

Dial Phone System Goes In Operation Saturday Midnight

Over To al System All Set

The stroke of midnight, Saturday, June 4, 1953, will see the dial system for Waynesville go into operation. Charles C. Francis, chairman of the board of commissioners, will throw a switch in the new office which will energize the dial system for Waynesville.

Throwing of the switch will energize about 3,000 telephones in the area. The old exchange will operate from the modern building just installed in the building completed some time ago by Southern Bell on Main Street.

The telephone company has spent over \$800,000 in the conversion of the dial system here, it was explained.

Another part of the building, however, is the H. H. Way of Waynesville. Lawrence Davis, of Hazelwood, will be seated at a desk and make the first official call on the dial system. They will make a long distance call somewhere, neither would say just where the call would go, but hint would be some official, probably Washington.

McCusison, manager here, said several of the telephone executives planned to be here for the cut over to dial.

Patrons were making last-minute tests today on all the equipment which covers a great part of the floors of the building.

Part of the main cables in town have been placed underground. This is the first step towards getting all wires off Main Street, and the power lines.

McCusison urged that subscribers read again the little book furnished on the operation of the dial and familiarize themselves with the procedure. "It is very important once understood," he said.

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TODAY'S SMILE
Horse sense is what a horse has that keeps him from betting on people.

Record Crowd Expected At Lake Sunday

4th Rural Route To Be Established Here

Post Office Announces New Route

A fourth Rural Free Delivery will be established out of the Waynesville Post Office upon the closing of the Dellwood and Cove Creek Post Offices. The new route will serve the areas formerly covered by these post offices and will begin July 1, it was announced by J. H. Howell, postmaster.

It is not known yet how many patrons will be on Route four. The present three routes have about 1,400 boxes.

Postmaster Howell made the following statement in announcing receipt of authority to establish the new route: "Patrons are requested to place boxes on the right side of the road as traveled and to paint the name on the box so as to be seen by the carrier as he approaches. Box numbers will be assigned by the carrier. Patrons in the section below are requested to have mail addressed 'Route 4, Waynesville, N. C.'"

The route begins at Ward's Service Station, Lake Junaluska, at the intersection of State Route 209 and U. S. Highway 19-23. It proceeds northerly on Highway 209 to Dotson's Corner; east to Richard Bridge and back to the corner; northerly on Highway 209 to Yates' Corner; southwesterly to Caldwell corner and retraces; northerly to Bryson corner; westerly to Antioch Church corner; southerly to Davis corner and retraces; northwesterly to Iron Duff corner; southerly on Orchard Road to F. Davis' corner and retraces; northwesterly to Highway 284 at Boyd Bridge corner; northerly to Old Highway corner; southwesterly on old highway to Ross corner and retraces; northerly to Cove Creek forks of road; westerly to Howell Bridge corner; westerly to Ed Messer's corner; north and west to Nellus Sutton residence and retraces; and retraces outward travel to Howell Bridge corner.

Route 4 continues northwesterly on Highway 284 to Mary Messer's store corner and retraces; retraces easterly to Cove Creek forks of road; then north, northeast and north to Sam Ledford's corner; northeast to Wade Pressley's corner and retraces; northeast to Stevens Creek corner; northwest and north to J. Davis' residence and retraces; and retraces outward travel to Rabbitskin Road corner near Cove Creek; then southerly and northwest to Dark Hollow Road corner; easterly to Ferguson Bridge corner; westerly to Stephenson's corner and retraces; southerly to Hill Brook Drive corner; westerly to Stephenson's corner and retraces; southerly to Church corner near Iron Duff corner; easterly and southerly to Highway 209 at Ferguson's corner; southerly on Highway 209 to Bryson's corner; retraces outward travel to Ward's corner and the Post Office.

Final High School Graduation Exercises In Haywood Set For This Week-End

Studies Are Over; Street Covered With Exam Papers

Ninety-nine diplomas will be awarded at three Haywood county schools tonight. All programs will begin at eight o'clock.

Friday night 146 seniors of the Waynesville Township High School will be eligible to get their awards, with the exercises being held in the stadium, with weather permitting.

Tonight's programs will be held at Bethel, Clyde and Fines Creek. There will be 48 diplomas awarded at Bethel; 31 at Clyde and 20 at Fines Creek.

Last night, at Crabtree-Iron Duff, 20 diplomas were given to the graduates there.

On Sunday evening diplomas will be given to three graduates at St. John's, to complete the graduation exercises in Haywood.

Col. Robert Putnam, of Canton, will be the speaker at the St. John's commencement program Sunday evening at eight o'clock.

There were 365 seniors in seven high schools in the county.

Friday's graduation class of Waynesville, will be the largest class in school history.

The program will open with the playing by Stanford Massie of "Pomp and Circumstance". The Reverend D. A. Payne, pastor of Long's Chapel, will give the invocation and benediction. Richard Hipps will sing "I Shall Not Pass This Way Again," and the following three class orations will be given: Wilburn Davis, "Sail On"; Ann Coman Crawford, "Inheritance of Youth of America"; and Charles Alley, "Time Passing".

A varied program has been planned for the Friday night exercises which will be climaxed with the awarding of diplomas by M. H. Bowles, district superintendent. Nancy Bischoff will give the salutatory, and Geraldine Keenum, the valedictory address, followed by presentation of the 1953 class by C. E. Weatherby, principal.

Ten members of the chorus will sing "You'll Never Walk Alone". The Beta Sigma Phi scholarship award will be made, and the audience will stand and sing the school "Alma Mater" as written by Miss Margaret Stringfield. "Hail the Conquering Hero Comes" is the recessional.

The class roll is composed of the following: (See Graduates—Page 8)

16 Days Without Any Rain Here

As of noon today, it has been 16 days since rain fell in Haywood county.

The last rainfall recorded here, was .74 of an inch on May 19.

During the first of May a total of 2.59 inches fell, according to the official weather report. On April 20, a rain which measured 2.06 inches fell in the county.

Many close observers of the weather report that this is the longest dry spell recalled at this time of the year.

Head Haywood County Day Program



Reuben B. Robertson, chairman of the board of directors of Champion Paper and Fibre Company will introduce Senator Hoey.



Senator Clyde R. Hoey, will be the principal speaker at the Haywood County Day program at Lake Junaluska Sunday morning at 11:30 a.m.

Services At Lake To Start At 11:30 A. M.

Preparations are being completed today for a record attendance at Haywood County Day at Lake Junaluska Sunday morning. The services will begin at 11:30 a.m., according to Dr. H. G. Allen, superintendent of the Lake.

Senator Clyde R. Hoey will be the principal speaker, and will be presented to the large audience by Reuben B. Robertson, chairman of the board of Champion Paper and Fibre Company. Rev. Jack W. Huneycutt, district superintendent, will preside.

Following the service, an old-fashioned picnic will be held on the shady lawn on the lake edge adjoining the auditorium. In the event of rain the picnic will be held inside the auditorium, it was announced.

Officials of the four towns in Haywood, together with county officials, and others, have been issued special invitations to sit on the platform for the services.

Dr. Allen issued an invitation for all who will to come and bring a basket lunch and participate in the picnic.

A number of people have written in this week to announce they were "coming back home" for Haywood County Day. Already more than twenty cottage owners have arrived and opened their homes for the season.

Dr. Allen said all indications were that the event Sunday, marking the formal opening of the Lake, would bring out a record attendance.

Senator Hoey is no stranger at Lake Junaluska, as he has been a platform speaker there many times, both as a state official (governor and senator) and as a leader of the Methodist church. He has been a teacher of a men's Sunday School class for more than 30 years.

Mr. Robertson is flying up from Florida in order to attend.

Edwin Jones, chairman of the board of trustees of Lake Junaluska was among those writing to say he would attend.

Haywood County Day is sponsored by the Ministerial Association, the Chambers of Commerce, and the Community Development Programs of Haywood County. The Junaluska Assembly has expressed its deep appreciation to the following committees:

General Committee: Hugh Massie, chairman; Charles Ray, Curtis Russ, H. G. Allen, Thomas Brummitt, Dr. Boyd Owen, Bruce Morford, C. D. Ketter and Miss Ray Ballard.

Marshal Committee: David Felmet, chairman; Roy McKinnish and C. D. Ketter. Usher Committee: Hugh Massie, chairman.

The Reverend J. E. Yountz, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Waynesville, will read the Scripture Lesson, and prayers will be offered by the Reverend Don Payne, pastor, Long's Chapel Methodist Church; Dr. C. N. Clark, retired; and the Reverend J. H. Coleman, pastor, Shady Grove and Maggie Church.

Special music by the Community Development Chorus will be under the direction of Charles Isley.

Picnic dinner will be served on the ground. All those attending are invited to bring a basket lunch.

Free At Canton 16th Pint Of Blood Tuesday

Canton residents gave 16th pint of blood and members of the "Two Gallon Club." The Red Cross bloodmobile visited Champion YMCA.

Two-gallon donors were Al Lowe, Lawrence E. Goolsby, William H. Mendell.

Bloodmobile received a total of 16 pints of blood during the day. Others became eligible for "Gallon Club." They were W. Anderson, Charles M. Joseph C. Mason, Agnes Johnson and Virginia Mary Johnson.

Bloodmobile visit was sponsored by the Canton Kiwanis Club under the direction of R. A. McDaniel who was assisted in receiving donors by Scott Harvey, Merrill Jameson. Mrs. J. H. Jameson was in charge of the Gray and wives of the Kiwanis who assisted.

Second Accident Victim Dies; Rites Thursday

Funeral services for Pfc. James Rathbone, 23, of Canton, who died Monday from injuries received the previous day in a motorcycle accident, will be held at 2:30 p. m. Thursday at the Rocky Face Baptist Church. The Rev. I. W. Scott and the Rev. Chester Mitchell will officiate. Burial will be in Plains Cemetery.

Rathbone was riding on a motorcycle with Herbert M. Carver, 20, of Route 1, Canton, when the vehicle was struck by a car driven by James L. Chambers, of Route 2, Canton. Carver died shortly after the accident at an Asheville hospital. Funeral services were conducted at 2:30 p. m. Wednesday at the Rocky Face Baptist Church.

Members of the Canton National Guard unit will serve as pallbearers at the Rathbone funeral.

Survivors include his parents, three brothers, one sister, and the parental grandparents.

This accident resulted in the first Haywood County highway fatalities in 10 months. It occurred, according to Cpl. Pritchard Smith of the Highway Patrol, when Chambers drove onto the highway on the Old River Road near Canton without stopping at the intersection. His car struck the motorcycle head-on. No one in the car was injured seriously. Chambers has been released under bond of \$2,000 pending a hearing Thursday.

All County Post Offices Affected By New Box Rents

The increase in box rentals in the Waynesville Post Office announced in the June 1st issue of The Mountaineer applies to all Post Offices in the United States. It is now announced by the Post Office Department, box rentals in the Hazelwood and other county post offices will therefore be affected accordingly, and new rentals will be applied to the July quarter.

Although the advance amounts to an almost 50 per cent increase, the basic rate has not been changed since 1907. The Department states that the increase is necessary to meet rising costs in both equipment and maintenance.

Rates per quarter will now go from 75 cents to \$1.10; from \$1.00 to \$1.50; from \$1.50 to \$2.25.

Land Deeds Must Be Checked By Tax Office Before Going On Record

County officials are giving notice today that before any transfer of property can be made in the Register of Deeds office, that it will be necessary to get a seal on the paper from the tax office.

This is the terms of a law passed by the 1953 legislature, which makes it mandatory to have all papers on the sale of property first to go to the tax office before going on record.

The law was passed in order that the tax office could keep track of all transactions, and see that the property was properly listed in the new owner's name.

Official notice of this measure is being printed in today's issue by the county officials.

Interesting Facts On Sports Pages

Details of the Little League baseball parade and opening of the season will be found in detail on the sports page—Page four of section two of this issue.

Also of interest on the sports page will be pictures of the two pretty girls who are leading women softball pitchers in the South. The two will face each other in Canton Saturday night.

James M. Stevens Back At Work

James Marshall Stevens, 40, of Waynesville died suddenly of a heart attack while at work at the Day-Balmer Company here Wednesday afternoon.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Frank Stevens; three sons, William of the U. S. Navy stationed in Alaska, T. J. and James of the home; and the parents, Mrs. J. W. Stevens of Waynesville, Ga.

One sister, Mrs. Glenn Henderson of Detroit, Mich.; six brothers, Jim and Henry Stevens of Detroit, Mich. and Doyle and James Stevens of Hazelwood.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by the Crawford Funeral Home.

James Goodin To Receive Commission

James C. Goodin, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Gentry of Waynesville will be commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant in the U. S. Marine Corps at the University of North Carolina Monday morning.

Lt. Goodin will receive his Bachelor of Arts degree in Physical Education at the University graduation ceremonies the same day.

While at the University he was a member of Phi Eta Sigma, Lambda Chi Alpha, Old Well, Scabbard and Blade, Semper Fidelis, the Monogram Club and was captain of the gymnastics team.

Lt. Goodin has been ordered to report for duty at Camp Lejeune, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Gentry and their daughter, Mrs. Ralph Phillips, and Mrs. Gentry's mother, Mrs. Sallie Lou Justice, will leave Saturday to attend the commencement program.

Man Injured When Truck Leaves Road

Howard H. Cagle of Waynesville suffered cuts and bruises Monday afternoon when his pick-up truck swerved off the highway and struck a pile of rocks in a ditch.

He was taken to the Haywood County Hospital where 22 stitches were required in his face and arms.

Cpl. Pritchard Smith, who investigated the accident, said that the truck first swerved to the right side of the highway, then to the left, and finally back across where it left the road.

Cpl. Smith said that Cagle has been charged with reckless driving.

Driver Injured When Car Leaves Road Near Canton

Head cuts and arm lacerations were suffered by William W. Henson about 8:15 p.m. Wednesday as the result of a car accident on the Allen Farm Road near Canton.

Patrolmen H. Dayton and Sanford, the investigating officers, said that Henson's car ran off the road and overturned in a field.

Henson, the only occupant of the vehicle, was taken to the offices of Dr. V. H. Duckett in Canton for treatment and then sent to the Haywood County Hospital.

Wool Pools Are Scheduled By County Agent

Three wool pools have been arranged by the county agent's office this summer, one to be at Boone on June 17, another at Clyde on June 20, and a final pool in early August.

Arrangements have been made to pool wool with Watauga County at Boone at the following prices for tied wool (prices will be two cents less per pound for untied wool):

Clear wool—62.76 cents per pound; light burry—57.76 cents; heavy burry—48.76 cents; black and gray—50 cents; lamb wool—56.76 cents; and trashy wool—30 cents.

Minimum charges not to exceed two cents per pound will be made for hauling the wool to Boone and for handling and grading.

Wool should be tied or bagged separate by grades and it should not be mixed.

Farmers interested in pooling wool should have their wool at the following places by 12 o'clock noon June 16 in order that it can be picked up by trucks:

Mark Ferguson's Store at Fines Creek; R. F. Rogers' farm at Crabtree, Mountain Experiment Station near Waynesville, and Goodson Pontiac Company at Canton.

In order to conduct the pool at Clyde, it will be necessary to have at least 1400 lambs. Top grade lambs, docked and castrated, will bring between 26 cents and 28 cents with a four-cent break between grades. The pool will start at 7 a.m.

Services Are Held Wednesday For H. M. Carver

Funeral services for Herbert M. Carver, 20, who was fatally injured in a motorcycle-automobile collision Sunday, were held Wednesday afternoon in Rocky Face Baptist Church.

The Rev. I. W. Scott and the Rev. Kester Mitchell officiated and burial was in Plains Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Claude Broyles, Charles R. Willis, Floyd Frisbee, Don Scruggs, Wilson Trantham and Henry Sutton.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Hazel Green Carver; two sons, Herbert Hayes and Bulow Leslie Carver of the home; the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bulow L. Carver of Canton, Route 2; one brother, Charles J. Carver, Canton, Route 2; three sisters, Mrs. Maggie Sue Frisbee of Waynesville, Route 1, Mrs. Lois Scott of Canton, Route 1, and Mrs. Mary Ruth Davis of Canton; the paternal grandmother, Mrs. Susie Hayes Carver of Old Fort; and the maternal grandmother, Mrs. Hessie Sutton of Waynesville, Route 2.

Joe Compton Graduates From Law School

Joe Compton was graduated from the Law School of Wake Forest College at commencement exercises this week.

A graduate of Mars Hill Junior College, he has been a student at Wake Forest four years. He was a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha social fraternity and the Wake Forest chapter of a national legal fraternity.

Compton is married to the former Miss Aleese Bass, who has had a position on the faculty of the Zebulon schools. Both Mr. and Mrs. Compton have returned to Wake Forest for the summer after a short visit at home.

Mrs. Frank Compton attended the commencement exercises.

Haywood County Students Among WCC Graduates

Several Haywood County students were among the 85 seniors to receive degrees this week in graduation exercises at Western Carolina College at Cullowhee. N. H. Collinson, vice president of Ecusta Paper Corporation at Pisgah Forest, was the graduation speaker.

The awarding of two honorary doctorates in law also highlighted the program Monday. Brandon P. Hodges, of Asheville, and Harry E. Buchanan, of Hendersonville, were recipients of these degrees, which were conferred by President Paul A. Reid. The Rt. Rev. M. George Henry, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina, gave the baccalaureate address Sunday morning.

Those who received Bachelor of Science degrees from Haywood County were: Dorothy Caldwell, Maggie; John M. Carver, Clyde; R. L. Clark, Spring Creek; J. M. Crawford, Waynesville; Lee Finger, Waynesville; Norma Burgin Hipps, Canton; Charles Ray Howell, Waynesville; Peggy McCracken, Waynesville; Laura Worley, Canton; and Louise Worley, Canton.

Master of Arts in Education degrees were awarded to Lawrence B. Leatherwood, Waynesville; Carl Ratcliffe, Waynesville; and John F. Schibor, Clyde.

First National Offering 12-Day Farm Course Free

The First National Bank is offering an all-expense trip to a 12-day agricultural short course at State College this month.

The agriculture program is being sponsored by the N. C. Banker's Association. The offer is made to any Haywood high school graduate, 18 to 28, who has shown an interest in 4-H or FFA work, and plans to continue in agriculture.

Applications should be made to Wayne Franklin, county agent, according to an announcement found elsewhere in this issue.

Singing Convention At Court House Sunday

The second in a series of monthly singings will be held at the Haywood County Courthouse Sunday afternoon, June 7, according to an announcement by Ray Parker.

The singing, which is being sponsored by the Haywood County Singing Convention, will feature a number of well-known singing groups from Western North Carolina.

The program will get under way at 1:30 p.m. in the courtroom.

Highway Record For 1953 In Haywood (To Date)

Injured . . . 23
Killed . . . 2

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

The Weather

FAIR

Slightly windy and

Max.	Min.
85	60
80	46
83	42

Waynesville temperatures compiled by the State Test