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TODAY'S SMILE  
WILL POWER  
The ability to eat one  
salted peanut.

5th YEAR NO. 78 20 PAGES Associated Press WAYNESVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY AFTERNOON, SEPT. 24, 1953 \$3.00 In Advance In Haywood and Jackson Counties

## Pigeon Valley Fair To Attract Crowds

A talent show, beauty contest and cake walk at 8 p.m. Thursday will mark the opening of the fifth annual Pigeon Valley Fair, expected to be the biggest and best in the event's history.

Prior to the talent show, exhibitors will set up the various community, educational, commercial and industrial displays.

According to M. C. Nix, manager of the fair, judging of community exhibits, home arts and crops will begin at 8 a.m. Friday, followed by judging of livestock at 10 a.m. Afternoon events include a pet show at 1 p.m.; a football game, Bethel vs. Christ School at 3 o'clock and a movie, "The East Side Kids," at 7:30 p.m.

On Saturday morning the fair will feature inter-community events, including ball games and horseshoe pitching, under the direction of C. C. Poindexter and Steve Cassell. A horse show at 2 p.m. will conclude the fair's program.

Educational and industrial exhibits will be shown in the Bethel School classrooms, commercial exhibits in the gymnasium, home arts in the lunch room, and produce in the vocational building.

Livestock will be shown in a natural amphitheatre which has been converted into a special arena by the erection of seats for spectators.

All exhibits will remain in place (See Pigeon Valley—Page 8)

## Religious Census To Be Taken By First Baptists

W. B. E. JERNIGAN, in charge of Sunday School work for the First Baptist Church in South Carolina, will conduct Sunday service at the First Baptist Church to assist the congregation in conducting a religious census in Waynesville Sunday afternoon.

## Motorcade And Band Will Go To Bethel On Friday

A motorcade of local business and professional people, together with the 80-piece WTHS band, will attend the Pigeon Valley Fair, and the Bethel-Christ School football game Friday afternoon.

The event, sponsored by the Merchants Association and Chamber of Commerce, will form in line at the High School at two o'clock, and move promptly to Bethel.

Last year a similar motorcade went from here and took part in the fair and program.

Fair officials today expressed appreciation for the interest shown by the local business people and the WTHS band.

## Hazelwood Man Is Hospitalized By 19-23 Wreck

A Hazelwood resident was seriously injured at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday when the car in which he was riding, driven by a Hazelwood double-amputee war veteran, crashed into the rear of a farm tractor on Route 19-23 near the Candler postoffice.

A patient at Memorial Mission Hospital, Asheville, is Henry Hall Webb, about 26, of Hazelwood, who has undergone surgery for multiple head injuries.

Mr. Webb was riding in a 1953 sedan with Robert Benjamin Chapman, 28, who wears artificial legs from the knees down, having suffered frostbite in Korea, necessitating the amputation of both legs.

State Highway Patrolman L. C. Smith, who investigated the accident, said that both the passenger car and the tractor were traveling east on 19-23, and that the car collided with the rear of the tractor.

The driver of the tractor, Roy King, 29, of Candler, escaped injury.

## Highlanders Annual Meeting

For the coming year will be discussed by the board of directors of the Western North Carolina Highlanders Association, Inc., at their annual meeting at 10:30 Friday in the Masonic Temple.

Directors will hear committee reports and lay plans for promotion of publicity to benefit the 12-9 group which makes up the Highlanders Association.

O. A. Fetch, resident manager of the organization in Fontana Village; John Parriss, relations director for "Unto the Hills," vice president; Paul H. Hill, vice president; Paul H. Hill, manager of the Piedmont Club; Bart Leiper, executive vice president, and Mrs. M. T. Bridges, co-chairman, and Mrs. M. T. Bridges, co-chairman.

## Don't Get Rain' Before Comparing '25 and '53

Is the drought of 1953 as bad, worse or equal with that of 1925? Many who well remember the 1925 dry and hot summer, are taking both sides of the question. There does not seem to be any unanimous agreement on the subject. Everyone does, however, agree that both summers were mighty dry—and still dry as far as 1953 is concerned.

One veteran weather observer, when asked his opinion on the two summers, wisely replied: "This ain't no fit time to answer, 'cause the 1953 drought ain't over yet. Ask me after we get some rain."

A timely reply to a worn out question.

	Max.	Min.	Rainfall
1925	82	58	...
1953	72	36	...
1953	70	33	...



THE "ORIGINAL MAGGIE," for whom Maggie Valley was named when she was 14 years old, is Mrs. I. M. Pylant, seated in the chair above. After 28 years of residence in Houston, Tex., she has decided to make her home near the Valley where she grew up and where her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Setzer, still live. Her daughter, Mrs. Lindsey Marlar (on arm of chair) and Mr. Marlar accompanied her here from Texas. They are presently living on Johnson Hill in Waynesville. (Mountaineer Photo.)

## Sheriff Gets Locked Out But Gets His Man

Sheriff Fred Campbell has shut the door on many a man in his "boarding house," but the other night the sheriff found his own progress barred by a door—and nothing he could say or do could convince the people in the house to open their portal.

Called to pick up a man on a charge of abandonment and non-support, Sheriff Campbell arrived at the suspect's house at 11 p.m. It wasn't until 3 a.m. that he got his man, but, even then, he never got in the house; the man finally came out.

"First time I ever got locked out," the sheriff commented. He hopes it will be the last.

## Judgments Awarded To 3 Plaintiffs

Monetary judgments were awarded to three plaintiffs and 10 divorces were granted during the first portion of the September term of civil court, presided over by Judge Grover A. Martin of Smithfield. One case was dismissed. P. T. Phoenix was awarded a judgment of \$1,000 against Benjie Lee White in a suit resulting from an automobile accident. Also named as defendant in the case was Clarence Dillard.

L. D. Hinkle, doing business as the Hinkle Plumbing Co., was awarded a judgment of \$365 against Clyde M. Blythe and Bertha Blythe. The defendants also were ordered to pay to the Powell Lumber Co. \$84.95 or some other sum to be mutually agreed on.

In the case of Lang Jewelry Co. vs. Sterling Jewelers, Inc., the plaintiff was awarded \$75 and the defendant was ordered to pay (See Court—Page 8)

## NEW BRIDGE POURED

Town forces have completed the job of pouring a new concrete bridge across Shelton Branch on Vance Street.

The street crews are doing the work.

## The Real Maggie Of Valley Fame Returns To Haywood

The original Maggie is back home again! Mrs. I. M. Pylant, for whom Maggie Valley was named when she was just 14 years old, has returned to Haywood County and hopes to make the Valley her home after 28 years in Texas.

Mrs. Pylant was Maggie Mae Setzer, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Setzer, now both in their eighties, live near the present Maggie Post Office.

46 years ago the first post office in that valley was established in the Setzer's home. When the Post Office Department asked for suggested names for the new office, Mr. Setzer sent in the name of the daughter of whom he was so proud—"Maggie Mae." Shortly after, official papers arrived stating that the new post office had been named just plain "Maggie."

Today's Maggie is almost in direct contrast to the famous trademark, which she thinks is most clever. No sunboneted farmerette standing over a big kettle, she has not spent a day in the out-of-doors stirring apple butter for a long, long time at least.

The real Maggie is a dainty, small, pretty and very youthful "city lady". She does not hesitate to admit to her 62 years, but looks many years younger. Although today's Maggie is extremely modest and reserved, she is most proud of the fact that the beautiful valley (See Maggie—Page 3)

## The Sheriff Can't Help Much Now

Asked if he were going to continue an investigation to identify two human skeletons dug up by workmen putting in a sewer line at Lake Junaluska (believed by authorities to have been the bodies of two state convicts who worked on the building of the Asheville-Murphy railroad), Sheriff Fred Campbell replied: "Judging from the appearance of the skeletons, the bodies have been buried for more than 50 years. There's not much I can do for those two men now."

## Jaycees Support Bonds And Will Lead Drive To Get Out The Vote

The Waynesville Jaycees held a dinner meeting which was also ladies night at the Maggie School cafeteria Monday night. Presided over by Bill Burgin, president, the group went on record as favoring the bond issues for state-wide help to schools and mental hospitals which are coming up for vote in October.

The Jaycees also voted to take the initiative in a get-out-the-vote campaign for that election.

## Consolidation Of Two High Schools Rejected

### Proposal To Merge Crabtree - Iron Duff With Clyde Is Turned Down

The proposal to consolidate two Haywood high schools is all off. The proposal originating in the county board of education, and presented to the patrons of the Clyde high school, and also the Crabtree-Iron Duff school patrons, has been rejected.

School officials said today the action of the patrons meant the proposal was a closed chapter as far as they're concerned.

In view of the rejection of the proposal, work on the \$142,000 gym at Clyde has been resumed. The work was halted on September 8th while the proposal of consolidation was discussed. The county board took the position that if the consolidation was approved, the money now going into a new gym could be put into the proposed new building, as the present gym at Clyde would be large enough for just the grammar grades.

The contractor, Jerry Limer, was requested to halt work 21 days on the new structure while the question was discussed.

A meeting was held in Clyde, and the group voted in favor of consolidation provided the new building would be within a three-quarter mile radius of the present building.

On Tuesday night the Crabtree-Iron Duff patrons met for the second time to discuss the proposal. The vast majority of the 125 attending the meeting were opposed to the plan of consolidation.

Lawrence Leatherwood, county superintendent, said that the patrons were told in the very beginning of the proposal that the final decision was their responsibility. "Now that they have made their decision, the matter is closed according to their wishes," he said.

### Game Protector Praises Color

The mountain color show will make a trip along the highways this week-end well worthwhile, but next week-end will be even better.

That was the opinion expressed this week by Haywood's game protector, Ed Patterson, who keeps a constant eye on the kaleidoscope of highland foliage.

His view was backed by travelers on Route 209 to Hot Springs who describe the color as "gorgeous" after leaving Betsy's Gap.

Mr. Patterson, a former resident of Hayesville, became county game protector in July. He replaced Jack Alken, who resigned the Murphy police force.

## Mrs. Bryson Will Act As Health Head

Mrs. Ruby Bryson, senior public health nurse, was named as acting supervisor of the Haywood County Health Department at a meeting of the Board of Health Monday night.

Mrs. Bryson, who has been with the county health department since 1941, replaces Dr. N. F. Lancaster, who resigned as acting head of the department effective September 1. Dr. Lancaster accepted the post on a temporary basis in July, 1952.

Mrs. Bryson will supervise health activities here until a regular health officer has been appointed. The Board of Health thus far has not been able to find a qualified person for the position. The board's search is complicated by the fact that health officers in North Carolina must have an M. D. degree. The job pays \$600 a month.

The county's last regular health officer was Dr. Irvin M. Weir, who served from July 1, 1950 until July 31, 1952.

In its meeting the Board of Health also discussed the problem of illegal disposal of trash and garbage along state and county highways, but took no formal action. However, the board did take into consideration a suggestion that Community Development Program groups aid the county in improving roadside sanitation.

## George Bischoff Elected VP Of WNCFA Assn.

George Bischoff, Hazelwood fire chief, was elected first vice president of the Western North Carolina Firemen's Association at a meeting Wednesday night at Canton, attended by 13 other Hazelwood firemen and Fire Chief Felix Stovall and seven firemen from Waynesville.

Others from Hazelwood were: Howell Bryson, assistant chief; Rudolph Carswell, secretary; Charles Balentine, William E. Cope, Elmer Dudley, L. E. Kuykendall, J. R. Kuykendall, Jack McClure, R. L. Saunders, John Summerraw, Dr. Robert Turner, James (See Bischoff—Page 8)

## 1.3 Miles Roads Paved In Haywood During Aug.

The State Highway Commission completed 1.3 miles of road work in Haywood County during the month of August, Commissioner Harry Buchanan of Hendersonville reported today.

Grading, 18-foot wide, and traffic-bound macadam base, 12 feet wide, was finished on two roads, and their lengths: Howell Road, 0.5 mile; and Shelton Cove, 0.6 mile.

The Ratcliffe Cove Cemetery Road was graded 20 feet wide and surfaced, 12 feet wide, with traffic-bound macadam for 0.2 mile.

The Fourteenth Highway Division composed of Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Polk, Swain, and Transylvania counties brought a total of 27.9 miles of road improvements to completion during August, Commissioner Buchanan added.

Division headquarters for the Fourteenth are in Sylva; G. G. Page is division engineer.

## Highway Record For 1953 In Haywood (To Date) Killed ... 4 Injured ... 37

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



MONROE M. REDDEN Saturday's Speaker

## Young Democrats Of District To Hold Rally Here Saturday

The Queen Farm will be the scene of a rally Saturday afternoon by the Young Democrats of the 12th District, with former Congressman Monroe M. Redden as the speaker.

Between 250 and 300 are expected for the event, which will be attended by state officers of the Young Democrats and state officials. Governor William B. Umstead, Senators Hoey and Lennon, and Congressman Woodrow Jones have been invited, but have not yet indicated whether they can attend.

The Young Democrats of the district, which is made up of all counties west of Buncombe and Henderson, will assemble at 4 p.m. for a hamburger fry and general meeting. That evening the visitors will be guests of the Jaycees at a square dance at the Armory.

In charge of arrangements for the rally are Joe N. Tate, Jr., county president, and Richard Queen, district chairman, and Loran Smathers, Canton, district organizer. Judge Dan K. Moore of Sylva will introduce the speaker.