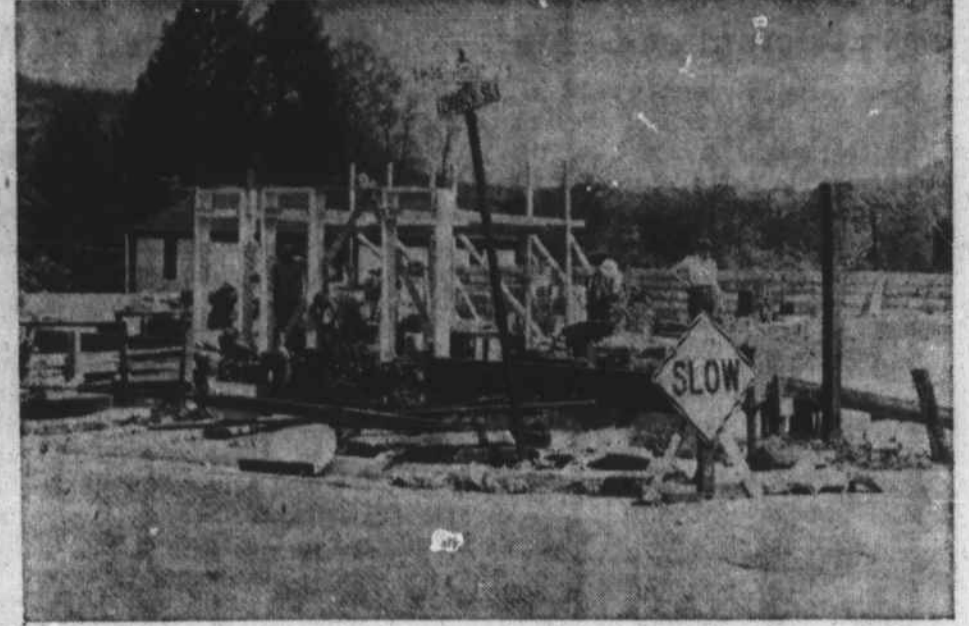




WAY BACK BEFORE THE CIVIL WAR, it is said, part of the foundations of this building were laid. It had already been standing half a century when this picture was made, about 1900. John Milas Davis stands in the doorway of his jewelry shop.



JUST A FEW WEEKS AGO, the Milas Davis place had reached this stage. No longer in use as a residence, it was being torn down to make way for a modern office building. (Mountaineer Photo).



AS CLOSE AS TOMORROW, in the life of the Milas Davis site, is this next stage in its history. Dr. Phil Medford is constructing an up-to-the-minute building to house his office. (Mountaineer Photo).

Old Milas Davis Residence Torn Down To Make Way For New Office Building

By W. C. MEDFORD

Change is the rule and law of life. The old order is ever giving way to the new. Old landmarks go down in decay and ruin and new structures take their places.

And so, the old Milas Davis residence that stood near the corner of Church and Montgomery for many, many years had to follow the rule. It was recently torn down and now the Dr. Phil Medford building is going up.

This building, known to all old-timers here, stood on the upper side of the vacant lot across from Ray's Sons' store. It was one of the two remaining real old structures in this part of Waynesville, the other being the old court house building (corner Main and East streets).

This old Davis house (the foundation of which you see in the second picture) was moved to this lot many years ago from the Smathers block just above; this was when Dr. John Smathers built the corner drugstore and other units.

The rear part of the house was about 115 years old, having been built before the Civil War. Milas Davis did not build the original (rear) part; but he did reconstruct or add onto it the front section some twenty years later, and before it was moved from its original location. On this location it faced Church street (about opposite the present Temple building) and just to the rear of his (Davis') jewelry store (pictured above), since the jewelry store faced on Main street.

In the first picture you see John Milas Davis standing in the door and East Waynesville, 9 a.m., Waynesville High School, 11 a.m. No clinics are scheduled on Wednesday because regular clinics are held that day at the Health Center.

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Humane Society Seeks Land For Animal Shelter

Obtaining land for a shelter for stray animals was declared to be the immediate objective of the Haywood County Humane Association, which held its regular monthly meeting Monday.

Meanwhile the organization is seeking someone to care for the strays until a shelter is secured. Since its incorporation in early spring, the association has been seeking a location for the proposed shelter. Requirements are that the land be centrally located in the country, have access to a good water supply, be on or near a good road, and be somewhat isolated in order to avoid disturbing people.

Until such a location can be found, the association is seeking someone to care for the animals. The person will be paid a small fee for each animal, and the association will furnish the animal's food.

Mrs. R. Gordon Hudson of Parkway Knoll is chairman of the committee to locate the needed property.

Persons interested in the work of the group are invited to attend the next meeting, to be held Monday, June 4, at 8 p.m. at the W. E. Carter home at Lake Junaluska.

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Edwards Named County Dairy Month Chairman

Appointment of James Edwards as June Dairy Month chairman for Haywood County has been announced by Morris L. McGough of Asheville, Western North Carolina Chairman, and Mayor George A. Covington of High Point, State Chairman.

"Dairying has passed the 100 million dollar mark as an industry for North Carolina families," states Mr. Edwards. "This is reason enough for observing June Dairy Month. But more important is the fact that we need to drink more milk in the county and state for our health's sake. Mr. Edwards states that per capita consumption of milk by North Carolinians increased by 9 quarts last year, reaching a new high of 132 quarts per person, but that we are still far short of drinking as much milk as we should.

Mr. Edwards states that the real purpose of the June Dairy Month program is to acquaint the public with

with the nutritional facts about milk. He states that the American homemaker spends 17 per cent of her food budget for dairy products, but this actually buys about 30 per cent of the family's nutritional needs. On a nutritional basis, this makes dairy products the most economical source of vitamins, minerals, protein and energy-supplying foods.

The dairy farmers, milkplants, agricultural agencies, health departments and many civic groups are joining forces to let the people of western North Carolina know that plenty of good fresh milk is available, and that during June it is the richest and best tasting of any time.

According to Mr. Edwards, plans will be worked out soon on the various activities to be carried out in the county.

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