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TODAY'S SMILE  
The new dial system will  
get your party.  
As easy as a success.  
This may be so, but we will  
miss,  
That pleasant "Number  
Please"??

## Sidelights Of The News

### Price Education?

you don't know can hurt  
according to a pair of six-  
cousins in Hazelwood.  
may be the only youngsters  
here looking forward to  
school next fall.  
Blanton and Mike Duck-  
been in the habit, ever  
they were big enough to  
a phone, of calling each  
"pass the time of day."  
the planned switch-over  
telephone system was  
to Ricky, he turned  
For what might be the  
he lifted the receiver  
the operator for his  
number.  
he said sadly, "they've  
telling me about this  
thing. Do you know what  
means? It means that if  
going to be able to talk to  
other, we have just got to  
read!"

### Roost Fame

erty owners along Buz-  
sist, a short road near Cen-  
not like the name of  
but its fame is spread-  
the nation. It all started  
the owners recently sent a  
to the district highway  
simer, L. Dale Thrash,  
permission to change the  
Laurel Drive.  
Mountaineer has just re-  
a clipping from W. T.  
who describes himself as an  
clip-hamite tarheel. The clip-  
is a United Press dispatch,  
May 29, from a Cedar Rap-  
newspaper and headed  
Roost Is On The Way  
It reads in part: "Nobody  
to know how a mile-long  
road near here (Waynes-  
ville) to be called Buzzard  
but property owners along  
are sure of one thing—  
it has changed. . . . The road  
as Buzzard Roost on state  
system maps. A spokes-  
the delegation said it has  
secular name for so long  
grandpa does not know

Shine writes that he hopes  
Roost didn't get its name  
Quail's Roost did. Quail's  
has a railroad stop. Mr.  
Durham, it was so named  
it was blessed with a lot

### Baptist Education School Rolls Record

is thought to be the largest  
of students ever enrolled  
Monday registered this  
at the Vacation Bible  
of the First Baptist Church  
resville. The Rev. Broadus  
pastor, announced that 174  
had enrolled in the school,  
continues through Wednes-  
day week.

### Chamber Of Commerce To Meet Tuesday

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of the Waynesville Chamber of  
Commerce has been called by Dr. Boyd  
Qwen, president, for Tuesday even-  
ing, June 9. Dr. Owen has em-  
phasized the importance of a large  
attendance at this meeting which  
will be held as usual at 7:30 in  
the Town Hall.

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address of George Kenneth Walk-  
er or Jackie Claude Bare is asked  
to give the information to the local  
Draft Board No. 45 in the Court  
House. Telephone number of the  
Selective Service Board is GLen-  
dale 6-3101.

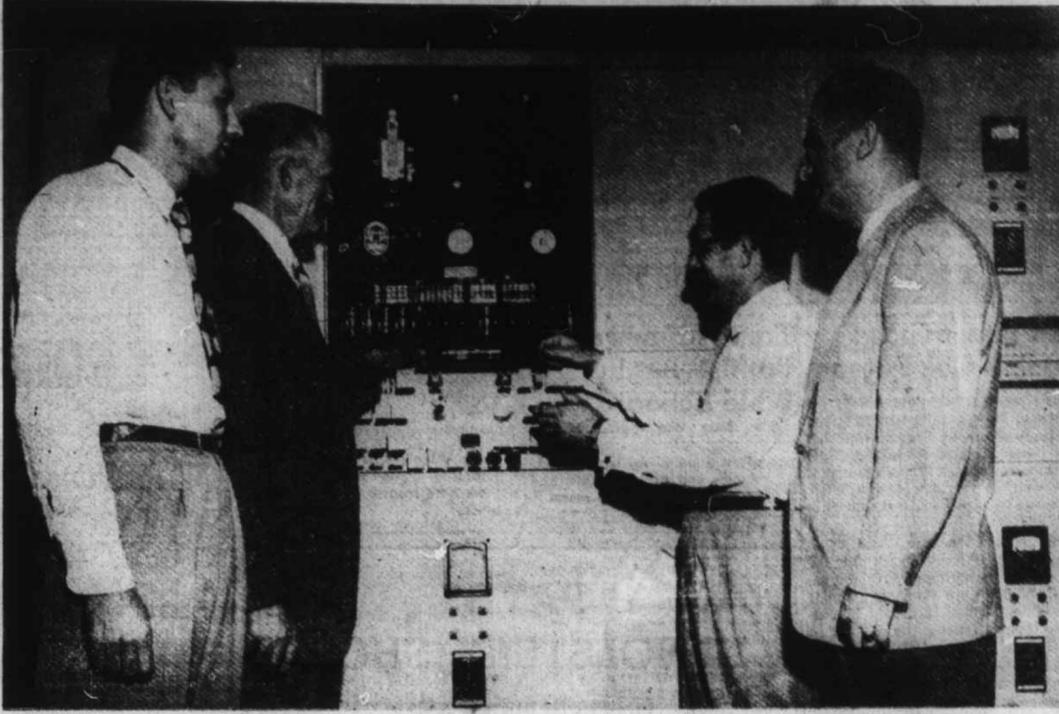
### Missions To Stage A Mass Meet Tuesday

Missions will confer Fellow-  
ships on Tuesday night  
8 o'clock, it was announced  
all Missions, as well as visit-  
ants are invited to attend.

the  
ather

Variable cloudiness.	
and humid, with scattered	
showers. Tuesday —	
cloudy and warm with	
of afternoon thundershow-	
Waynesville temperature	
by the State Test Farm.	
Max. Min. Rainfall	
82 44 —	
85 48 —	
81 67 .62	
84 65 .51	

## Change-Over Made By Throwing Switch



A flip of a switch at midnight Saturday completed the conversion from the "operator" telephone system to the dial system. Having the honor of making the change is C. C. Francis, second from left, chairman of the County Board of Commissioners, while C. T. McCuiston, manager of the local telephone exchange, shows him how to pull the lever. Others are Jim Chambers, left, plant foreman, and J. C. Strickland, right, installation foreman. (Mountaineer Photo).

## Dial Phone System Is In Operation Here

### Switch-Over Made Without A Hitch On Saturday Night

Waynesville's telephone system was converted to dial at midnight Saturday night, without a "hitch," and according to officials, it was among the "smoothest ever made in the system."  
About 11:50, all local calls were stopped by the operators and as the hands of the clock stood straight up and down on midnight, C. C. Francis, chairman of the board of county commissioners, threw a switch, changing the system to dial. Engineers at the old central office began pulling other switches there, and the change was made.  
Then the dial equipment in the new building on Academy street began to hum and click. By 12:15 it sounded like several hundred typewriters going at full blast, as people began to make calls trying out the new system.  
The number of calls were described by officials as normal for such a conversion.  
About 100 people were in the building at the time of the change over, most of them telephone employees, their families, and others who were participating in the change-over program.  
As Mr. Francis was pulling the switch, a long distance call was in progress, with Mayor J. H. Way of Waynesville, and Mayor Lawrence Davis, Hazelwood, W. Curtis Russ, editor The Mountaineer, and J. Lovell Smith, district manager of Southern Bell, talking to Senator and Mrs. Willis Smith.  
The four here averaged about three minutes each in talking to the two Smiths, who were attending a meeting in Morehead City.  
Mayor Way began the conversation, by telling his former college classmate, "Willis, this is a fine building, but I'm not so sure I am going to like dial. I've had the same number for so many years, and now it is all changed." Then the mayor laughed, when the Senator told him he would get to like the new and modern system.  
By that time the two had gotten around to politics, and Mayor Way predicted that Haywood would give the Senator even more votes next time than in the last election. This pleased Senator Smith, and jokingly, he asked the mayor to repeat such good news.  
Mrs. Smith expressed delight in hearing of continued progress in her former home town, and said they were definitely coming up as soon as Congress adjourned within the next few weeks. She also issued a general invitation for "all to look her up when in Wash-ington."  
Mayor Davis described briefly the telephone building to Senator and Mrs. Smith, and how proud everyone was of the progressive step.  
Senator Smith complimented the district manager (Lovell Smith) for having such a fine time, and being with Southern Bell. Manager Smith recalled having been in a conference with the Senator back some years ago.  
W. Curtis Russ, editor The Mountaineer, told Senator Smith that many readers were enjoying his column which is carried each week in The Mountaineer. Then the two began discussing the possibility of getting Congressional funds for completing nearby links in the Blue Ridge Parkway. Senator Smith, along with Senator Hoye, have been working on this project, and took an optimistic view of the possibility of getting some money from Congress for this.  
A number of visitors stood in (See Dial System—Page 8)

### At Opening Of Junaluska Season



Senator Clyde R. Hoey, left, who was the principal speaker yesterday at Lake Junaluska for Haywood County Day, chats after the morning service with Mrs. W. T. Crawford, a regular visitor at the event ever since it was started 40 years ago, and Dr. H. G. Allen, Lake superintendent. (Mountaineer Photo).

## Waynesville Area Offers Good Employment Source Labor Department Reports

### Weekend Rainfall Benefits County

The rains came Saturday, after 18 rainless days. Official rainfall at the State Test Farm was .62 inch on Saturday and .51 on Sunday.

Even people who had planned outdoor activities for the weekend were delighted to unpack their picnic kits and put away their equipment.

The longest dry spell at this time of the year in the memory of a number of residents had parched lawns and gardens.

The rain was general throughout the county, according to the County Agent's office, and was of especial benefit to tobacco and pastures.

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### Miss Grace Blanton left today to attend the summer school at Mars Hill College. She was graduated last week from the Waynesville High School.

## 15.2 Miles Rural Road Paving Completed In May

The State Highway Commission completed 15.2 miles of paving in Haywood County during the month of May.

The following roads, with their lengths, were graded and paved:  
Ross Road, 0.5 mile; Chestnut Mountain, 0.3 mile; Peden, 0.2 mile; Bradley, 0.1 mile; Clyde Loop, 3.3 miles; Ratcliffe Cove, 0.5 mile; Iron Duff, 2.9 miles; Burnetts Cove, one mile; Thompson Cove, 1.2 miles; Cross road, 0.4 mile; Stamey Cove, 0.5 mile; Pisgah Creek, 1.1 miles; River Road, 2.4 miles; Country Club Road, Municipal-County Road

Unemployment in the Waynesville area was estimated at 1,300, or about 6.7 per cent of the labor population in April, 1953, according to an analysis of the labor situation in the Waynesville-Haywood County area compiled by the Defense Manpower Administration of the Department of Labor. The report has been made available by the Hon. George A. Shufford, Congressman from this district.  
The 6.7 per cent figure indicates that there has been virtually no change in the level of employment or unemployment during the past few years except for the usual seasonal expansion in resort activities. About one-fourth to one-third of the jobless are women. Of the total unemployed, about 2.3 per cent are professional and managerial; 6.6 per cent clerical and sales; 8.8 per cent service; 16.8 per cent skilled labor; 23.3 per cent semiskilled; 22.6 per cent unskilled, and 19.6 per cent other types.  
The situation will be about the same in the coming months, the report points out. While unemployment is likely to drop some during the summer seasonal employment peak period, this is regarded as a temporary situation, and joblessness can be expected to return to its present or a higher level by late fall. It is suggested that, since the area has been one of long-standing labor surplus, it offers a fertile field for labor recruitment by expanding firms from many other areas.  
There are approximately 19,400 employed of the present population of 56,900 in the Waynesville area, including Haywood County and Jackson County. About one-fourth of all employed workers in the area are engaged in agriculture; about one-half of the wage and salaried workers are on the payrolls of some type of manufacturing plant, especially those for paper and rubber products, leather goods (shoe soles and belting), and wood furniture. In all these are some 11,550 wage and salaried workers, of which 5,600 are in manufacturing.  
Another 5,950 of the wage and (See Labor Supply—Page 8)

## Senator Smith Optimistic Over Getting Funds For Building Links Of Parkway

### Two Miles Of Streets Here Are Being Paved

Work started Friday on paving an additional two miles of Waynesville's streets, according to Grayden Ferguson, town manager. Marshall Street, back of the East Waynesville school, is the first place of work.

Also included in the contract are Auburn Road, South Hill Street and several short streets still to be decided upon, Mr. Ferguson said.  
The contract was awarded Thursday to the Allison Construction Company, and the job was under way the following day.

### Officials And Headquarters Announced For Highways

All highway work for Haywood County will be controlled by the District One office in Hendersonville, it was announced this week by Harry Buchanan, Highway Commissioner for the 14th Division. At the same time his complete "official family" was listed. G. G. Page, division engineer, will have headquarters in Sylva. C. W. Lee is assistant division engineer.  
The Hendersonville District One office, with P. J. Durpee, district manager, will oversee Henderson, Transylvania and Polk counties as well as Haywood County.  
Bryson City will be headquarters for the District Two office. E. L. Curtis, district engineer, will manage highway affairs for Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon and Swain counties from Bryson City.

### Visiting Editor Plans Haywood Feature

A special feature article on Haywood County will result from the visit here of Bill Sharpe, editor of The State Magazine.  
Mr. Sharpe and his family are here from Raleigh for a week's vacation at Cataloochee Ranch.  
Combining business with pleasure, however, Mr. Sharpe will gather material for a Haywood County feature to run in The State.

### Col. Mint Reed of St. Peters- burg, Florida and Waynesville has returned from Durham where he attended the twenty-fifth reunion of his class at Duke University.

### Car, Truck Are Damaged Sunday In Collision

Robert M. Hawkins, Jr. of Upper Crabtree has been charged with drunken driving after the ton and a half truck he was driving collided Sunday afternoon with an automobile driven by James McElroy of Cove Creek.  
The accident took place on Riverside Road as the two vehicles were approaching each other. Damage to the McElroy car was estimated at \$600 and to the truck at \$50. No one was injured.  
Cpl. Pritchard Smith and Patrolman H. Dayton were the investigating officers.

### East Waynesville Baptists Buy Community Church

The treasury of the East Waynesville Baptist Church will be over \$1000 richer in spite of—and because of—its purchase last week of the East Waynesville Community Church and School property.  
The selling price was given as \$3000, but of this sum, \$600 was donated by the trustees of the Community Church to the Baptist Church. In addition, the First Baptist Church of Waynesville, returned to the East Waynesville church its share of the proceeds.  
Since a number of local churches had participated in the founding of the old Community Church and School, proceeds of the sale were divided among them. Churches receiving this distribution were as follows: First Baptist Church of Waynesville, First Methodist Church of Waynesville, Waynesville Presbyterian Church, Ratcliffe Cove Baptist Church, Ratcliffe Cove Methodist Church, Church of Christ of East Waynesville.  
Indications are that other churches may follow the example of the First Baptist in contributing to the East Waynesville church.  
A considerable amount of remodeling will be necessary on the old building, according to East Waynesville church officers.  
J. R. Morgan, of the law firm of Morgan & Ward, handled the distribution.

## 1500 At Lake Sunday For Haywood County Day

### 75% Of Haywood Now Have Phones

Approximately 75 per cent of Haywood County families have telephone service, according to Waynesville Manager C. T. McCuiston. This figure makes the county one of the most highly developed telephone-wise in the state.

### Seven Men Inducted Here Monday

Seven Haywood County boys left Monday morning at 7 o'clock for Knoxville where they will be inducted into the United States Army. From Knoxville they will be assigned to camps throughout the country. The inductees are George Harrison Stevens, Ronald Clifford Cogdill, Junior David Rathbone, Harold Dean Medford and J. D. Smith.  
Thirty-three more young men will be called from this area for examination on July 13, and four will be called for induction on that date.

### Reckless Driving Damages Vehicle

Charges of careless and reckless driving have been placed against Richard B. Parham of Waynesville after he swerved off the highway on the Old Dellwood Road and caused considerable damage to his car.  
The accident occurred about 7 p. m. Saturday in the rain. Patrolman Joe Murrill, who investigated, said that Parham made a right turn on the Old Dellwood Road from U. S. 19, skidded 160 feet, hit an embankment on the other side, swerved across the highway to the left side, continued moving for 60 feet, and overturned in a ditch.  
Parham was injured. The accident damaged the right side and top of the vehicle and damage was placed at \$300.  
Mrs. J. L. Giles of St. Louis, Michigan has arrived to spend several months at her home on Balsam Drive. Mr. Giles will join her in a few days. Mrs. Giles drove down with Mrs. Wendell Dunbar and her children, who are now visiting Mrs. Dunbar's parents in Rome, Georgia.

## 1500 At Lake Sunday For Haywood County Day

Approximately 1,500 persons turned out Sunday for the annual "Haywood County Day" program at Lake Junaluska, marking the official opening of the Methodist's Assembly's 1953 season.  
With United States Senator Clyde R. Hoey as the guest speaker, summer residents and visitors from throughout the Waynesville-Asheville area, as well as numerous early arrivals from other states, united in a worship service in the big Junaluska auditorium and then held an old fashioned picnic at the lakeside. Fried chicken and homemade pies and cakes featured the menu.  
With the weatherman cooperating to hold off showers until mid-afternoon, the opening day exercises were termed an "enjoyable success" by Chairman Hugh Massie and his general committee.  
The program was sponsored by the Ministerial Association, Chambers of Commerce and Community Development Programs of Haywood County.  
Representing the assembly were Edwin L. Jones, Charlotte, president of the board of trustees; Dr. H. G. Allen, superintendent, and Dr. Elmer T. Clark, program chairman.  
The assembly this year is celebrating its 40th anniversary as the Methodist Church's Southwide summer program headquarters. More than 30,000 persons are expected to visit the famed church center this summer to attend conferences, leadership training institutes or merely to enjoy a vacation.  
Sen. Hoey was introduced by Reuben B. Robertson, chairman of the board of Champion Paper and Fibre Co., Canton.  
The influence of the church upon the state is what gives "government a heart," the senator declared. He said that both Haywood County and the assembly are fortunate in the location of Lake Junaluska and its nationally-known Christian program. (See Senator Hoey—Page 8)

Highway  
Record For  
1953  
In Haywood  
(To Date)  
Injured : : : 23  
Killed : : : 2  
(This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol.)