

ord Cited In
ying Rumor As
Polio Epidemic

articles denying that Hay-
wood suffered a polio epi-
demic in Florida, have
been sent to newspapers in that
state by the Chamber of Com-
merce.

Wood Owen, president of the
Chamber of Commerce, and chief
of hospital staff, together
with N. F. Lancaster, acting
director of the Health Department,
issued a joint statement.

According to records of the U.
S. Health Service, there
were 72 cases of polio in the
state from January 1, until
June 30. Of these 72 cases, not
one was in North Carolina.
In 1952, there were five
cases in Florida.

Polio in Haywood over the
last period, and in widely
other areas. At no time was
there any indication of an epi-
demic.

Feel that the rumor exist-
ing in Florida, must stem from the
fact that this area of the
state suffered last January, as
many other areas over the
state.

de-A Milk ducers Meet ay Night

A milk producers in Hay-
wood County were today asked to
attend a meeting at the court
house tomorrow (Friday) at 7:30
to further discuss the propos-
ed North Carolina Milk Pro-
ducers Association.

As Kirkpatrick, president of
Haywood County Milk Producers
Association, and G. C. Palmer,
secretary, issued a statement.
They said that many
producers do not fully un-
derstand the "pros and cons" of
the proposed organization, and that
the meeting would serve to help
clarify any points.

McDowell, who is with
the C. Milk Producers Federa-
tion, will discuss the by-laws, con-
ditions and all other phases of the
organization and will answer any ques-
tions that might arise.

ton Police Resigns for 16 Years

W. N. Stroup of the Can-
ton Police Department resigned his
position Tuesday afternoon, to be
effective when the vacancy could
be filled, and the Canton Board of
Police has accepted it.

Stroup had been in the de-
partment for 16 years.

Anderson tendered his resig-
nation Wednesday morning, ef-
fective immediately.

Stroup headed the police
department in Canton for the past
two years. He was assistant chief
for many years prior to that. He
had indicated his immediate
departure for the future.

Stroup and Anderson were
the fourth and fifth men to leave
the department in the past two
years. The first to leave was Sam
Robinson, who took a position with
the Highway Department. Robinson
resigned six weeks
ago and James Turner resigned
last week.

out 100 Firms, Individuals Are C Members

100 business firms and in-
dividuals have joined the Waynes-
ville Chamber of Commerce to date.
McCarroll, chairman of the
membership committee, said today
that Edith Chambers, secretary
of the chamber, is compiling a list of
members as of noon Saturday.
The list will be published in The
Mountaineer Monday and will be
the 1953 honor roll.

Firms and individuals who
become members of the
Chamber of Commerce this year
will be eligible to vote on the
Saturday so that their names
will be included on the honor roll.



FAIR

Today—Fair and sunny today,
fair tomorrow.

Waynesville tempera-
ture compiled at the State Test

Max.	Min.	Rainfall
50	43	.17
63	49	.17
79	36	

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TODAY'S SMILE

Super Salesman: One who
sells a prefabricated garage
to the purchaser of a raffle
ticket for a new car.

Land Graded At Central Elementary Site



Grading was to have been completed by the week-end where the Central Elementary School will go up at Haywood Street and Daisy Avenue. Four days after the contracts had been awarded a bulldozer of contractor William B. Dillard was moving earth at the site. The 16-classroom building will probably be ready for use by the fall of 1954. (Mountaineer Photo.)

Nine County Road Projects Included In Approved List

Home Ownership Here Is Above National And State Average, Survey Reveals

(Special to the Mountaineer)

NEW YORK—A greater proportion of Waynesville's population own the homes they live in and the homes are more modern and in better repair than are dwellings in most parts of the country.

Such are the findings of the U. S. Department of Commerce, based on the recent national Census of Housing. The results are now being made public.

Of the 1,447 occupied dwelling units in the city, 849, or 59 percent, are owned by their occupants. This compares favorably with the national figure for cities, which shows 51 percent home ownership. Among all cities in the State of North Carolina the average is 46 percent.

Better economic conditions locally in the past decade have made it possible for more people to satisfy the urge to acquire their own homes.

Another of the great conveniences of modern living—mechanical refrigeration—is also to be (See Homes—Page 8)

Five Members Added To Canton Gallon Club

Five new members were added to Canton's rapidly growing "Gallon Club" last Wednesday when the Asheville Regional Bloodmobile unit collected 101 pints of blood in the Canton area.

The visit, which was sponsored by the Canton Lions Club, was considered very successful by bloodmobile officials.

Those added to membership in the Gallon Club were Charles Loyall Dotson, Clifford Wilson, Major Burrell, Mrs. Nell Church, and J. Pat Greeley.

Mrs. Mattie Clark has returned to her home in Hazelwood after spending four months with relatives on the West Coast. She also spent two weeks in Washington, D. C. en route home.

Thrash Announces Projects To Be Paved In County

Nine projects have been approved in Haywood for paving under the State Bond Fund, according to L. Dale Thrash, commissioner of the Tenth District. The nine projects total four miles, he said.

The projects totaling four miles just put on the approved list of roads that will be blacked topped in the future are: (mileages are shown.)

Evans Cove (Maggie)	3
Campbell Creek	3
Old Soco Road	5
(West of Maggie)	
Evans Road (Henson Cove)	7
Canton Sub-Station	2
Browning Branch	6
(Allens Creek area)	
Turpin Road	6
(Off No. 284 Dellwood)	
Camp Branch	5
Allens Creek	
Allen Road—extension Rhoda Street, Canton	3
Total	40

No dates have been set for these projects to be paved, it was announced, but they are definitely on the approved list and will be black-topped as soon as workmen can get to them.

James Knight, assistant district engineer, said today that the schedule calls for paving to be resumed in the county during the week of April 27th.

Under state regulations, no paving is done prior to April 15th, and in this area, engineers prefer waiting until the 27th or later, due to the colder weather.

The roads definitely due for paving this year include eight projects totaling 11.8 miles. They are:

Clyde loop	3.5
Ratcliffe Cove	5
Connecting Clyde loop	
Iron Duff	2.9
Burnett Cove	1.0
(In Dutch Cove)	
Thompson Cove	1.2
Little East Fork	2.0
Stamey Cove	3
Cross Roads	4
Total	11.8

White Oak CDP To Meet Saturday Night

The regular meeting of the White Oak Community Development Program will be held Saturday night, April 12, at the Community House.

Each family attending the meeting is requested to bring hot dogs and rolls or bread to the meeting.

Date For Resuming Beer Sales Uncertain

Tax Equalization Board Postpones Hearings For Two Townships

Members of the Haywood County Board of Commissioners, sitting as a Board of Equalization, heard and reviewed complaints from about 40 taxpayers this week, all of whom were seeking adjustments in their recent property revaluations.

C. C. Francis, chairman of the board, said today that between 30 and 50 taxpayers appeared before the board.

Mr. Francis also said that hearing for Beaverdam and Waynesville townships, originally scheduled to be held April 20 and 21, had been postponed to sometime in May. The postponement was necessary because the revaluation workers have not completed the project in those two townships.

Dockery Handed Death Sentence

Noah Dockery, 45-year-old wood-cutter charged with the shotgun slaying of Sheriff Frank Crawford of Cherokee county March 3, was found guilty yesterday of first degree murder and sentenced to die in the state gas chamber at Raleigh.

Judge Allen H. Gwyn sentenced Dockery in the Cherokee County Superior Court.

Dockery, who was lodged in the Haywood County jail for three weeks prior to the trial, was found guilty of shooting Sheriff Crawford to death in the Hanging Dog section of Cherokee county when the sheriff went to Dockery's house to serve a warrant which charged Dockery with arson in connection with the burning of a saw mill.

Defense attorneys were given 70 days in which to prepare an appeal, and the state was allowed 30 days to answer the appeal plan.

Nantahala And Pisgah Forests To Be Merged

The United States Forest Service yesterday announced plans to merge two of the largest national forest areas in North Carolina in an effort to cut administrative costs.

Forester Charles A. Connaughton, in charge of the Atlanta regional office, said the Nantahala National Forest with headquarters at Franklin, will be absorbed into the Pisgah National Forest on July 1. Asheville is headquarters for Pisgah.

Both areas will be under the direction of Don J. Morriss, Pisgah supervisor, Connaughton reported.

He said E. W. Renshaw, present Nantahala supervisor, will become supervisor of another national forest as yet unannounced.

Connaughton declared no employees of either forest will be discharged in the merger. However, he said jobs of employees retiring soon will not be filled, eliminating some 10 or 12 jobs.

The merger was decided upon, Connaughton added, to comply with calls from Washington for a reduction in operating costs. He said the plan is designed to cut administrative costs by \$40,000.

Kiwanis Adopt 'Open Door' Resolution; Hear Rollman

Heinz Rollman, president of Welco Shoe Corporation and founder of "World Construction", addressed the Waynesville Kiwanis Club at its regular meeting Tuesday night at Spaldon's.

Rollman outlined the reasons why an independent organization is needed to work for world peace, something to supplement the work of the United Nations, and pointed out that this movement must of necessity be initiated by private citizens.

The club also adopted a resolution commending county and city officials in Haywood for the "open door" policy which they are following. The resolution was similar to that accepted by several other civic organizations in the county, condemning the action of the North Carolina General Assembly

Legal Beer Back By Only 35 Votes In Town Election

Waynesville dry forces suffered a defeat by 35 votes on Wednesday as legal beer sales were voted back into town. While 1,647 voters were casting their ballots in Waynesville, the General Assembly in Raleigh turned thumbs down on proposals for a state-wide liquor referendum.

When will legal beer sales be resumed in Waynesville, was the question being asked of lawyers today.

There was a difference of opinion on the matter. Some lawyers held that dealers would have to get new licenses, which would mean a lapse of time to about April 20th. Other lawyers argued that dealers who had a beer license on September 2, when Haywood voted out legal beer sales, would have a right to resume selling beer at once.

At noon, it appeared that the matter would be determined by a ruling from the State Alcohol Beverage Control board.

The voting here broke all records for a town election.

Voting was brisk throughout the day, starting at 6:30.

The Allens Creek vote came in about 40 minutes ahead of the Waynesville vote, and since the results were so close, the large crowd of anxious spectators at the Town Hall had to wait until the last vote was tabulated by election officials to learn the outcome.

The dry forces took a margin of 91 votes in Allens Creek, while the wet forces won by 121 votes in the Town Hall precinct.

	For	Against
Allens Creek	114	205
Town Hall	727	601
Total	841	806
Majority	35	

The Town Board of Aldermen are today holding their regular monthly meeting and will officially canvass the vote.

According to J. R. Morgan, town attorney, the state law regarding acquiring a beer license reads:

"Every person intending to apply for any permit to sell beer at retail hereunder, shall, not more than thirty days, and not less than ten days before applying to the board for such permit, give written notice of such intention to the county and municipal authorities in which applicant proposes to maintain his business, and shall post a notice of such intention on the front door of the building place or room where he proposes to engage in such business, or publish (See Beer—Page 8)

National Park To Regulate Trucks On Roads

A new regulation, designed to limit the amount of heavy trucking through the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, has been adopted by the National Park Service and will be placed in effect May 15.

The regulation states "From May 15 to October 15, inclusive, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., trucks over one and one-half ton capacity, and trucks of one and one-half capacity carrying a load in excess of 5,000 pounds shall not be operated or moved over any road in Great Smoky Mountains National Park."

Banquet Speaker



Louis B. Sutton, president of Carolina Power & Light Company, will be the speaker at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet here Friday, April 24.

Plans are to hold the banquet at the Hazelwood school cafeteria, and tickets will be on sale soon for \$2 each. There will be a limited number of tickets available.

The banquet committee is composed of Charles E. Ray, Dave Felmet and Johnny Johnson.

REA Moving Into New Quarters

The Haywood County Cooperative is moving from its offices on Main Street here into the new REA building just beyond the town limits on U. S. 19A.

Manager R. C. Sheffield said the job of getting files and equipment into the new headquarters started Monday. The Cooperative has been located at Main Street since 1941.

The new building, erected at a cost of \$105,000, is one of the most complete and modern REA buildings in the State and even has facilities for Home Demonstration meetings in a up-to-date kitchen.

Manager Sheffield said the Cooperative will hold an open house May 2. Details will be published at a later date.

Haywood Ranks High In Library Circulation

Haywood County ranks 28th among the counties and regions of North Carolina in the per capita circulation of its library books.

According to the most recent University of North Carolina News Letter, Haywood's public libraries have 21,556 library volumes with a total circulation of 109,091. That is 2.90 circulation per capita. The state average is 2.54 circulation per capita.

Haywood has a current library income of \$16,533, which is \$0.44 income per capita. The state average is \$0.41.

In publishing the News Letter officials at the University said that libraries in North Carolina operated 89 bookmobiles in 91 counties. North Carolina, it said, holds the record of having the largest number of bookmobiles in any state.

The above figures include the Canton public library.

Mr. and Mrs. John P. W. Taylor and son, Nicky, have returned to their home after a week's visit to Judge and Mrs. William H. Grimsball in Charleston, S. C.

Highway Record For 1953 In Haywood (To Date)

Injured 17 Killed 0

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