



THIS 1956-MODEL CAR, occupied by a Knoxville couple on a honeymoon trip to Winston-Salem was completely demolished at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday when it overturned down a steep embankment east of Soco Gap while rain was falling. The vehicle traveled a total distance of 125 feet. Damage was estimated at \$2,000.



A DIFFICULT TASK of retrieving the car occupied by Mr. and Mrs. James L. Fowler after its plunge off the Soco Road is begun here as the vehicle is set back on its wheels and slowly starts up the mountain side, drawn by the tow line of Elford Sutton's wrecker.



AFTER 30 MINUTES of hard work by wrecker operator Elford Sutton (right), the demolished car appears over the bank of the Soco Highway. It was in such bad condition that it had to be hauled instead of rolled back to Waynesville. Looking on are Fowler (left) whose wife was driving the car, and Deputy Sheriff Gene Howell. (Mountaineer Photos)

Area Opens Observance Of Mental Health Week

The Waynesville area is joining with the rest of Haywood County and this nation this week in the observance of National Mental Health Week.

The observance was proclaimed here by Mayor J. H. Way in a statement which reads:

"Whereas, mental illness is the most serious single health problem confronting the nation, and whereas, many mental patients are unable to get the treatment they need because mental hospitals are overcrowded, understaffed, and short of medical supplies and equipment, and

"Whereas, many people suffering from emotional disorders are unable to get help because there is a severe shortage of psychiatric clinics and private psychiatrists, and

"Whereas, mental illness research is being hampered by lack of funds and personnel, and

"Whereas, these conditions can be remedied by concerted action of the citizens of our city, our state and our nation,

"Therefore, I, J. H. Way, Mayor of Waynesville, do hereby proclaim the week of April 29 to May 5 MENTAL HEALTH WEEK, and

furthermore call upon the citizens of Waynesville to help the mentally ill by working in behalf of improved and expanded treatment facilities; and in behalf of increased research to improve the methods for treatment and prevention of mental illness."

The Haywood Ministerial Association also is joining in the observance of Mental Health Week. Issuing a statement in behalf of the association, the Rev. James Y. Perry, pastor of Grace Episcopal Church, pointed out:

"Few things rank in importance with the adequate and enlightened treatment of mental disorders. Science and informed religion should join hands in healing the diseased mind and give 'that peace of God which passeth all understanding.'"

"As members of churches and citizens of our communities, let us approach this problem with steadfast faith, sympathetic understanding and intelligence, that we might combat the inroads now being made on the healthy and normal functioning of so many individuals in our society."

Band Instrument Clinic Set For May 5th At WCC

The North Carolina Bandmaster's Association (Western Division) will conduct a clinic for special instruments at Western Carolina College Saturday, May 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Harold E. Smith, band director at WCC, is host for the occasion, and will be assisted by the following college students: Tommy Ginn and Neil Wilson, Sylva; Gene Ellis, Kings Mountain; Dale Ratcliffe, Waynesville; Norma Jean Welch, Franklin.

Approximately 125 high school band students are expected to attend the clinic. The section on French horns will be conducted by Dale Grabill of Cherryville, and the clarinet group will be led by William Davidson of Concord.

Arrangements for the clinic are under the direction of a committee of band directors composed of Bob Campbell, Waynesville; Carl Mannie, Canton; and Donald Womack, Bryson City.

Not counting irrigation, use of water on farms is estimated at 3½ billion gallons daily.

Honeymooners Uninjured As Car Skids Off Mountain

A young Knoxville couple on a honeymoon trip into North Carolina escaped serious injury at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday when their car skidded off the pavement and plunged 125 feet down the mountain-side a quarter of a mile east of Soco Gap.

The couple, who were married only last Saturday, were identified as James L. Fowler, 21, and Etta Lindsay Fowler, both of Knoxville.

Mrs. Fowler was taken to Haywood County Hospital and admitted for treatment of bruises and lacerations, but, according to her attending physician, Dr. V. Howard Duckett of Canton, she bore

no sign of serious injury.

Highway Patrolman Harold Dayton reported that Mrs. Fowler was driving the car, a 1956 Chevrolet, eastward down Soco Mountain. When the car skidded slightly on the pavement, she applied the brakes and lost control of the vehicle, which ran off the highway and overturned down a steep embankment before it came to rest against some trees.

The car, owned by Mrs. Fowler's father, a Knoxville automobile dealer, was termed a total loss — with damage estimated at \$2,000.

The wreck occurred about 100 yards west of the Mile High Craft Shop on the Soco Road.

Patrolman Dayton said he understood the honeymooners were en route to visit relatives in Winston-Salem.

Canton Chamber Annual Banquet Set For May 5

The annual dinner meeting of the Canton-Bethel-Clyde Chamber of Commerce will be held at Camp Hope on Saturday evening, May 5, it has been announced by Guy Roberts, retiring president of the organization.

This year's meeting will be dedicated to the recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the Carolina Division of the Champion Paper and Fibre Company in Canton.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben B. Robertson will be guests of honor at the dinner and Mr. Robertson, president and chairman of the board of directors of the Champion firm, will appear on the program in a reminiscence of 50 years of progress in Canton.

Mr. Robertson will be introduced by Edwin Haynes, who will speak in behalf of the people of the Canton, Bethel and Clyde communities in recognition of Champion's position as a corporate citizen of the community for the past half century.

F. E. (Bill) Shull will preside at the program, which will also include entertainment by the music department of Canton High School, a message from retiring president Roberts, and the presentation of newly-elected officers and directors.

The program will be climaxed with a humorous talk by Walter Smith of Rutherfordton, who is a homespun philosopher of repute throughout the eastern United States.

Advance sales of tickets for the banquet started last week under the direction of Al Phillips. The dinner will be catered by Miss Elizabeth Thompson of the Champion YMCA.

Resale Ordered For Cecil School

The bid of \$2,600 for the Cecil school property, recently bid by C. A. George, has been raised by R. C. Ledbetter. The Board of Education is today, advertising the property for resale, May 15, with the opening bid starting at \$2,780.

The property is all of the Cecil school property, including a playground site, which the board used for more than 20 years. The sale excludes a small lot which has been reserved for the citizens of Cecil Township as a voting place.

Disabling illness is nearly twice as frequent January through March than July through August.

There are an estimated 300 million malaria cases in the world every year.

Second Hatchery To Be Established On Davidson River

WASHINGTON, (AP)—A House Fisheries subcommittee has approved a bill to establish a second trout hatchery on the Davidson River in the Pisgah National Forest, North Carolina.

Rep. Shuford (D.N.C.), author of the bill, testified that more trout are needed to meet the demand of a constantly increasing tourist business.

Shuford said the present hatchery station on Davidson River is able to supply about one tenth of the annually needed 40,000 pounds of fish used for restocking.

Most of the fish for restocking, he added, are of "catchable size." Cost of the project is estimated at \$375,000.

In 1882 Tourists Here Arrived On Mail Wagon

By W. C. MEDFORD

It is the tourist season of the year 1882 in Waynesville and at the then renowned and fairly new White Sulphur Springs Hotel. Mt. Maria Love (tallest of the immediately surrounding Junaluska range, and named for Col. Stringfield's wife) had already cast its evening shadows round about.

The lumbering mail-hack with its load of "Low-landers" and high-seated, proud driver in charge, has just arrived. The mail had been delivered at the little post office uptown. After this the driver, as he turned down Church street,

pointed out to his passengers the old court house (soon to be vacated as such), old jail, site of the old whipping-post, school house and

two or three churches. Then they crossed the newly graded and rounded-up road-bed that had been made for the railroad, and forded Richland Creek at near the present Smathers street bridge. Turning up the clear, rippling stream, through shaded lane, silence reigned supreme. So it seemed to the visitors, solitude almost, save for the tinkle of cowbells in the nearby meadow and surrounding woods.

But just then the white-trimmed brick walls of the famous resort, with its long veranda, shady lawns — and scores of guests all about, came in sight!

"Oh isn't it wonderful!" "Looks just gorgeous," said another. ("Today we might have said, 'out of (Continued on Page 6)

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