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In
Carolina

REPRIMAND

former horse dealer in
incur the displeasure
Superior Court Judge last
and as a result drew a sus-
sentence and a fine. The
dealer, who is 65 years old,
charged with not burying a
horse within 24 hours. But
charge was that the dealer
cruel to animals, often
them in the open and
food for days and weeks
The Judge remarked:
"as I've ever seen."

LECTIVE ROBBERS

ordinarily think that
were after money, but not
that robbed an ABC store
last week. They
open a window and made
nine bottles of "very se-
hiskey and left the till
ing \$3. empty.

FUNDS ASKED

Senator Edwin Duncan of
has proposed that the
appropriate \$35,000 to help
"Horn in the West," one
state's newest outdoor
Senator Duncan noted
the state had, in the past,
"Unto These Hills" and
Colony."

VENTING KLANSMEN

Brooks, sentenced last May
Lumbus County for activi-
the Ku Klux Klan, is all
with the outfit. "I don't
be connected with any out-
can get you into trouble,"
as he was being transferred
per jail to serve a Federal
Brooks' sentence so far
Carolina was concerned,
reduced to time served
can drag," he said.

PLANE MISSING

ur-state hunt for a missing
piloted by a Charlotte
e results, and officials fear
has been lost over
areas in either Florida
Civil Air Patrol
from the four states took
the search. Officials said
weather might postpone
search, due to begin to-

out Fund

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ers are just about at the
mark in raising \$1,800 for
generals, according to Jack
general chairman of the
campaign. The Waynesville
Canton areas each have
at \$1,800 as their share of
get for the Daniel Boone
Mr. Messer said.
Waynesville Rotary Club is
the campaign in this area,
member assigned a par-
a canvass.
Messer said plans were to
the campaign by the end
week.

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lival.
1953 convention has been
May 17th at Camp Hope.
due to the fact that Park
were unable to get facili-
pleted at Heintooga.
last year, the 22 conven-
been held at Black Camp
the link of the Parkway
ough part of the area used



Light rains expected,
and warmer tonight and

Waynesville tempera-
recorded at the State Test

Max.	Min.	Rainfall
60	43	—
60	34	—
57	28	—
53	23	.02

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TODAY'S SMILE
A modern home is one in which everything is controlled by switches—except the children.

County Schools To Make Up Lost Time 2 Saturdays

To Open Store



W. L. Turner is today announcing the opening of Turner's Store on Main Street in the building formerly occupied by the A & P Tea Co. (Mountaineer Photo).

Turner's Store To Open Here This Week-End

W. L. Turner is announcing today the formal opening of a new Waynesville firm—Turner's Store, on Thursday, at the corner of Main and East Streets, in the building formerly occupied by the A & P Company.

Mr. Turner, well known here in the mercantile field, said he would carry a complete stock of shoes for the entire family, together with clothing for men and boys, and hose and lingerie for ladies.

He is featuring nationally known brands in the store, which has been renovated, with modern fixtures and lighting made a part of the new firm. The entire sales space of the 28 by 80 foot store will be utilized for display of (See Turner—Page 6)

County Tourist Group To Meet Wednesday Night

The Haywood County Highlanders, county tourist organization, will meet Wednesday night at 8 o'clock at the court house, L. E. DeVous, president, announced today.

The meeting will be of particular importance because Bart Leiper, executive director of the Western North Carolina Highlanders, Inc., will report on the just-completed annual National Association of Travel Organizations travel show at Chicago.

Camp Group Already On Plans For Next Season

Members of the Haywood County Club are already looking to the convention a year is May, when they plan to meet at Heintooga for the annual annual festival.

Dry Group Held Meeting Here On Sunday Afternoon

About 75 attended the meeting of the Waynesville Civic and Moral Improvement Committee on Sunday afternoon.

Regular school hours will be observed two Saturdays this month, Mrs. Lucy Boyd, superintendent of county schools, said this morning.

By attending classes on the two Saturdays—March 7 and March 21—students will be dismissed for the summer vacation June 4 instead of June 8.

The decision to hold the Saturday classes came as a result of a request made by school officials. Permission of the county Board of Education and the North Carolina Superintendent of Public Instruction was granted last week.

The county schools lost six days of regular classes last month due to a flu epidemic that caused hundreds of students to stay home. The schools closed after regular classes Monday afternoon, January 19, and re-opened Wednesday, January 28.

Mrs. Boyd said that, barring further interruptions in the regular schedule, classes will be dismissed June 4.

Ray's New Store Sets Open House

Over \$400, in cash, food, and other prizes, together with flowers and refreshments, are part of the offerings for open house set for Wednesday at Ray's Super Market on Balsam Road in Hazelwood.

The new store opened about two weeks ago, and set their open house event for this Wednesday afternoon and night, and special features extending through Saturday.

J. W. Ray said \$50 in cash would be given away on Wednesday night, in addition to several baskets of groceries.

Another \$100 in cash will be awarded Saturday, and in all, 30 baskets of groceries, each valued at about \$8 would be given away.

Red carnations will be given the first 50 ladies on Wednesday afternoon and evening, with chewing gum and balloons for the children, and refreshments for all who attend.

Details of the event are carried in the firm's advertisement elsewhere in this issue.

Bill Hampton is general manager of the unit; James Fie, market, and Bill Henry, produce.

Heart Fund Drive Exceeds Goal In Waynesville Area

The Heart Fund drive in the Waynesville area, which had a quota of \$750, has gone over the top. Mrs. Mildred Bryson, chairman of the drive here, said this morning.

Final figures will not be available until after Friday, Mrs. Bryson said, when industry leaders turn in their funds.

Mrs. Bryson expressed her appreciation to all groups and individuals who participated in the drive and said, "The people of this area have again expressed their interest in supporting worthwhile projects, of which the Heart Fund drive was certainly one, and demonstrated their desire to have a permanent Heart Chapter located here."

She reported that the dance held at the Armory Saturday night netted something in the neighborhood of \$150, and the benefit basketball game played by the Lions and Kiwanis Clubs a very good sum.

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But What's Her Number?



The local Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company exchange has just completed a directory that contains telephone books from 108 cities all over the U. S. Installed to save time in making long distance calls, anyone can look up numbers all the way from Mercer County, N. J. to Los Angeles, Calif. and Daytona Beach, Fla. In addition, 11 cities not in the directory are available on request. Manager C. T. McCuiston requests that subscribers visit the local office in person rather than telephone for information. Making use of the directory is Emily McCracken of Lake Junaluska. (Mountaineer Photo).

Annual Red Cross Fund Drive Starts Here Today

The 1953 American Red Cross fund campaign will have its kick-off meeting at the Waynesville Presbyterian Church Tuesday morning, Mrs. David Hyatt, general chairman of the County Chapter, said today.

The goal for the drive this year, which will last throughout March, has been set at \$5,000.

At Tuesday morning's meeting, which will begin at 9:30, all division chairmen are requested to be present.

More committees and workers have been announced by Mrs. Hyatt, including chairmen of 13 rural communities which will be a part of the Waynesville area.

Mrs. Carl Medford is general chairman of the rural area. Chairmen of the various communities are: Fines Creek, Perry Plemmons, Crabtree, G. C. Palmer, Jr.; Upper Crabtree, Miss Sara James and (See Red Cross—Page 6)

Water Bonds To Be Sold Tuesday

Tomorrow (Tuesday), \$300,000 in water bonds will be sold to expand the water system here and sealed bids will be received at the Local Government Commission in Raleigh.

A modern filter plant and additional intake lines from the 9,000-acre watershed will be included in the expansion.

Repayment of the bonds will not be completed until 1981.

Groundhog Predictions Proved Correct; One Of Worst Februarys Recorded

It's been almost a month now since the world's best known weather predictor, the groundhog, made his annual pilgrimage from a dim hole in the ground and said, for Haywood County: "More Winter."

A quick look at the weather statistics from February 2 through February 26, bear out the groundhog in his predictions. The county has certainly had a rough month. There has been sixteen days in which the temperature, as recorded at the State Test Farm, has been freezing. Five times the temperature was below 20 degrees. It has reached 13 twice.

Generally speaking this county has an average rainfall each year of 60 inches; most of that comes in the summer months. During February there was five inches of rain, more than the average, and at least six inches of snow. The snow, which fell the 15th, measured six inches at the Test Farm, but was considerably higher in other places in the county.

Contractors Ready To Start Pigeon River Road In Thirty Days

Forest Fires Burn 38 Acres On Weekend

About 38 acres of young timber land was destroyed by fire during the week-end, and Warden Eldridge Caldwell said one of the blazes was started intentionally. These were the first fires of the year.

Shortly before noon Friday, Caldwell and his men were called to Riddle Cove in the Ivy Hill section where a fire had started from burning a tobacco bed. A high wind had scattered the bed and started a forest fire that burned about 10 acres before it was put out late in the afternoon. Nine men fought the blaze.

While they were battling the Riddle Cove fire, another conflagration was reported on Seay Mountain at lower Jonathan Creek. Twenty-four acres of timber were burned, chiefly because the warden and his men were unable to reach the spot until about 5:30 p.m. The fire had evidently been burning since morning, the warden said. Reportedly started by children playing with matches, the fire was extinguished about 8 p.m.

The third fire, on Cove Creek Mountain, was reported to Caldwell about 11:30 p.m. and an hour later he and his men reached the site. They had little to do because a snow storm took care of the blaze for them. About four acres burned. Warden Caldwell said evidence indicated the fire was set on purpose.

Response Is Being Felt In C. of C. Memberships

The response to the memberships to the Chamber of Commerce is gratifying, according to H. P. McCarrill, chairman.

The last of the letters and membership cards went into the mails Saturday, and this morning Miss Edith Chambers, secretary said a response was being felt. Plans of the committee are to handle the current membership project by mail.

Tonight at 7:15, over WHCC, Dr. Boyd Owen, president of the organization, will begin a series of 15-minute talks on the work and program of the Chamber of Commerce. Each evening for the week, the chairman of one of the organizations will be the speaker. (See C of C—Page 6)

Farm Agent Resigns — Successor



Herbert J. Singletary, left, resigned Feb. 28 after serving five years as assistant county agent in the county to operate a hatching egg and beef cattle farm on the Balsam Road. He came to Haywood County after graduating from N. C. State College in 1948. His successor, Joe K. Davis, will start his duties March 15. A native of near Shelby, Davis graduated in 1952 from State College where he majored in poultry science. Since finishing college he has served as assistant agent in Polk County. At State, Davis was a member of the Poultry Science Club, National Collegiate Poultry Club, Agricultural Club, and Alpha Zeta fraternity. He served as president and vice-president of the Poultry Club. He was a member of the team that attended the National Poultry Judging contest in 1951-52 at Chicago and the Southern Judging Contest in 1951 in Memphis. Davis is married and has a three-year-old son. He and his family are of the Baptist denomination.

380 Working Days Set In Contract; Route To Go Through Tunnel

Work on the Pigeon River Road will begin within 30 days, spokesman for the A. B. Burton Construction Company of Lynchburg, Va., said in a telephone interview with The Mountaineer today.

The company was awarded the contract Friday morning after the North Carolina Highway Commission reviewed several submitted bids. The contract was let for \$1,464,676 and will cover grading, drainage and the excavation of a 1,000 foot tunnel.

The Commission turned down an alternate bid made by the Burton firm which would have cost the state \$148,504 less, but would not have included the tunnel.

An official of the company said today that about 25 men would be used in the initial clearing of the project. More will be added from time to time as the work progresses. Heavy duty machinery will be moved into the locality in the next two or three weeks.

The road will be graded for 6.59 miles from a point on the Tennessee state line northeast of Waterville southeast along the river to a point near Cold Springs. It will eventually tie in with existing roads in Haywood County and provide this area with first class roads between the Chicago area and the Southeast.

The grading will provide for a standard two-lane pavement of 24 feet wide with 10-foot shoulders on fills and eight-foot shoulders in cuts.

The construction of a road down Pigeon River to Tennessee dates back more than 125 years.

Digging into the records reveals (See Pigeon Road—Page 6)

Committee Ready To Start Work On Road Program

A committee was named by the Rotary Club here Friday to work with committees of other organizations in the area on a program commemorating the start of work on the Pigeon River Road.

The contractor of the project was contacted on Saturday and said they would be glad to cooperate in such a program.

Other organizations are expected to name committees to work with the Rotary group in staging the program in about thirty days.

The idea had been discussed frequently whenever mention of the Pigeon River Road was made.

To Head Rotary



M. D. Watkins will assume office as president of the Waynesville Rotary Club on July first. He will succeed Dave Felmet, who will become vice president.

Mr. Watkins owns Watkins Motor Company. He came here and established this business in 1933. A year later he became a Rotarian. He is interested in civic affairs, and is a deacon of the First Presbyterian church.

The directors for the coming year include: H. P. McCarrill, Tommy Thompson, Johnny Johnson, Kim Barber, James Kilpatrick, and W. I. Dooly. (Mountaineer Photo).

Hundreds See Highlanders' Travel Booth

(Special to The Mountaineer) International Amptheatre, Chicago—Early spring attractions for visitors in Western North Carolina have been glimpsed by thousands attending the National Travel Show which concluded a ten-day run in Chicago's International Amphitheatre Sunday.

The attractive booth manned by representatives of Western North Carolina Highlanders, Inc., has been the focus of much interest as a steady stream of visitors learned about the vacationland which includes 12 Western North Carolina counties.

Carl Henry and Mrs. Joe Limer, both of Waynesville, and Mrs. Herbert Bosworth of Asheville, were members of the volunteer crew which manned the Highlanders' display booth. They received high praise from Bart Leiper, executive vice-president of the Highlanders for their faithful and enthusiastic handling of the booth under very trying conditions.

The travel show was sponsored by the National Association of Travel Organizations of which Leiper is president. The NATO Board of Directors held its winter meeting at the Palmer House in Chicago Thursday, and also a luncheon which was attended by hundreds of travel promotion leaders from the Chicago area as well as many NATO members attending the travel show.

The display creation carried out for the Highlanders booth by Hardy Stinnett of Waynesville received much favorable attention, according to Leiper.

Highway Record For 1953 In Haywood (To Date)
Injured . . . 11
Killed . . . 0
(This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol.)