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STATE READY TO PAVE ROAD OVER PISGAH

CTC Makes Plans To Open College Center Here

State To Put Asphalt On Remaining Three Miles

Will Give Paved Highway All The Way To Brevard; Work Will Take Only Few Days

Workmen are scheduled to start surfacing Highway No. 276 over Pisgah within the next few days, A. H. Graham, chairman of the State Highway and Public Works Commission told The Mountaineer yesterday. This route is better known here as the Brevard highway.

Mr. Graham told this newspaper that the engineering department has found it possible to surface treat the three miles of the highway up the mountain. This is the only unpaved section on the 39-mile route from here to Brevard.

The surface will be asphalt, according to Mr. Graham. "While there is not sufficient depth of stone along this route to take our usual type of surface treatment, we are going to give this section a light treatment of asphalt and believe that this will be adequate for the immediate future. We will have to add to this type of construction within a few years, but we expect the present treatment to partly care for traffic in the immediate future," Chairman Graham said.

Highway construction engineers said such a job would take from ten days to two weeks for a 3-mile section.

The section of the highway to be surfaced starts at the steel bridge that crosses the river, and goes up the mountain to Wagon Road Gap. This point is just about halfway between here and Brevard.

The state opened a rock quarry on the side of the road, about half way up the mountain to obtain stone for the road when grading was completed some years ago.

The unpaved section in recent months had become rough, with "washboard" contours across the road which made travel difficult.

The commission was asked to improve the road before the North Carolina Press Association made a trip over Pisgah from Brevard on September 13th. At the time Chairman Graham said the road would be smoothed up, but in answer to a question by this newspaper, did not feel surfacing would be possible at this time. Later it was found, as Mr. Graham explained, for the engineering department to proceed with the surface treatment and not let out on a contract.

The completion of the road over Pisgah will open a direct route into upper South Carolina in the area of Greenville, as paved roads already connect Greenville and Brevard.

"This is the best news about highways that has come to Haywood in many years," L. E. Sims, president of the Chamber of Commerce said, when informed of the project that is to begin.

Market Reports

Eggs and Poultry
Thursday noon reports from The Farmers Exchange showed eggs and live poultry running steady, eggs 45c a dozen; fryers 28c-30c a lb., hens 18c-20c. Federal-State Market news reports from Asheville showed the local egg market running stronger than in past weeks, with supplies light. A large 45c, A medium and B large 40c, grade C 30c; current receipts 35c per dozen. The market on live poultry is running dull with heavy receipts; hens, heavy 23c-25c; light hens 20c; broilers and fryers 28c-30c.

Livestock
Cattle sales at Clyde on Aug. 15. Receipts very light, market slightly stronger on classes reported. Canners and cutters mostly only type cows offered at 7.00-11.00. Heifers, medium to good fat heifers 12.00-14.75, common and dairy type 10.50-12.00. Calves, good fat vealers 18.00-20.50; the top; medium type 15.00-18.00; culis and dairy (Continued on Page Six)

One Killed, Three Hurt



This shows the Thrash car as it lay on its side in the rocky ravine in Crabtree where it plunged late Monday night, killing one, and hurting three other young people. A large rock crushed in the rear of the car, pinning in two occupants on back seat.—Staff photo by J. D. Hyatt.

One Killed, 3 Injured As Car Leaves Highway

Wreck Victim Is Improving; Has Fractured Skull

Mrs. Oscar Smathers, seriously injured in an automobile wreck last Saturday, was said to be improving at the Haywood County Hospital Thursday noon.

Mrs. Smathers suffered a fractured skull and a broken jaw, when two cars crashed head-on at the Haywood-Buncombe line last Saturday shortly before noon.

As far as could be learned, all other occupants of the car, were improving from cuts and bruises sustained in the crash.

F. L. Hewitt Visitor Dies Of Heart Attack

Floyd L. Hewitt, 66, retired engineer of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. formerly of Asheville, died suddenly about 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Waynesville Country Club as the result of a heart attack.

Mr. Hewitt, a former resident of Asheville with his wife, Mrs. Eleanor Hewitt, was spending the summer in Waynesville. At one time he had been affiliated with the Kelly Wilson Construction company of Asheville.

The body was taken to the Lewis funeral home in Asheville where the arrangements were to be made following the arrival of members of his family.

In addition to his widow, he is survived by one son, W. W. Hewitt, of Asheville; a brother, Perry Hewitt, of Highlands, Mich. and two grandchildren.

Accident Monday, Fifth In Two Years On Crabtree Road Near Walker Mill

Louis Dale Thrash, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Thrash, of Buncombe county, was fatally injured and Miss Patricia Wilson, of Rose Hill, received major injuries when the automobile in which they were riding ran off Highway 209, about 10 miles from Waynesville in the Crabtree section, around 11:30 Monday night.

The other occupants of the car, Thomas Dale Thrash, younger brother of the dead youth, and Miss Marie Holler, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Holler, of Hartsville, S. C., received minor bruises. Young Thrash was discharged Tuesday from the Haywood County hospital where the four were taken after the accident. Miss Holler was discharged on Wednesday.

When taken from the car the dead youth was unconscious but otherwise showed only an external injury, a cut ankle. Dr. Thomas Strimfield, Waynesville physician, reported that he died in the emergency room of the hospital and he attributed death to a fractured skull.

The condition of Miss Wilson remains critical, it was learned from the hospital as The Mountaineer went to press. Due to the gravity of her injuries no X-ray pictures had been made. She was reported to still be in a semi-conscious condition.

Both girls were college students and were employed at the Mission Inn, at Lake Junaluska for the summer months.

The accident occurred on the curve near the old Walker Mill and the car left the highway, plunging down the steep embankment approximately 25 feet and

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Baptist Association Officers Are Named

61st Annual County Association Meeting Concludes Wednesday Afternoon

Officers for the coming year and plans for the next convention were announced at the conclusion of the 61st annual meeting of the Haywood County Baptist Association, held Tuesday and Wednesday of this week in the Barbersville, Clyde and Dutch Cove churches.

The Rev. Doyle Miller, Waynesville, Route 1, will serve as moderator, and Rev. Tom Erwin of Canton, Route 3, as vice-moderator. Next year's association meetings will be held in the Rocky Branch Baptist church on Rt. 1, Waynesville, and at the Hatcliff Cove church.

Mrs. Sam Knight of Hazelwood, was re-elected clerk. Other officers include: Historian, Rev. F. H. Leatherwood of Waynesville; Treasurer, Miss Gladys Henson, Canton, Route 2; Sunday School Superintendent, George Henson, Canton, Route 2; Associate Superintendent, Mrs. Claude Francis, Waynesville, Route 1; R.T.U. Director, Harry Mashburn, Waynesville, Route 1; Associate Director, E. D. Herndon, Canton.

Brotherhood, Roy Crisp, Canton; Executive Committee Chairman, Rev. T. H. Parris, Clyde; Vice-Chairman, Rev. Jarvis Underwood, Waynesville; Stewardship, Rev. R. A. Kelly, Canton; Vice-Chairman of Stewardship, Rev. Oler Burnett, Canton, Route 2; Director Women's Missionary Society, Mrs. M. T. Brooks, Canton.

Choirister, Robert Carter, Canton; Pianist, Helen Carter, Canton; Director of Evangelism, Rev. C. H. Green, Canton; and Assistant, Rev. Manuel Wyatt, Waynesville, Route 1.

Colored Pictures Tonight to Show Wonders of Park

In his lecture on the scenic wonders of the Great Smoky National Park, Friday night, Arthur Stupka, naturalist of the area will show an exclusive collection of colored pictures, made of the plant and animal life in the Park.

The public is urged to attend this lecture as it affords an unusual opportunity to view sights often denied the traveler taking the "beaten path" through the park. Mr. Stupka has been collecting the pictures for the past 12 years.

Commissioners Draw Jury For Superior Court

Judge Alley Makes Exchange With Judge Armstrong and Will Preside Over September Term

The county commissioners at their meeting on Monday drew the jury for the September term, superior court, civil session when Judge Felix E. Alley, will preside. Judge Frank Armstrong of Troy, was scheduled to preside, but he and Judge Alley made an exchange.

Those drawn for the first week were: Haywood Mackey, Beavertown; Aut Arrington, Waynesville; Ervin E. Hill, Crabtree; Cash Medford, Iron Hill; Albert Siler, Ivy Hill; Clayton McElathby, Clyde; G. G. Bryson, Beavertown; Grady Honeycutt, Ivy Hill; G. G. Rector, Fines Creek; Lash Caldwell, Catahoochee.

J. D. Heatherly, East Fork; Lynn Chambers, Patton; O. M. Hampton, Beavertown; G. C. Ferguson, (Continued on page six)

VFW POST Cites Values Of Group To Veterans Urging All to Enroll

Haywood Memorial Post 6767, Veterans of Foreign Wars, under its recently installed officers, is beginning a drive to increase their membership and place their organization into more activities contributing to the welfare of the community and the care of needy veterans and their families on a local as well as national scale.

Robert R. Campbell, post commander, urges that as many veterans with overseas service as possible attend the next meeting of the VFW to learn of the program of this organization and enjoy the companionship of their service comrades. The post now has more than 100 members, and it is estimated that there are 1,250 eligible veterans within the Waynesville area.

The group meets every Monday (Continued on Page Six)



ROBERT R. CAMPBELL

Stassen Talks Over Things With Reporters and Bishop



Gov. Harold Stassen took a few minutes Monday afternoon to discuss various matters with two Mountaineer reporters and Bishop Clare Purcell at Lake Junaluska. Shown here left to right, are Governor Stassen; Mrs. Hilda Way Gwyn, who today devotes her column "Here and There" to a discussion of Mr. Stassen; Bishop Purcell, who introduced Governor Stassen, and Ed Spears, another Mountaineer staff writer, who covered the address of Governor Stassen.—Photo by Grennell, Lake Junaluska.

Stassen Talk Is Well Received At Junaluska By Large Crowd Monday

High School Registrations Finished Today

The registration of the students of the current 8th grade today, completes a full week of high school registrations, which began on Monday with the members of the 12th grade.

Results of the prospective enrollment will be given in Tuesday's issue, as well as the full details of the opening of the fall term in the Waynesville district schools on Wednesday, 28th, including the placement of teachers.

New Spur Station Opens Here Today

The first Spur gasoline service station to be opened in Waynesville will be ready for business today, offering what its management declared to be top quality gasoline at lower prices than other brands. Wody Lackey is manager of the new station, and Bill Phillips his assistant. The station is located on the junction of Haywood and (Continued on Page Six)

Plans For Zoning And Planning Commission To Be Studied For Section

The need of a functioning zoning and planning commission for Waynesville and Hazelwood, and immediate area, was presented to the directors of the Chamber of Commerce here Tuesday night by N. W. Garrett, past president of the organization.

L. E. Sims, president, announced he would appoint a committee to work with town officials in working out details of such a commission, and suggested that such a body start work under present laws now on the books.

Minnesotan Declares Need For Thinking Beyond National Boundary Lines

By ED SPEARS

Mountaineer Staff Writer

Harold E. Stassen introduced to the Lake Junaluska auditorium audience Monday afternoon as a "liberal political leader" and "distinguished American," delivered a stirring address to the large crowd present in which he pointed to the problems of the world today and expressed his optimism for their solution in what he termed "man's basic interest in the welfare of his neighbor."

Mr. Stassen, lawyer, governor, and for nearly three years naval commander in the Pacific war theater, spoke at Lake Junaluska as representative of the International Council of Religious Education, of which he is president. This was the third of four addresses in North Carolina religious assemblies, and he gave his talk with oratorical assurance and with confidence of the importance in what he was saying.

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