

## Officers Of Demonstration Farmers



These men were elected Friday night as officers of the Haywood County Demonstration Farmers. Seated, left to right: R. H. Boone, vice president; Van C. Wells, secretary, and Dave Boyd, treasurer. (Mountaineer Photo).

# Palmer Requested To Enter Three Local Bills In Assembly

## Wellco Shoe Adding New 6,000-Foot Unit To Their Plant; Ready In 6 Weeks

### The Deadline Is Midnight Tonight

Tonight at the stroke of midnight, all income tax reports should be in the mail box—unless a special extension of time has been granted.

Due to the 15th falling on Sunday, the tax department, granted a 24-hour extension for taxpayers to file their annual reports.

One pastor remarked that he expected some of his congregation was putting in last-minute touches on their returns, as they were not in church Sunday morning.

### Tread Lightly On The Gas; The Whammie Is Here

Most drivers automatically slow down when they see a patrol car parked on the highway, but they had better be doubly sure they are within the legal speed limit this week in the county when they spot such a car because they will be checked by radar.

The whammie is back again. Capt. Richard Smith said the whammie will be placed in several places around the county and today is operating in the vicinity of Canton. Later in the week drivers will see it in and around Waynesville.

The radar patrol car can be recognized by the radar screen that picks up each passing car. An operator on the inside notes the speed on a dial, and if the whammie says you were speeding you'd better be careful what you tell the judge.

About three times a year the whammie comes to Haywood county. It has to remain stationary and can judge the speed of cars only when they are passing by. It cannot be used when the patrol car is moving. The gadget is supposed to get all mixed up when cars traveling in opposite directions pass in front of it at the same time. But it's not a good idea to try to beat the whammie. It will hit you where it hurts the most.

### Scout Campaign Nearing Goal Of \$1,800 In Area

The annual adult membership drive for Boy Scouts was slightly over \$100 from the goal, according to Jack Messer, general chairman.

The goal for the Waynesville area is \$1,800, and according to Mr. Messer, almost \$1,700 has been subscribed for the fund.

The Waynesville Rotary Club was the sponsoring organization for the campaign again this year.

## Haywood Farmers Show Gains

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The annual meeting of the Haywood Demonstration Farmers was sparked with encouraging reports, entertainment, awards to 37 firms of the county, good food, an address by Rev. James H. Coleman, and an election of officers.

For two hours, the annual program rolled along at the annual banquet at East Waynesville school, with T. C. Davis, president, serving as master of ceremonies.

The Rev. R. J. Hahn, of Hazelwood gave the invocation, and Robert H. Boone, the address of welcome, while a quartet of the high school, composed of John Calhoun, Richard Hipps, Henry Wilson and Dick Hogle, accompanied by Stanford Massie, gave several numbers.

The women of the Francis Cove Home Demonstration Club served the banquet.

In his report, Van C. Wells, the incoming president, cited the achievement of the Demonstration farmers, and some of their many accomplishments during the past year.

T. D. Brummitt, introduced the speaker, Rev. Mr. Coleman, who injected much humor in his talk, before pointing out the scientific developments that had changed the Method of farming, and had also changed the American way of life. "While I do not advocate going back to the good old days, there are some things and some practices which we would find beneficial if used more frequently today", he said. The speaker cited the old-fashioned fireside family (See Farmers—Page 2)

## Plan For Getting More Industries Is Proposed

Several civic clubs will hear this week of a plan for seeking new industry for the community.

A special recorded plan by Heinz Rollman will be heard by members of the Kiwanis Club Tuesday evening, and on Thursday the Lions will hear the plan which has been endorsed by the Chamber of Commerce industrial committee.

Mr. Rollman proposes that every business and professional man and woman write all suppliers and suggest that they consider this community when they get ready to build a new plant, or open a branch.

Already a number of letters have been mailed, and interesting and encouraging replies from several have been received.

Last week, Robert Frazier, of Buena Aires, Argentine, was here in connection with Ro-Search Cor-

### Funeral Today



Homer L. Ferguson, well-known shipbuilder, and one of Haywood's leading sons, was buried today at Newport News, Va.

### Homer L. Ferguson Funeral Held Today In Virginia

Homer Lenoir Ferguson, 80, chairman of the board of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, died of a heart attack early Saturday morning at his home on Marine Drive, Newport News, Virginia.

The world-renowned shipbuilder was a native of Waynesville. At the age of 15 he entered the U. S. Naval Academy and four years later graduated at the head of his class. He went to Scotland in 1892 and studied naval architecture at Glasgow University for four years after which he became a Navy constructor. In 1905 he joined the Newport News Shipbuilding Company, which he built into the world's largest concern of its kind.

Superintendent of hull construction at the start, Ferguson rapidly progressed up the ladder of command. He was appointed general manager of the yard in 1912 and two years later he was promoted to vice president and general manager. He became president of the firm July 22, 1915 and served in that capacity for more than 30 years until his retirement in 1947. He was, however, active until the last, having been in his shipyard office the day before he died.

In the 48 years since Ferguson joined the shipyard, it has turned out more than 400 ships. Foremost among the passenger vessels are the SS America and the SS United States. The latter, completed last year, broke the trans-Atlantic crossing speed record on its first try.

Under Ferguson's leadership, the shipyard became known as the top producer of aircraft carriers. The 1,040-foot Forrestal, first of a new series of super flat-tops, now is under construction. The shipyard built a number of Essex-type carriers starting in the 1930's and then designed and built the first of the Midway class carriers, now the largest afloat.

The yard also has built 14 battleships and other navy vessels. Ferguson also served as chairman of the board of the North Carolina Shipbuilding Company at Wilmington, which came into being in World War II and later closed down.

The Newport News Apprentice School was organized under Ferguson's direction in 1919 and now gives out junior college certificates.

As a nationally known figure, Ferguson was elected president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce (See Ferguson—Page 2)

### Third Deputy Requested For Sheriff's Office

Representative Joe Palmer had several local bills in mind as he left here today returning to the General Assembly.

In his pocket was a petition, signed by several hundred people, asking that the present Central Elementary school be deemed to the Town of Waynesville when the new building is completed. The town built the school, and turned it over to the county system many years ago, the petition stated. The town would be required to use the property for recreational purposes.

Representative Palmer said he would confer with the Attorney General regarding the proposal before taking any steps towards introducing the bill.

Another proposal the Haywood Representative is considering, is a measure which would provide three deputies for the sheriff's office, on a straight salary basis, with all fees going into the general fund of the county.

A number of town civic leaders, both here and in Canton, and many citizens of the rural areas have asked for such a change in the law enforcement set-up of the county. At present, the sheriff's office has only two deputies, paid partially on a salary and a fee basis.

The proposed bill would leave the appointment of the deputies to the sheriff.

Citizens of the county point out that they do not have enough protection, with the present 3-man staff of the sheriff's office. It was also pointed out that one deputy is kept busy serving civil papers.

Representative Palmer said he had several conferences on the matter, and finds people from all sections of the county interested in the proposal.

Another proposed local measure would be a bill defining the present city limits of Waynesville. In one or two instances the line is not definite, he said, and the bill will seek to define the exact line at these points, he said.

Mr. Palmer said general sentiment was that the General Assembly had about another month's work to finish before adjourning.

He had breakfast with Governor Umstead the other morning, and reported the Governor appeared to be holding his own, although restricted to the time he can be up, following a heart attack in January.

Representative Palmer said the controversial measures were just beginning to come up, and the big fights were just ahead in the next week or so for the legislature.

### Dr. Bennett Asks For Forest Funds

Dr. Kelley E. Bennett, director of the North Carolina Parks, Parkways and Forest Development Commission, last week urged the House Agriculture Committee in Washington to approve a bill that would set aside 10 per cent of national park receipts for recreation and wildlife development in forest areas.

A number of wildlife specialists from North Carolina attended the hearing and indicated agreement with what Dr. Bennett said.

The proposed bill would have an annual limitation of \$5,500,000 that could be earmarked out of national forest receipts.

Highway Record For 1953 In Haywood (To Date) Injured . . . 12 Killed . . . 0 (This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol.)

### \$1250 Realized In Two Weeks Of Red Cross Drive

Returns from the Red Cross drive, which started two weeks ago, now total about \$1250. Co-chairman Fred Moody reported today.

Most of these funds have come from residential areas, business firms, and through the mail, he said, and added that no final reports have been turned in so far. The drive is reportedly ahead of last year after two weeks and Red Cross officials are confident the goal of \$5,000 will be reached.

Miss Louise Ballard is serving as chairman.

### TV To Show Explosion Of Atom Bomb Tuesday

Television set owners will have an opportunity to see the blast of an atomic bomb Tuesday morning at eight o'clock.

The TV station in Charlotte today said that plans were to televise the actual explosion of an atomic bomb at eight o'clock Tuesday. In the event of unfavorable weather, the explosion will be postponed until the same time Wednesday.

The American Legion Hall will open at 7:50 a.m. for the public to see the explosion over their set. No admission charge.

## Interest Growing In C. Of C. 1953 Program, As New Members Are Added

### High Rating Won By Bus Stations

Waynesville and Canton bus stations have both received a rating of 97 following a recent inspection of all terminals in the State.

This rating placed them near the top with scores ranging from a high of 100 to a low of 80. The figures were based on reports made by inspectors who examined bus stations at least once a month.

### Bids For Water Mains Will Be Opened Thursday

Bids will be opened Thursday at the town hall here that will lead to the awarding of contracts for building two miles of water mains in conjunction with the water expansion program.

Mayor J. H. Way said that a great deal of interest has been shown by contracting companies and many bids are expected to be submitted.

The mains will serve as intake lines from the watershed above Allens Creek.

### Highway Meet Set Thursday

A highway and secondary road meeting will be held Thursday at the courthouse at 10 a. m. L. Dale Thrash, 10th Division Highway Commissioner, has announced.

The Division engineers and Thrash will make a report on the road program plus an announcement of several roads that are to be selected for paving under the bond program.

The meeting is open to the public.

### Rotarians Hear Stamey And Ray

Miles Stamey, local high school senior, gave his declamation contest before the Rotary Club here Friday. The subject being "I Speak for Democracy."

Charles Ray, chairman of the recreation commission, gave a general report on the employment of Harry M. Graves to make a survey and map plans for a recreational program in this community.

### A Mystery

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Sunny and not so

Waynesville temperature by the State Test

Max.	Min.	Rainfall
58	42	.06
68	47	.02
72	35	
70	48	.21