

SAUCERS AGAIN  
of the flying saucers has  
appearance near Lancaster.  
This time the saucer was  
four men, one of them a  
engineer. All four said  
the thing sitting just  
tree tops.

ORETUM PLANNED  
University has just an-  
plans to establish a  
arboretum for foreign  
trees and shrubs.  
located between Duke's  
and women's campuses.

MAN OF YEAR  
Carter, 32-year-old  
the Tabor City (N. C.) Tri-  
been named "Man of the  
North Carolina by the  
Chamber of Commerce of  
Carter received the honor  
in fighting the Ku  
in the Carolinas last  
Carter had been  
the Eastern North Caro-  
Association, the Anti-  
League of Southeastern  
ates, and by the North  
Press Association.

RM POPULATION  
Charlotte Observer, pub-  
its annual agriculture  
today, said that almost  
half million North  
live on farms. North  
the paper said, has the  
number of people living  
and deriving their prin-  
e from agriculture of  
in the nation.

LOODS IN S. C.  
resulting from the recent  
rain and snow weren't con-  
North Carolina. In South  
the swollen Pee Dee and  
da Rivers were both re-  
of their banks. Officials  
coast, where the waters  
ted to rise shortly, are  
making preparations to head

Rites Are  
Saturday  
Mrs. Green

services were held Sat-  
urday in the First Bath-  
room for Mrs. James I.  
who died Wednesday  
her home here after a  
ss.

ev. Broadus E. Wall, pas-  
church, and the Rev. J.  
pastor of the First Meth-  
urth, officiated and burial  
Green Hill Cemetery.

as active pallbearers  
as Ferguson, Furman Rob-  
bert Tate, Leo Reiger, C.  
and Charles W. Clark.  
ary pallbearers were Zeb  
Charles Gregory, Linden  
Charles McDarris, Joe  
L. N. Davis, Odell Ross,  
S. Robinson, Everett Mc-  
A. Pinner, R. L. Prevost,  
Bishenlton, George Hanger,  
Chilton, John B. Smith, S.  
ick, Hubert Hoglen, Dr.  
Lancaster, Linwood Grahl,  
ses Davis.

ers of the Waynesville  
Order of the Eastern Star  
bearers.  
Green was the former  
rence Cates, daughter of  
and Eveline Ford Cates,  
ative of Cooke County.  
he had resided in Haywood  
since 1911 and was a mem-  
the First Baptist Church  
Order of the Eastern Star.  
ing are the husband,  
Green; three daughters,  
J. O. Malley of Chicago,  
Campbell of Waynes-  
Mrs. James W. Fields of  
Ga.

ne sister, Mrs. S. J. Clark  
port, Tenn.; two brothers,  
ales and A. A. Cates, both  
port; and two grandchildren,  
P. O. Malley of Burbank,  
and Mrs. Charles A. Simms  
Ind.; and four great-grand-

gements were under the  
of Garrett Funeral Home.



FAIR

ay — Fair, not so windy,  
cloudy and warmer Tues-  
day.  
Waynesville tempera-  
compiled at the State Test

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TODAY'S SMILE  
The height of bad luck:  
Seasickness and lockjaw.

## Chamber Of Commerce To Send Renewal Applications To 275 Members This Week

### Ramp Society Applies For State Charter

The ramp, which provokes mixed feelings in those who partake of it, is coming into its own. Sweet and delicious to some, vile-tasting to others, it is, nevertheless, growing in popularity. So much so that the Haywood County Ramp Convention, which will hold its annual convention May 17, has applied for a charter. In all likelihood the charter will be granted because Thad Eure, North Carolina's Secretary of State, also happens to be the lifetime speaker for the Ramp Convention.

### Woodland WMS To Sponsor Cake Sale

The Women's Missionary Society of the Woodland Baptist Church is sponsoring a cake sale Saturday morning, beginning at 10 o'clock, at Garrett's Furniture Store.

### Beta Sigma Phi Will Have Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Beta Sigma Phi sorority will be held Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock in the commissioner's room at the Court House.

## 'Flying High,' Local Talent Show, Will Be Presented At Hazelwood

### More Pre-School Clinic Schedule

The Haywood County Health Department reminds parents of the pre-school clinic and that no children will be enrolled in school next fall without a certificate showing immunization for smallpox, diphtheria and whooping cough.

Clinics are being held at the various schools as follows:

February 26—9 a. m. Beaverdam.  
March 5—9 a. m., Saunook School, 11 a. m. Allen's Creek.  
March 12—9 a. m. Crabtree, 11 a. m. Fines Creek.  
March 26—1 p. m. Patton School.  
March 19—9 a. m. Lake Junaluska, 1 p. m. Pigeon.

## Mass X-Rays Planned For Haywood County In May

A mass chest X-ray for some twenty four or twenty five thousand Haywood County citizens has been scheduled for May and county and state health officials have expressed the hope that every citizen over 15 years of age will take advantage of the service.

A preliminary planning session was held Friday morning at the Court House at which time some 30 representatives from various communities in the county heard Clay Sellars of the State Board of Health explain the importance of the chest X-ray program.

"We are slowly but surely licking the tuberculosis problem in this state," Mr. Sellars said, "and one way we are doing it is providing the X-ray service, which is free, and stopping the disease before it gets too advanced. We have found a tremendous amount of enthusiasm throughout the state for this program and hope that the same enthusiasm will be present when the X-ray mobile units visit Haywood County in May."

Two mobile units will be in Hay-

The membership committee of the Chamber of Commerce announced today that letters were being sent to about 275 firms and individuals this week relative to their memberships with the organization.

H. P. McCarroll, chairman of the committee, said a decision was made to send letters rather than a committee of canvassers.

With each letter will be enclosed a card showing the number of memberships an impartial committee felt each firm or individual should take with the organization. The memberships are \$24 each.

Mr. McCarroll said that prompt returning of the letters to the secretary, Miss Edith Chambers, will enable the organization to go ahead with its plans for the year without delay. The money, he said, goes to the immediate benefit of the community through the agricultural, recreational and other programs of the Chamber of Commerce.

The chairman explained that canvassers are not being used this year for the first time because there is no need to sell firms and individuals on the value of the Chamber of Commerce work. The letters that are being sent out this week are renewal applications and those receiving them already realize the necessity for their support in the operation of the organization, Mr. McCarroll explained.

The 12 committees of the Chamber of Commerce are made up of outstanding citizens who give their time to this work in order to promote the three member communities to the fullest extent possible. The many phases they cover include industry, agriculture, tourist, roads and parks, publicity, promotion, good will and entertainment, recreation, Cherokee Historical Association, and Haywood County Day (Junaluska), plus the membership and finance and banquet committees that are concerned with the operation of the organization.

Plans are underway for the Boosters Club's production of "FLYING HIGH," all local talent play, to be presented on Thursday and Friday, February 26 and 27, at the Waynesville Township High School auditorium for the benefit of the improvement of the recreation field.

Leads in the hilarious, three-act comedy will be enacted by Vivian Gilliland as Mary Lou Milford, and Jim Davis as Ted Sterling, young inventor.

The entire action of "FLYING HIGH" takes place in the lobby of "Purdy's Last Resort," a small hotel owned and operated by Jeb T. Purdy, who also is town "constituable." Jeb's great weakness is that he faints every time he hears the word BLOOD. Bob Francis plays the part of Jeb Purdy.

A curious assemblage of guests at "Purdy's Last Resort" adds to the merriment. Mrs. Augusta Van (See "Flying High"—Page 6)

## First Contribution To Library Fund



The Library Building Fund received its first contribution towards a new building Thursday afternoon when the Waynesville Woman's Club gave a check for \$200. Mrs. R. C. Lane, president, made the presentation to Col. J. H. Howell, chairman of the Haywood County Library Board. (Mountaineer Photo).

## Dance, Basketball Game Wind Up Heart Fund Drive

### Bishop Kern, Ill For Months, Reported Better

Reported "greatly improved" following an illness of several months, Methodist Bishop Paul B. Kern is in Burnet, Texas, for an extended rest.

He and Mrs. Kern are visiting their son, Dr. J. Campbell Kern, and his family. Dr. Kern is a physician.

"I am taking an extended rest necessitated by what my doctor describes as a 'fatigued heart,'" Bishop Kern said. He and Mrs. Kern plan to remain in Texas until late spring, and after May 1 they will be at their summer home at Lake Junaluska.

Until his retirement last June, Bishop Kern had presided over Methodism's Nashville Area since 1938.

### Two From County Make Furman U. Honor Roll

Two students from Haywood County were among ten from Western North Carolina to make the honor roll at Furman University in Greenville, S. C., for the fall semester, university officials have announced.

The two from this county are Gentry O. Crisp of Canton, and Jarvis B. Brock of Waynesville.

### Pvt. Rich of Maggie Serving In Korea

WITH THE 7TH INFANTRY DIV. IN KOREA—Pvt. David E. Rich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rich, Maggie, recently arrived in Korea and is serving with the 7th Infantry Division.

Since making the amphibious landing at Inchon in the fall of 1950, the 7th has seen action in every sector of the Korean fighting.

Rich entered the Army in July 1952 and was previously stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C.

## Retail Sales In Haywood Put At \$560 Per Person

Haywood County ranks third in the amount of retail sales per capita in six Western North Carolina counties, figures recently released by the Internal Revenue Department of North Carolina show.

Haywood, with a per capita retail sales figure of \$560, ranks behind Buncombe (\$840) and Henderson (\$722).

The county ranks fourth in population—the 1950 census gave the population as 37,631—and fourth in total retail sales, with a figure of \$21,093,305. Buncombe county, with a population of 124,403, ranked first in the value of retail sales, with a figure of \$104,534,796.

Haywood paid \$376,985 in sales tax; \$217,412 in state income tax; and \$18,737 in intangibles tax.

A comparison of the figures for the six largest counties in WNC is given in the accompanying table:

County	Population	Intangible Tax	Income Tax	Sales Tax	Retail Sales
Buncombe	124,403	\$209,813	\$1,448,459	\$1,891,755	\$104,534,796
Rutherford	46,356	23,622	214,681	368,791	21,583,900
Burke	45,518	47,330	295,296	340,026	18,232,503
Haywood	37,631	18,737	217,412	376,985	21,093,305
Henderson	30,921	40,513	168,928	379,476	22,437,927
McDowell	25,720	14,179	116,408	216,736	14,880,134

## Pigeon River Road Bids To Be Let Tues.

### Open Refrigeration Company Here



Charles and Frank Penland left to right, have announced the opening of the Penland Brothers Refrigeration Company here. Their showroom is located in the warehouse formerly occupied by the Rogers Electric Company.



## Penland Brothers Start Refrigeration Company

### Bloodmobile Sets Quota Of 150 Pints On Monday

A quota of 150 pints of blood has been set for the Hazelwood-Waynesville area when the Asheville Regional Bloodmobile Unit visits the Hazelwood Presbyterian Church next Monday. David Underwood, chairman of the Bloodmobile Unit for the Haywood County Chapter of the Red Cross, urged that previous donors as well as new ones be on hand to insure the fulfillment of the quota.

The visit is being sponsored by Hazelwood Industries. Red Cross officials this morning asked that all industries taking part in the program to please send in their Blood Pledge cards so that a schedule may be worked out.

During the past six months the Haywood County Chapter has collected only 25 per cent of its quota. "We hope to make up a few pints on this visit," Underwood said, "and I believe we will. People are learning that blood donations are important and they are giving more each visit."

To make sure that everyone who wishes to donate can do so, the Elks Club has offered to furnish transportation to the unit anyone unable to get there otherwise.

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

### Haywood To Have Six At Democratic Dinner

Charles B. McCrary, chairman of the Haywood Democratic Executive committee, said today that he expected Haywood to have six representatives at the Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner in Raleigh the 29th.

Haywood was asked to have six representatives at the \$50-per-plate dinner.

## Six County Roads To Be Improved, Thrash Reports

### Police Issue Warnings About Excessive Speed

Waynesville and Hazelwood police officials today issued a stern warning to drivers who have occasion to pass a public school.

During the past several weeks a number of people have been stopped and given tickets for speeding in the marked off school zones.

Patrolmen have been stationed at all schools and have strict orders to stop any driver who speeds or drives recklessly through the school zone.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Carswell and son, Tommy, spent the week-end with relatives in Newton.

Six roads in Haywood County will be drained, graded and rocked as soon as highway forces can get to them, L. Dale Thrash, Tenth Division Highway Commissioner, said today.

The roads, all of which have been added to the county highway system, are:

- Shelton Cove Road.
- Piney Ridge Road.
- Harkin Street Extension.
- William Howell Road.
- Ernest Shuler Road.
- Bill Smathers Road.

Commissioner Thrash said the roads, all of which are dirt, will be completely graded and crushed stone added.

The decision to make them a part of the Haywood County Highway System came at a meeting of the State Highway and Public Works Commission last December.

Tomorrow — Tuesday, February 24 — the North Carolina State Highway Commission will open bids at its Raleigh office and study proposals for 21 projects involving improvements on 150 miles of roads in the state.

One of those projects, 6.59 miles of grading from the Tennessee line to a point near Cold Springs in Haywood County, is dear to the people of Haywood County. It is the much-sought-for and long-awaited Pigeon River Road.

The highway, when completed, will tie in with Routes 19 and 23 at Dellwood and will open a section of Haywood County that is considered one of the roughest in the state. The proposed road will be confined to the steep cliffs between North Carolina and Tennessee.

The state has set aside \$1,950,000 for the project. The first allocation, \$450,000, was made in 1948 by the then Governor R. Gregg Cherry. During his term Governor W. Kerr Scott allocated an additional \$1,500,000.

Several grading contractors have visited the area during the past few weeks in company with members of the North Carolina Highway staff located at Waynesville.

It has been noted by R. Getty Browning, chief highway locating engineer for the State Highway Commission, that motorists crossing into Tennessee must now either cross a mountain range at an elevation of 5,000 feet, or a mountain gap at an elevation of 4,100 feet. But the Pigeon River road would, he said, go no higher than 2,800 feet and would be free from summer mountain storms and winter ice and snow than the mountain routes.

As it now stands the new road will be confined to the steep cliffs running along the Pigeon River. The highway will be located at from about 150 feet above the river at some points, to a low of about 40 feet at other points.

Many people who have visited the area have termed it one of the most beautiful in this section of the state.

Best estimates put the completion of the grading part of the project during the latter part of the summer months of 1954. The unpaved section would be accessible only by way of a forest road. It probably will not be open to travel until a connection is made from both the Tennessee end, and from the present road that terminates near Cove Creek. All those points are mere matters of speculation. Commission has never stated just when the road will be available to motorists.

As it now stands the shortest way to Newport, Tennessee, by way of an all-weather road is through Asheville and Marshall. That distance is just short of 100 miles. When the Pigeon River Road is complete, the distance will be cut to about 45 miles.

The road will be so located that travel between Ohio and Florida will probably be over that route to a great extent. Some people hope that the road, when completed, will afford a direct route to Florida by way of Waynesville and Brevard.

The \$1,950,000 will undoubtedly be sufficient to insure the completion of grading and drainage projects for the road. How much will be left and how it will be used has not been determined by the Highway Commission.

Before the present 6.59 miles is paved it is likely that another section will be graded and readied for paving at the same time.

This is the last of a series of road building projects that the State decided to undertake back in 1921. At that time the State Legislature passed an act calling for a system of highways connecting the county seats in the State and to the county seats of the (See Pigeon River Road—Page 6)

Highway  
Record For  
1953  
In Haywood  
(To Date)

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

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