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Many Differences Of Opinion Exists After Mass Meeting

Canton Considers Viaduct Major Undertaking

Town Set To Welcome Delegates To Carolina Secretaries Convention

Towns and cities ordinarily like to play host for almost any sort of state convention—but when you have the opportunity to roll out the red carpet for 85 attractive young women, it's definitely something to look forward to.

This bit of good fortune will befall Waynesville this week-end, starting in the morning when delegates will begin arriving here for the first annual state convention of North Carolina Chapters of the National Secretaries Association.

Waynesville's "Mountaineer Chapter" of the Secretaries Association will play host to representatives from 10 other Tar Heel groups and a number of out-of-state guests, including one national officer of the NSA.

Largest delegations will come here from Hickory and Greensboro. Other groups will be from Charlotte (Pioneer and Queen Charlotte Chapters), Asheville, Winston-Salem, Gastonia, Durham, Thomasville, and Morganton.

Out-of-state visitors will include one national officer, Miss Marguerite Dodds of Birmingham, Ala., Southeastern District vice president; Mrs. Inez Greeson of Roanoke, Va., formerly of Greensboro and present president of the North Carolina Secretaries Association, and guests from Oak Ridge, Tenn., Savannah, Atlanta, and Augusta, Ga.

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Haywood Students Win FFA Offices

Students from Bethel High School and two from Crabtree were elected to offices in the National Future Farmers of America Federation at a meeting here this afternoon at Sylva.

Students from Bethel were Stamey, vice president, Troy Hargrove, secretary, Crabtree were Steven Walker, reporter, and Edwin Bryson, treasurer.

Other officers named were Max Bryson City, president; John Hayesville, treasurer. Mr. Nave was chosen as federal advisor.

At the meeting were two delegates from Bethel and three from Crabtree, Waynesville, and ...

Highlanders' Membership Drive Open Monday

Waywood County Highlanders will conduct their annual membership drive from October 26 through November 14, it was announced today by L. E. DeVous, president.

Members and potential members will receive applications, DeVous said.

Orchardmen To Observe National Apple Week

Waywood County orchardmen will celebrate National Apple Week now in progress, with a display at the First National Bank, posters in local store windows, and broadcasts of tape recordings made in county orchards.

The exhibit will be set up in the bank, Friday, the same day on which the apple growers' broadcasts, directed by Charles Edwards, will begin. Producers who intend to have apples in the display have been asked to bring them to the bank between 2 and 4 p.m. Friday or to the county agent's office before noon that day.

R. H. Boone is general chairman of arrangements for National Apple Week, while the committee in charge of the bank display is comprised of L. Z. Massey, chairman; Joe Boone, and Robert Francis.

The great majority of apples grown in North Carolina come from Haywood and Hendersonville counties and the Brushy Mountains area of Wilkes and Alexander counties.

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STANDING ON BRIDGE STREET BRIDGE, Mayor W. J. "Bill" Stone, right, together with Walter S. Price, Jr., look westward along the line of the proposed through highway. Slightly to the left of where the two men are standing is where the 850-foot viaduct would start, and continue on past the post office. The highway would take part of the Canton Laundry—the stack can be seen in the far distance against the tree to the left. (See Other Pictures, Pg. 1, Sec. 3) (Mountaineer Photo.)

Ground Observer Corps To Be Organized Here

The first steps toward organization of a Ground Observer Corps in Haywood County when two representatives of the Air Force Filter Center in Knoxville met at the courthouse with J. T. Russell, who will direct the program here, and several PMA officials, who will assist in the work.

The Air Force men, Maj. Charles Schaefer and Staff Sgt. George Cook, came here to explain the GOC program and show a dramatic film on ground defense against enemy air attack.

Maj. Schaefer pointed out that Haywood County itself is not considered a key target for enemy bombers, but that this area plays an important part in the network of defense guarding such vital targets as the Oak Ridge atomic plant, Alcoa aluminum plant near Maryville, Tenn., and Tennessee Eastman works at Kingsport, Tenn.

Mr. Russell, former commander of the Waynesville American Legion post, will work with PMA officials in recruiting personnel for the Ground Observer Corps. In this connection, Maj. Schaefer said, high school students can play a large part in manning air-defense posts.

The film on air defense emphasized the importance of airplane spotters to augment the country's radar warning system. As the film showed, low-flying enemy planes sometimes can completely avoid detection by radar. When this happens, only the Ground Observer Corps remains to furnish necessary information for Air Force intercept planes.

Further information on the new organization will be announced later, Mr. Russell said.

Employees Act Quickly To Curb Tapestry Blaze

A potentially serious fire at the Boyle & Pilkington tapestry mill in Hazelwood was averted at 6 o'clock Tuesday morning by the prompt action of the night watchman and several other employees and by the arrival of the Waynesville and Hazelwood fire departments.

The blaze, which was believed started by defective wiring, was brought under control by plant workers when the firemen arrived. The slight damage done was caused by the building's sprinkler system which was set into operation by the fire.

One fireman commented: "It could have been a bad one if it had got started."

Attends Nurses Meeting

Mrs. Alma McCracken, one of Haywood County's public health nurses, left Waynesville Wednesday morning for Raleigh to attend the three-day convention of the North Carolina Nurses Association in the capitol city.

Meeting Set To Discuss Employing Handicapped

A public meeting will be held November 4 to discuss the employment of Haywood County's handicapped persons who are not able at present to find suitable jobs.

Although the meeting will be open to all interested persons, a special invitation has been extended to the handicapped to attend the session and explain their particular problems.

A survey of the skills of the handicapped will be made at the meeting to ascertain what type of employment will best fit the needs of Haywood countians.

If present plans materialize, some sort of a craft shop or plant may be set up here to employ handicapped and over-age persons. This project, however, depends

Strange Dog Reported In Pigeon Area

Sheriff's deputies and county health officers are looking for a suspicious-acting dog, possibly rabid, which has been reported in the Pigeon section.

Mrs. Dave Penland of West Pigeon notified county authorities that the dog has bitten four other dogs in the area. She described it as red and medium sized—somewhat resembling a fox. She said it acted strangely and appeared very vicious.

Health officers urged that they be notified if the dog is killed so that its head can be sent to the state laboratory for examination to determine if it was rabid.

Residents of the Bethel and Pigeon areas have been requested to keep their pets quarantined for the next 90 days, and to watch their actions closely.

A county-wide quarantine is now in effect as the result of three dogs having died from rabies. A number of persons who were bitten by these animals are taking rabies shots.

Two Milk Cows Killed When Hit By Car Tuesday

Two milk cows were killed shortly before seven o'clock Tuesday night, on the Dellwood road, just inside the town limits, when hit by a car.

Policeman Edgar Robinson, investigating officer, said a 1946 Ford, driven towards Waynesville by Louis Hannah, hit the two cows, as they were being led along the highway by Hugh Jaynes.

Hannah said an approaching car, with bright lights blinded him and he could not see the animals until he was right up on them. He said he flashed his lights several times in an effort to get the approaching motorist to dim his lights, but failed.

Mr. Jaynes said he saw the Hannah car coming and tried to signal him, but the driver failed to see Jaynes' flagging. Mr. Jaynes jumped from the path of the car and escaped injury.

Hugh Jaynes owned one of the cows, and Bruce Jaynes, his son, owned the other. The two animals were valued at about \$250.

Policeman Robinson estimated Hannah's car was damaged about \$150.

WORTH T. HOUSER IN HOSPITAL.
Worth T. Houser of Waynesville entered the C. J. Harris Community Hospital at Sylva for surgery Tuesday morning. He is reported to be "getting along fine."

Fire Destroys 25 Acres Of U. S. Forest

Approximately 25 acres were burned over by a fire on government land in Sherwood Forest, Crawford's Creek, on Sunday, according to R. E. Caldwell, county forest ranger.

Mr. Caldwell said that he offered his assistance to government personnel fighting the blaze, but was told that a fire line had been established and that the fire was under control.

Smoke from this blaze was clearly visible to throngs of tourists on Wagon Road Gap Sunday as they viewed the fall coloring of the mountains from that point.

Ranger Caldwell said that several fires have been reported to his office recently, but that all have been found to be legal.

He urged the public's cooperation in preventing the outbreak of fire in the woodlands—commenting that they are now "extremely dry and dangerous."

Cash Taken From East Waynesville School; 2 Held

A 16-year-old boy, already charged with six cases of breaking and entering, and a 21-year-old companion, are being held in jail by the police, on charges of entering the East Waynesville school and taking \$9.75.

Chief Orville Noland said the two will be given a hearing soon.

Several months ago, the police arrested two teen-age boys after a series of break-ins took place here. The two admitted to the charges, and assisted the police in gathering up much of the loot.

The police and sheriff's office are also continuing their investigation of the robbery of the Shell Service Station at Lake Junaluska, when \$100 in cash was taken.

All County PMA Officers Win Re-Election For '54

The 1954 PMA program in Haywood County will be administered by the same officers who were in charge of this year's program. All 1953 office-holders were re-elected at a county convention which followed last week's annual PMA elections.

Those selected for another term were:

Floyd Fisher of Fines Creek, chairman; T. C. Davis of Iron Duff, vice chairman; C. R. Linder of Waynesville, regular member; Watson Howell of East Fork, first alternate, and Glenn A. Boyd of Jonathan Creek, second alternate.

The PMA committeemen also re-appointed the present staff of the PMA office in the courthouse: A. W. Ferguson, manager; Mrs. Hub

Citizens Just 'Lukewarm' Toward Putting \$100,000 Into Project Right-of-Way

Canton citizens received firsthand answers Wednesday to the many, and long-awaited questions of "where, how and when" in regards to the proposed across-town highway viaduct.

The Town Hall was packed to capacity, as citizens from all walks of life strained to hear every word the engineers had to say about the proposed construction of two bridges, and fills to carry through traffic from the top of the East hill at the Methodist Church to West Canton.

The project, estimated to cost about \$1,400,000, and to take about two years to complete, will cost the town of Canton about \$100,000, the engineers showed.

There were differences of opinion about the proposal. Some citizens felt the state should bear all the costs; others said now was the time to go ahead, since the town would get out for \$100,000; and still others felt "traffic here is not any worse than other places, so why change?"

In the near future, Mayor W. J. Stone plans to call a meeting of the board of aldermen, and the planning commission, to review the details of the Wednesday meeting. The town officials would not make any comment as to what steps would be taken, as he said: "We must digest all the facts received Wednesday before doing anything else."

Mayor Stone introduced Commissioner Harry E. Buchanan, of the 14th district, who presided at the meeting, and also led about 35 business and civic leaders over the mile-long route after the meeting, pointing out in detail, the proposed line of the viaduct and 58-foot street.

The proposed highway will mean the removal of:

The L. H. Hargrove brick home; the next door house, owned by H. Arthur Osborne, The Smoky Mountain Candy Company, Canton Library, and adjoining building, The Southern Railway depot, twenty feet off the front of the Osborne Lumber Company buildings, complete removal of the Merchants Supply Company, a portion of the Canton Laundry, and West Canton depot.

The proposed through highway would begin at a point just east of the brink of the hill at the (See Viaduct—Page 8)

Betty Felmet Leads Girls' 4-H Winners

Betty Felmet of Waynesville Haywood County 4-H Club girls project winners for 1953 with three first-place awards, according to an announcement today by Miss Jean Childers, assistant home demonstration agent in charge of girls 4-H Club work.

Miss Felmet, a graduate of Waynesville High School, is now a student at Women's College of UNC in Greensboro. She was the winner of awards in leadership, dress revue, and community relations.

Three other Haywood County girls—Mattie Sue Medford, now at Bob Jones University, Greenville, S. C., and Frances Emma Yates, both of Iron Duff, and Martha Ann Caldwell of Crabtree—were double winners. Miss Medford won in farm and home electric and home grounds beautification, Miss Yates in clothing achievement and farm and home safety, and Miss Caldwell in senior canning and better grooming.

Other winners were:

Rowena Robinson of Thickety (now a student at Brevard College), girl's record; Bobbie Jean (See Betty Felmet—Page 3)

Haywood Farm On Cover Of 'Progressive Farmer'

A Haywood County farm—that of Dave Boyd on Jonathan Creek—is pictured in color on the cover of the current (October) issue of the magazine Progressive Farmer.

The picture is taken from a hill and shows Dave and his son, David, gazing at their farm in the valley below, with the mountains in the background. Especially attractive in the cover photo are the fall colors which now brighten the countryside.

This picture marks the second (See Haywood Farm—Page 3)

It's In The Book

If I have an automobile accident, must I report it to the Department of Motor Vehicles?—S.P., Oakdale.

In most cases, yes. The Motor Vehicle Manual states you must make a written report to DMV if you are involved in an accident resulting in death, injury or property damage in the amount of \$100 or more. This report must be filed within 24 hours after the collision. This isn't to be confused with another regulation which requires you to notify immediately the State Highway Patrol or local police in the event of a wreck.

Highway Record For 1953 In Haywood (To Date)

Killed : : : 4
Injured . . . 37

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

Weather

CLOUDY

Monday, partly cloudy and Friday, partly cloudy with change in temperature. Waynesville temperature reported by the State Test

Max.	Min.	Rainfall
76	35	—
78	36	—
79	35	—