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TODAY'S SMILE  
Poise: The ability to talk fluently while the other fellow is paying the check.

Delights Of The News

Like An Army Custom.

People are known by their name, and few, if any, know by their first name. Branches of the service, the name is the name, and the name is just an initial. A letter was received from military officers relative to the name to be held soon, and that the president-elect of the Waynesville...

Services Of Pre-Union Planned

Union services in the churches will begin on Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the Presbyterian Church. Rev. J. J. ... pastor of the Waynesville Methodist Church, will deliver the message. ... evening at 8 o'clock, ... Williamson of the Presbyterian church, will speak at Unions at the Methodist ... Also on Thursday celebration of Holy Communion will be held at Grace Episcopal with Rev. Edgar Goold in ... evening at 8 o'clock Union will be held at the First church. This will be a musical program with the ... of all the church ... part. ... Friday services will also be held at Grace Church from 12 o'clock to 1 o'clock. ... Services, sponsored by Wood County Methodist ... will be held at Lake Junaluska at 6:30 p.m. Sunday morning. The service will be held at the Cross. ... is cordially invited to the Union services.

Work Done On River Rd.

Men of the Burton Con ... Company of Lynchburg, ... moving dirt and clearing ... way for the Pigeon ... last week. ... 12 men are presently engaged in working on the Tennessee ... of the road. Plans call to move over to the North ... at an early date, making heavy equipment which ... on the site over the ...

Business Men Of ... Urged To Note Area

Business leaders of Waynesville ... county who care to help assist in promoting the ... of the area for early ... by mailing out a ... new folder published ... North Carolina High ... supply having been placed ... Waynesville Chamber of ... for this purpose. ... suggested by the Highlander ... for the next few weeks it ... Business Men—Page 6)

WARMER

Max.	Min.	Rainfall
41	28	.01
56	19	...
56	26	...
55	35	.02

## Board Asks Completion Of School Work

### School Contracts Awarded By County Officials



Last Friday county officials formally awarded contracts to low bidders for construction of the Central Elementary School. Seated from left are C. C. Francis, chairman of the County Board of Commissioners; W. R. Francis, county attorney; Jack Baber of Asheville, architect in charge representing Lindsey Gudger; Mrs. Lucy Jones Boyd, superintendent of county schools; J. W. Killian, chairman of the Board of Education; and Jarvis Allison, county commissioner. Back row: Letch Worley, member of the Board of Education; J. R. Sechrest of Canton, member of the Advisory Board; Frank M. Davis, county commissioner; Gwyn Denton, architect; Dave Felmet, chairman of the Advisory Board; and Glenn Brown, member of the Advisory Board. (Mountaineer Photo)

## Taxpayers To Be Heard By Board On Current Assessments On Property

Special days have been set aside to hear all citizens who feel that adjustments should be made in their property valuations. The board of commissioners will sit as a board of equalization and review and hear all taxpayers of the county who feel that an adjustment should be made. The results of the recent revaluation have been completed and on file in the tax office, according to C. C. Francis, chairman of the board. That is all townships except Waynesville and Beaverdam, and plans are to have these finished within a short time. Mr. Francis said that any property owner who has not already learned of the valuation recently set upon property could find it by going to the tax office and checking the listing books. The first hearing will be Monday, April sixth, when the taxpayers of Ivy Hill, Jonathan Creek, White Oak and Cataloochee will be heard. On Tuesday, April 7, the hearings will be for Pines Creek, Crabtree and Iron Duff townships. Wednesday, April 8, the citizens of Pigeon, East Fork, Clyde and Cecil will be heard. Then the board will visit the premises of those registering complaints, and make necessary adjustments. The hearing for Beaverdam has been set for April 20th, and Waynesville for the 21st. This will give the listers time to finish the two large townships, Mr. Francis said. Mr. Francis said that under the law, this is the only time in which the commissioners have the authority to change valuation of real estate.

## Elks Head



David Underwood has been elected Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Waynesville Lodge No. 1769, at a recent meeting. He succeeds Bill Dover. Other officers elected were: Esteemed Leading Knight, George A. Bischoff; Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Fred J. Ferguson; Esteemed Loyal Knight, R. E. Allen; Tiler, Tom Campbell, Sr.; Secretary, Carl A. Bischoff; Treasurer, Russell Fultz; Treasurer, 3 years, C. C. Nichols, 1 year, Maurice T. Brooks. It is urged that all members of BPOE Lodge No. 1769, attend the next meeting for installation of officers.

## Plans To Be Pushed On All Projects

Work on some of the smaller school improvements throughout the county—which has been overshadowed by the larger construction projects—will "start as soon as possible," according to county officials. At a meeting Friday, the Board of Commissioners, Advisory Committee, and Board of Education adopted a resolution calling for the architects to start working drawings at the earliest possible time on these jobs. As a matter of fact, however, architect Lindsey Gudger has already commenced work at the Clyde School. Once these drawings and plans have been completed, bids can be submitted on the work and contracts awarded. The county officials said at the meeting they were extremely anxious these important jobs be started as soon as conditions permit. The improvements are included in the \$2 million school bonds. Following is a list: Crabtree School—Plans call for a physical education space with full playing court, agricultural shops, music room, and two standard classrooms at a cost of \$168,000. Clyde—Physical education center with full playing court and lockers for \$100,000 plus changing the shop to the existing gymnasium and painting of walls where necessary, \$10,000. Cruso—Replacement of lighting fixtures, ceiling repairs, and addition of coal bin, \$10,000. East Waynesville—Correct toilet conditions and modernize heating system, \$7,000. Hazelwood (old building)—Correct toilet condition, \$6,000. Saunook—Repair auditorium and floors, \$5,000. Pines Creek—Correct toilet conditions, replace basement floors with finished material, repair ceilings, and modernize water and lighting systems, \$11,000. Mt. Sterling—Modernize lighting and heating system and correct toilets, \$3,000. Total cost of these improvements is \$220,000. Contracts have been awarded for work on the Bethel Elementary Building (\$469,700); Waynesville Vocational (\$330,000); Waynesville Elementary (\$260,000); Maggie (\$46,000); Lake Junaluska (\$40,000); Rock Hill (\$31,000); and Allens Creek (\$10,000).

## Haywood Is Included In New Tax Bill

Haywood county has been included in a House bill to levy taxes for certain special purposes relating to county officials. The bill was introduced by the Buncombe county delegation, and later, Haywood was among the nine counties to be included in the terms of the bill, which amends the General Statutes 153-9 so as to authorize counties to levy taxes for certain special purposes relating to the county accountant, the farm demonstration agent, and the home demonstration agent, and the veteran's service officer. As the title indicates, the bill authorizes the commissioners to levy annually special taxes (amount not specified) for declared special purposes of payment of salary and expenses of county accountant, farm demonstration agent, and home demonstration agent, and veteran's service officer, and for payment of other expenses incurred in farm and home demonstrations and in maintaining veteran's service office. Other counties asking to come under the terms of the bill besides Haywood and Buncombe are, Alamance, Chatham, Cumberland, Lenoir, McDowell, Orange, Randolph and Rutherford.

## Contracts Are Awarded For C. Elementary

Building contracts for the Central Elementary School were awarded Friday when the Board of Commissioners, Advisory Committee, and Board of Education met at the courthouse to discuss this as well as other school construction. The contracts were awarded to the low bidders in each case: general construction, William B. Dillard, \$198,600; plumbing, Pressley and Osborne, \$14,318; heating, Al Jennings, Inc., \$22,354; and electrical, Ives Electric Co., \$15,639. The total is \$250,311. Work will start within 10 days after the contracts have been signed. The building site is one of the former C. E. Ray property at Haywood Street and Daisy Avenue. It will contain 16 classrooms, eight for primary grades, and eight graded school, plus auditorium, stage, and cafeteria and kitchen.

## Democrats To Discuss Plan Of Extending State Senate Term Two Terms

Haywood Democrats will meet here Friday, at two o'clock, to discuss alternating State senators with Henderson county on a two-term basis, instead of the present one term system. Charles B. McCrary, chairman of the Democratic executive committee, is calling the meeting of the committee, and all other interested Democrats, pointed out that the proposed plan would enable a senator to gain seniority in the upper branch of the General Assembly. "As the matter now stands, the senator goes down each time as a freshman, and has little opportunity of getting into a key post in the senate," Mr. McCrary said. The Haywood chairman has discussed the proposal with Democratic leaders in Henderson and they are anxious for the plan to be put into force. "They are interested in making the change," Mr. McCrary said, "and suggest that Haywood have the senator for the next two terms. While we appreciate their position, and attitude, it appears that it would be better to have the senator go in office at the same time as the governor, instead of change during an administration. For that reason, it would seem practical for Senator William H. Hodges of Henderson to go back next term and remain in the senate as long as the present governor is in office. And then when Governor Umstead's successor takes office in 1957, the senator from Haywood would be taking office for the (See Democrats—Page 6)

## Beer Election Draws Heavy New Registration

Close to 300 new registrants added their names to the books before they closed Saturday so that they might vote in the forthcoming beer election in Waynesville, which will be held Wednesday, April 8. Of those new registrants, more than 200 were registered in Precinct One (Town Hall), according to Mrs. Ruth Kelly, registrar. Approximately 75 new registrants added their names to the books in Precinct Two (Allens Creek), Mrs. Denton Browning, registrar, said. Saturday was the heaviest day for new registration in both precincts, as almost half the new names were added then. Challenge day has been set for this coming Saturday from 9 o'clock until 3 o'clock.

## GOP Member Of County Election Board Resigns

Charles B. Hawkins of Clyde, Republican member of the Haywood County Board of Elections, tendered his resignation last week to the State Board of Elections. It was announced today by Glenn W. Brown, chairman of the Board. It has not been determined as yet whether a successor to Hawkins will be appointed. If Gudger Duckett of Canton, who is the county Republican chairman, recommends a successor to the State body, it is probable that some action would be taken. However, there are no more elections scheduled to the county before Hawkins' term would have officially ended. Hawkins was a member of the Board for two terms. His present term was due to expire early next year. Mrs. Glenn McClure and Mrs. Charles Stephens and children have returned home after a visit with Patrolman and Mrs. W. R. McClure in Liberty this past week.

## Highlanders To Meet Wednesday

The monthly meeting of the Haywood County Highlanders will be held at 8 p. m. Wednesday at the courthouse, President L. E. Devous has announced. A color movie on travel will be shown and reports will be made of interest to all members. Plans will also be discussed for the 1953 season.

## Education Board Named In Bill To Go Before House

The omnibus bill for naming the boards of education of the 100 counties of the state was due to be introduced in the General Assembly tonight. Representative Joe Palmer said he planned to name the five men who were nominated in the May primary, and to set their terms of office in keeping with the agreement of the primary. The bill will name Mark Kirkpatrick for six years, J. Tom Leatherwood and Jarvis R. Caldwell for four years, J. W. Killian and Jack P. McCracken for two years.

## Mineral Engineer Says Many Scarce Minerals To Be Found In WNC

A number of the scarce minerals needed in the industrial world today are to be found in Western North Carolina, according to Mason K. Banks, in charge of the mineral research laboratory of State College in Asheville. Mr. Banks, a mineral engineer, in addressing the Rotary Club here Friday, pointed out that with the increased production of the jet engines, and development of the H-bomb, that more and more of the finer metals are being in greater demand, he pointed out. Mr. Banks explained the beginning of the laboratory in 1946, which was erected at a cost of \$80,000 to State College, with TVA spending \$60,000 on equipment, and the city of Asheville and Buncombe county donating the building site. The laboratory devotes time and experiments to service work research; miscellaneous small investigations, and small tests of minerals. He pointed out that five major contributions had been made: Research on felpser concentrates; Method of bleaching talc, making a perfect white; Creation of a new type machine for wet grinding mica. Basic research study of production of scrap mica, which is proving profitable to owners, and providing new methods of recovery of (See Minerals—Page 6)

## April Fool's Day Is Wednesday; Exercise Caution

Wednesday is a day that some children look forward to almost as eagerly as they do to Christmas. It's April Fool's Day and it's expected that many a young boy is spending countless hours hatching up tricks and gags he may play on his playmates or any other hapless soul that might come along. It's hard to say just how April Fool's Day started ... there are many variations on its origin ... but it's safe to say that many a young boy (and many elderly men too, for that matter) is happy that such a day does come. So, two days in advance, we warn you ... don't pick up any walleis, or smell any flowers. Both might be loaded.

BULLETIN  
O. H. SHELTON DIES  
O. H. Shelton, formerly connected with the Post Office here, died early this afternoon at the Haywood County Hospital. He entered the hospital early last night.

## Waiting List For Camp Junaluska Is Growing

Camp Junaluska has a long waiting list of campers wanting to attend the camp this summer, it was learned this week from Miss Palmira Carbajal, director in charge of the institution. The full capacity of the camp of 150 has been filled for several weeks, Miss Carbajal said. The waiting list is growing, and it looks like a good season for all camps, the camp executive said. Miss Carbajal said that in discussing the prospects for the coming season with other camp directors she had learned that almost all camps were going to experience a banner season this summer. "Parents are learning that camps are a vital part of a child's education, and that their associations, and work during the summer are of extreme importance. Camps are no longer just a place to 'park' the children for the summer. Camps are really educational institutions." Camp Junaluska is one of the largest, and best known camps in this area. Miss Carbajal said there were no plans on foot to expand Camp Junaluska, except to add to the dining room used by the junior campers.

## Announcement Of Policy

This is to give notice of a policy adopted by The Mountaineer, that no advertising will be accepted from either side for the beer election to be held here April 8th. This policy was adopted because we believe it to be in the best interest of all concerned. This newspaper will accept letters for publication on the subject, when the letters are confined to 300 words, or less, and measure up to all requirements of fair play, and are wholly factual. No letter that makes personal attacks will be published. The publishers reserve the right to decline publication of any letter that borders on libel. The publishers, and their lawyers will be sole judge of such letters. The news of the election, as in the past, will be fully covered by this newspaper.

## Boy Scout Quota Is Met In Drive Staged By Rotary

The local adult membership drive for the Boy Scouts went over the goal by \$4, according to Jack Messer, chairman of the campaign. The quota for the Waynesville area was \$1,800. Mr. Messer, representing the Rotary Club, as sponsoring organization, said that the members of the club had staged the campaign, and a total of \$1,804.21 had been turned in to the fund. This area is part of the Daniel Boone council. The Canton area recently reported that that area had met their goal.

## Red Cross Drive Still Lagging; Ends Tomorrow

With just two days to go—today and Tuesday—officials of the Waynesville area Red Cross Drive reported today that the drive had netted a little more than half the goal. Fred Moody and Louise Ballard, co-chairmen, said that reports from various workers had not been completed and it is not known as yet whether such reports would carry the drive over the goal. Among the reports to be made are industry, some of the professional men, some schools, and some of the rural communities. Practically all of the residential reports have been made. Waynesville and the surrounding area has a goal of \$5,000 to raise this month.

## District Commissioners To Meet Here Wednesday

Between 40 and 50 representatives from Western North Carolina counties will attend the district meeting for county commissioners here Wednesday. County Chairman C. C. Francis said today. It will start at 10 a. m. in the courthouse. The commissioners will discuss school financing, leasing of county homes, legislation of interest to county officials, and other matters pertaining to county government. This is the first time that Mr. Francis said he could recall a district meeting has been scheduled for Haywood county. The meeting place is changed each year. Presiding will be John Alexander McMahon, assistant director of the Institute of Government at Chapel Hill.

Highway Record For 1953 In Haywood (To Date) Injured . . . 16 Killed . . . 0 (This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol.)

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