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**TODAY'S SMILE**  
On a little service station on the edge of an Arizona desert hangs this sign: "Don't ask us for information. If we knew anything we wouldn't be here."

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## Haywood Stands To Get \$400,000 From State



TENS OF THOUSANDS UPON THOUSANDS saw the 47th annual Labor Day parade in Canton, on Monday. Here is just a small unit of the crowd that flowed into the street after the parade passed.

This picture was made from the judges' stand in front of the Post Office.

### Allocation Set Up From School Bonds

Haywood's share of the state-wide school bond issue is conservatively estimated at \$400,000. Of this amount, \$244,275 is definitely set up for Haywood, and the other \$156,000 based on a conservative estimate, using state figures as the guide.

The Mountaineer consulted with the officials in Raleigh as to Haywood's share of the fifty million school bond program, which is to be voted on October third.

John Harden, co-chairman, with Brandon Hodges, said: "Haywood will get \$244,275 out of the first half of the bond issue revenue of \$25,000,000. The second \$25,000,000 will be distributed according to need and ability to pay, and will be handled under a formula to be adopted by the State Board of Education, with the approval of the governor."

The \$244,275 figure was reached by a formula worked out by the state, which appropriates \$100,000 to every county, plus the proportionate part of the remaining 15 millions on an average daily attendance for 1951-52. On this basis, Haywood gets \$244,275.

The state records, as checked by The Mountaineer this morning, shows that Haywood, which includes the Canton school district, needs 28 regular classrooms for white, and one for colored, with eight special classrooms for white, making a total of 37 classrooms, and these together with other facilities would cost about \$874,500. Of this, the county has \$475,000 to apply on the need, leaving \$400,000 to come from the state bond issue. Basing this need on the state-wide need, it was figured, in a conference today with Lawrence Leatherwood, county superintendent of education, that Haywood's share would be about \$156,000.

All of this is rather complicated, and simply boils down to the fact that Haywood will get about \$400,000 if the bond issue is passed on October 3rd.

At the same time, voters will have an opportunity to vote on a bond issue of 22 millions for expanding and improving mental institutions in the state.

Both of these issues were proposed by Governor William B. Umstead, and approved by the General Assembly last spring.

Interest in the bond issues are growing, and indications are that both issues will carry when voters go to the polls on Saturday, October third.



Tommy Norris, who has been partly paralyzed since he broke his neck in a swimming accident eight years ago, will speak Sunday at the Free Methodist Church's evangelistic service at 7:30 p.m. Norris, only 24 years old and a new convert to the church, will be granted his local preacher's license next week. He is seen here as most Haywood County folk know him in his midget car with special hand-operated controls. (Mountaineer Photo).

### Two Organizations Go On Record Favoring Bonds

The Waynesville Kiwanis Club, and the directors of the Chamber of Commerce, went on record in their respective meetings Tuesday night as favoring passage of the two state-wide bond issues on October third.

One bond issue is for fifty millions for school improvements, and the other is for 22 millions for expansion of mental institutions in the state.

Both groups in favoring passage of the bond issues, also pledged themselves to work diligently in an effort to carry the two issues by a large vote.

The Mountaineer will carry an honor roll in each issue listing all organizations going on record as favoring passage of the two bond issues.

### Canton Labor Day Program Terminated Best In 47 Years

With Haywood County weather at its most perfect, thousands of persons from the county, Western North Carolina and many distant states poured into Canton Monday to witness that town's 47th Annual Labor Day Program.

The gala celebration officially opened with a mile-long street parade including many attractive entries. The event was approximately 30 minutes passing in review.

No better weather has ever prevailed for such a fête and certainly the quality of entries has never been higher. G. Nat Fortner and George Howard Trostel were co-chairmen and everything moved with precision.

First place in the commercial float division went to the Dixon Shoe Shop entry featuring an old shoe cobbler.

Second place in this division was won by the Canton Coal and Ice Company entry, while third place went to Plemmons Contracting Company.

Civitan Little League baseball players took first place with their unusual float in the non-commercial division.

Running this entry a close race was the Canton Kiwanis Club entry, and third place was won by the Canton Lions Club.

Canton Drive-In theater entered the best decorated commercial car. Murphy Chevrolet Company was second, and Dixie Cab Company, entering an old model Ford, took third place honors.

In the non-commercial decorated car division Brownie Scout Troop (See Labor Day—Page 6)

### Lancaster Resigns As Health Head

Dr. N. F. Lancaster, acting head of the Haywood County Health Department since July, 1952, has tendered his resignation, effective September first. He accepted the place in a temporary basis.

C. C. Francis, chairman of the board of health, said this morning that he will call a meeting of the 7-member board to meet in the near future to name a successor to Dr. Lancaster.

Mr. Francis gave no indication who would be named to the post.

### Street Crew Building Concrete Bridge Over Creek At Vance Street

Street crews are constructing a concrete bridge across Shelton Branch on Vance Street.

The footings have been poured, and the steel was being set Wednesday.

### Boosters Meet Thursday At Presbyterian Church

The Hazelwood Boosters Club members have received notices of a meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, September 10, at the Hazelwood Presbyterian Church. All members are asked to notify the Secretary, E. A. Williamson, if they plan to attend.

### 80 County Agents Making Forestry Study Camp Hope

(Special To The Mountaineer)

Approximately 80 county farm agents and assistants of Piedmont and Western North Carolina are at Camp Hope this week attending a Forestry Training School which is being sponsored jointly by the Champion Paper and Fibre Company and the N. C. State College Agricultural Extension Service.

The Piedmont farm agents are in Camp Wednesday and Thursday, and the Western agents will arrive for a two-day session Friday and Saturday.

Each group will observe the forestry operations at the Biltmore Estate, tour Champion's Canton mill and attend classes and demonstrations conducted by Champion, State College and Forest Service personnel.

The primary purpose of the camp, said J. H. Keener, manager of Champion's wood procurement department, is to provide farm agents with basic lessons in forestry problems as applied to small woodlots.

Pointing out that 60% of the country's potential pulpwood supply is contained in small farm woodlots.

Information for the Board should include the child's name, age, school district, parents' name.

### Not So Good!

Tourist travel in Great Smoky Mountains National Park is about 11 per cent less than a year ago, Park officials disclosed in an eight-month report.

August travel in the park was off 43 per cent from last August, the report stated.

### Powells Buy Million Foot Timber Tract

The Canton Hardwood Company has just purchased the timber rights on the 900-acre Plott Boundary, in the Maggie area, J. T. and J. N. Powell, owners of the company, said that there is about a million feet of timber on the tract, and it is estimated that 12 months will be required to cut it off.

The firm operates a mill at Lake Junaluska, and have just finished cutting approximately three million feet purchased off the Waynesville watershed.

The Plott Boundary was recently purchased by W. A. Bradley, L. N. Davis, C. N. Allen, and A. T. Ward.

### County Needs 29 More Classrooms, Kiwanis Club Told

Lawrence Leatherwood, county superintendent of education, told the Kiwanis Club her Tuesday night of the importance in passing the state-wide bond issue on October third, for more school classrooms, and expansion of mental institutions.

He cited the increase of about 200 students this year over last in Haywood, which is indicative of the state increase.

"Haywood needs 29 more classrooms, in addition to those under construction," he said.

"Haywood is in dire need of the extra classroom space which the bond issue will provide, and I trust every voter will go to the polls and approve the bond issue on the third," he continued.

The Kiwanis voted to back the program with their votes, and untiring efforts.

### No Developments Reported From Mad Dog Outbreak

The Health Department reported this morning that there were no new developments from the recent outbreak of rabies, when one dog died after biting four people, and coming in contact with six other people.

The Department placed a quarantine on Waynesville, Hazelwood and the Ninevah sections until Sept. 28 as a precautionary measure.

Officials said that dogs were being vaccinated.

### Board Of Education Needs Information For Survey On Handicapped Children

A survey of the number and needs of handicapped children in Haywood County is being made for the first time by the Board of Education.

Purpose of the survey is to gather information so that better facilities can be offered by the Board for these children. If the survey indicates the need, the Board will judge whether or not it would be worth starting a school or schools in the county or hiring specially trained teachers for the handicapped.

The Board, through Jerry Rogers, new school attendance officer, has asked that anyone knowing of or connected with a handicapped child please pick up and fill out a questionnaire in the Board office at the Court House as soon as possible.

Information for the Board should include the child's name, age, school district, parents' name.

### Story Of Faith Told In Tommy Norris' Life

Faith is a thing a lot of people profess in their religion but few take the trouble to live by. Waynesville has one very young example of living in faith and faith in living.

Tommy Norris, 25-year-old son of Mrs. T. C. Norris of the Maples, was once told by famous doctors that he would be totally paralyzed for the rest of his life and probably would not live at all. Today, eight years since he broke his neck in a swimming accident, he leads a full and busy life confined as he is to a wheel chair and devotes much of that life to others. Almost a new convert to what he believes is the true Christian life, he will preach at the Free Methodist Church's evangelistic service Sunday evening on the topic "The Fallen Man."

Tommy tells the story of his conversion this way: "About 18 months ago an evangelist happened to be staying at our house. That same week I had just received a new midget car with special controls and was tinkering around, trying to fix it just the way it needed to be for me to drive. The evangelist helped me a lot, and we had a good time doing it. Then when he invited me to come to one of his meetings at the Free Methodist, I was sort of ashamed not to go. I went to that revival. I had read enough of the Bible to know the truth when I heard it.

"Even when I was not a real Christian, I believed that some day I would serve the Lord. I think I would serve the Lord." (See Tommy Norris—Page 6)

### Patrol To Stage Checking Program In Near Future

How the the lights on your car? Your brakes OK? And do you have a current driver's license?

If not, you had better do some checking, because that is what the highway patrol plans to do right away.

Several checking stations are being arranged, and every vehicle will be checked that passes a given spot—where, did you ask? This newspaper does not know, but is sure of one thing—the checking program is near at hand, and this is just a friendly tip of what is in the future.

### School Fund Gets \$1,191 From Fines

The treasury of the county school fund was increased this morning by \$1,191, which represented the fines collected by police court in Waynesville during the month of August.

All fines go to the county school fund. It was explained by G. C. Ferguson, town manager.

The defendants in police court during August paid a total of \$2,507.25 in costs and fines. The costs, which amounted to \$1,316.25 went into the general fund of the town.

The charges included driving drunk, speeding, running red lights, shop lifting, and no operator's license.

The cases were tried by Mayor J. H. Way, in his court which convenes three times a week.

### Varied Matters Claim Attention C. of C. Board

The directors of the Chamber of Commerce had a big assortment of matters to claim their attention Tuesday night, with Dr. Boyd Owen, president, presiding.

They went on record to support the state-wide bond issues; to cooperate with the State Secretaries Club convention meeting here in October; to work with another group seeking to bring a convention here about Christmas; cooperate with the Merchants' Association on some proposed local projects, and at the same time, took under consideration several requests for joining on a state-wide movement to get some cross-state highway numbers changed.

The directors heard a report that one large lighted highway sign on the Dellwood Road is complete, and the second under construction.

### Work To Start Soon On New Saunook Auditorium

A contract for remodeling the auditorium of the Saunook school was let by the Board of Education Tuesday for \$15,640. The main contract went to Bill Norris for \$13,982.

The contract for the heating, \$800, and electrical, \$850, went to Harry Hyatt. Both contractors are of Waynesville.

The contract calls for some changes to be made in the school room, and front of the building. The grading of the school yard has been completed, according to Lawrence Leatherwood, county superintendent of education.

Mr. Norris said that he plans to get the work under construction next week.

This project is part of the county-wide school expansion program, for which the county voted two millions several years ago.

### 53 Summer Driest Here Since 1925, Report Shows

This summer will go down in local history as the driest since 1925. This is the opinion of close observers, and those who have lived here for 20 years or longer.

In 1925 the drought began in May and continued into September. Many wells, and springs dried up and some failed to come back. Crops became so dry that farmers cut down trees in pastures in order to give cattle green foliage to eat. Medford, and others recall the practice of 1925.

The trees on rocky hillsides and in shallow soil turned brown weeks before the turning season. Some dried up completely during the summer of 1925.

Some observers feel that this is a real dry summer, and not quite compare with the drought of 1925.

### Looks Like A Heavy Docket For November

"Here it is September 10th, and I have already bound 38 cases over to Superior court," said Justice of Peace Johnny Ferguson, this morning.

"At this rate, I will have 100 cases in court by the time it And I am just one of several J. P.'s in the county sending up convenes on November 23rd. cases to the court."

The last term of superior court was held in July.

### Gunter Bound To Court For First Degree Murder

Verlin Gunter was bound over to the November term of Superior Court without bond on a charge of first degree murder. The hearing was held before Justice of Peace Johnny Ferguson.

Gunter is charged with killing Bob Ford at Mt. Sterling on August 2nd. Gunter is from the Mt. Sterling area, and was a co-worker with Ford on a road construction job.

The weather

MILD

Max.	Min.	Rainfall
86	60	---
87	64	.05
79	59	.74
70	54	.01
76	45	---
78	41	---
77	44	---

Monday, fair and mild. Friday, cloudiness and somewhat...  
Waynesville temperature compiled by the State Test

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

**Killed . . . . 4**  
**Injured . . . . 35**

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