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TODAY'S SMILE

When a man puts a limit
on what he will do, he has
put a limit on what he can
do.

Major Area Roads Due For Completion By '59

Pigeon River Vital To Area Travel

Traffic Survey Is About Ready

(By Associated Press)

There is every reason to believe the number of visitors to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park will increase faster in the years ahead than in the past.

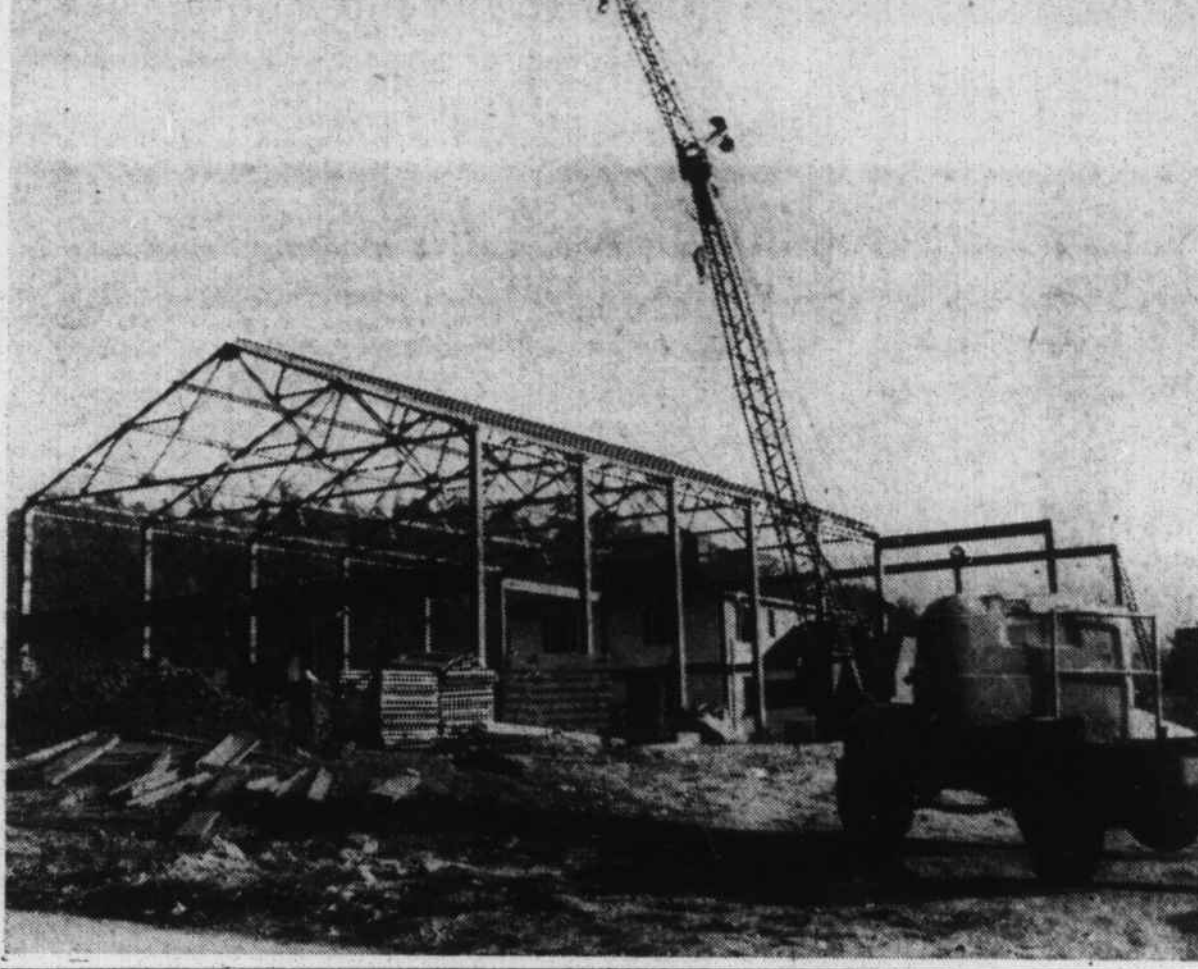
That opinion was voiced last week by James S. Burch, engineer of statistics and planning for the North Carolina Highway Commission, following a conference in Raleigh. Representatives of the Park, Tennessee and North Carolina and the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads attended the conference.

(The interstate conference between North Carolina and Tennessee representatives with officials of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads was inaugurated several years ago by the N. C. National Park, Parkway, and Forest Development Commission, under the chairmanship of Senator William Medford of Waynesville—Ed.).

The Great Smoky Park has for years attracted more tourists annually than any of the nation's national parks, and Burch said, "there is every reason to believe Park attendance will not only continue to increase but will increase at a faster rate than ever before," when highway developments now planned are completed.

The major factor in the increase will be the construction of the Pigeon River route through the (See Pigeon Road—Page 8)

ERECTION OF STEELWORK for the new Hazelwood Baptist Church on Main Street is progressing rapidly. Construction was at this stage the afternoon of October 11. (Mountaineer Photo).



Local Businessmen To Study Operating Cost Reduction

Buchanan Favors New Park Road

Commissioner Harry E. Buchanan in commenting on the proposal of a road linking Heintoo and Cataloochee camp grounds through the Eastern end of the Park, said:

"That is a logical road, and would open up some beautiful country in the Park. It would be a natural link with the Pigeon River road, and I hope our Tar Heel delegation in Congress pushes the project as fast as feasible. It would be a great project for this entire mountain area."

Emory Captures Mountaineer's Football Contest

Wainwright Emory of the Balsam Manor Apartments, Waynesville, won the third Mountaineer football contest of 1956 with a perfect score in 10 games. He will receive \$15 in cash.

One other contestant — Bill Ingram, lineman on the Clyde High football team — also had a perfect score, but Emory was one point closer on the combined score of the Waynesville-Enka game here Friday night.

Six contestants missed only one game, and 35 missed only two.

CD Advisory Council To Meet October 23

The Advisory Council on Civil Defense will meet Tuesday night, October 23, at the Town Hall instead of Tuesday of this week, according to James H. Howell, Jr., Waynesville's civil defense director.

J. R. Morgan, town attorney, will speak at the meeting on the legal aspects of civil defense.

Travel On Parkway Shows Increase Of 55 Per Cent

According to figures just released by Sam P. Weems, Superintendent of the Blue Ridge Parkway, travel continues to increase on this scenic highway.

Last September, 434,365 people traveled the Parkway. Compared with the September figure of 513,214, this is an increase of 18.2%.

The travel for 1955 through September was 3,470,871. Compared with the same period of 1956, 4,009,559, this is an increase of 15.5%.

Travel in this District, which reaches from Wagon Road Gap to Mount Mitchell, has increased 55% this year over 1955.

Second Auction Set Saturday On Parking Lot

Haywood County's first community auction, held last Saturday morning on the courthouse parking lot here, brought a total of \$475.50 in sales, according to Ned J. Tucker, executive vice president of the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce.

The commission made on the auction, \$26.09, will go into the Waynesville Recreation Fund.

Among items sold at the first auction were:

Jeep truck, \$150; suite of furniture, \$275; shotgun, \$8.50; crosscut saw, \$5.25; electric motor, \$7; coal and wood heater, \$3.50; auto jack, \$4.75; electric heater, \$3.50; house jack, and a number of articles of wearing apparel.

Three other items were put up for sale, but high bids were declined by the sellers. They were a Jeep station wagon, saddle, and 22 rifle.

The auctioneer here Saturday was Phillip Cronkite, manager of Farmers Market at Hendersonville.

Mr. Tucker called the first auction "fine as a beginning" and disclosed that the second auction will be held this Saturday at 10 a.m. on the courthouse parking lot.

All persons who wish to have things sold at the auction are asked to notify the Chamber of Commerce by Wednesday so that a story can be written on the articles to be offered.

The Chamber of Commerce and Recreation Commission are sponsoring the auction to give Haywood County residents an opportunity to sell farm equipment, livestock, (See Auction—Page 8)

J. H. Howell Resigns As County Library Chairman

J. Harden Howell, chairman of the board of trustees of the Haywood county Library for the past 12 years has resigned.

Chairman Howell told the other five members of the board that he did not have the time to devote to the affairs of the Library, which has shown phenomenal growth under his administration. The circulation has gone to more than 100,000 per year.

The County Commissioners have named Tom Alexander as a member of the board which now includes: Senator William Medford, Glenn C. Palmer, James Kilpatrick, Mrs. T. L. Gwyn, Fred Douth, and Alexander.

The board will meet Monday, November 22, and formally name (See J. H. Howell—Page 8)

3 Hurt In 6 Weekend Accidents

Three persons were injured in two of six accidents investigated by the State Highway Patrol during the weekend. Damages in the six accidents totaled \$1,965.

A Charlotte family, en route in their trailer to the residence of Ranger Mark Hannah in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, had an unexpected meeting Thursday afternoon with the ranger's daughter — resulting in a collision that caused damages of \$400.

Highway Patrolman Harold Dayton reported that Dr. and Mrs. George Armstrong and their children, driving a 1953 Plymouth station wagon towing a trailer, met a 1950 Chevrolet, driven by Miss Joyce Evelyn Hannah, on a sharp curve on the Cove Creek Mountain Road.

No one was injured, but damages of \$250 were caused to the Armstrong station wagon, and \$150 to the Hannah car.

No charges were made. James Herbert Smith, 72, retired postmaster from Converse, Ga., and his bride of one month, Mrs. Clara Mosely Smith, 54, were hospitalized as the result of a collision at the western town limits of Clyde at 5:55 p.m. Friday.

Patrolman Dayton said that Smith lost control of his 1956 Mercury, causing it to careen into the center strip of the four-lane highway. (See Wrecks—Page 8)

Band Wins Top Rating At Festival

Waynesville Township High School's 75-piece marching band won a Division I rating in Class A at the Southeastern High School Band Festival at Bristol, Va.-Tenn. Saturday night, according to Charles L. Isley, director of music at WTHS.

The Waynesville band was given one of the top ratings in the festival—97.9 points out of a possible 100. Last year the band's rating was 95.2.

Fifty-five bands with a total of 5,000 musicians participated in the annual festival held Saturday afternoon and night at the Bristol, Tenn. stadium. States represented by the bands were Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, and West Virginia.

An estimated crowd of 20,000 saw a parade by the bands through the Bristol business section.

Other North Carolina bands at the festival were Reynolds of Winston-Salem, which won a Division 2 rating in Class A, and Lexington, which was entered in Class B.

The Waynesville band left here at 9 a.m. Saturday, stayed overnight in private homes in the area, and returned here Sunday afternoon.



FEW PEOPLE WOULD GUESS, but Robert Chapman, shown here where he works at the Cities Service filling station at Hazelwood, suffered frostbite while serving with the Army in Korea, necessitating the amputation of both his legs below the knee. (Mountaineer Photo).

Loss Of Both Legs Does Not Stop Bob Chapman

By BOB CONWAY

National Oil Week Observed

Much of the second section of today's issue is devoted to National Oil Week. Like so many other things, oil is taken for granted by the average person, with little or no thought given to the work being done to improve petroleum products.

The advertisements and reading matter about oil will be of unusual interest.

'Teen-Agers For Stevenson' Group Will Be Organized

A Haywood County chapter of "Teen-Agers for Stevenson" will be organized at Democratic Party headquarters in the old Haywood Furniture Store building on Main Street at 4 p.m. today.

Loranzo Smathers, chairman of the Haywood County Democratic Executive Committee, will be in charge of the meeting.

Mr. Smathers explained that the teen-agers will join in the solicitation of funds for the "Dollars for Democrats" campaign in Haywood County.

Area Firemen Make Two Runs During Weekend

A section of roof over the finishing room of the Unagusta Furniture Company's Plant No. 1 was observed smoking at 1:30 p.m. Friday and an alarm was turned in at Hazelwood, but plant workers tore off the roofing involved and Hazelwood firemen found the situation under control on arrival.

Waynesville firemen made two (See Firemen—Page 8)

Officials List Roads In Program

By W. C. RUSS

The next three years should see the greatest highway construction era in Haywood's history. This fact was ascertained by Chairman A. H. Graham, and 14th District Commissioner Harry E. Buchanan, of the State Highway Commission, as they discussed the program for this immediate section.

The two highway officials now see the completion of the Pigeon River Road from the State line to Clyde within three years.

Commissioner Buchanan told The Mountaineer he believes a contract for a 6-mile link can be awarded by January 1, and the second and last link within a few months. Plans for one link are ready, and the other nearing completion.

In 1958-59, Chairman Graham said he feels that contracts will be awarded for grading, paving and structures on U. S. 19A-23 from a point just this side of Balsam Gap to the intersection of U. S. 19-276, near the Lake. This link of highway is seen essential to handle the extra traffic which will flow through here from the Pigeon River Road. Traffic from the mid-west over the Pigeon River Road would use the by-pass in going to Atlanta and points South.

The by-pass around Waynesville, according to Commissioner Buchanan, will start at a point near the (See Area Roads—Page 8)

Civic Group Endorses Park Road

The directors of the Chamber of Commerce have written Congressman George A. Shuford, and Senator W. Kerr Scott, thanking them for their interest in the proposal of a 7-mile linking road from Heintoo to Cataloochee campgrounds.

Both members of Congress recently went on the grounds of the proposed road, and said they favored the project, and would work for getting the highway through the Eastern end of the Park when they returned to Washington in January.

The two North Carolinians were impressed with the beauty of the area, and expressed themselves as being anxious to get the road through the section in order that (See Civic Group—Page 8)

Eight Listed On Honor Roll Of United Fund

Eight names are on the first honor roll listed by the United Fund organization in the Waynesville area as having 80 per cent or more of their employees contributing to the fund.

They are: Charlie's Place, First National Bank, Haywood Electric Membership Corp., Haywood County Hospital, Automatic Heating Co., courthouse employees, and Crabtree-Iron Duff School.

The United Fund campaign now has raised \$10,000 — approximately a third of its goal, and the drive will continue until the quota of \$31,000 is attained, UF officials said.

Highway Record For 1956 In Haywood (TO DATE)

Killed 4
(1955 — 2)

Injured 88
(1955 — 82)

Accidents . . 162
(1955 — 153)

Loss . . . \$52,975
(1955 — \$64,930)

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

The Weather



Generally fair and mild today and Tuesday.

Official Waynesville temperature as recorded by the State Test Farm:

Date	Max.	Min.	Pr.
Oct. 11	67	37	
Oct. 12	68	38	
Oct. 13	72	31	
Oct. 14	75	33	



J. H. HOWELL, SR.