation program, Heinz Rollman offered \$1,000 towards the cost of getting an engineer here for the planning stage.

At a recent meeting of the commission, a report of existing facilities was made by C. E. Weatherby, chairman of a special committee named to make an inventory of facilities already here.

David Underwood, a member of the commission, spoke at Rotary Friday, and reviewed the general meetings that had been held to date.

"This is not going to be a temporary program, but a permanent one," he explained.

He pointed out the scope of study which had been made, and the careful consideration given every phase of a well-rounded recreational program. The commission is taking into consideration some of the achievements of some 23 towns in the state that have successfully inaugurated recreational programs in the past few years.

The commission has been studying the needs from a community-wide angle, and will be guided to a large degree by the recommendations of the engineer employed as to the initial steps to be taken towards attaining a modern recreation program and facilities here in the community.

Sam Lane is vice chairman, and Paul Davis is secretary of the 11-man commission.

Travel Gains Reported In National Park

Attendance in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park climbed in February to 48,753, a gain of 26 per cent over the same month last year, park officials have announced.

So far this year a total of 74,000 people have visited the park, a gain of six per cent over the same period in 1952.

January this year was below January of last year, 26,106 to 31,622.

Saunook CDP Meets Thursday At School

The Saunook Community Development Program will meet Thursday night at 7:30 at the Saunook School.

James McClure, chairman, urged a large attendance for the purpose of electing new officers for the year.

Report Made On Chamber Of Commerce Drive

Reports of the annual Chamber of Commerce membership drive, which are just beginning to come in at the Chamber's office on Main Street, are very encouraging, officials said this morning.

Some 320 letters were mailed to members and prospective members last week. To date, about \$1200 has been turned in for memberships from various firms in Waynesville, Hazelwood and Lake Junaluska.

Many people have telephoned the Chamber of Commerce notifying their intentions of becoming members.

Commissioners To Hold District Meeting Here

Haywood County will be host April 1 to the annual district meeting of County Commissioners in Western North Carolina, C. C. Francis, Haywood chairman, has announced.

This will be the first time in a number of years the District meeting has been scheduled for the county.

The following counties will be represented: Avery, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Mitchell, Swain, Transylvania, and Yancey.

In charge of the meeting will be John A. McMahon of Raleigh, assistant director.

Assistance Offered In State Tax Returns

Representatives of the North Carolina Department of Revenue will be at the County Court House each day this week and next Monday to assist in the preparation of state income tax returns.

All income tax returns are required to be filed on or before March 15.

The office will also be open Saturday from 9 until 1 o'clock.

C of C Directors To Meet Tuesday Night

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce will be held Tuesday at 7:30 in the Town Hall.

All members are urged to be present at the meeting.

Highway
Record For
1953
In Haywood
(To Date)
Injured . . . 11
Killed . . . 0
(This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol.)