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TODAY'S SMILE  
Impatient customer: "I only get an hour for lunch, miss."  
Waitress (as she hurried by): "I can't discuss labor troubles with you now."

## Meeting Held To Discuss Agriculture Buildings Committees Are Named



**CAPT. PAUL W. McELROY**, of Waynesville, has just been named to conduct a navigation school for pilots at Hickam Field, Honolulu. This was an honor obtained after several years as instructor of one of the 3 and one-half month courses on which his ability has been highly complimented.

## Paul W. McElroy Receives Honors At Hickam Field

A Navigation School for Pilots, one of the key training units of the Pacific Air Transport Service, has just been put in the charge of Capt. Paul W. McElroy, of Waynesville. Capt. McElroy has been stationed for several years at Hickam Field, Honolulu, where he was an instructor in the Navigation School training Aircraft Observers.

Col. William D. Carines recently wrote concerning Capt. McElroy: "I was particularly impressed by the competence and instructing ability of Capt. Paul W. McElroy, who conducted the course which I attended."

Other letters have been received by Capt. McElroy from his commanding officers, Col. Thomas W. Gell who said: "I wish to add my personal appreciation for your excellent performance of duties which reflects favorably upon this command." And Maj. Jim H. Wood who wrote: "It is with pleasure and pride that I forward this letter and add to it my own appreciation for the credit you have brought upon (See Capt. McElroy—Page 8)

## County Leaders Discuss Need For New Buildings

BULLETIN!

The proposed livestock and home arts exhibit building was approved unanimously this afternoon by the county-wide meeting at the Court House, and a committee was immediately appointed to work with the County Commissioners in putting the program into action.

Nearly eighty persons attended the meeting, which had to be moved from the Commissioners' Office to the Court Room.

Members of the committee include Jack Chapman, chairman, and Dr. J. L. Reeves, Roy Haynes, Dave Felmet, Richard Barber, Dave Boyd and Joe Palmer.

A discussion of the possibility of constructing buildings for agriculture and home arts exhibits opened at 2 p. m. today in the court-house.

At the meeting were civic, business, and agricultural leaders from all sections of the county who met with the county commissioners.

Those meeting with the commissioners requested a group be named to work with them in making the survey.

The discussion was sponsored by the agriculture committee of the Chamber of Commerce, R. N. Barber, chairman, and the Haywood CDP, Tom Brummitt, chairman.

The need for permanent buildings was explained by Mr. Barber who said that the use of temporary structures such as the county has been using has not proved satisfactory and is uneconomical.

County Agent Wayne Franklin said that permanent buildings would be suitable not only for livestock shows but also for women's flower exhibits.



KING SIZE is the description that fits this sassafras tree located between Maggie and Dellwood and belonging to Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Platt. It is five feet in diameter. (Photo by Deaton).

## Beef Shoot To Be Held This Year

Apparently the shortage of mule leaders is not acute enough this year to postpone the annual beef shoot at Tom Alexander's Cataloochee Ranch.

It was reported previously that the lack of the old rifles had meant that the last beef shoot had been held. But assurance from Alexander has been received that the event is scheduled again this summer.

Alexander said that there will be enough guns on hand and has planned the shooting match for Wednesday, Aug. 5. It will start at 9 a. m. and will probably last until 4:30 p. m. Host Alexander will put up the usual steer for a prize and other awards will be donated by merchants to provide at least three prizes in each age class as well as three for the ladies.

The age classes will be: Boys through 19; men, 20 to 39; men 40 to 59; and men, 60 years and older; ladies, any age.

## N. G. Trains In Summer Maneuvers

Sixty Haywood County men left for Ft. McClellan, Ala., Sunday for two weeks of maneuvers with 4,000 other members of the North Carolina National Guard. This is a summer training workout in which the 55 enlisted men and 5 officers of the Waynesville Tank Co., 120th Infantry Regiment, participate annually.

The company will train until June 28, first in use of basic weapons until all qualify in range practice and other types of firing; then in the field in small unit problems and tactical training on platoon and company level. The camp will end with a 5-hour night problem with all units of the Regiment involved. Division parade will take place Friday, June 26, before high state and Army officials.

Capt. Samuel A. Carswell, is Company commander for the Waynesville unit. Other officers are 1st Lt. Robert H. Winchester, 1st Lt. Frank C. Byrd, 2nd Lt. Albert C. Jones, and 2nd Lt. James R. Adams. Lt. Winchester took an advance detail of 5 men with the company's motorized equipment to join the Regiment's motor convoy at Greer, S. C. as it moved on to Ft. McClellan.

Lawrence Davis, mayor of Hazelwood, said that so far as he can remember Hazelwood has never extended its limits or at least not within the past 25 years. Alvin Ward is the attorney for the town.

## Can Anyone Find One Bigger?

(Editor's note: The following article appeared in the LOG, official publication of Champion Paper and Fibre Company, and was written by Bruce Nanney.)

"Woodman, spare that tree," we cried as we stopped at Hickory Hill, the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Platt of the Dellwood section, near Waynesville. The admonition was really unnecessary, for Dave Platt knew he had the biggest sassafras in the region and had no intention of doing anything but sparing it.

This giant of the "medicine tree" (See Big Tree—Page 8)

## 3 Groups To Hear Robert Francis

Robert C. "Bob" Francis, often called the Tar Heel Will Rogers, has a busy week ahead with three major speeches on his schedule. This well known speaker and leader of C.D.P. will join Wayne Corpening, former County Agent, in an address Thursday, June 18, at Meredith College before a state Baptist group. They will discuss the subject, "Accomplishments Visualized," as part of the general topic for the series of meetings on "Developing North Carolina's National and Social Resources."

On Tuesday, June 16, Francis will be one of the lecturers on the TVA farm specialist group which is visiting Haywood County.

As a Test Demonstration farmer he will discuss some of his experiments and researches. Finally on Tuesday evening, June 23, Francis will be principal speaker at the banquet for the state convention of the North Carolina County Commissioners Association.

## Sickness And Its Cost Subject of National Survey

A number of families in this community will be visited during the next three weeks by an interviewer for a University of Chicago Research organization as part of a large-scale national study of illness and its costs to families in the United States. The study is sponsored by Health Information Foundation (HIF), of New York.

Beginning around June 15, interviewers for the National Opinion Research Center (NORC), of the University of Chicago, will call on more than 3000 families in 143 selected counties throughout the country, including Haywood.

The number of families to be interviewed locally depends upon density of population in the area—in smaller counties, about 30 families, and in the larger metropolitan areas, around 300. Interviews will include farm families as well as town and city residents.

In selecting the sample families, technical procedures worked out by the United States Census Bureau and other organizations were used. Consequently, the information obtained from the study will furnish significant measures of burdens which illness imposes on families generally.

The purpose of this research, according to Admiral William H. P. (See Survey—Page 8)

## Park Service Director To Attend Program At Heintooga Monday

## Coroner's Jury Orders Patrolman Held In Pistol Shooting Saturday Night

## Parkway Travel Sets May Record

Travel to the two National Park facilities in Western North Carolina broke all records in May. The Blue Ridge Parkway was visited by 547,520 persons in 138,692 cars and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park by 165,067 persons, for a total of 622,587—an increase of 38% over May of 1952.

The Blue Ridge Parkway, now the most used of all National Park facilities, meets the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in North Carolina at the new link from Soco Gap, on U.S. 19, to Heintooga Overlook, which is being formally dedicated on June 22, but has been open to traffic since May.

## Wall Family To Contact Mrs. Hooker

Relatives of Mrs. William Hooker, the former Myrtle Lee Wall, are contacting her as a result of The Mountaineer story printed last Thursday. Fillmore Massie of Hazelwood, husband of the "sister Bessie" remembered by Mrs. Hooker, plans to ask her for the picture of James Wall at the age of 19. The Massies feel that they may be able to distinguish the man sought from another man of similar name.

Mrs. Hooker last week wrote the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce asking help in locating her father, James Wall, whom she has not seen for 26 years.

## Buy Interest In Livestock Market

Two well known Haywood cattlemen have purchased a two-thirds interest in the Western Carolina Livestock Market, in Asheville.

The two are Jack Messer and Medford Leatherwood.

The market is at the Old Logan Show Grounds, and sales are held every Thursday at one o'clock.

The owners announced that a special lamb sale would be held on June 25th.

## Recreation Group To Hear Report

The Waynesville-Hazelwood Recreation Commission will meet at 6:30 Wednesday, June 17, in the new recreation room of the Piedmont Hotel. The eleven-man commission, named last spring, will hear a report from Charles M. Graves, Consulting Park and Recreation Engineer of Atlanta.

Graves has been here for some time making a survey of the recreation needs of the community and what could be done about them. His report to the Commission Wednesday night will be in the nature of a progress report as he plans to remain in Waynesville several more days to continue his study.

The Boards of Aldermen of the two towns and their mayors will also attend the meeting, of which Charles Ray is chairman.

## Reforestation Replacing Tree Losses In County

For every tree that has burned in Haywood County during the past year, farmers have planted eight seedlings, a ratio that would indicate the county will soon be overgrown in forests.

Such a thing of course will not happen. This loss does not take into account those trees that are cut for timber, nor does it include the seedlings that never reach maturity. For every 10 that are planted, perhaps eight will be cut for timber in 20 years, and at the end of 50 years probably no more than four of the original 10 will be standing. And an annual planting program of eight seedlings for every tree burned will not be maintained.

Within the past year at least 203,100 trees have been destroyed by fire in the county and in that (See Reforestation—Page 8)

## Conrad L. Worth, Other Dignitaries Will Be Present

The Director of the National Park Service and a number of other dignitaries will be present for the dedication ceremonies next Monday morning of the Heintooga Ridge Road.

Coming from Washington, Director Conrad L. Worth will be accompanied by Assistant Director Hillary A. Tolson. Other officials expected to attend include Elbert Cox, Regional Director of Region I of the National Park Service; Francis J. Heazel and Paul Mathes, co-chairman of the Joint North Carolina-Tennessee Committee for promotion of the Great Smokies Park; Charles McD. Puckette, a member of the Joint Committee; Dr. Kelley E. Bennett, chairman of the North Carolina National Park, Parkway and Forests Development Commission; W. Ralph Winkler, vice chairman of the Commission; Commissioner Harry E. Buchanan of the 14th Division of the North Carolina State Highway and Public Works Commission; and Charles E. Ray, member of the N. C. Park and Parkway Commission and chairman of the committee on arrangements for the dedication.

The ceremony is sponsored by the state Park and Parkway Commission at Waynesville, in cooperation with the National Park Service and the Bureau of Public Roads.

The ceremony will be held at the Heintooga Ridge Road, near the intersection of U.S. 19 and Heintooga Overlook.

## Sunday Was Wrong Day For Flag Day

Flag Day just came on the wrong day for Waynesville this year. The fact that it fell on Sunday and that rain was falling off and on during most of the early part of the day discouraged virtually the whole town from displaying the Red, White and Blue.

There was at least one exception. One large residence on Main Street had hung the flag prominently but in the rain, against all the rules of flag usage. But in the bright sunshine of late afternoon Ely's Antique Shop in the Maggie Valley was flying a beautiful big flag. That one could have served for the whole county.

Well, this gives the town about three weeks to get all flags cleaned and in good order for the Fourth of July. It comes on Saturday, so no excuses please!

## July 4 Program To Start June 28

The annual Fourth-of-July celebration sponsored by the Hazelwood Boosters Club will begin on Sunday, June 28, with a Union service at the Hazelwood Baptist Church. Howell Bryson announced today. Mr. Bryson is general chairman of the program.

Plans for the remainder of the week are in the making, he said, with emphasis on numerous athletic events, as well as the always-popular rides.

## Highway Record For 1953 In Haywood (To Date)

Injured . . . 23  
Killed . . . 2

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

## Highlights Of The News

### It, The Cops!

to convince Assistant Agent Cecil Wells that he was the goat of a practical week, but here are the

June 4 issue of The Mountaineer a number of people assigned by a "want ad" as follows:

have a 1949 or 1950 two-door blue Plymouth, please trunk for 5 boxes of Government cheese which belongs to School. The boxes were taken from the car by mistake at the Court House Parking lot last afternoon. Please no board of Education."

Darius Siler, in whose car was supposed to have been taken, asked Sheriff Fred Siler whose car might have been spotted a similar automobile at the trunk, and Sheriff Cecil Wells.

Wells opened the trunk and Campbell, keeping a close eye on the car, asked, "I want to see this Government property if it's here." Campbell said, "I don't know a thing about it." Campbell said, "I don't know a thing about it." Campbell said, "I don't know a thing about it."

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