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TODAY'S SMILE
Signal Corps' Latest: A homing pigeon crossed with a woodpecker. It not only delivers the message but knocks on the door.

Highlights Of The News

How Or Never

Two weeks ago R. N. Barber, a beautiful tame fowl walk in his flower garden, and ever since has made the Barber flower garden a home. Barber has been trying to find out what kind of fowl it is, and the rightful owner. The fowl has a long tail, with bright feathers about the neck. Barber says it is a member of the family. Presently it is a pet, because Barber wants the rightful owner to have the fowl, and if they do not come and claim it, he will, necessarily, have to give it to some means get it out of his flower room. It is your fowl, it is now yours—never—to get it.

At Hurt In 2 Traffic Accidents On Saturday

Persons were injured, one in two traffic accidents Saturday afternoon.

Asbury Caldwell, suffered a fracture of the right arm when struck by a truck crossing the street at the intersection of Main and Church Streets. Caldwell was carried to an Asheville hospital for treatment.

Police Officer Orville Noland reported no charges were being filed in either accident. It appeared an unavoidable accident. Policeman Ray Whitfield investigated.

Investigation is continuing in the accident, in which seven persons were given first aid at the County Hospital and discharged.

Sergeant Paul Gough is investigating the collision between a Ford Station Wagon, driven by R. Bennett, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Julius B. Messer, two. The collision was at the intersection of Haywood and Depot streets.

Two of his passengers, Mrs. Bennett, and a young child, were given first aid at the County Hospital and discharged.

Three of his passengers, Mr. and Mrs. Messer, and sister, Evelyn, suffered minor injuries, and were discharged.

Ident Patients Doing Well

Waynesville men are in good condition this morning. The patients at the Asheville Park Hospital in Asheville, E. J. Lilius is said to be in a very comfortable condition. Jerry Linder is reported as being in good condition. The patient of the night, but to be in good condition.

Mr. Linder was admitted to the hospital following a back injury sustained in a fall from a scaffold at the Asheville school July 9. Mr. Linder has been hospitalized since that time when he suffered a fracture of the spine in an automobile collision.

Mr. Woodard was reported as being in good condition this morning after having been hospitalized last Thursday. He is expected to be discharged in a few days.

Weekend Traffic Reported Heavy

Police reported traffic over the weekend as unusually heavy. Richard Smith said that the streets showed heavy travel. Chief Orville Noland, Waynesville, said the traffic on Saturday and Sunday was heavier than for weeks ends.

Accidents were reported by Highway Patrol, and two reported in town—both occurring early Saturday afternoon.



RECORD CROWDS attended the first week of the July term of criminal court. This picture, made from the second floor of The Mountaineer building, shows part of the large crowd coming from the building as court adjourned for lunch. (Mountaineer Photo.)

Group Will Hear Sewer Line Report

Two engineers are to make a joint report before the boards of aldermen of Waynesville, Hazelwood, and county board of health here Wednesday night.

The reports will be in connection with the 6-mile sewer line, and the general drainage area of Richland Creek, as it affects stream pollution, and especially Lake Junaluska.

Mr. Dawson, of the engineering firm of Harwood Bebee together with W. S. McKimmon, chief engineer of the State Board of Health, will make reports to the officials.

Frank F. Blaisdell, district engineer, will also be here.

The meeting Wednesday night is the second meeting to be held since the Lake was closed to swimming, due to the pollution of the waters of the Lake.

At the first meeting, held several weeks ago, the town officials, together with those of the Lake and Health Department, named W. Curtis Russ as chairman, and asked that the engineers attend the next meeting and make a formal report on the situation.

The meeting will be held in the commissioners room at the court house, and will begin at eight o'clock.

Lake Junaluska officials, through their attorney, have publicly stated that unless the streams feeding into the Lake are cleared of excessive raw sewage, they will be forced to bring legal action.

Work Is Pushed On Filtering Plant

Work is being pushed on the new filtering plant of the Waynesville water system. Excavating is being completed on the settling basin and the clear well unit of the plant.

The drain line from the plant to the creek has been completed, and work is a little ahead of schedule, it was learned.

The new unit will cost about \$250,000 and is under contract to be completed in May 1954.

Grand Jury Submits Report; Good Work Cited By Court

The Grand Jury through its foreman, Will J. Leatherwood, submitted its report to the July term of Superior Court on Friday morning, and was publicly congratulated by Judge F. Donald Phillips on the thoroughness of its investigation and the speed of its presentation of findings. The Court pointed out that the promptness with which the report was filed had saved the County money.

The Court also instructed members of the grand jury to follow up with an investigation to see if the county had followed their recommendations on work to be done, and to report again at the November term of court.

Conditions were found to be generally good, with, for the most part, only minor repairs to be made. The grand jury looked into the county home, the hospital and

Second Week Of Court To Hear Only Civil Docket

Doctor Must Order Polio Shots, Health Office Says

The county Health Department announced today that it cannot supply gamma globulin anti-polio shots except on the orders of a physician. The department has received a number of requests for the inoculations from parents of children in the age group usually affected by polio.

The department explained that since the supply of gamma globulin is limited, and since its effects last only about five weeks, a physician is unlikely to order the use of the serum unless the patient has been directly exposed to another case of polio.

At the same time the department offered the following recommendations to help maintain the county's present below-average polio rate: 1. Don't let children mix with new groups; 2. or get overtired; 3. or get chilled; 4. but do keep them clean. And consult your doctor if these symptoms appear: headache, fever, sore throat, upset stomach, stiff neck or back.

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Florida Leads In Number Visitors

Florida stepped away out in front with visitors at Rotary here Friday, having 27 out of the 11 out-of-town visitors from seven states.

North Carolina was second with 7 visitors, with Georgia and Carolina tallying two each, and Missouri and Alabama accounting for one each.

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BULLETIN

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On the ground of "inconsistencies and contradictions" in the State's evidence and of the insufficiency of the evidence, Judge F. Donald Phillips Friday morning granted the motion of defense counsel John M. Queen and Roy Francis for a nonsuit in the case of State Highway Patrolman Joe E. Murrill and directed a verdict of not guilty on the charge of manslaughter.

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"Now before you give your opinion to either of these possibilities," he said to a reporter, "let me explain to you what we have looked, and looked, talked and begged here and there for that extra \$75. Thus far, we have not had any success."

The board, with some members on the verge of tears, said: "How can we think of curtailing service, when in June the Bookmobile distributed 4,100 books, with some 4,500 other books going out of the front door of the Library. To curtail service would mean depriving people of what is rightfully theirs—good reading material."

Another trustee spoke up, with a hurt voice, and said: "all these years we have been trying and working so hard to get the people to realize the importance and value of the Library. And now that they are reading books—8,600 in June—we are faced with the problem of not being able to deliver the goods.

The trustees came out of 1952 with a deficit of about \$500 hoping that some gifts would help carry on the work of the institution on the same high plane which has been established.

The State Library Commission (See Library—Page 5)

Board Proposes Converting Central School Into County Educational Headquarters

Festival Draws Large Attendance

Miss Roberta Sparks was crowned 1953 queen of the sixth annual VFW Folk Festival at Canton Saturday night, and the Bent Creek Ranch square dance team held to their championship. The final events was held in the Canton Armory Saturday night, because of threatening rain. More than 900 persons filled every nook and corner of the armory.

In the clogging division of the square dancing feature Canton's Recreation Park came through with top honors, although the Cherokee Indians furnished plenty of competition in this department.

The Candler Juniors were awarded championship honors in the junior division.

Pigeon Valley Ramblers won top honors among competing string bands.

Gus Johnson and his widely known band furnished music for Bent Creek dancers.

All winning square dance teams received loving cups from Carl Gillis, commander of the Canton VFW post, sponsoring the festival program.

Miss Billie Stamey, attractive member of the Ecusta Square dance team, was crowned "Square Dance Queen" as a special feature of dancing activities.

Miss Rosalee Murr was runnerup in the queen contest and received a watch as a gift. All contestants received gifts.

Judging the square dance queen and also the bathing beauty contest were Vera Jackson, Hendersonville, who will reign as queen of the approaching Hendersonville Apple Harvest Festival, Warren Brown, president of the Monon Railroad, Chicago, and W. Mason King, vice president in charge of traffic for the Southern Railway, Washington.

C. C. Poindexter was general chairman, and Guy Teague was chairman of the beauty contest.



HAYWOOD'S NEW QUEEN, Miss Roberta Sparks, of Canton, (right), receives the cup and a diamond ring from Miss Dorothy Cody, queen of 1952, in the annual VFW Folk Festival staged last weekend in Canton. The 1953 queen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sparks, of Canton. (Photo by Teague & Hawkins, Canton.)

Bids For Road Between Canton-Buncombe Sought

Paving of Highway 19-23 from Canton to the Buncombe county line will be among the 34 projects which the State Highway Commission will receive bids on July 28th.

The 34 projects represent 391 miles of road improvements in 34 counties.

Out-Of-State Tour Covers 1300 Miles First Three Days

GARDEN CITY, Kansas—(Special to The Mountaineer)—With nearly 1300 miles of travel to their credit in the first three days of the out-of-state farm tour, party members prepared this morning to head for Colorado. Highlights of the trip so far have been the 2,000-acre Angus Valley Farm near Tulsa, Okla., typical of the vast herds and ranches of the area, oil derricks rising from the vast oil fields, and the immense plains of Kansas.

The group, 124 strong, left Waynesville early Friday morning, after a rousing send-off by another hundred or so of their neighbors. Departure time, set for 6 a.m., was delayed about 30 minutes as the bus load from Canton came in 15 minutes late. Three buses are making the trip, in addition to the one from Waynesville. (See Farm Tour—Page 3)

Water Reserve Is Just About Steady

The Waynesville water supply seems to be "holding its own" according to Bradford Mehaffey, water superintendent.

While the consumption of water is nearing the season peak, the flow into the filtering plant has been increased by the tie-in of two lines into the new 12-inch main. This seemed to have stimulated the flow into the filtering plant.

Some days the outgo is greater than the intake, but in several days the balance has been brought back to normal, it was reported.

Dr. Hardin Says Still Lot Of Good In World

"The world is still good—it is a good place to acquire knowledge; it is good to work; Christian marriage is good, and religion is good," said Dr. Paul Hardin, pastor of the First Methodist church of Birmingham, and former pastor here, as he addressed the Rotary club on Friday.

The membership of the club, plus 41 visitors from seven states, heard the Alabama pastor tell that "things are not as bad as we sometimes might think. Many things are still good."

"Knowledge is a good thing, and it is everywhere—right at our very finger tips, and this generation has more access to it than any other people in the history of the world.

County Given Right To Use Extra Space

The Haywood County Board of Education have gone on record that they plan to keep the Central Elementary school property and building for "administrative and storage purposes," and the resolution, as passed by the board, also pointed out that the "claim will be defended."

Under the proposal, the Board of Education, would move the county superintendent's office, supervisor's quarters, lunchroom office, and all other administrative units of the board to the present Central Elementary school when the building is vacated and the students moved into the new structure which is now being built, and scheduled to be completed about Christmas.

The action came, following the appointment of three trustees, as provided in a bill enacted by the 1953 General Assembly, which would empower the trustees to deed the property to the Town of Waynesville for recreational or public use, except for a lot 75 by 100 feet, which was to go to the Haywood County Library as a building site.

The board of education, it is understood, does not object to the prescribed lot going to the Library.

The "storage phrase" of the resolution, it was explained, means books and supplies that can be stored within the building, and not any buses or other vehicles.

The act of the General Assembly, in setting out the provisions of the conveying of the property, pointed out that a lot 75 by 100 feet would go to the Haywood Library, and the remainder of the block square to the Town of Waynesville for recreational or other public uses.

Three trustees were recently named, as provided in the bill, by the Clerk of Superior Court. They are: Jonathan Woody, W. Hugh Massie, and Mrs. Charles E. Ray, Jr.

The board of education pointed (See Schools—Page 6)

Fast Police Work Locates Father In Emergency

Quick work by the Waynesville police located a Waterville man in time to keep him from starting off on the 3000-mile farm tour while his son lay dying in a Tennessee hospital.

J. M. Caldwell had come in from Waterville Thursday to spend the night in Waynesville, preparatory to leaving with the out-of-state tour at 6 a.m. Friday.

His son, James Caldwell, is reported to have engaged in a knife fight with a Knoxville man on the highway to Knoxville west of Newport. With two companions, both from Hartford, Tenn., Caldwell fled from the deputies called into the case, driving toward Newport. The pursuit reached speeds estimated at 100 miles an hour.

In Newport the Caldwell car struck one car and then careened into another. Caldwell received a head injury and a broken leg, as well as cuts and bruises. Admitted to Baptist Hospital in Knoxville, he died Friday afternoon.

Highway Record For 1953 In Haywood (To Date)

Killed . . . 3

Injured . . . 32

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

Weather — Variable cloudy-warm and humid with afternoon showers and storms Monday and Tuesday.

Waynesville temperature by the State Test Farm:		
Max. Min. Rainfall		
79 63	.81	
84 62	—	
81 61	.79	
83 61	.05	