

# THE WAYNESVILLE MOUNTAINEER

Published Twice-A-Week In The County Seat of Haywood County At The Eastern Entrance Of The Great Smoky Mountains National Park

TODAY'S SMILE  
A worthless friendship is  
one that costs you nothing.

YEAR NO. 44 18 PAGES

Associated Press

WAYNESVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 2, 1955

\$3.50 In Advance In Haywood and Jackson Counties

## Decision On Interstate Route Delayed Again



PINE CONES

During a session of painting pine cones at the Western District Home Demonstration handicraft workshop at Camp Schaub this afternoon, Mrs. Albert Clark of Asheville, Janie M. Ramey of Marshall, home agent in Madison County, and Mrs. J. Z. Clark of Canton, the three-day event closed at the 4-H camp today. (Four other pictures in this issue)

### Assembly Passes 15 Haywood Measures

A review of local legislation passed by the General Assembly for Haywood totaled 16 measures, a survey of the session's activities today revealed.

Rep. Jerry Rogers introduced 15 of the measures, and Senator William Medford introduced the one measure permitting the State Highway Commission to pay all costs for the construction of the viaduct in Canton.

There were several local measures introduced which were not ratified, and one which was withdrawn when it was found that there was a law covering the phase of legislation sought.

The 15 bills which were enacted, besides the viaduct measure, were: Authorizing the board of commissioners to hold an election in 1956 on levying a tax for the Home Arts and Livestock project.

Set the salary of the mayor of Waynesville not to exceed \$150 per month. (Prior salary was \$90 per month).

Changed the salaries of the Waynesville aldermen from \$30 a month to \$40 a month. (See 15 Laws—Page 6)



8,500 LARGE-MOUTH BASS were stocked in Lake Junaluska Tuesday by Bill Varnell of the Department of the Interior fish hatchery at Cohutta, Ga. In April, three dozen mature bass and 100 brood were put into the lake under the direction of Hayden Ratledge, State Wildlife Resources Commission biologist. Later this year, 85,000 more brood will be stocked at Junaluska by the federal government. The large-mouth bass will weigh about a pound in a year and eventually average six pounds in size. (Other picture on sports page) (Mountaineer Photo).

### Asheville Engineer Asks Field Surveys Be Made On French Broad Routes

By W. CURTIS RUSS  
Editor The Mountaineer

A decision on the route of the interstate highway from North Carolina into Tennessee was delayed again today, as advocates of the French Broad route successfully staged a "delayed action" movement in Raleigh this morning.

The State Highway Commission in session this morning received a delayed report from T. M. Howerton, engineer of Asheville, which caused a postponement of the motion planned by Commissioner Harry Buchanan for the commission to adopt the Pigeon River route for the interstate highway.

Howerton, at the closing minutes of the hearing in Asheville on April 18, told the commission he had plans for a highway down the French Broad which he would like for the commission and engineers to study before a decision was made.

Chairman A. H. Graham granted Howerton permission to submit his plans for the engineers to study.

It was the opinion of some highway commissioners and engineers that Howerton had his plans ready at the time of the April meeting.

This morning Howerton told the commission he had made his plans from TVA maps since the hearing and urged that a detailed field survey be made of the routes he suggested. Howerton told the commission this morning that his maps and plans were made from just what he could see on the TVA map, and that a detailed survey of the route was suggested before the commission decided on a route.

Commissioner John Snipes of the 13th district, handed out typed copies of Howerton's report, and said that he felt everyone should be familiar with the Howerton report before action is taken.

Commissioner Snipes said he wanted the highway engineers to study the Howerton plan and report to the commission.

Commissioner Buchanan of this district seemed irked by the continued delays, and made a motion that the highway engineers make a report of Howerton's proposals at the next meeting of the commission in order to bring the interstate matter to a close.

It was evident that opponents to the Pigeon River route were seeking continued delays in the decision, as they suggested exhaustive surveys be made of the proposed Howerton routes — which are three alternative routes.

The Mountaineer learned from a highway official in Raleigh that surveys could go on and on. "There is a lot involved in making such a study," he said. (See Pigeon River—Page 6)



### Leatherwood Heads Lions District 31-A

Lawrence B. Leatherwood, a member of the Waynesville Lions Club since August 23, 1943, is the new district governor of Lions District 31-A, embracing 45 Western North Carolina Lions clubs from Ellenboro west to Murphy.

Mr. Leatherwood was elected to his new post at the state Lions convention in Charlotte Tuesday. In almost 12 years as a member of the Lions Club, the county school superintendent served as a treasurer of the local club for three years and as a director for eight years, as club president in 1950-51, as zone chairman in 1949-50, district director of the White Cane program in 1949-50, deputy district governor in 1950-51, and as a member of the state committee for the holding of a Lions International convention in North Carolina.

Mr. Leatherwood has sponsored 26 men for membership in the Waynesville Lions Club and was presented a "Senior Master" key last Thursday. He has had perfect attendance at meetings since joining the club here in 1943.

In the field of education, Mr. Leatherwood served two years as principal of Maggie School, 14 years as principal at Hazelwood, and was named county superintendent July 1, 1953.

A graduate of Western Carolina College with a master of arts degree. (See Leatherwood—Page 6)

### Waywood School Officials Say Action Segregation Up To State Board

Waywood County's leaders expressed the opinion that any action on the part of county schools to desegregate would be up to the State Board of Education.

Mr. B. Leatherwood, superintendent of county schools, said: "We have heard nothing from the State Board of Education, but the meeting today and we'll learn something soon. We'll wait what they direct."

Mr. Leatherwood, superintendent of county schools, said: "We will follow whatever the state and county school board decides. That's all we can do. We will follow the state's lead in this matter."

Mr. Leatherwood, superintendent of county schools, said: "We will follow whatever the state and county school board decides. That's all we can do. We will follow the state's lead in this matter."

Mr. Leatherwood, superintendent of county schools, said: "We will follow whatever the state and county school board decides. That's all we can do. We will follow the state's lead in this matter."

Mr. Leatherwood, superintendent of county schools, said: "We will follow whatever the state and county school board decides. That's all we can do. We will follow the state's lead in this matter."

Mr. Leatherwood, superintendent of county schools, said: "We will follow whatever the state and county school board decides. That's all we can do. We will follow the state's lead in this matter."

Mr. Leatherwood, superintendent of county schools, said: "We will follow whatever the state and county school board decides. That's all we can do. We will follow the state's lead in this matter."

Mr. Leatherwood, superintendent of county schools, said: "We will follow whatever the state and county school board decides. That's all we can do. We will follow the state's lead in this matter."

Mr. Leatherwood, superintendent of county schools, said: "We will follow whatever the state and county school board decides. That's all we can do. We will follow the state's lead in this matter."

Mr. Leatherwood, superintendent of county schools, said: "We will follow whatever the state and county school board decides. That's all we can do. We will follow the state's lead in this matter."

Mr. Leatherwood, superintendent of county schools, said: "We will follow whatever the state and county school board decides. That's all we can do. We will follow the state's lead in this matter."

### 'Mysterious Men' Contest To End At 5 P.M. Friday

Men: have you noticed people staring at the back of your neck lately?

If so, don't be concerned. It's just some of the entrants in The Mountaineer's contest to name six prominent local men who were pictured in Monday's issue—from the back.

Five dollars in cash and merchandise from five Waynesville stores are being offered for identifying the mysterious sextet. The deadline for all entries is 5 p.m. Friday. Next Monday we'll publish pictures of the men—from the front.

The unique contest has caused an unusual amount of interest and some intense guessing and head scratching to arrive at the correct answers.

### Compton To Work With Mission Board

Bob Compton of Hazelwood, rising junior at Furman University, will work this summer with the Baptist Mission Board in Jacksonville, Fla.

A 1953 graduate of Waynesville Township High School and the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Compton, Bob is the newly elected program vice president of the Ministerial Union at Furman and has served for two years on the greater council of the Baptist Student Union at the university.

### Junaluska Assembly Open 47th Season Sun.

The services will include a special dedication for staff members, both permanent and summer employees, the Rev. Mr. Fowler said. Numerous college students from nine southeastern states served by the assembly are employed every summer on the administrative and recreation staffs, and in hotels and lodges.

The Haywood County Methodist Youth Fellowship, led by Miss Christine Fisher, sub-district president, will have charge of the evening program at 8 o'clock.

Meanwhile, the first Southwide meeting of the season will open Tuesday, June 7, when nearly 400 college students and adult counselors of 12 states arrive at Lake Junaluska for an eight-day conference. Dr. Harvey Brown, staff member of the Methodist Board of Education, Nashville, Tenn., will direct the conference.

The Methodist Woman's Society (See Lake Junaluska—Page 6)

### Chest X-Ray Total Tops 6,000 Mark

With nine more days of operations still to go (including today), a total of 6,178 Haywood County residents have had chest X-rays made in one of the two mobile X-ray units in the county.

One unit has X-rayed 4,463 persons in Hazelwood, at the Dayton Rubber plant, Clyde, and Canton. The other, now at the courthouse parking lot in Waynesville, has examined another 1,715 persons.

Both of the rolling labs will be in operation in the county until June 11 (excepting Sunday and Monday.) Regular hours are from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. except on the last day when the unit will be open from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Mrs. Rubye Bryson, public health nurse at the Health Department, urged all county residents to have X-rays made before the state units leave here June 11.

She pointed out that there were (See X-Rays—Page 6)

### Orr Replaces James Varner On Parkway

Bill Orr of the National Park Service has replaced James Varner as park ranger on the Soco Gap-Heintooga link of the Blue Ridge Parkway and Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Mr. Orr comes here from the Rocky Knob district of the Parkway with headquarters in Floyd, Va., and Mr. Varner will go to the (See Bill Orr—Page 6)

### St. John's Graduation Set Sunday

Spring commencement activities in Haywood County high schools will come to an end Sunday night when two seniors will receive diplomas at St. John's School.

The graduates are Billie Jo Stanelli of Waynesville and Thomas Edge of Clyde.

Diplomas will be presented by the Rev. Lawrence Newman, superintendent of St. John's school. Special awards will be made by the Rev. Howard Lane of Immaculate Conception Church of Hendersonville.

John Parris, of Sylva, publicity (See St. John's—Page 6)

### Seven Valuable Dogs Poisoned In Ratcliffe Cove

Seven dogs — including two hunting dogs, a farm dog, and three house pets — were poisoned earlier this week in the Ratcliffe Cove community, according to county dog warden Ernest Chambers.

Six of the dogs died. The seventh — a cocker spaniel owned by Gene Smith — recovered after being rushed to the office of Dr. Mack Setzer of Lake Junaluska, veterinarian, who reported that the animal was poisoned with strychnine.

Owners of the dogs that died were: Will Ratcliffe, farm dog; Jack West, fox hound; Bill Leopard, blooded beagle; Bob Williams, and John Webb, pets. The owner of the seventh dog was not identified.

The poisonings are being investigated by the sheriff's office and Mr. Chambers. And the dog owners are reportedly considering offering a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the poisoner.

### Dr. Kitts Opens Dental Office In Hazelwood

Dr. Warren H. Kitts is announcing today the opening of his office Saturday for the practice of dentistry in the building of Dr. Stuart Roberson, in Hazelwood.

Dr. Kitts comes here from Raleigh, where he has been a dentist at State Hospital for the past two years.

He is a graduate of Wake Forest and the University of Tennessee School of Dentistry, Nashville. He is a native of Knoxville, and served for three years in the Navy with the submarine corps.

He is a member of the Baptist church, and the American Dental Society. Dr. and Mrs. Kitts will make their home in Brown Gables Apartments.

### Waynesville To Get 4th National Safety Award

#### Brighter Spots On Main Street

Bright spots on Main Street: The Town Hall is getting a new coat of white paint.

Scruggs Tavern is getting a new front, as is Nichols Shoe Shop.

The geraniums in the stone flower box at the Bank drive-in seem to get redder by the day.

#### Bids Sought For Paving On Parkway

Bids for the surfacing of two links of the Blue Ridge Parkway and a road in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park — totaling 22.7 miles — will be let this month, it was disclosed Tuesday by F. W. Cron, district engineer for the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads, at Gatlinburg.

Mr. Cron told The Mountaineer by telephone that bids for the grading and seeding of slopes and a light surface treatment on 11.36 miles of the Parkway from Wagon Road Gap to Beech Gap will be opened in Gatlinburg June 10.

On June 24, the engineer said, bids will be opened for a permanent surfacing of the Parkway from Soco Gap to Black Camp Gap and in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park from Black Camp to Heintooga Overlook. Total distance is 11.36.

Mr. Cron pointed out that the length of the two links is only one thousandth of a mile different. The Wagon Road - Beech Gap total is 11.365 and the Soco-Heintooga total 11.364.

Now in progress is grading of the Parkway from Bridges Gap to (See Parkway—Page 6)

#### Waynesville is due to receive its fourth National Safety award in five years, for going through 1954 without a traffic fatality.

The award will probably be presented this month, according to Chief Orville Noland.

Safety awards now gracing the walls of the police station are for 1950, 1952 and 1953.

The 1951 award was missed, when a man from Sylva, driving a car without brakes, rolled off an embankment, and the neck of a passenger was broken.

The town is also slated to get another award for going 2,200 days without a pedestrian fatality. The last one was September 6, 1949.

Chief Noland said: "We are proud of our record of safety, but cannot rest on that. We have got to work even harder, with the increase of traffic, to maintain the good work."

"There are a number of blind corners in town caused by shrubbery, or wild undergrowth obstructing the view at heavily traveled corners. We are asking proposals for their removal." (See Safety Award—Page 6)

#### 'Trail Riders' On Annual Trip Through Smokies

Using Cataloochee Ranch as their base, 21 members of the American Forestry Association Trail Riders are now on their annual saddle trip through the Smokies, led by Tom Alexander, owner of the ranch.

The group, including individuals from throughout the U. S., started their ride last Saturday and are due back at Cataloochee tomorrow.

The Trail Riders will have a square dance Friday night and then leave for their homes Saturday.

### WNC Poultry Field Day Set Tuesday At Test Farm

A poultry field day will be held Tuesday at the Mountain Experiment Station near Waynesville for farmers from all Western North Carolina counties. Lunch will be available on the grounds.

Virgil L. Holloway, county agent, said: "This is an annual affair held once each year to bring our WNC poultry producers up-to-date on the latest facts and information pertaining to the poultry enterprise. The facts will cover both broiler production and laying flocks."

"Extension poultry specialists and the poultry staff from N. C. State College will be on hand to present latest information and results of research and experiments," Mr. Holloway added.

The program includes: 10 a.m. — Welcome by C. D.

Thomas. 10:15 a.m. — Poultry situation in WNC, R. S. Dearstine.

10:45 a.m. — A feeding program, E. W. Glazner.

11:15 a.m. — Broiler production panel, conducted by W. G. Andrews, including producers from Madison and Buncombe.

11:25 a.m. — Facts about the new egg law, T. B. Morris.

Afternoon — Discussion and tours, C. F. Parrish in charge.

1 p.m. — Questions and answer period.

1:45 p.m. — How to vaccinate, Dr. C. R. Border.

2:15 p.m. — Using home grains in feeding, J. W. Kelly.

2:45 p.m. — New breeds for broiler production, W. L. Blow.

### Highway Record For 1955 In Haywood (To Date)

Killed . . . 1  
Injured . . . 37  
Accidents . . 76  
Loss . . \$29,812

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