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TODAY'S SMILE
Wife: "William, how do you suppose these dozens of empty bottles got into the basement?"
William: "I haven't the remotest idea. I never bought an empty bottle in my life."

Delights Of The News

Simple Cosmetic
A snapshot in last week's lineer didn't look a bit—but see if you can't get a present for the four mothers, four grandmothers, four granddaughters, two great-grandmothers, one great-granddaughter and one great-grandson—total five persons.
To straighten you out: In the picture were Mrs. L. J. Grant, daughter, Mrs. W. L. James, James' daughter, Mrs. Bill Mitchell's daughter, Mrs. Roy Mathes, and Mrs. Mathes' daughter, three-month-old Lee Mathes. (We hope to get the same number of "and" and "greats" that we

Enough For You?
Everybody talks about the hot weather and maybe you can't do anything about it, but have you thought what it may be doing to you? For instance, one local preacher is quoted as saying that since the temperature has stayed there, he has more and more members of his church assiduously poring over Bibles and taking an unprejudiced interest in all phases of the Bible.
He wonders whether they are for the free sample of fire and brimstone he has been giving them about for so long.

With Ear Muffs

Spectacular fireworks exploding off the Fourth at Junaluska drew an unexpected crowd from one observer. An veteran just back from the front remarked, "All they need to do is sound like an air battle in the sky and it would have the same effect. Set up a speaker to pick up the sound of some guys yelling orders and you can just watch the show. You're not back on the line."

Methodist Group Considers Junaluska 'Logical Site' For American Headquarters

Junaluska is being considered the logical site for local American headquarters of the World Methodist Council.
American officers of the council, who met at the annual Methodist summer assembly July 2-4, discussed plans for headquarters and voted to the project at a meeting of the council's executive committee July 22-25 in Birmingham.
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89	59	
88	61	.10
81	63	.03
84	62	.42

New County Tax Valuation Up \$4,500,000

3 Townships Out Of 13 Do Not Have Increases

Haywood county gained about \$4,500,000 in tax valuations in the recent county-wide revaluation of all property.
The new taxable valuation of the county is \$38,250,000, according to the figures in the office of County Auditor James Kirkpatrick. This figure might be slightly changed when the new figures of the State Board of Assessments is received. The State Board evaluates all public utilities, including railroads.
Auditor Kirkpatrick said that it appears that 10 townships showed gains in the revaluation, and three did not show any increase in property valuations. These three were: Cataloochee, Iron Duff and Jonathans Creek.
The valuation of the county last year was \$33,960,000.
The county board of commissioners, together with Auditor Kirkpatrick, are working on the new budget. They gave no indication as to the rate for the coming fiscal year. One official did surmise: "I feel rather sure that it will not be higher than the present 1.65 rate." Other than that comment, no official would make a statement.

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Highway Record For 1953 In Haywood (To Date)
Killed 2
Injured 27
(This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol.)

Engineers Coming To Make Survey Of Sewer System, And Entire Drainage Area



DR. JAMES K. STRINGFIELD, son of Mrs. Sam Stringfield and the late Dr. Stringfield, has joined his brother, Dr. Thomas Stringfield, in the practice of medicine. The younger doctor has just completed two years residency at Watts Hospital, Durham.

Dr. Stringfield Starts Practice With Brother

Dr. James King Stringfield has returned to Waynesville and is now associated with his brother, Dr. Thomas Stringfield, II, in the practice. (See Stringfield—Page 6)

County Roads Get 3.9 Miles Paving

The State Highway Commission completed 3.9 miles of paving in Haywood County during June.
A bituminous seal coat was laid for 3.9 miles on Newfound Road.
The old Tenth Highway Division composed of Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, Transylvania, Avery, Madison, Mitchell, Yancey, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon and Swain brought a total of 48.32 miles of paving and 0.4 mile of stabilization to completion in June.
Under the new 14-division State Highway Commission, Haywood will be in the Fourteenth Highway Division along with Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Polk, Swain, and Transylvania counties. Division headquarters will be in Sylva; Harry Buchanan is highway commissioner; and G. G. Page is division engineer.

Appointments Declined By 2

Two Western Carolina men have refused appointments from Gov. William B. Umstead.
They are Francis Heazel, who after serving on the N. C. Park Commission since 1946, has declined a four year appointment from the Governor, and D. Reeves Noland who also refused to become a member of the Commission.
Noland was named to succeed Charles Ray, who had resigned from the organization.

State Cover Has A Haywood County Scene

The cover of the current issue of The State magazine, published in Raleigh, has a picture of the valley below Soco Gap.
The picture was made by John Hemmer, one of the best outdoor photographers in the state.

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Season's Largest Audience Hears Dr. Ernest Thomas

"We who profess to be Christians must be different—we cannot afford to be lost in the crowd," Dr. Ernest Thomas, Nashville, Tenn., told the largest crowd of the season at Lake Junaluska at the Sunday morning service in the Methodist Assembly auditorium.
An estimated 2,000 persons heard Dr. Thomas bring the opening message in the annual camp meeting series. He is director of Spiritual Life Evangelism for the Methodist Church, and is conducting a 9:30 a.m. Bible hour throughout the meeting this week.
"Though most of us have known about Jesus Christ since our youth, to too many of us he is still the 'stranger of Galilee,'" Dr. Thomas said. This fact is substantiated, he said, by the fact that a book by Bruce Barton, "The Man Nobody Knows," written several years ago, has long been a best-seller second only to the Bible.
"No matter how long you have been a church member, if you don't know and feel that God is revealed to you through Christ, and that Christ died for you, then He is still a stranger . . . and if knowing Jesus does not make you different, then you really know Him not," Dr. Thomas concluded.
Alternating at morning and evening services the rest of this week in the camp meeting series will be Dr. Albert P. Shirkey, Washington, D. C., and Dr. Howard P. Powell, Raleigh. Both are widely known for their evangelistic preaching, and they have served some of Methodism's largest pastorates.

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Arrangements have been completed for two engineers to come here and make a complete survey of the sewer system of Waynesville, Hazelwood and Lake Junaluska, as well as a survey of the drainage area of Richland creek.
The two engineers will come here Monday, July 20, and spend three days on the survey.
They will make their formal report to a joint meeting of the two boards of aldermen of the two towns, trustees of Lake Junaluska, the county board of health, and officials of the county.
The engineers are being brought here upon unanimous recommendation of the same group, in session last Tuesday, as they met in an effort to find a solution of clearing streams of pollution, which flow into Lake Junaluska. The Lake was closed to swimming two weeks ago by the health department because the waters of the Lake were unfit for swimming.

The group, at the meeting, named W. Curtis Russ, editor of The Mountaineer as chairman.
The chairman said that W. S. McKimmon, chief engineer of the State Board of Health, together with associate engineers of the department, and Harwood Bebee, president of the firm that designed and constructed the 6-mile sewer line in 1939 from Hazelwood to Pigeon river, would be here.
One of the solutions to the problem is to correct the overflow of the sewer line at the head of the Lake during and after heavy rains. Officials believe that a satisfactory solution can be worked out from the report of the engineers.

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Plea Made To Board To Board By Citizens

Widespread interest in the development of a Haywood County Medical Center was evidenced this morning as the County Commissioners agreed to consider the possibility of including such a center in the new budget.
Representatives of organizations including the Lions Club, the Jaycees, the American Legion, Beta Sigma Phi, the Business and Professional Women's Club, the Welfare Department, the Medical Society, the Home Demonstration Clubs and the Community Development programs attended the Commissioners' meeting to state their approval of the program.
The group had gathered on very short notice when it was observed that this year's budget was nearly made up, and that there was uncertainty as to whether by next year the Hill-Burton appropriation would be decreased.
The plan calls for county and Federal participation in construction of a medical center, with the county providing the land and 29.6 per cent of the total cost, and the Federal appropriation the remaining 70.4 per cent.

According to James Hardin Howell, Welfare Board member, a building recommended as adequate for this county would cost about \$60,000, of which the county's share would be between \$17,000 and \$18,000. Included would be laboratory space, an X-ray room, darkroom, offices for nurses and other Health Department personnel, an assembly room, storage space, patients' dressing rooms, etc.
The county health offices, now scattered throughout the Court House, would be moved to the new building, with room for greatly expanded facilities. The possibility was also mentioned that the Welfare offices might be in the center. All plans would have to be approved by the Medical Care Commission at Raleigh.

Most of the discussion revolved on the question of financing the center. Commissioner C. C. Francis (See Medical Center—Page 2)

Mrs. Martin Receives Injury In Mishap

Mrs. Roy Martin sustained a fractured hip in a mishap yesterday and has been taken to Mission Hospital in Asheville for treatment.
Mrs. Martin fell as she stepped from the car in which she was riding with her husband—apparently a moment before the car was at a complete stop.
She was reported to be resting comfortably at the hospital this morning.
Mr. Martin, who was here from Warner-Robins, Georgia for the holiday weekend, is remaining for a few days.

Cabinet Member Cites Laymen's Religious Role

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Band At Indianapolis For Lunch; In Chicago Tonight

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NOT DISPOSED TO HAVE HIS PICTURE TAKEN, Demos Woods hides his face when brought to the Haywood County jail shortly after his capture Friday afternoon on a charge of shooting Sheriff Griffin C. Middleton the day before. Accompanying Woods are Cpl. Pritchard Smith, left, of Waynesville, and Patrolman D. W. Spratt of Weaverville. Woods has reportedly confessed to the slaying and has been transferred to the Swain County jail. (Mountaineer Photo.)

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Band members were in high spirits as they boarded the buses yesterday morning after a 30-minute worship service in the school auditorium.
They were given instructions and advice by Dr. Boyd Owen and Mrs. Howard Bryson, health department nurse, on how to remain in good physical condition for the trip.
The group was only 30 minutes later than the scheduled time of departure—due mostly to difficulty in trying to cram the baggage into the available space.
A large number of parents and friends of the band members attended the service and remained for the departure.
(See Band—Page 6)

NEW ROTARY PRESIDENT, Dan Watkins (right) received congratulations as he assumed office Thursday from the outgoing president, Dave Felmet. (Mountaineer Photo.)