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and able to produce, the Waynesville Kiwanis Club was told Tuesday night by M. H. Bowles, superintendent of Waynesville District Schools, at a meeting at Spaldon's Restaurant.

Mr. Bowles emphasized that vocational guidance counselors must only advise young men and women, but leave it up to the individuals themselves to make the final decision as to what fields they will enter.

He said that parents too often err in trying to form children's opinions for them — without regard to their own wishes — leaving the youngsters feeling frustrated.

"Don't attempt to force a decision," he added.

Mr. Bowles also expressed the (See Bowles—Page 8)

Draft Board Classifies 33 County Men

Thirty-three Haywood County men were assigned draft classification by Selective Service Board 45 at a meeting at the courthouse. They were:

Class 1-A (available for induction) — Douglas Hile Stewman, Robert Elmer Gibson, Jack Alexander Haney, Bobby Dan Duckett, James Ernest Wood, Alford Kirk Putnam.

Class 1-C (enlisted) — Sidney Pinckney Haynes, Jr., Francis Lamar Pless, Gene Oscar Wilson, Woodrow Everett Styles, Joseph Loly Freeman, Jr., Thomas Lynn Wells, Jere Newton, Jr., George Washington Cogburn, Roy Clyde Singleton, Ray Eldridge Singleton, Ralph Baxter Singleton.

Class 1-C (reserve) — Herman James Medford, Harold Edwin Donaldson, Boyce Thomas Brock, Henry Arel Kuykendall, Malcombe Lee Beasley, Walter Archelus Lowe, George Robert Owen, Ray William Farmer, Charles Edward Gaddis, William Walter Erwin.

Class 4-A (prior service or sole survivor) — Oliver Dee Early, David John Deas, George Rufus Garrett, Clarence Hoyt Powell, Edgar Hilliard Brock.

Class 4-F (rejected) — Cassius Green.

The next board meeting will be held March 2, at 9:30 a.m.

Girl Scouts Staging All Day Meeting

Some 150 Girl Scouts of the Waynesville and Hazelwood area will gather at Central Elementary School Saturday for an all-day "International Fiesta." The Fiesta is in celebration of "Thinking Day" set aside by the World Association of Girl Scouts to re-emphasize international friendship and the fact that there are Girl Scouts throughout the world.

The program Saturday will be from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., and parents of the children have been invited. All are to bring "nose-bag" lunches.

Every Girl Scout present will participate in the program, with (See Girl Scouts—Page 8)

Bloodmobile Gets 91 Pints During Visit To Canton

Ninety-one pints of blood were contributed to the Red Cross Bloodmobile during a visit to Canton Wednesday, sponsored by the Canton Civitan Club.

A total of 97 volunteered to contribute their blood.

Two new names were added to the Two-Gallon Club list, and two donors reached the one-gallon mark.

Donors giving their 16th pint Wednesday were Dr. H. A. Matthews and George W. Price. New members added to the One Gallon Club were Charles S. Johnson and Ann Harden.

Students' Milk Drinking Up 3,000 Bottles Daily

Since the start of the new milk program in the Haywood County schools, students have been drinking nearly 3,000 more bottles of milk each day than was consumed prior to November, when the program began.

According to Mrs. Rufus Siler, county school lunchroom supervisor, students can now purchase as many bottles of milk as they wish for only three cents a bottle. Ordinarily, they purchase the milk before the start of classes in the morning, during the noon lunch period, and in the mid-afternoon.

In November, the federal government gave the county \$1,944.97 to help finance the new milk program and \$2,105.40 in December.

Consumption of milk at Crabtree-Iron Duff and Fines Creek has more than doubled since No-



JAMES KILPATRICK will become president of the Waynesville Rotary Club July 1.

James Kilpatrick Named President Of Rotary Club

James Kilpatrick has been named president of the Waynesville Rotary Club, and on July first will assume office, succeeding W. S. "Bill" Ray.

Charles Way was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Kilpatrick has been active in civic affairs of the community for a number of years, serving as president of the Chamber of Commerce two terms, a director of the Cherokee Historical Association since it was organized in 1950, and for several years a director of WNCAC. He is also a member of the Haywood county Library Board.

Kilpatrick and Ray plan to attend the international convention of Rotary, in commemoration of the 50th anniversary, in Chicago, the last of May. Plans are for them to be accompanied by their wives.

The club elected a 7-man board of directors several weeks ago. The board is composed of Leo Weill, Charles Way, Kilpatrick, H. P. McCarroll, Tommy Thompson, Dr. John Penny, and James W. Fowler, Jr., in addition to William S. Ray.

Baptists' Fiscal-Year Report Made

Total receipts of \$380,972.94 and expenditures of \$330,536.99 are reported by the 53 Baptist churches of Haywood County for the period from July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954.

These figures and many others are listed in the report of the 69th annual session of the Haywood Baptist Association which has just been published and is now being distributed.

Total membership in county Baptist churches was put at 11,261. Of that number, 8,882 are residential members, 2,379 non-residential. During the year, the 53 churches gained 525 members by baptism and 444 by letter. A total of 479 were lost by death.

Other enrollment figures cited were: Sunday School, 9,527; Training Union, 3,298; Woman's Missionary Union, 2,047; and Baptist Brotherhood, 272.

The value of all church property was estimated at \$1,881,217 and of the pastors' homes at \$125,000. The debt at the end of the fiscal year was \$87,478 for all 53 churches.

During the 12-month period, the Baptists spent \$91,068.91 for new equipment, contributed \$50,882 for (See Baptists—Page 8)

Court Finishing Criminal Cases; School Civil Case Hearing Set For Friday

Jury Rules In Favor Patrol Speed Watch

By BOB CONWAY

It was "Man vs. Machine" in Superior Court late Monday afternoon... and the machine won a victory.

At stake in the jury trial of a Trailways bus driver on a charge of speeding 70 miles per hour last December was the accuracy of the State Highway Patrol's new speed watch device — popularly called "The Whammy."

On the one hand, defense attorney Roy Francis belittled the battery-operated time device and called it inaccurate and inferior to human judgment. On the other, the prosecuting attorney, Solicitor Thad Bryson, contended that the machine is more reliable than "the human equation."

The first witness for the state, V. E. Bryson of the Highway Patrol, testified that while operating the speed watch on the new four-lane highway at the Jones Cove Road about 9 p.m. on Dec. 19, he clocked an eastbound bus doing 70 miles per hour and radioed the information ahead to another patrol car, driven by Patrolman Harold Dayton.

Patrolman Bryson added that he never saw the driver of the bus that night.

Patrolman Dayton told the court that he was about three-quarters of a mile east at that time and soon saw the bus approaching. He said he turned his cruiser around and overtook the bus at Clyde, where he gave the driver a ticket.

The driver, Carlos Lee Ford of Asheville, said he had been driving a bus for nine and a half years and denied he was exceeding the speed limit on the night charged.

Two passengers on the bus at the time took the stand briefly and ex-

pressed their belief that the vehicle was not going more than 55 miles per hour between Lake Junaluska and Clyde.

The state's third witness, L. C. McKinney of Black Mountain, who checks and services "The Whammy" for the Highway Patrol, testified that he had checked the morning of the trial and found it to be in perfect working order.

He, along with the patrolman, explained that the speed watch is set in motion when a vehicle strikes a cable across the road and is stopped when a second cable 132 feet away is reached.

Attorney Francis asserted that a man should not be convicted solely on the evidence furnished by a mechanical device, such as "The Whammy." He said that the battery operating the unit may have been low, or that the patrolman could have misread the instrument.

He added that he would have been much more willing to take the advice of the patrolman or other witnesses.

Solicitor Bryson, in his argument to the jury, compared the speed watch to a common watch and pointed out that persons rely on such timepieces to tell the time instead of trusting to their own judgment.

He praised "The Whammy" and said that it has been instrumental in cutting down fatal accidents on North Carolina highways 11 per cent since it has been in use.

After hearing instructions from Judge Dan K. Moore of Sylva, the jury deliberated for a half hour before finding the bus driver "guilty as charged."

Judge Moore then directed that Mr. Ford pay court costs.

Judge Moore To Continue School Hearing Friday

Judge Dan K. Moore of Sylva completed hearing of criminal cases in Superior Court at noon today, then scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday a continuation of the civil case between the Haywood County Board of Education and the Town of Waynesville over the ownership of the old Central Elementary School building.

A continuation of the county-town case was scheduled after additional evidence bearing on the suit was disclosed this week.

Judge Moore will hear arguments in the civil action tomorrow and then take the case under consideration. He is expected to render his decision within the next several weeks.

The last General Assembly passed a bill deeding the block-square piece of property to the town for recreational purposes, after the county finished with the building for school needs.

The county board of education entered suit, setting forth the property valued at \$75,000 was not legally transferred, as no monetary value was passed between buyer and seller.

Some of the facts in the case were presented to Judge Moore several weeks ago, and on Friday he will hear additional facts from the two parties involved in the suit.

Since criminal court opened here February 7th, a majority of the 288 cases which were on the docket have been cleared.

Earl Dean Moody of Marion charged with manslaughter in the (See Court—Page 2)

Joe Boone Will Head Farm Bureau

Joe Boone of the Mountain Experiment Station was elected president of the Haywood County Farm Bureau at a meeting last night at the courthouse.

Other officers named were: Raymond Caldwell, vice president; Mrs. Quay Medford, secretary; Robert Boone, treasurer, and C. B. McCarty, chairman of the board of directors.

Directors chosen included: Roy Haynes, North Clyde and Thicketty; W. G. Byers, Clyde; Herschell Rogers, Crabtree; Mr. McCarty, Fines Creek; Mr. Caldwell, Iron Duff; Mrs. Medford, Lake Junaluska; Dave Boyd, Jonathan Creek; John Plott, West Waynesville; Dick Setzer, Morning Star; Mrs. Jack P. McCracken, Bethel; Mr. Boope, South Waynesville, and Woodrow Plennmons, Hyder Mountain.

Also selected as honorary directors were: Virgil L. Holloway, county farm (See Farm Bureau—Page 8)

Ledford Gets Two Years For Beating Baby Daughter

A severe spanking administered to his three-month-old (at that time) daughter earned Robert Ledford, 26, of the Hemphill section, a two-year prison sentence in Superior Court Monday.

The two-year term meted out by Judge Dan K. Moore of Sylva was in addition to another sentence of 12 months, pronounced last week, for beating his wife.

Two witnesses for the state testified that they had seen Ledford whip the infant severely one night while staying at their home near "The Purchase."

Two others said that they noticed black and blue marks about the baby's hips when the Ledfords brought it to their home on Christmas Day.

Dr. Thomas Stringfield testified that he examined the baby, found its body bearing bruises, and sent the child to a hospital for observation.

Taking the stand in his own defense, Ledford denied beating the

infant and said he only shook it to make it catch its breath from having the colic.

Ledford also related that the baby had been operated upon for a brain tumor while he and his (See Ledford—Page 8)

Highway
Record For
1955
In Haywood
(TO DATE)

Killed . . . 0
Injured . . . 7
Accidents . . 26
Loss . . \$10,384

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

Welcome The Heart Fund Volunteer Who Calls At Your Home Sunday