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TODAY'S SMILE
The man was bragging about his psychiatrist. "My doctor has one piece of equipment there, the minute I saw it I felt better, it's called a nurse."

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PISGAH FOREST RANGERS expressed concern this week about fire in the woods, as the forests are almost void of all moisture. The streams are 75 per cent below normal, and rainfall three inches under normal, according to Ted S. Seely, district forest ranger, left, and E. R. Jacobs, assistant ranger, right. The photo was made in the Mountaineer office, as the two told of the extreme dangers of fires in the woods. (Mountaineer Photo).

Governor Allocates \$750,000 To Canton Overpass From Special Fund Officials To Discuss Canton Viaduct Wednesday Morning

Governor Allocates \$750,000 For Viaduct

The Canton viaduct is \$750,000 nearer a reality today, since Governor Umstead allocated that sum for the project, out of highway fund surpluses.

This was half of what was given to three projects in Western North Carolina. The state projects amounted to \$4,755,097.

The Canton project was the only one in Haywood getting an allocation. The others in Western North Carolina were:

\$450,000 for relocating U. S. 70 through Morganton.

\$350,000 for extension of a road linking Bryson City and Fontana.

Harry E. Buchanan, highway commissioner of the 14th district, while here several weeks ago holding a highway meeting, said he considered the viaduct in Canton Haywood's number one need. He gave no indication at the time as to what the governor would do towards an allocation but hinted it would be given consideration out of the first surplus allotment.

The proposed viaduct, according to tentative planning, would begin at the top of the hill, near the Library and fire station, and follow pretty much the Southern Railway tracks to West Canton, and there descend and connect with the new four-lane highway to Lake Junaluska.

The overpass has been proposed by engineers as the only feasible means of eliminating the traffic bottleneck in Canton.

Engineers have estimated that between \$200,000 and \$300,000 more will be needed for the project.

Mayor W. J. Stone was out of town this morning, and was not available for comment on the project. The Canton officials have been working on the project for (See Viaduct—Page 6)



AN APPLE A DAY keeps the doctor away, so pretty Sandra Thatcher decided to take the necessary precautions for an entire week. Sandra, a junior at Waynesville High School, is doing her bit to help Haywood Orchardmen celebrate National Apple Week this week. (Mountaineer Photo).

Buchanan Calls Meet To Complete Planning

A general discussion of the viaduct in Canton will be held Wednesday morning at eleven o'clock at the town hall.

This announcement was made this morning by Harry E. Buchanan, commissioner of the 14th district.

He told The Mountaineer that the officials of the Town of Canton, highway engineers, both construction and right-of-way men, would attend. All citizens of the town are also being invited to attend the meeting and participate in the discussion.

Only tentative plans for the viaduct have been completed, and the engineers will be present to present the complete picture of construction of an overpass from one end of town to the other.

Commissioner Buchanan said he was anxious that members of the Chamber of Commerce and other civic groups attend the meeting.

"This is a big, and an important project, and because of that, it is essential that everyone get the facts first-hand," he said.

"We are hoping to work out complete plans, and then maybe find the additional money somehow to complete the project," he continued.



CALLS MEETING to discuss viaduct across Canton. Harry E. Buchanan, highway commissioner, has called the meeting for 11 o'clock Wednesday at the Canton Town Hall.

Patrol Cites Five More Safe Drivers

The names of five more drivers handed tickets in the county by the State Highway Patrol for observing principles of safe driving were disclosed today by Patrolman Haroldotis Dayton.

Tickets handed out by the patrolman, good for the North Carolina State Fair, went to:

Miss Mary Cornwell of Waynesville, Thomas Harry Kent of Howell's Mill Road, Archie Menness, Sales of Route 2, Waynesville, Porter Garrett Styles, 516 Broughton Ave., Waynesville, and Hubert William Presley of Canton.

54 County Farmers Cast Ballots In PMA Elections

PMA officers were elected Thursday by Haywood County farmers who cast only 454 ballots. A vote of 800 had been predicted for the election.

Elected were: Crabtree — Gaye Bradshaw, chairman; George Best, vice chairman, and Cashins Rogers, regular member;

Pigeon and Cecil — Henry Garner, chairman; Devere Hardin, vice chairman; Fred Long, regular member.

East Fork — G. W. Howell, chairman; W. A. Pless, vice chairman, and Joe L. Holcombe, regular member.

Fines Creek — John Ferguson, chairman; Bob Justice, vice chairman, and Ray Rogers, regular member.

Panther Creek — John Fincher, chairman; Milton Messer, vice chairman, and Marvin Arrington, regular member.

Iron Duff — Jack Chambers, chairman; Frank Bradshaw, vice chairman, and Roy Medford, regular member.

Ivy Hill — Frank Henry, vice chairman, and Hugh Moody, regular member.

Clyde — W. G. Byers, chairman; Steve McCracken, vice chairman, and Curtis N. Rogers, regular member.

Beaverdam — Jack Harris, chairman; John Reno, vice chairman, and Fred Mann, regular member.

Jonathan Creek — Edgar Morrow, chairman; Ed Messer, vice chairman, and Glenn Boyd, regular member.

Waynesville — Will Leatherwood, chairman; and R. H. Boone, vice chairman, and Boone Swayngim, regular member.

White Oak — Teague Williams, chairman; Roe Ledford, vice chairman, and Joe Davis, regular member.

Gaddis Is Patrolling Lake Junaluska Area

W. H. "Sheff" Gaddis, of Lake Junaluska, is taking the place of Chief Everett McElroy, while the latter is on a 3-week vacation trip to California. Mr. Gaddis is a full-time employee of the Assembly, and will be on the lookout for trespassers, and especially hunters.

Waynesville Lions Hear Bethel School Quartet

A girls quartet from Bethel School entertained the Waynesville Lions Club at their regular meeting last Thursday at Spaldon's Drive-In.

Joe Cline, first vice president, presided at the meeting in the absence of Wayne Franklin.

Sadler And Woodard Buy Waynesville Motor Sales

Formal announcement is being made today of the change in ownership and management of the Waynesville Motor Sales, local Mercury dealer.

Henry Davis, founder of the firm, has sold to M. L. Sadler and Charlie Woodard. The new owners are now in charge of the business.

Mr. Davis made no announcement as to his plans, except to take a rest.

Mr. Sadler will be manager in charge of the firm, which features

Foresters Point To Fire Danger In Forests

Pisgah Forest rangers are sleeping with one eye open these nights, as the forest floor of leaves becomes drier and drier from lack of rainfall.

Ted S. Seely, district forest ranger, and E. R. Jacobs, assistant, here for a program at Rotary Friday, pointed out that the rainfall in the Pisgah area was three inches below normal, and that the streams were 20 per cent below the same stage this time last year.

The foresters called for the public to use every precaution against fire in the woods, as the "situation is extremely dangerous."

At Rotary Friday they showed colored pictures of activities in the Pisgah area, and then a colored film made during the devastating Maine forest fire several years ago. In commenting on the Maine forest fire, Mr. Seely said: "Our woods right here in Western North Carolina are drier and more susceptible to such a fire now than were the Maine woods when this fire broke out."

The film showed the blaze sweeping through towns, and countryside, destroying homes, churches, schools, barns, fields, and business places.

Ranger Seely said that the color season in Pisgah was at its best, with a record crowd there yesterday. The 2,000-3,000 acres of Pink Beds attracted much attention, with scores of cameras being pointed towards the reddish haze cast by the coloring foliage.

Ranger Seely pointed out that the Pink Beds got their names from the pinkness cast when the laurel and rhododendron was in bloom in June and July.

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Members of the patrol include: Mrs. James Winfrey, PTA president. (See Clyde PTA—Page 6)

Red Cross Asks More Clothing For Children

The public response to the Waynesville Red Cross office's appeal for donations of old clothing for needy school children has been good, but more clothing is still needed, according to Mrs. Ethel McDarris, executive secretary.

Clothing can be brought to the Red Cross office in the courthouse or donors may have it picked up at their homes by calling the office at GL 6-4141.

East Waynesville PTA Will Meet On Tuesday

East Waynesville School PTA will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the school. Principal speaker will be Jerry Rogers, county school attendance officer.

Mrs. Roberta Walker, PTA president, will be in charge of the meeting.

Mrs. Cathey Heads Clyde PTA Patrol

Mrs. Mark Cathey was elected captain of the newly organized PTA mothers safety patrol at the Clyde School at a meeting Thursday.

The patrol was formed last week by PTA women to assist Police Chief C. F. Lanning direct traffic on Highway 19-23 which runs in front of the school. It was felt that the increase in enrollment at Clyde School to more than 600 students has made it difficult for one man to guard the street intersections adequately.

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National Recognition Won By Waynesville Secretaries

Power Will Be Off 4 Hours Sunday

The power in Waynesville will be off from one until five o'clock Sunday, October 25th, it was announced this morning, by G. C. Ferguson, town manager. The cut-off is necessary because of the change-over of the system to 4,000 volts.

The change will give better service, and a more even flow of current, he explained.

Workmen have been working on the change-over for several months.

Town Officials At State Convention

Almost all town officials are expected to attend part of the session of the N. C. League of Municipalities, now in session in Asheville. Attending all the sessions will be G. C. Ferguson, town manager, together with Mayor J. H. Way, and Aldermen Joe Linder, Henry Miller and Henry Gaddy.



M. L. SADLER



CHARLIE WOODARD

THESE TWO well known business men have purchased the Waynesville Motor Sales, Mercury dealer, and are now operating the firm. They bought the company from Henry Davis, founder. (Mountaineer Photos).

Red Cross Names New Officials At Annual Meeting

Three new directors were named by the Red Cross at its annual board meeting last week, and another director was re-elected to a new term.

Chosen as directors were Miss Louise Ballard, Mrs. Carl Ratcliffe and Mrs. Euel Taylor. Re-elected was Mrs. Frieda Knopf.

Directors also appointed Johnny Edwards and Rudolph Carswell as co-chairmen of the Red Cross blood program to replace the former chairman, the late David Underwood.

Annual reports given included those by treasurer Fred Moody and by Mrs. Felix Stovall, chairman of the Gray Ladies, who discussed the work done by her group during the year in aiding veterans hospital patients.

Present projects being undertaken by the Red Cross here include the Junior Red Cross program in the schools, headed by Mrs. Ratcliffe, and the instruction of a new group of Gray Ladies by Miss Betsey Lane Quinlan — with the starting date of her class to be announced later.

The chapter was also requested by the national organization to furnish Christmas packages for servicemen on the high seas during the Yuletide season.

Mrs. David Hyatt, Red Cross president, was in charge of the meeting.

Mrs. J. F. Hodges, who has spent the summer at her home here, left Friday by plane for San Salvador to join her husband for the winter.

Committee To Lay Plans For Opening New Plant

Members of Waynesville's committee to "Employ the Physically Handicapped" will meet at 3 p.m. Wednesday in the Park Commission office to discuss products which may be manufactured in the newly proposed plant to aid the county's handicapped.

Preliminary plans for establishing such a plant were disclosed last week at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce in which Heinz Rollman, H. P. McCarroll, and James Kilpatrick were appointed as a committee to work with other agencies in working to establish the plant.

These three members of the Chamber will work with Mrs. Doyle D. Alley, chairman of the Employ the Handicapped Committee, Miss Debraida Fisher, head of the Waynesville Employment Security Office, and other interested persons.

Previous discussions have indicated that the proposed plant probably will manufacture handicrafts for sale in WNC stores and gift shops.

Operations will be started when financial arrangements have been completed and suitable space has been obtained for the plant.

Highway Record For 1953 In Haywood (To Date)

Killed :::: 4 Injured 37

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

The Weather

SUNNY

Monday—Sunny and warm. Tuesday—Mostly fair but some clouds. Continued mild.

Date	Max.	Min.	Rainfall
15	72	49	—
16	78	41	—
17	78	37	—
18	77	36	—