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TODAY'S SMILE  
Human minds are a lot  
like wagons. When they have  
a light load they are much  
noisier than when the load  
is heavy.



Have you ever seen 1,000 dozen bunches of onions at once? Take it from us, it is a lot of onions. In a week, from 500 to 1,000 dozen bunches are packed and shipped from here by Farm-Exchange. Shown here is Marvin McCarsen dipping the freshly pulled onions in cold water to clean them. C. D. Ketner, owner, said he had planted enough onions to produce 20,000 dozen—that's almost a quarter million onions. Most of them are shipped to Atlanta. (Mountaineer Photo).

## 365 Haywood Students Will Get Diplomas

This is graduation week in Haywood county, and by noon, June 7, some 365 diplomas will have been handed out to high school graduates of seven high schools in the county.

Five baccalaureate sermons are scheduled for Sunday, and three schools will have their graduation exercises on Thursday night, with one set for this Friday, another June 3rd, and also the 5th and 7th.

The complete information, as tabulated from information given The Mountaineer by school officials, shows the following schedules:

School	Number Graduates	Sermon Date	Graduation Date
Canton	95	May 24	May 29
Waynesville	146	May 31	June 5
Fines Creek	20	May 31*	June 4
Clyde	31	May 31	June 4
Bethel	48	May 31	June 4
Crabtree-Iron Duff	20	May 31**	June 3
St. John's	3	June 7*	June 7

\* Sermon at 11 a. m.; all other hours at 8 p. m. in school auditorium. \*\* 3 p. m.

Elsewhere in this issue, are complete details of commencement exercises of each of the seven high schools in the county. Pictures of several of the graduating classes will be found on the front pages of the second and third sections. Pictures of other classes are scheduled to appear on Monday.

The Mountaineer is the only newspaper sending its photographer to all the schools making the graduation pictures.

## Farm Leaders Attend Field Day



Discussing a milk cow demonstration Wednesday morning at the Livestock, Pasture, and Forage Field Day at the Mountain Experiment Station were, from left, C. D. Thomas of Raleigh, director of test farms in the State; County Agent Wayne Franklin; M. R. Whisenhunt, director of the Experiment Station; L. Y. Ballentine, N. C. Commissioner of Agriculture; and Wayne Corpening, District County Agent. Six demonstrations were held for the several hundred farmers who were present. (Mountaineer Photo).

## New Telephone Directories Being Mailed

All dial telephone numbers will be distributed by May 28, it was announced by C. T. McCuiston, manager of the Waynesville office of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company. He also said that new directories have been received from the printer and work has been begun on their mailing.

Almost 3,000 dial telephones are being established in this area and will go into operation midnight June 6. Any subscriber whose phone has not been changed to date is urged to get in touch with the Telephone Company for prompt service. The Company also hopes to render better service and install new phones where requests have been on waiting lists for several years in some cases.

## Haywood Heart Chapter To Be Organized In June

Fifteen charter members decided Wednesday to organize the Haywood County Heart Chapter, and named a nominating committee to report at the June meeting. The date to be set later.

The committee is composed of Glenn Brown, Lawrence Leatherwood, Mrs. Claude Rogers, Roy Patton and Lee Davis. A president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer will be elected.

Mrs. Howard Bryson will be program chairman, it was announced. Mrs. R. E. Renia, state organizer, was here for the meeting, and remained through today, discussing the proposed program for Haywood.

## Ratcliffe Named Principal Of The Hazelwood School Gets New Post

Carl Ratcliffe has been named principal of the Hazelwood school, succeeding Lawrence Leatherwood, who becomes county superintendent on July first.

The county board of education, in session Tuesday night, formally named Mr. Leatherwood and Mr. Ratcliffe to the two posts.

The board also passed resolutions expressing gratitude to Mrs. Lucy Boyd for her services and leadership as county superintendent since February 1950, when she succeeded Jack Messer.

Mrs. Boyd tendered her resignation several weeks ago effective June 30.

Mr. Ratcliffe has been a member of the high school faculty and coaching staff since completing his college work, except for the time spent in the army.



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## School Board On Tour New Projects

Members of the Waynesville school board and other officials visited the four completed school projects on Wednesday, and were highly pleased with the construction, and the attitude of teachers and students at each of the schools. "The students were bubbling over with joy," Mrs. Lucy Boyd pointed out, "and the teachers were sharing their jubilant spirit in having larger and better cafeterias and classrooms."

Those making the trip included Mrs. Boyd, C. C. Francis, chairman of the board of commissioners, Dave Felmet, chairman of advisory committee, J. W. Killian member of the county board, and James Noland, John Finger, W. H. Prevost and Guy Massie, all members of the district board.

The group visited Allens Creek, Lake Junaluska, Maggie and Rock Hill, where they had lunch.

## Senate Committee Studying Parkway Request For Funds

WASHINGTON—Senator Willis Smith has received assurance from the Senate Appropriations Committee that plans for the Blue Ridge Parkway are currently under review by the committee and that additional funds for the project probably would be made available. No specific sum was mentioned, the Senator said. A report from the Senate appropriations subcommittee on the parkway and other items administered by the Interior Department is expected in the next two weeks.

## Sen. Hoey To Speak At Haywood County Day June 7, Lake Junaluska

A record crowd is expected at Haywood County Day services and picnic to hear the Honorable Clyde R. Hoey, United States Senator, speak Sunday, June 7, at Lake Junaluska. The Reverend J. W. Huneycutt, D.S., will preside over the services, beginning at 11:30 a. m., and Reuben B. Robertson, chairman of the Board of Directors, Champion Paper and Fibre Company, will introduce Senator Hoey.

Haywood County Day is sponsored by the Ministerial Association, the Chambers of Commerce, and the Community Development Programs of Haywood County. The Junaluska Assembly has expressed its deep appreciation to the following committees:

General Committee: Hugh Massie, chairman; Charles Ray, Curtis Russ, H. G. Allen, Thomas Brummitt, Dr. Boyd Owen, Bruce Morford, C. D. Ketner and Miss Ray Ballard. Marshal Committee: David Felmet, chairman; Roy McKinnish and C. D. Ketner. Usher Committee:

Hugh Massie, chairman. The Reverend J. E. Yountz, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Waynesville, will read the Scripture. (See Hoey—Page 6)

Highway Record For 1953 In Haywood (To Date) Injured . . . 20 Killed . . . 0 (This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol.)

## New Valuation Of County Will Be Known Late June

County officials announced today that it would be sometime in June before the new assessed valuation of Haywood county taxable property would be known.

A new bookkeeping machine for handling the tax listing sheets is due to be installed Monday, and it is believed that about three weeks will be required to transfer the figures from the listing sheets to the master and permanent records. Until this is done, there will not be a report as to the amount of the current valuation.

Some tentative estimates are that the new valuation will show a slight increase over the \$33,900,000 of 1952.

The work of making a revaluation of the entire county was completed about 10 days ago.

## Earl Tate Taken By Death Wednesday

J. Earl Tate, retired Carolina Power and Light manager, died in an Asheville hospital Wednesday afternoon after a long period of declining health.

Mr. Tate had been connected with the Power Company in Canton since the company was known as the Canton Electric Company. He retired last year after more than forty years with the company.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 4 p. m. in the Canton Presbyterian Church with the pastor, the Rev. J. Clayton Lime, officiating. Burial will be in Locust Field Cemetery.

Active pallbearers will be Thomas Pruitt, Carroll Kinsland, W. K. Parker, Wayne Burnette, H. L. Setzer, and Frank Smathers. Honorary pallbearers will be Eldon (See Tate—Page 6)

## Low Bid Received On Canton - Lake Junaluska Road

Low bid for paving the new 4-lane 6.5-mile road from Canton to Lake Junaluska was \$335,764.50 submitted to the State Highway and Public Works Commission in Raleigh yesterday by H. R. Stewart and Company of Asheville.

Grading on the Canton-Lake Junaluska route is virtually complete and W. M. Corkill, District Engineer, expressed the opinion that this link of U. S. 19-23 would be paved and open to the public by early fall.

Other low bids were received for roads in other counties. The bids were among those for 33 projects in 35 counties for 280 miles of road work opened by the Commission. The bids totaled \$4,911,616.45 and were some \$600,000 below Commission estimates. The Commission will meet Friday, May 29, to review the bids.

## Normal Banking Hours Saturday

Banking hours will be as usual from 9 a. m. to 12 noon Saturday, May 30, it was announced by the First National Bank of Waynesville. The usual services will be available to their customers in spite of the fact that Saturday is Memorial Day, a national holiday. The First State Bank of Hazelwood will also maintain usual hours Saturday from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m.

Mrs. Joe Liner and Mrs. Ralph Phillips left today for Waynesboro, Virginia where they will spend the week-end. They will return Sunday accompanied by Mrs. Liner's son, Joe Liner, Jr., who is attending Fishbourne Military Academy.

## Only A Short Time Left To Get Free X-Ray

The mobile X-ray units will conclude their visit to Haywood County Saturday afternoon, and residents who have not had chest X-rays made must be at one of these units before 4:30 p. m. Saturday.

The Health Department reported that 7,796 X-rays had been made through Saturday, a small percentage of the total county population of some 38,000.

There is no charge for these examinations and it takes only a minute or two to take the photograph. Results are mailed within two or three weeks.

Two large individual projects were completed this week when the unit at Waynesville visited the local high school Wednesday and then moved to the Bethel school Thursday. It will be at the usual place near the courthouse Friday and Saturday for its final two days.

Capt. and Mrs. Henry Dania of Savannah, Georgia, have returned to their home after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Phillips.

## Ah, More Like It

The weather is now behaving much more like the tourist bulletins and folders say it should for this time of year.

It is, in other words, much cooler than it has been earlier this week. The moderate temperatures and clear skies are turning out some good, comfortable mountain weather.

Saturday, Sunday and Monday the official temperature showed a high of 88. The readings were taken at the Test Farm, located several miles from town, and very likely several degrees cooler than on Main Street.

Anyway, on Tuesday the thermometer dropped two degrees, then dropped to 80 on Wednesday, and today it is probably even lower.

All the heat should not have been here in the first place. The mountains, at least around Waynesville, just don't get that hot.

Alvin Ward left this week to join Mrs. Ward in Milledgeville, Georgia, where the latter has been visiting her mother. They are expected to return at the end of the week.

## MEMORIAL DAY



## American Legion Plans Impressive Memorial Day Services Sunday, Greenhill Cemetery, At 3 P.M.

Memorial Day Service will be conducted by the American Legion, Post 47, at the Memorial Plot of Greenhill Cemetery, Waynesville, Sunday at 3 p. m.

Speaker for the occasion will be the Reverend James H. Coleman, pastor of Shady Grove Methodist Church, Jonathan Creek, and Presentation of Flags and roll call will be made by John Platt for the Spanish American War and Adj. James H. Howell, Jr., for World Wars I and II.

Mrs. Will Medford will represent Gold Star Parents by placing wreaths on the Veterans' Marker. Douglas Worsham, Commander of the Waynesville Post of the American Legion, will open and close the services, with the invocation by the Post Chaplain, Robert Hall, and introduction of the speaker by Col. J. H. Howell.

Following the placing of flags by members of families who lost loved ones in any of the wars since the Spanish American, the Tank Company, 120th Infantry of the N. C. National Guard will fire a volley of three rounds. The National Anthem and Taps will be played by the Waynesville High School Band.

All Gold Star Parents are especially urged to attend, and the Legion asks that members of families having veterans buried in the cemeteries in this section of the county be present to receive flags which they will place on the graves of veterans.

J. B. Siler is chairman in charge of arrangements for the day.



SUNNY

Fair and slightly cloudy. Official Waynesville weather as compiled by the Farm: Max. Min. Rainfall 88 62 86 56 80 57