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## Highway Thru Canton Presents Big Problem

### New Survey Being Sought By Town Officials of Proposed Route

State highway engineers are scheduled soon to make up-to-date the surveys for a four lane highway through Canton. The last survey was made 10 years ago, it was said this morning by Mayor W. J. Stone.

Canton officials have requested that a tentative survey be made through the Highlands Park section as a matter for comparative study. The last survey runs along the route of the Southern Railway tracks, which has a "lot of complications" the mayor said.

"Everyone realizes the problem facing the building of a highway through the town. It is a major problem for the engineers, and certainly one for the officials of the town. The present traffic bottleneck is bringing a lot of criticism upon us, as well as proving a terrific expense to the town. We all realize that something must be done," the mayor continued.

Canton officials are asking for the comparative survey in order that they might be assured that the final route chosen is the only logical route possible for the highway. The officials pointed out that any route would remove considerable taxable property from the books, and also present several major problems in connection with approaching streets. A tentative survey along the side of the railroad would be higher than present street levels which would prevent construction along the thoroughfare, Mayor Stone said.

The present state highway construction law calls for the town to pay one third of the right-of-way costs for highways through towns. Old estimates are that the right-of-way through Canton would cost about \$300,000, according to L. Dale Thrash, Highway Commissioner. It is upon this point that the board of aldermen are asking for an up-to-date survey in order that a current estimate can be made as to costs.

A current estimate can be made as to costs. Mayor Stone said he feels the highway department should have made a definite survey and routing ten years ago, and let it be known in order that all building and planning since that time could have been geared around the proposed route, and develop the areas accordingly.

The matter of the town spending their \$30,000 of the Powell Bill money towards the right-of-way have come to the forefront. Canton officials hold that the Powell Bill money should be used for general street improvements and not necessarily a highway which they feel is of as much importance to the state as to the town.

Canton aldermen are not inclined at present to pay for any right-of-way, feeling they will have enough expense in building connecting streets and other expensive items connecting with the highway.

Engineers and town officials are in agreement upon one thing — something must be done to relieve the present traffic bottleneck in Canton. The situation is "rowing worse, and the mere mention of summer traffic gives the Canton officials nervous shivers."

Mayor Stone sized up the situation when he said, "the highway would eventually be built, and should be; just where, and how, is a matter now being studied very carefully. And regardless of the route selected, there will still be many major problems to overcome, other than the matter of expenses."

## Highway No. 209 To Hot Springs Blocked By Work

Due to construction work in Fines Creek on a 3.8 mile section of Highway 209 at Betsy Gap, a detour to Hot Springs is now necessary.

Signs of the detour have been erected at Lake Junaluska, and motorists going to Hot Springs have to go around via Asheville and Marshall.

The construction of the last link of highway connecting Haywood with Madison county is already underway with large crews cutting the right-of-ways.

## \$300,000 In Water Bonds Go On Sale March Third

### Assembly To Get Liquor Bill Soon

News today from Raleigh was that a liquor bill would not reach the General Assembly before next week.

The man who plans to introduce the bill, Clay's Rep. H. M. Moore, says he'll drop it in the hopper today. But the word last night was that the dry forces have still to send their representatives in to see Governor Umstead. And they won't introduce the bill until they do, since they are most anxious to have the Governor affix his stamp to any bill they introduce.

Just when the dry spokesman will see the Governor isn't known. "Getting to see him isn't as easy as you might think," one said last night. When they do, Reps. Gordon Maddrey of Hertford and Walter Crissman of Guilford probably will be carrying the ball for the Allied Church League.

In all this drama Clay's Representative Moore seems but an interested bystander with a bill in his hand. "The Allied Church League is running the show now," an observer said.

### Arrested Man Is Not From County, A Summer Visitor

George A. Brown, Jr., former chairman of the Haywood board of commissioners for 12 years, was spending today explaining to friends that he was not the George Brown listed in an Associated Press story as being charged with gambling in Florida.

The Associated Press story listed a George Brown of Waynesville, being faced with five charges growing out of gambling. The Brown facing the charges is a summer resident here.

George A. Brown, Jr., said he had received a lot of mail and telephone calls during the summer for the other Brown, and even an offer to trade Cadillacs, which proved amusing to the (Haywood) Brown, since he drives a Ford.

Since the story broke Wednesday noon, George A. Brown, Jr., has been on the go, answering the phone, and explaining he was not the man arrested.

This is the third time that a similarity of names has caused Mr. (Haywood) Brown to do a lot of explaining. About ten years ago (See Arrested Man—Page 8)

### Woman Held For Investigation Of Narcotics

Mrs. Jeannette Devlin Jackson of Asheville is being held in the Haywood County jail for investigation by Federal Narcotic Agents, Sheriff Fred Y. Campbell said.

Mrs. Jackson was picked up in Clyde by Cpl. Pritchard Smith and Patrolman H. Dayton of the State Highway Department on a traffic violation. John B. Balas of Charlotte, is making the investigation, Sheriff Campbell stated.

### Surveyors See River Road Site

Surveyors and engineers got a close-up Wednesday of the site where the Pigeon River Road will be built in Haywood County by walking the 6.59 miles to and from the Tennessee line.

Bids for the work will be opened in Raleigh, February 24.

The Town of Waynesville will offer \$300,000 in water bonds for sale on March third.

The bonds are for funds to be used in expanding the water system here, including a modern filtering plant, and additional intake lines from the 9,000-acre watershed on the mountain.

Sealed bids will be received for the bonds at the office of the Local Government Commission in Raleigh.

The proposal sets out repayment of \$6,000 annually from 1955 to 1964, with a \$7,000 payment in 1965, and \$8,000 in 1966, with the payments being \$15,000 from 1967 to 1981.

The citizens of the town voted the bonds last November, after experiencing a summer when enforced curtailment of use of water was necessary due to the long dry season.

### Recreation Group Continue Study Of Local Needs

Charles Ray, chairman of the 11-man Recreation Commission, said an executive meeting would be held Friday at the Hazelwood Town Hall, for further discussion of the general planning.

This will be the first meeting since the public meeting here at the court house on the 9th, at which time a large attendance of civic leaders participated in the general discussion of the proposal of development of a recreation center in the community.

Sam Lane is vice chairman, and Paul Davis is secretary of the commission.

### Scout Drive Is Being Continued Here Tomorrow

The annual adult membership drive for Boy Scouts in this area, which got underway last Friday, is moving along rapidly, members of the Waynesville Rotary Club, sponsoring organization, said today.

Jack Messer is general chairman of the drive, which has a goal of \$1,800 in the Waynesville area.

Members of the Rotary who are serving with Messer include M. H. Bowles, Ben Colkitt, G. J. McKinley, Kim Barber, Aaron Prevost, and William Medford.

The Waynesville area is part of the Daniel Boone Council, which operates the summer camping site on East Fork.

### Signs Of Spring . . .



Little Mike Justice finds these fluffy chicks quite interesting. The chicks are about an hour old. Nothing would do but Mike be on hand to see the first chicks come from the incubator at the Haywood County Farmers Co-op. Mike is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norton Justice. (Mountaineer Photo).

## Bids On 10,000 Feet Of Water Lines Sought

### Repeal Of Old Age Lien Law Doomed

The Haywood Welfare Board is elated over the news that the repeal of the old age lien law enacted in 1951 seemed doomed in the present law.

The Board had written Representative Joe Palmer early in the session setting up their reasons for favoring continuance of the present law.

A bill was introduced in the House by Representative Wallace W. Martin, of Swain, to repeal the two-year-old bill, but the House committee gave an unfavorable report on the measure. The Martin bill would have repealed the law providing for the recovery of old age assistance payments by creating a lien upon the property of old age recipients.

### Bids Will Be Called On First Of Water Expansion Program

G. C. Ferguson, town manager, said today that the engineer's specifications for the 10,000-foot of 12-inch water main as part of the expansion program of the water system was ready.

Bids will be called for soon on the project, Mr. Ferguson said. The 10,000-foot line will connect with the lines laid in 1947, and give a complete parallel line to the filtering plant, and increase the quantity of water for the area.

Mr. Ferguson said that the engineers are also at work on the plans for the filtering plant, and these are expected to be ready before long. Both projects, when completed, will give the town a modern water system, capable of coping with even extreme dry seasons, as were experienced last summer.

### C. C. Poindexter Honored By Club As 'Man Of Year'

C. C. Poindexter, popular principal of Bethel, and civic leader of the area, has been named "Man of the Year" by the Canton Kiwanis Club.

The selection of Mr. Poindexter was made from a group of other prominent citizens, on the merits of his outstanding work in many fields over a period of years. The announcement was made following the regular meeting of the Canton Kiwanis Club Monday night.

This inaugurates the first selection of this nature in Canton, and the club plans to make it an annual event. The person chosen will not necessarily have to be a Kiwanian.

Poindexter will be honored by the club at the regular meeting Monday night, to be held at the First Methodist Church. At that time a trophy will be presented him by the club president, Irwin Goodston.

LeRoy Abernathy and Nemo Coleman of Asheville will be special guests at the meeting. Representatives of other clubs have been invited to attend.

Poindexter, who is now principal of the Bethel School District, came to Canton some sixteen years ago. He served as physical director at the Champion YMCA, as athletic coach and teacher at the Canton high school, and as director of the town's Recreation Park.

He is also an active church leader, and served as superintendent of the Sunday School at Central Methodist Church for several years.

### Three Still In Jail From Cove Creek Affray

Three of the five men involved in the Cove Creek shooting last Thursday are in the Haywood County jail, according to Sheriff Fred Y. Campbell. Two were released on posting \$1,000 bond each.

The five men, Weaver Jolly, Thomas and Robert Jolly, and Sam McCracken of Hickory, and Frank Palmer of Iron Duff, were charged with conspiracy and assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill at a formal hearing Saturday at Waynesville. All were placed in the county jail, and bound over to the July term of court.

Palmer and McCracken have since been released on bond, while the others have been unable to make bond, Sheriff Campbell stated.

The shooting is alleged to have taken place at the home of Stanley Messer in the Cove Creek section between one and two o'clock Thursday morning.

Alta Mae Messer 10, and her brother Doyle, 8, were both injured. They are reported in good condition.

### Revaluation Of Two Towns About Third Complete

The committee assigned to place a revaluation on property in Waynesville and Hazelwood are about one-third finished, it was learned today.

The 3-man committee began today checking in "Spread-Out" area of Waynesville.

They reported they were finding some property not on the tax books, and also finding new additions which were being added. Sentiment of the committee was that quite a bit of additional taxable property will be added to the books through the revaluation program now underway.

The local committee is composed of George A. Brown, George Summerow, Hugh Jolly, and in the absence of Mr. Jolly, due to illness, Henry Gaddy is assisting.

## Librarian Tells Of Many Changes In County Since Starting Here In 1948

### Rowland Child Struck By Car

Danny Rowland, 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gay Rowland of Canton, was injured Wednesday afternoon about 4:45 o'clock, when struck by a car on the Clyde road west of the Canton city limits.

The child was walking across the highway with his mother as they were returning from a neighbor's house, and is said to have broken loose from his mother and stepped into the path of the car. He was brought to Dr. Duckett's office in the medical building and then carried to the Mission Hospital in Asheville. According to Dr. Duckett, the child suffered a serious head injury, a broken nose and scalp lacerations.

Highway Patrolmen Dayton and Wooten who investigated the accident said the automobile, a 1952 Buick, was driven by Dewey W. Beauchamp, 35, of Asheville. No charges have been made, pending the outcome of the child's condition.

Miss Margaret Johnston, County Librarian, who has been covering Haywood County regularly every three weeks with the Bookmobile for a little more than four years, has seen changes take place in that short time that have amazed her.

In 1948, she said, there were very few mailboxes and it was much more difficult to find where people lived. Now, in 20 of the 26 organized communities, the road signs and marked mailboxes make the job much easier. Just for a comparison, she explained that recently she spent 45 minutes in a community not marked looking for a family.

Roads have probably been one of the main improvements, Miss Johnston said. Since she has been librarian, there have been 115 miles of new paved highways. The number of bridges, churches and school buildings has also increased to the added convenience and appearance of the entire county, the librarian commented.

On her regular county tours Miss Johnston has traveled about 25,000 miles and circulated 124,660 books. She has 101 stops on her schedule, 86 at homes or stores and 15 at libraries.

(See Library—Page 8)

### Ready For Big Travel Show



Various elements making up a portion of the Western North Carolina Highlanders' display at the forthcoming National Travel Show in Chicago, Feb. 20 - March 1, are assembled by Hardy Stinett, owner-operator of the Waynesville Sign Company, who developed the entire display from ideas submitted by the Highlanders. Spectator participation features are planned to attract and hold interest of prospective visitors to Western North Carolina, with all emphasis on the advantages of early Spring visits. (Mountaineer Photo).

### Bloodmobile To Visit Hazelwood; 150 Pints Quota

The Asheville Regional Bloodmobile Unit will be at the Hazelwood Presbyterian Church Monday, March 2, David Underwood, chairman of the Bloodmobile Unit for the Haywood County Chapter of the Red Cross, reminded people today.

The visit will be sponsored by Hazelwood industries. A quota of 150 pints has been established as the quota for this visit.

In announcing the visit of the Bloodmobile, Underwood stated that for the past six months the Haywood County Chapter has collected only 25 per cent of its quota. "This county is supposed to be an enlightened one. The blood program is one of the worthiest causes in the country today and we of Haywood County should certainly go all out in its support," he said.

The unit will be in Hazelwood from 11 until 5 o'clock that day. Plans have been made by the Elks Club to furnish transportation for anyone who otherwise would be unable to visit the unit.

Mrs. Felix Stoval and Mrs. Ben Colkitt are co-chairmen of the group of Grey Ladies who are in charge.

**Highway Record For 1953 In Haywood (To Date)**

**Injured . . . 11 Killed . . . 0**

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

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SAUCER DENIAL

al days ago a Horry farmer was reported by astronaut Administration to have shot at a saucer, mistaking the saucer- craft for a flying saucer. farmer denies that it was a saucer there, at that, isn't talking.

BUSY TEENAGERS

Tarboro teenagers have used by officials of steal- ast 200 items from parked les. The items range from s to expensive tools, as placed at several hun- dreds.

CHURCH RULE OUT

als at Elon College have ed the rule that requires ants to attend church and School every Sunday. tion came after some had petitioned against ing them of private judg- ment liberty of conscience." e had been in effect for years.

NEWAY STREETS

ants in Greenville have ed City Fathers to declare nance setting up one-way s illegal. "Too much busi- ness is lost because people us usually hard time nego- tiate streets," the merchants ed besides, they're even g to us."

OSPECTORS, ARISE

deral government agency dared that there is a posi- tivity deposits of uranium n the Shelby area. Pro- of some of the strategic- portant mineral has been ay in Shelby for some at mostly on an unsus- picious.

WAC DIET

unt Airy woman has been for more than a year so would become eligible to WACs. She lost from a 185 to a trim 148 after a strenuous dieting, is now take a physical examina- tion passed the other exams.

COMMISSION QUITS

entire five-man Willing- ings Commission has quit "the City Council is not n good faith," according mission head. The city y to take over the ports by.

Programs

ounced For

rt Fund Drive

al new programs have been which will benefit the Heart Fund drive in the ile area. Mrs. Mildred chairman, said today.

ketball game between the ville Kiwanis and Lions will be played at the Way- High School gymnasium y night, February 28. The ill play a regulation game there will be plenty of interspersed throughout the

Aaron Prevost and her of Girl Scouts will distri- bute lapel pins on Saturday, y 21, in Hazelwood.

W. I. Dooley and Mrs. Ran- gerson and their Girl Troops will distribute the pins in all of Waynesville y 21 and February 28.

Bryson also announced that communities in this area ning programs for the re- of this week and next to the drive.

drive will be climaxed Sat- urday, February 28th, with bal dance, which will be the Armory. The Cavaliers personville have been secur- urish music.

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CLOUDY

day — Increasing cloudi- mild and windy. Mostly Friday.

rial Waynesville tempera- compiled at the State Test

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	48	25
	51	13