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TODAY'S SMILE
Grandpa: "I miss the old cuspidor since it's gone."
Grandma: "You missed it before—that's why it's gone."

Dirt Moving On First Project Of \$3,384,000 Expansion At Cullowhee

WCTC President



DR. PAUL A. REID, president of Western Carolina Teachers College, told Rotarians of Waynesville of the beginning of actual construction on an expansion program to cost over three millions. The money has already been appropriated.

Twelve Projects Included In Funds Already Appropriated, Dr. Reid Tells Local Club.

Dirt has been moved on the first of 12 projects in the \$3,384,000 expansion program at Western Carolina Teachers College, Dr. Paul A. Reid, president, told Rotarians here last week.

The student body this year, with 607, has 51 enrolled from Haywood for the third ranking county represented in the college. Jackson is first, and Buncombe second.

When the appropriated funds of over three millions have been spent, the 60-year-old institution will have facilities for 900 to 1,000 students, according to Dr. Reid.

Work has already started on construction of walks and driveways, at an estimated cost of \$30,000. Within a few weeks, the officials expect to approve plans for a laundry which is expected to cost about \$47,000.

Other projects include a classroom building, costing \$1,412,000; a library costing \$690,000; two dormitories, one for men and one for women, each to cost \$412,000; a home economics practice house, \$21,400; a home for the president, \$39,000; extension of water, electric and sewer services, \$200,000; alterations and repairs to buildings, \$75,000; conversion of present classroom building into apartments, \$50,000; and a storage warehouse, \$4,500.

While the appropriations for these projects have been completed, the officials point out that other projects are being planned.

Plans Laid For Fire Safety Week

The Waynesville Junior Chamber of Commerce, with the Fire Department and other agencies cooperating, is going to remind the folks of the danger of fire in a very emphatic way.

The Jaycees' program for the local observance of National Fire Prevention Week will feature a parade of more than 100 marchers the morning of October 15 bearing spectacular exhibits showing the consequences of fires.

Overlooking no angle of fire hazards and fire fighting, Chairman Bob Korte's Jaycee fire safety committee is including in the parade an example of what often happens to the curious who send their cars speeding after fire trucks answering an alarm.

Taking part in the parade, which will start at 11 a. m. on Main Street at the First Baptist Church will be the Waynesville Township High School band, fire fighting equipment headed by Chief Clem Fitzgerald, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, members of 4-H Clubs, and representatives of other groups.

Buried Wednesday Water Main Being Laid In New Area



DR. J. R. McCracken, prominent physician and civic leader, was buried here Wednesday afternoon. His death followed a short illness in an Asheville hospital.

Early Tuesday morning, workmen started digging a ditch and laying pipe along Country Club Drive.

Before sundown, they had installed some 500 feet of pipe.

This was the first section of the first city water main destined to serve the town's new Athens Creek section.

The 2500 feet of pipe will extend to the intersection of Allens Creek Road and US Highway 19-A. Town Manager G. C. Ferguson pointed out this week.

Just when the job will be finished is a question, however.

He explained: "We've got to dig up a lot of concrete and asphalt and cross Browning Branch with the system before the job is finished."

A crew of eight workmen are using a steam shovel to dig the ditch, and a motor grader to fill it in again after the pipe is laid.

Mr. Ferguson estimates this first line into Waynesville's new annex will serve 15 to 20 families and approximately eight business places.

At the same time, the workers will install two fire hydrants along the system.

The entire project is expected to cost \$15,000 to \$18,000.

Engineers Surveying Tract Of Watershed For Letting Another Logging Contract

25 Years Service



J. E. Tate, local manager for the Carolina Power & Light Co., in Canton, will be honored in Asheville October 19th at a dinner when he will be inducted into the Pioneer Club of the Company. He will be presented with a gold pin set with a small diamond. The Pioneer Club now numbers 172 employees of CP&L.

Area Is Not Near Section Now Supplying Town With Water, A Forestry Project

The town of Waynesville this week started preparations to let bids on the sale of timber on several hundred acres of its watershed.

Town Manager G. C. Ferguson said yesterday that "Crusing," marking of trees, and estimations started Tuesday in the Old Bald section adjoining the tract which was first let last winter.

He explained that the work was preparatory to holding the second letting of a watershed timber contract by the first of the year.

In the first letting, the Waynesville Lumber Company submitted the winning bid of \$17,000 to cut 1,600,000 board feet of timber on a 650-acre section of the watershed.

The cutting is done on a selective basis and in compliance with all the rules of good forestry practice.

Several years ago, TVA and National Forest Association foresters surveyed the watershed, checking the number and species of the timber, and divided the land into sections. The report issued in March 1946 on the forest management of the Waynesville Municipal Watershed contained recommendations regarding the "farming" of the timber there.

This week, the workers are marking the trees which are to be sold for timber, and tallying the number of each species of tree so marked.

Recreation Program Planned

Members of the Haywood Community Development recreation commission are completing the final details for a comprehensive program for the fall, winter, and spring.

The Rev. C. L. Allen of Allens Creek, the chairman, and members of the group worked out the plans for participation of residents in all the organized communities with the cooperation of County Agent Wayne Corpening and members of his staff.

Mr. Corpening and Assistant County Agent Turner Cathey said this morning that the program will cover every activity from athletics to dramatics.

Among the many activities scheduled until summer are a music festival, handicrafts, debating and spelling, a checker tournament, basketball tournament, and dramatic productions.

The committees in charge of the different events in the extensive program will be announced Monday.

Complete Returns Talled For Bond Election

Fines Creek's returns, last of those received from the 22 Haywood County precincts, boosted the final score of Saturday's hospital bond election to 2,951 for the bonds and tax on principal and interest, and only 411 against.

The final returns received late Monday afternoon showed Fines Creek citizens had voted 74 to 4 in favor of the \$225,000 bond issue, and 88-5 in favor of the maintenance tax of 10 cents per hundred dollars valuation.

The complete figures for the 22 precincts are:

For Bond Issue and tax on principal and interest	2,951
Against Bond Issue and tax on principal and interest	253
For Maintenance tax	2,850
Against Maintenance Tax	411

Beaverdam Number 2 was the only precinct to cast a majority vote against the proposed issue for expansion of the Haywood County Hospital.

Last Rites Held For Underwood

Funeral services for John Caris Underwood, 74, retired farmer, who died Tuesday morning at his home on Howell Mill Road after a brief illness, were held Wednesday, at 11 a. m. in First Baptist Church here.

The Rev. L. G. Elliott, pastor, officiated and burial was in Green Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Will Leatherwood, Joe Calhoun, Jim Shope, Jake Lowe, Charlie Limer, John Hall, Kenneth Lowe and Harden Franklin.

Mr. Underwood was a native and lifelong resident of Haywood County.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Lillie Mae Bridges Underwood; four sons, Walter of Waynesville, Thomas of San Francisco, Calif., Charles of Darrington, Wash., and Fred with the U. S. Coast Guard, Seattle, Wash.

Also six daughters, Mrs. Mabel McElvey of Waynesville, Mrs. Kermit Murray of Hampton, Va., Mrs. Wordie Fitzgerald of Hillsboro, Mrs. Floyd White and Mrs. Frances White of Brementon, Wash., and Mrs. Earl Jackson of Port Orchard, Wash.; 17 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Garrett Funeral Home was in charge.

Final Rites Held For Civic Leader

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the First Methodist church for Dr. John Rufus McCracken, ranking Western North Carolina physician and beloved citizen of Haywood county who died in an Asheville hospital Monday night.

The Rev. Edgar H. Gould, rector of Grace Episcopal church, of which Dr. McCracken was a member, officiated. Graveside rites at Green Hill Cemetery were conducted by the Masonic Lodge.

Active pallbearers were members of the Masonic Lodge and honorary pallbearers were members of the Haywood County Medical Society and the Waynesville Rotary Club.

Dr. McCracken, who was widely known throughout the state in medical and fraternal circles, was president of the North Carolina Public Health Association in 1918 and a past president of the Tenth District Medical Society. He was Haywood county health officer from 1905 to 1920 with the exception of two years and was connected with the State Board of Health in the tonsil-adenoid clinic several years.

In 1925, he was made a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and an honorary fellow of the North Carolina Medical Society. He also was secretary of the Haywood County Medical Society for many years and served as president of the 10th District Medical Association and as a member of the executive board of the North Carolina Public Health Association. He maintained membership in the American Medical Association for more than 40 years, and a past president of the Tenth staff of the Haywood County Hospital.

Dr. McCracken was a 33rd degree Mason and a Shriner.

300 Baptist Women Attend District Meeting

Around 300 representatives of Baptist Womens Missionary Societies of the Asheville Division are meeting today at the First Baptist Church here. Mrs. J. R. Morgan, divisional superintendent, is presiding.

Among the speakers on the program which opened at 10:30 a. m. are Miss Mary Augenstein, of Louisville, Kentucky, field representative of the W. M. U. Training School; Mrs. Charles Griffin of Spartanburg, S. C., Southern W. M. U. representative; and Miss Hilda Mayo, Young People's secretary of North Carolina. The theme of the meeting is "From Strength to Strength."

Lunch was served at the church by members of the Woman's Missionary Society of Waynesville, the hostess group.

36 Bikes Registered In Drive

The safety campaign sponsored by the Waynesville Junior Chamber of Commerce started on a successful note this week as 36 school students registered their bicycles and had them tacked with luminous tape by Waynesville policemen during Monday and Tuesday.

Police Chief Orville Noland described the response of the bike owners as excellent.

He said the campaign was started as a continuing measure to have all bicycles registered as a protective measure against theft and have them taped for the protection of their riders in night traffic.

The Police Department is working in cooperation with the Waynesville Jaycee safety committee headed by Chairman Jim Miller.

Chief Noland estimated that there are approximately 150 bicycles in the Waynesville area.

He said 22 bike owners came to the police station after school on the first day of the drive to have their names, and the makes and serial numbers of their vehicles registered.

Strips of luminous tape are applied to the handle bars, front end and rear fender of the bicycle to enable motorists to see them on the roads at night.

Noted Newsmen Will Spend Few Days At Ranch

An even dozen Honorary Tar Heels, the N. C. Advertising Division's unique organization of "working friends of the state" from outside the borders, will bear hunt, beef shoot and bass fish at Cataloochee Ranch October 12 through 18, recent acceptances of invitations from Tom Alexander, operator of the ranch, show.

The list includes Ray Camp, New York Times; Hamilton Cochran, Don Tracy, Ollie Adkins, Saturday Evening Post; Alfred Delardi, freelancer; Bob Garland, Eastman Kodak; J. Stewart-Gordon, freelancer; Ray Trullinger, New York World-Telegram; Larry Williams, freelancer (on assignment for picture stories on the beef shoot and Alexander's daughter); Joe Costa, King Features; Dave Roberts, Cincinnati Enquirer; Allen Smith, novelist.

Police Recover Stolen Car In Just 24 Minutes

Speed records are being set everywhere these days.

The other night Miller Ingram parked his car near his studio, while he caught up on a couple of hours of work.

When he returned to the place where he left his car, it was gone.

He called Chief Noland. The alarm was given to all officers via radio that the car had been stolen.

Within 24 minutes, Chief Noland called Ingram and broke the news—"We have your car—a back fender is bent, but apparently no other damages have been done."

The car was found abandoned on a side street, after the would-be thief had slid into a power pole.

"Gee, I sure was not without a car long, was I?" said Mr. Ingram joyfully, as he thanked the chief of police for the fast work.

Latvian Family Moves To Clyde

Clyde's newest residents are Mr. and Mrs. Ludwigs Stumbers and their 10-year-old daughter, Zena.

The Stumbers, natives of Latvia, arrived at Clyde recently through the sponsorship of the Clyde Baptist Church after they had spent the last five years in a Displaced Persons Camp in Esslingen, Germany.

Zena shortly after she arrived with her parents, started attending Clyde School.

The Rev. D. D. Gross, pastor of the Clyde Baptist Church, reports that the Stumbers are making rapid progress in adjusting themselves to their new life.

Mr. Stumbers is an electrician.

Welch Remains In Good Condition At Hospital

The Haywood County Hospital reported late this morning that Sheriff R. V. Welch's condition remained good.

An attendant said the sheriff spent a "much better night last night" and was continuing to improve.

He was admitted September 21 after suffering a stroke.

Read Four Pages Of Sports Today

Readers will find four pages of sports in today's edition of The Mountaineer. Two full pages are devoted to pictures, reflecting the top features of the sports world now—the 1949 World Series and football.

CROP Meeting To Be Held At Clyde Monday

Plans for the 1949 Friendship Food Train will be presented at a county organizational meeting for the Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP) at 4 P. M. Monday at the Clyde High School.

The Rev. D. D. Gross, pastor of the Clyde Baptist Church and district supervisor for CROP in Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Graham, Clay, and Cherokee counties, will submit the plans.

Mr. Gross also will give specific information on the progress and aims of CROP in North Carolina. There also will be an explanation of the plans for collection, the commodities being sought, and the method CROP uses in making the distributions overseas.

"Operation Mercy," a new CROP film, will be shown, giving in a graphic form a picture of the needs of people overseas as they are being met by CROP gifts.

Bookmobile Travels 6,809 Miles First Year

Haywood County's bookmobile did plenty of traveling in the first year it operated.

County Librarian Margaret Johnson reported today that the bookmobile, operated by Robert Russell, distributed 24,195 volumes in traveling 6,809 miles between its 80 stops throughout the county during the year ending October 1.

R. Moseman Gets New Dog - Lois

Lois is the name of the brown Chesapeake Bay Retriever seeing eye dog just acquired by Roy Moseman from Morristown, N. J.

Roy and his new dog arrived home several weeks ago, but Roy has been confined to his room because of a pulled ligament in his right knee. Earlier this summer he went to get a dog to replace Sallie, who died some months ago. Shortly after starting training, Roy suffered a pulled ligament in his left knee. Then after that he healed he went back, and this time suffered the same ailment in the other knee. This injury is common, it was explained as the dogs pull so hard during the training period.

Hospital Administrator Appreciates Bond Vote

Lee Davis, administrator of the Haywood County Hospital, expressed pleasure and gratitude on behalf of the institution after learning that the proposed \$225,000 hospital bond issue had been approved by a majority of the voters last Saturday.

In a prepared statement issued today, Mr. Davis said:

"The members of the Haywood County Hospital staff wish to offer their heartfelt gratitude to Haywood County citizens for their expression of confidence in and support of the institution.

"We give sincere thanks to the people who approved this bond issue at the polls last Saturday and

all those who gave their time and efforts without compensation in many weeks before the election in their successful campaign to help get this issue approved.

"And to those who, acting in good faith as good citizens in what they believed to be the best interests of the community, voted against the proposed issue, we promise to exert every effort to demonstrate that these funds will have been well invested.

"We are humbly grateful that the Haywood County citizens have given us this opportunity to give them the sort of institution that this growing, progressive area deserves."

Committees Named By Haywood County YDC

Vanar W. Haynes of Clyde, new president of the Haywood County Young Democratic Club, this week announced the appointments of 14 members to the county executive committee and the establishment of other groups for the organization.

Mr. Haynes, who is mayor of Clyde, made these committee appointments, with the members of the executive committee representing specific townships and sections of the county:

Executive—Mrs. William Medford of Waynesville, Waynesville township; Bill Franklin of Canton, Beaverdam township; Roy McKinish of Clyde, Clyde township;

Hugh K. Terrell of Canton, Pigeon township; Paul Grogan of Cruso, East Fork; Ned Moody of Canton, Route 3, Cecil township;

Raymond Caldwell of Waynesville, Route 2, Iron Duff; Wallace Hill of Clyde, Route 1, Crabtree; Glenn McCracken of Clyde, Route 1, Fines Creek; Jule Boyd, Waynesville, Route 2, Jonathan Creek; Fred Campbell of Hazelwood, Ivy Hill; Rowe Ledford, Cove Creek, Route 1, White Oak; Mack Caldwell, Jr., of Mt. Sterling, Mt. Sterling; and Mark Hanna of Cataloochee star route, Cataloochee;

Membership—Hugh Leather-

Miss Truman Makes Big Hit With News Reporters

The camera does not do justice to Miss Margaret Truman.

Neither can the printed word give an accurate appraisal of her charm, and sincerity.

Miss Truman met a group of Western North Carolina newspaper people in her private living room at High Hampton Inn Monday afternoon, and in a few minutes, the entire group appeared as if were a homecoming for a group of college students. She created just that kind of warm atmosphere of Southern hospitality, as she talked with members of the press. The word talk is nearer correct, than to say press conference. She shot questions to the reporters, as she answered those asked of her.

Miss Truman and her party ar-

Miss Truman Makes Big Hit With News Reporters

ived at High Hampton by automobile about two o'clock, from Greenville, where she had arrived several hours earlier, after an all-night trip from Washington.

Rather than keep the reporters waiting, she invited them in to see her even before she had lunch.

The photographers had a holiday, snapping pictures right and left, and when she felt enough had been made, politely inquired: "Don't you think that will be enough?"

After the photographers had cleared away, Miss Truman asked "Is everyone comfortable—here is a seat, and there is one," pointing to a seat on the sofa beside her. It was quickly occupied.

The first question put to her, was did she think being the daughter of a president was any more than a job.

Highway Record For 1949 (To Date)

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

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