

One thing you can learn by watching the clock is that it passes the time by keeping its hands busy.

### Named Dean



Dr. D. W. Colvard, formerly of Waynesville, was named Dean of the School of Agriculture of State College Monday. He helped establish the State Test Farm here in the early forties.

### Dr. D. W. Colvard Succeeds Dr. J. H. Hilton At State

Dr. Dean Wallace Colvard, 39-year-old native of Ashe County, and a former resident here, was named dean of agriculture at North Carolina State College Monday, succeeding Dr. James H. Hilton, who has resigned to become president of Iowa State College.

The new dean will assume his duties July 1, when Dr. Hilton leaves for Iowa State at Ames.

Chancellor J. W. Harrelson of State College recommended Dr. Colvard for the post to president Gordon Gray of the Consolidated University of North Carolina. President Gray approved Chancellor Harrelson's recommendation and submitted it to the board of trustees, which approved the appointment yesterday.

In his new position, Dr. Colvard will be in charge of the administration of State College School of Agriculture, the Agricultural Experiment Station, and the Agricultural Extension Service.

Dr. Colvard has been a member of the State College faculty since March 1, 1947, when he became head of the dairy husbandry section of the college's Department of Animal Industry. He was named head of the Animal Industry Department January 1, 1948, succeeding Dr. Hilton, who became dean of agriculture on that date.

"It is my firm belief," Chancellor Harrelson stated, "that Dr. Colvard is one of the outstanding young agricultural scientists in this part of the United States. His leadership as dean of agriculture will, in my opinion, vigorously advance the outstanding programs of research, teaching and extension so well begun under the leadership of Dean Hilton."

Commenting on the selection of his successor, Dean Hilton said: "Chancellor Harrelson and President Gray have made a wise choice in their selection of Dr. Colvard as the next dean of agriculture. He is well-trained and highly-competent agricultural scientist and has proven himself to be an excellent administrator. I am sure that the staff and the people of the State will give him

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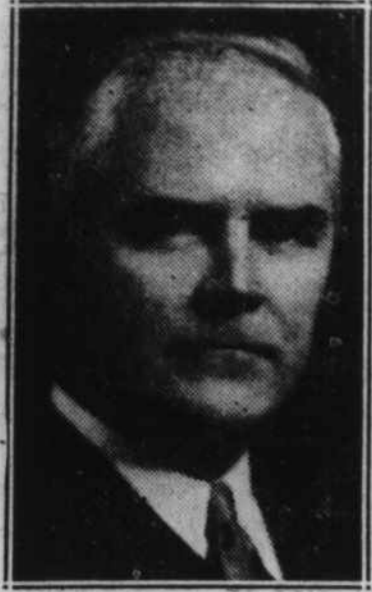
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Highway Record For 1953 In Haywood (To Date) Injured . . . 16 Killed . . . 0 (This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol.)

# Eight Rural Road Projects Approved In Highway Meet

## To Make Study Of Highways



Reuben B. Robertson, chairman of the board of directors of the State Highway Commission, was named by Governor Umstead as a member of a committee to make a study of the State Highway Commission. The Legislature recently granted the powers, with the governor's consent, to increase the number of districts of the highway department from ten to as many as 15.

The committee held their initial meeting Wednesday morning with the governor in Raleigh.

## Tra-la-la, Spring Arrives Saturday

Has anyone given the weatherman a calendar?

The calendar plainly states that Saturday is March 21 and March 21 is the official First Day of Spring.

Who cares about the blizzard of 1936 or the snow of 1952? After three months of winter it is easy to hope the weatherman knows his business. Already there is evidence of spring planting and clearing of yards and gardens—and no one can deny that the spring flowers are blooming.

The sulphur and molasses is probably frozen in the bottle but it can't be long until warmer days.

And if you don't think it's spring, take a look in the vacant lots—small boys, who have suffered indoors are back with their kites and baseballs.

And housewives are casting disparaging glances at their droopy curtains and cloudy windows—already many woollens have been optimistically placed in moth balls.

And "In The Spring a Young Man's Fancy"—Take a look at the society columns, do you notice an increase in the number of engagements?

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## Membership Drive Going At Good Clip

The list of 1953 memberships at the Chamber of Commerce is steadily growing.

Forty-seven firms have already responded, and a number of others have indicated their intention of becoming members within a few days.

H. P. McCarroll, chairman of the membership committee, said the response was gratifying, and that firms and individuals were being given an opportunity to join on the basis of a letter recently mailed.

"All of us are so busy, that plans are to contact the potential members by mail. The groups that have been accustomed to making a person-to-person contact regarding the memberships are so busy that the letters will have to answer in the place of a personal call."

Miss Edith Chambers, secretary, said that many firms are paying their memberships in full, others are making part payment, and filling out pledges for the balance. Thus far, more than \$2,300 in cash has been received since the initial membership letters went out.

## Baby Killed In Accident Near Enka Tuesday

Phillis Ann Whitted, six-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Whitted of Pasadena, Tex., was killed in an accident about 6:30 p.m. Tuesday on the Sand Hill Road near the Enka Baptist Church.

Five others were injured in the accident that occurred when the car in which they were passengers swerved to miss a bus and struck a tree.

Investigating officers said that apparently the brake fluid had leaked out and the driver was unable to stop the car behind a bus.

The injured were Clinton R. Higgs of Canton, driver; Jerry Higgs, his four-year-old son; Mrs. Buddy Whitted, mother of the dead baby; and Mrs. Ted Whitted, Jr., and son Mike, 3, both of Canton.

A seventh passenger, Iris Malinda Higgs, daughter of Clinton Higgs, was uninjured.

The Mrs. Whitteds are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Nix of Canton and Higgs is their son-in-law. They were returning from a trip to Greenville, S. C., when the accident took place.

Mrs. Buddy Whitted and Higgs are reported to be in critical condition in Memorial Mission Hospital at Asheville.

## Registration For Election Will Resume Saturday

Registration books will be open again Saturday for qualified Waynesville voters to register for the election set for April 8th on the question of legal beer sales in Waynesville.

The books were opened last Saturday, and will remain open through Saturday, March 28th.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Chambers had as their guests yesterday Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Wright of Carolina Beach and Mrs. John Brissett of Asheville.

## Several Sewer Lines Will Be Reworked By The Town

Work is slated to begin at once in re-laying several old sewer lines in Waynesville.

Several of the lines are catching surface water, it was explained by G. C. Ferguson, and new lines will be laid in order to keep out all surface water from the main sewer line.

One of the major projects will be the line along Shelton Branch. He explained that a thorough examina-

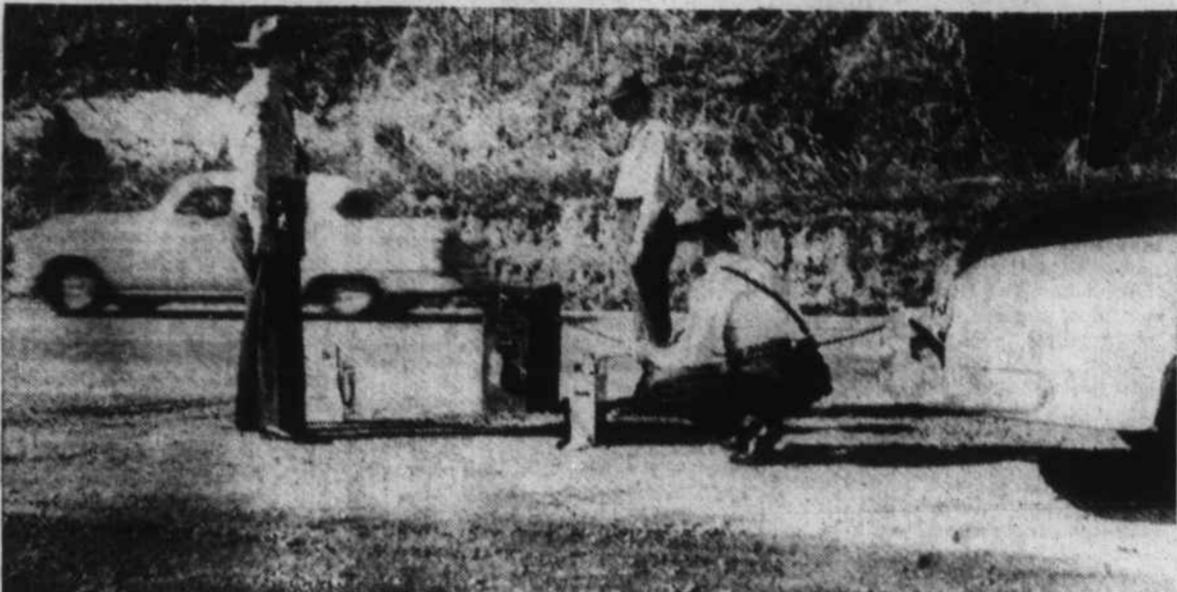
tion will be made of all others, and the correction made at once.

The main trunk line from Hazelwood to Pigeon River often overflows near the head of the Lake during heavy rains. The project of the Town is to clear their lines of all surface water in order to prevent the overflow.

Engineers here recently pointed out that some lines in Hazelwood also carry surface water into the main trunk line.

Dewey Hyatt will leave tomorrow for Cincinnati to attend the clarinet recital to be presented by his son, Aaron Hyatt, at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music Sunday night.

## Radars Speed Check In Operation



Since last week-end a special Highway Patrol car equipped with radar has been in Haywood County to check drivers' speeds. Patrolmen W. R. Wooten, H. Dayton, and Joe Murrill are shown with the equipment. Dayton keeps an eye on the whammie (center) while Wooten and Murrill stand beside their short range FM radios that are used between the radar car and another patrol car. (Mountaineer Photo.)

## The Whammie: It's Hard To Prove It Was Wrong

The whammie not only makes checking speeds of automobiles much more accurate than formerly, it also enables two or three patrolmen to keep better control over traffic than a larger number of officers could do by themselves.

Whammie is a gadget that refers to a gadget that indicates speed of passing vehicles by radar. Fairly new in the State, it has not been used extensively. Haywood County has been under "radar control" this past week for the first of two or three more times during the year.

Patrolmen have been parking the specially-equipped patrol car with its radar screen placed on top of a box on the ground along the heavier traveled highways. By Wednesday afternoon eight arrests had been made this week and about 25 courtesy cards handed out to drivers who were driving slightly in excess of the speed limit.

The whammie has settled one controversy: speeders no longer argue with patrolmen. Fast drivers accept the word of the gadget as final, a tribute to the respect with which it is regarded.

The set-up works this way: the radar car is parked (at least in Haywood County) on an open stretch of highway and the scope that "picks up" cars as they pass is placed on a box either in front or to the rear of the car. A patrolman takes up his station inside the radar car and he never has to even take a glance outside. In front of him is a dial that records the speed of every car passing in either direction.

In the meantime a regular patrol car has parked further down the highway and when the whammie says a driver is exceeding the speed limit, the radar operator picks up a microphone and tells the other patrolman over a special (See Whammie—Page 6)

## Awards Made At Bethel Court Of Honor Monday

Twelve Boy Scouts from the Pigeon River District of the Daniel Boone Council received promotions at a court of honor Monday night and three others were awarded merit badges.

The court of honor was at the Bethel Methodist Church with M. H. Bowles serving as chairman.

The first class badge went to Johnny Carswell of Troop 5, Hazelwood. It was presented by M. C. Nix.

Receiving second class badges were Charles Robinson of Troop 5, Hazelwood, and Michael Burnett of Troop 16, Canton. The awards were made by Ben Sloan.

Those who won tenderfoot awards included William J. Moore of Troop 1, Canton; Walter Ferguson, Richard Lee Lyons, Lucius C. Wood of Troop 2, Waynesville; Herbert T. Cotter, Quinton T. Cable, Kenneth O. Lance, John W. Harrell of Troop 5, Hazelwood; and Gerald Morgan of Troop 16, Canton. The badges were presented by Vernon McCurry.

P. K. Kinken awarded merit badges to David Underwood of Troop 2, Waynesville, and William Stamey and Teddie Skaggs, both of Troop 16, Canton.

Members of Troop 12, Bethel advanced the colors and Ronald Evans led the group in the pledge of the flag. Kenneth McNeil of Troop 12, Bethel served as clerk of the court.

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## Four Injured In Truck-Bus Wreck Near Canton

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Four people were injured—one of them seriously—in a truck-bus collision about 6:40 p. m. Tuesday east of Canton on Highway 19-23.

James D. Williamson, 21 of Thickety suffered a broken neck, both arms, and other injuries. He was taken to Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville. The others, Mr. and Mrs. Cicero Buchanan of Canton and Gladys Bradley of Route 3, Waynesville, were discharged Wednesday from the Haywood County Hospital after treatment for minor injuries.

A Trailways bus, driven by Clyde H. Pennington of Route 3, Franklin, had stopped along the highway because of mechanical trouble as it was heading into Canton, according to Patrolman H. Dayton. The truck ran into the rear of the bus and knocked the larger vehicle 112 feet. After he regained consciousness, Williamson said he saw the parked bus before striking it.

Dayton said no charges had been placed. Other officers who investigated the accident included Cpl. Pritchard Smith and Patrolman W. H. Wooten and Joe Murrill.

## Fire Departments To Be Hosts To W.N.C. Firemen

Waynesville and Hazelwood Fire Departments will be joint hosts to the Western North Carolina Fireman's Association here Wednesday, March 25th.

The two local fire departments will be hosts to a spaghetti dinner at the Elk's Lodge, starting at seven o'clock.

A business session and program will follow the dinner. Fire Chief Harvey, of Tryon, is president of the association.

Local firemen said plans are being made for about 135 to attend the dinner and meeting. The association embraces all the fire departments from Tryon to Murphy.

Pvt. Tom Ray of Fort Jackson, South Carolina spent the week-end at home.

## School Building Bids Due Tuesday

The Board of Education will receive bids on Tuesday for the proposed \$260,000 Central Elementary school.

A new site was purchased several months ago for the new school building.

## Big Pipeline Project To Be Reviewed By Aldermen

This afternoon, members of the board of aldermen are scheduled to open bids on a pipe line that will run about \$50,000. This is part of the expansion program of the water system here, which was approved by voters last November.

Bonds of \$300,000 were approved for the total project.

G. C. Ferguson, town manager, said that 9,500 feet of 12-inch pipe, and 800 feet of 8-inch pipe are in-

cluded in the contract specifications. The 12-inch lines must be covered with three feet of dirt, according to the contracts.

Mr. Ferguson said the engineers plan to have specifications for the filtering plant completed within two or three weeks. This new unit of the water system will be built on Allens Creek, not far from the Free Baptist Church. The filtering plant is also part of the expansion program.

## Big Crowd Attends Hearing

More than 200 citizens from all parts of the county met with Highway Commissioner L. Dale Thrash, and members of the engineering staff of the 10th Division at the court house this morning.

Commissioner Thrash explained the general highway program, and then read a list of eight proposed roads which were on the 1953 program for black topping under the bond program. The total mileage on these roads totaled 11.8. They were:

- Clyde loop . . . . . 3.5 miles
- Ratliffe Cove . . . . . 5 mile
- (Connecting Clyde loop)
- Iron Duff . . . . . 2.9 miles
- Burnett Cove . . . . . 1.0 mile
- (In Dutch Cove)
- Thompson Cove . . . . . 1.2 miles
- Little East Fork . . . . . 2.0 miles
- Stamey Cove . . . . . .3 mile
- Cross Roads . . . . . .4 mile
- Total . . . . . 11.8 miles

Mr. Thrash reviewed the road program in Haywood, and told The Mountaineer after the meeting adjourned at 12:45 that he was well pleased with the response, and the interest. "This is one of the best meetings we have ever held," he commented.

Several requests from delegations were made that roads be added to the state system, and in one instance a request was made that a road be closed and taken from the system.

The latter case was the road which runs between the Bethel school and the school auditorium. The proposal has been made to close that link of road as a safety measure because so many children are constantly crossing the road going from one building to the other. The state had previously promised to black-top this "short link."

Engineers said that before the Highway Commission could take action on closing the road, except as an entrance to the school, and also removing it from the state system, that a resolution recommending such action would have to come from the board of county commissioners, and the board of education. The highway commission gave no decision on the matter this morning.

All three members of the board of county commissioners attended the meeting.

Also in attendance was Mayor W. J. Stone, of Canton. He was in conference with Mr. Thrash and five engineers relative to the proposed 4-lane highway through Canton. The right-of-way cost, under the state law, must be shared by both state and town, with the state paying two-thirds and the town one-third. Tentative estimates are that the total cost would be \$300,000.

Among the several delegations attending the meeting, was one from Hominy, representing every property owner except one on the Buzzard Roost Road. The spokes-

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## Federation Stockholders Meet Sat.

The annual Farmers Federation Stockholders' meeting for Haywood County residents living in Waynesville and vicinity will be held in the Waynesville warehouse of the organization at 10 a. m. Saturday. It has been announced by James G. K. McClure, president of the Federation.

County Agent Wayne Franklin will report on Agricultural Progress in the county and will discuss achievements of the 4-H Club Pullet Chain co-sponsored by the State Extension Service and the Farmers Federation.

Stockholders of the Farmers Federation in this county will attend the annual meeting for the election of committeemen and the nomination of one director, it was announced. The director nominated at this meeting will be voted upon at the annual meeting of all stockholders of the organization in the Buncombe County courthouse on March 28th. Each direc-

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As new  
Sunday Rev. Broadus E. pastor of the First Baptist preached on a Christian's duty. He built his sermon on four points, all directed at those things which leave one clear conscience.  
church, two members met, asked: "How is your con-  
other hurriedly replied: as new—I never use it."  
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Get Away  
the approach of the fish-son, there comes the usual of interesting fishing  
the best fishing cards as far this season is one Solomon displays at Reli-velers. It reads: "All fish-are liars; except you and I am not so sure about  
reading the plaque, a re-returned to Mr. Solomon and he were a fisherman. He said: "Not so much big catch."  
story of the big catch hap-several years ago, on a lake. Mr. Solomon had little perch, and was casing in the 6-incher to hook, when all of a sud-4-inch fish swallowed the and the hook. It was quite and it looked like the in the big fish took for eks and underwater brush, made it almost impossible im out by reeling.  
Soloman looked around, saw st was clear, and getting ner to hold the line tight, ed off his outer clothes, at into the water with his  
ake a long story short, he at with his prize fish — ad cold.  
was the climax of his fish-er; but the fever is begin-ise again.  
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or Umstead has a mem-ong as North Carolina, act to Representative Joe  
ly the governor invited mer to have breakfast with the Mansion. As he met mer he recalled to the vote ay he received in Haywood y. Mr. Palmer, quick on ger, remarked: "Yes, that's overnor—how is your health ys?"  
ood went for Judge Olive rinary, and some of those ical political trends with ve have been wonder-ffect that would have wood. It seems that the r remembers the vote of unty.

## Cross Drive Continues With 5 To Date

Annual Red Cross Drive for is continuing throughout nty with a total of \$1285 in the Waynesville area. nding to Fred Moody, con- of the drive, this amount s contributions made in ential sections and some firms. No reports have from industries, schools, eas and most businesses. ve will continue through- month in order to reach 00 goal.

Louise Ballard is serving as of the drive with Mrs. edford as general chair- the rural area, Mrs. Boyd chairman of the residen- and Ed Mottinger as of the drive for the busi-



WINDY  
Partly cloudy, windy, little cooler.

Max.	Min.	Rainfall
66	34	.....
70	29	.....
70	47	.18

One of the major projects will be the line along Shelton Branch. He explained that a thorough examina-