

Being Completed Recreation Center Thickety Community

Plans are now being completed for the lease of land for a recreation center and residence for the men, women, and children of Thickety community.

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Robert D. Leming, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Leming of Route 2, has been accepted for enlistment in the Marine Corps.

Leming was enlisted at Raleigh, after successfully passing his preliminary examinations. A graduate of Crabtree Iron Duff High School, where he was class valedictorian, Leming has been assigned to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Parris Island, S. C., for ten weeks of basic training and indoctrination after which he will be transferred to a regular duty station.

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Waynesville Lions Receive Honors Thursday

Thursday night was awards night at the Waynesville Lions Club. Pins were presented to the organization's veterans for ten years' continuous membership, perfect attendance, and for obtaining new members.

Awards for ten years' continuous membership were presented to John Boyd, Everett Camp, Tom Campbell, Jr., Paul Davis, Jack Felmet, G. C. Ferguson, James H. Howell, Jr., Howard Hyatt, and Charles Ketter.

Five years of perfect attendance at the club's regular meetings brought honors also to Ben Phillips and Claude Rogers.

Receiving key awards, for obtaining two new members each, were Richard Gerringer, R.L. Bradley, Dr. Boyd Owen, and Mr. Ketter.

Thirty-four of the 66 members won pins for having records of perfect attendance during the period from September 11, 1949 to April 22, 1950. They were J. J. Atkins, Herbert Angel, John Boyd, R. L. Bradley, Herbert L. Buchanan, Lester Burgin, Everett Camp, William Chambers, Howell Crawford, J. J. Cuddeback, Paul Davis, Joe S. Davis, Lee Davis, M. E. Davis, Ernest Edwards, J. H. Howell, Jr., Howard Hyatt, Joe Limer, Lawrence Leatherwood, Dr. Owen, Ray Parkman, J. C. Patrick, Ben Phillips, R. C. Platt, Claude Rogers, Charles Reed, Jimmie Reed, Jerry Rogers, J. B. Siler, Harry Sullivan, Joe Tate, Henry Tuttle, Claude Woodard, and Charles Woodard.

During the session, also, the members formally elected by acclamation the candidates nominated at a previous meeting to the offices for the next club year. Installation ceremonies will be held at a meeting tentatively scheduled for early next month.

Clyde, Local Lions Clubs To Meet Jointly

The Clyde Lions Club will provide the food and the Waynesville Lions Club will provide the entertainment when the two organizations get together at Clyde next Friday night for their exchange program.

The program is being held by clubs throughout western North Carolina. Out-going Waynesville Club president Dick Bradley will lead the visiting delegation to Clyde for the dinner session.

The Rev. W. T. Medlin, pastor of the Clyde Methodist Church, will wield the gavel as president of the host club.

The Waynesville Lions played hosts to the Brevard club last month in the first of these programs.

At that session, presidents and other officials of the clubs in Haywood and neighboring counties were guests.

Speaking For Animals

who cannot speak for themselves.

Dean Of Law



Dr. Joseph A. McClain, Jr., a native of Ringgold, Ga., has been appointed dean of the Duke University School of Law at Durham, N. C. He succeeds Dr. Harold Shepherd, resigned. Dr. McClain formerly served as dean of law schools at Washington University in St. Louis, Mercer University in Macon, Ga., and the University of Louisville in Kentucky. (AP Photo).

150 Attend Picnic Dinner Program In Thickety

More than 150 men, women, and children had a highly entertaining evening last Thursday, with games, songs, and a picnic dinner on the grounds of the Oak Grove Baptist Church.

The event was held by the Thickety Community Development Program as a recreation treat, and it proved to be a resounding success. Principal speaker was Frank M. Davis, one of the community leaders in Iron Duff, who told the audience in an informal address what the Community Development Program had contributed to the general progress of Haywood County and its people.

Presiding over the gathering was K. O. Carswell, the Thickety Community chairman.

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Receives Degree



LYLE WELCH COFFEY was graduated last week from Carson Newman College in Jefferson City, Tenn., with an A. B. degree. He is the son of Mrs. R. G. Coffey and the late Mr. Coffey of Waynesville. He was a member of the Philomathian Society and an officer in the Baptist Student Union and graduated from Mars Hill College before going to Carson Newman.

Haywood Camera Club To Meet Tuesday

The Haywood Camera Club's June meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the little court room of the Haywood County Court House.

Howard Clapp, the club president, will be in charge.



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Letters to Editor

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Cove Home Demonstration Club wish to express our thanks and appreciation to you and your staff for the fine publicity given Haywood County Home Demonstration Clubs in a recent issue of your

paper. We feel that this was one of the major things which made our program in observance of National Home Demonstration Club Week successful. We would also like to express our appreciation for the many other courtesies extended to us in the past.

Sincerely,
Hattie S. Jones
Mrs. Carl W. Jones, Secretary

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Why Increased Telephone Rates Are Necessary in North Carolina

Present rates are not sufficient to meet the state's record-breaking demands for good and growing telephone service

The cost of facilities to do the tremendous telephone job that the public wants done in North Carolina has increased sharply during the last few years. These increased costs have made it necessary for us to invest huge and ever-increasing amounts in telephone equipment to serve the people of the state.

Facilities to Improve and Expand Service Cost Large Sums of Money

This growing investment is already so great that, under present rates for service, telephone earnings in North Carolina are not sufficient to meet the needs for good service—and the earnings are going down.

A year and a half ago our North Carolina investment in telephone facilities averaged \$234 per telephone... but for each telephone added since that time, the cost has been \$354. Subscriber rates designed for a \$234 telephone are, of course, too low for a \$354 telephone, leaving an investment of \$120 per telephone for which present rates provide no return at all.

Each added telephone increases the value of the service to existing subscribers because they can reach and be reached by more people. Since 1945, we have added approximately 140,000 telephones in North Carolina—an increase of more than 86%. Adding these telephones, and improving the service in other ways, has cost \$51,000,000 in new facilities.

Rate Increases To Date Lag Far Behind Our Increased Costs

In addition to construction costs, all other costs of providing service—wages, taxes, materials, supplies, services of others and so on—also are up drastically.

For example, from 1939 through 1949, wage increases added \$7,000,000 annually to our costs in North Carolina. Our annual revenue from rate increases since 1939 is failing to cover this one item alone—failing by \$2,240,000, to say nothing of all the other cost increases.

Even since the present telephone rates were established in April 1949, several items of cost have increased. Employee pension costs went up in November 1949. Social Security taxes went up in January 1950. Wage costs are going up as a

result of the shortening of wage schedules agreed upon in May 1950.

Another reason for the lag of telephone rates behind telephone costs is that, when the present rates in North Carolina were authorized in April 1949, they were \$1,000,000 short of what the Company asked for and badly needed at that time.

Good Telephone Service Essential To Progress In State

A constantly improving and expanding telephone service is essential to the progress and development of fast-growing North Carolina. To meet the state's telephone needs, Southern Bell is now constructing facilities at the rate of about \$12,000,000 a year—and continued construction at this high level will be needed in each of the next few years.

The money to pay for new facilities does not come from subscribers' payment of their bills. These monthly receipts cover only wages, taxes, maintenance and other day-to-day costs. Capital for new facilities must come from people who can be encouraged to invest their money in the telephone business.

Present Earnings Are Inadequate To Attract Needed Capital

Southern Bell's earnings in North Carolina today are too low to attract the additional capital needed to continue good service for present subscribers and to continue expanding the service. Despite insufficient postwar earnings, we have been able to obtain needed construction capital up to now because of investors' faith in the soundness and fairness of North Carolina and its institutions. However, actual earnings and not hoped-for earnings must of necessity be the basis of raising capital for future construction.

For all these reasons, we have applied to the North Carolina Utilities Commission for revised rates.

North Carolina telephone rates have advanced only about one-third as much as prices in general. Under new rates, telephone service will continue to improve—and it will continue to be one of today's biggest bargains.

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North Carolina Manager

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