

Naming Names: Round Two

Competition between two names for a road in front of Beaver Dam Baptist Church has resulted in a petition signed by 100 people last Monday week urging county adoption of the church's name.

Rev. Paul M. Sorrells, pastor at Beaver Dam, acknowledged in an interview that the petition drive came as a result of the county's considering Hamrick Road as the combined name for roads 1153 and 1158. Numbered roads are being named by the county next month in order to speed mail and emergency vehicles.

At a meeting Jan. 26 to consider tentative names, county commissioners originally offered Beaver Dam Church Road for 1153 and 1158, a 5.5 mile stretch of blacktop that runs from the Baptist church northeast of Boiling Springs through the town to its western boundary.

J.W. Hamrick, a local dairy farmer, then asked the commissioners to name part of that highway Hamrick Road.

"Ninety-nine per cent of that road comes through Hamrick land or comes by it," he told the commissioners in January.

After the commissioners agreed to consider Hamrick's nomination, Rev. Sorrells organized the petition, which he presented to them last week. Final names will be fixed April 19.

Rev. Sorrells mailed a copy of the letter accompanying the petition to the View. Here is the letter:

"Dear Editor:

"We folks here at Beaver Dam Baptist Church are thankful for all the publicity we have received concerning the name of the road that runs by our church. We too are interested in the road name, as most of us would like to see it remain Beaver Dam Church Road. Here are some of the reasons:

"1. The road has been known for some years by

"For emergency services, established landmarks are more valuable than family names. Beaver Dam Church has stood at the same place for 132 years. It is a well-known landmark in Cleveland County."

that name. Almost every week, we receive mail here at the church addressed to Beaver Dam Church Road.

"2. The road is already designated as such in the Shelby phone directory.

"3. We understand that the name, Hamrick Road, has been suggested, and the Hamricks are

fine people. However, if the naming of roads is to aid in emergencies, confusion might result from other roads with the name of Hamrick. For example, there is a Hamrick Street in Shelby, a Hamrick Avenue in Boiling Springs, and a Hamrick Drive in Spring Valley here in Beaver Dam.

"4. For emergency services, established land-

roads after churches: Mt. Sinai Church Road; Flint Hill Church Road; Pleasant Ridge Church Road, etc. So we hope they will continue the tradition.

"6. We are in the process of constructing a new building, and we think it will do honor to a road designated as Beaver Dam Church Road.

"7. To support our position, we have submitted a petition to county officials containing the names of 99 voter-age persons (many of them Hamricks) who are asking county officials to hear us.

"Thank you for the responsible task you are performing in getting out the news to this area of the county. Sincerely,
"Paul M. Sorrells, Pastor."

Disputes between surnames and landmarks appear inevitable in determining what to call roads, but the man who picked the tentative names for the county favors landmarks.

"I know I'm stepping on some toes by not using family names," said Hunt Hannah of the county tax map office. "But I'm dead against personal names unless it's a case where it's real old, in use a long time."

Hannah originally picked Beaver Dam Church Road as the name to present at the Jan. 26 meeting. He used church names whenever possible in picking names for the county, he said, in order to avoid duplicated or similar-sounding

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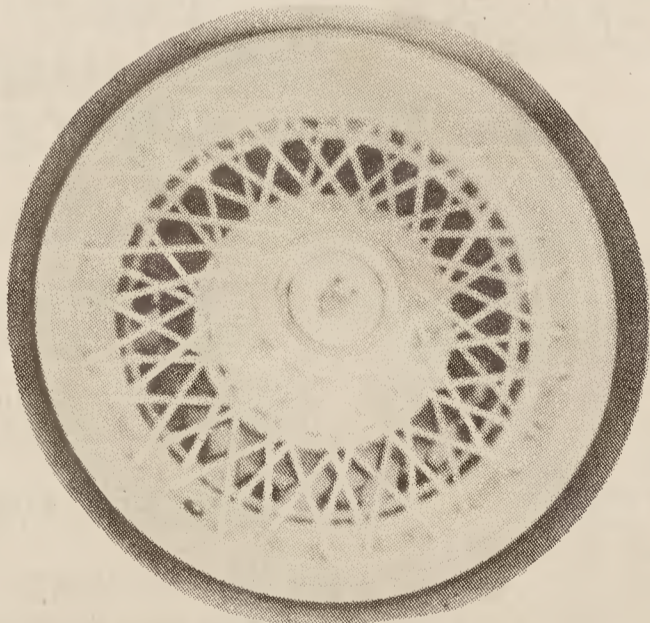
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Crime That's Going 'Round



Somebody out there likes them. What they like are expensive wire wheelcovers and hubcaps that can average \$400 a set — and that belong to other people.

Thefts of wheelcovers and hubcaps occur twice a week in the county according to an average of sheriff's reports since February. Boiling Springs is not exempt: the town has reported four sets of wheel and lug covers stolen in the past five weeks, and there have been several thefts from campus-parked cars at Gardner-Webb College.

"The problem," said a Boiling Springs auto parts dealer, "is that they (thieves) can sell them for \$50 a piece like this." He snapped his fingers.

In the snap of a hubcap a car owner also can lose hundreds of dollars as learned by Gail Ernest Jones of Boiling Springs, who reported the theft of \$350 worth of hubcaps from a car at the K-Mart parking lot last Saturday.

Jones can take cold comfort in that thieves are no respecter of persons. Councilman John Washburn reported the theft of four wire wheelcovers from his car parked beside his home the night of Feb. 24.

That night Gardner-Webb College police chased two suspects on West College after students reported seeing two men removing hubcaps from a car parked by a woman's dormitory. Although the two eluded police, four hubcaps were covered and stolen Tuesday from the No. 1 Township.

Chief Gordon Washburn says his department has a "partial ID" on the suspects.

How to stop them? A wheelcover "lock" on newer cars actually is just an unusual bolt that requires a thief to spend more time with a wrench. The best preventive, according to Chief Washburn, is to engrave the wheelcovers with the owner's social security number.

Engraved covers will either prevent a thief from taking them or aid in their recovery if he does, Washburn said.

Gardner-Webb Police Department will have an engraver available to the public the week of March 15 to mark wheelcovers and other valuables, Washburn said.

The View will publish the time and place next week.

In other police news,

a freak accident resulted in two cars' being damaged \$300 each when a man-hole cover was dislodged by traffic in front of Varsity Square apartments Saturday night. The two cars hit the cover before it could be put back in place.

Craftsman tools valued at \$2370 were reported stolen Tuesday from the No. 1 Township.

Churches Gather For History

The fourth of six programs on "Cleveland County in Transition" will take place March 18 at Gardner-Webb College.

"Resources — Churches, Schools, Helping Agencies — and Values: Continuity and Change" is the fourth segment of the National Endowment for the Humanities project coordinated by Cleveland Technical College.

The College's library is one of five cooperating in the project. Activities will begin at 10:00 a.m. with a talk and discussion on families under stress from technological change.

Displays of helping agencies — Red Cross, Cleveland County Health Department, and fire departments from Boiling Springs, and displays by the Episcopal women and the Salvation Army — will be followed by musical entertainment in the library at 3:15 p.m.

A major event is the oral history panel at 3:45 with a group of the county's elder citizens recalling aspects of earlier days in the area. Lansford Jolley of Gardner-Webb College will moderate the panel.

The library also hosts a tour of its collections, displays, and computer technologies, with a 5:15 p.m. film on libraries.

Following a dinner at Gardner-Webb (cost \$3.50 by reservation through Cleveland Tech, 484-4000, by March 15), the Town Meeting will take place in Gardner-Webb's Dover Chapel at 7:30 p.m.

WBTV's Diana Williams will be the master of ceremonies, and the principal speaker is Dr. Horace Traylor, vice-president for development at Florida's Miami-Dade Community College.

After a sound-slide presentation on churches, schools, and agencies, a panel of persons involved with religion, education, and other services will speak and respond to audience questions. Panelists include: Rev. Herb Cale, associate minister, Shelby Presbyterian Church; Mrs. Martha London, retired schoolteacher, supervisor, and principal, Cleveland County schools;

Mr. William Campbell, chairman, Shelby City Board of Education; Mr. Worth Morris, retired businessman, co-owner of Lee's Home and Office Supplies; Mr. Bob Canabiss, chairman, Cleveland County Board of Education; Rev. D. A. Costner, retired schoolteacher and minister, St. Peter's Baptist Church, Grover;

Dr. John Drayer, associate professor of religion, Gardner-Webb College; Dr. John Bakita, Department of Behavioral and Social Sciences,

Central Piedmont Community College; and Dr. Traylor.

Earlier meetings have dealt with land use, the transitional family, and the impact of industry on Cleveland County. The March program is expected to draw a full house of interested county citizens.

Area News

The Lucille Wall Music Club met Monday night, Feb. 22, at the Boiling Springs Methodist Fellowship Hall.

The club also studied "The Parade of American Music" this month. Mrs. B.B. Biggerstaff, program chairperson, discussed church music in the United States from 1494 to the present time. The club sang hymns that had been written and used throughout the years. Mrs. K. Kenneth Blanton was organist.

The program ended with "In Remembrance" from Celebrate Life with guests Nelson McDaniel and Jill Biggerstaff accompanist. Hostesses were Mrs. James B. Doggett and Mrs. Maurice Huskey.

For more information and preregistration, call Cleveland Tech's Department of Continuing Education at 484-4014.

Editor's note: "The drive hit me again to write," said the letter from Mrs. Carl L. (Lula) Hamrick, enclosing a poem "listing what I deem some of our little town's assets." The poem itself and Mrs. Hamrick both are assets to Boiling Springs, and we are happy to print the poem on page four, thanking the author for submitting it to the View and for her patience in waiting until we had space to print it in full.

The Leukemia Society of America, North Carolina Chapter, announced today that the 1982 Cycle for Life Chairperson for Boiling Springs will be Mrs. Nancy Blalock.

Cleveland Technical College announced a three-week mini-course in Career Planning for unemployed men and women, displaced homemakers, and single parents. The course will include basic job search skills training and will begin March 15.

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