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TODAY'S SMILE

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I have a lovely garden;
It really is sublime;
It would be even better
Had my wife more time.

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by Jimmy Hatlo is rated a-
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RESERVES 103rd BIRTHDAY—Mrs. Tilda Rogers, of Fines Creek, observed her 103rd birthday Sunday, as scores of friends and relatives visited her at her home. She spends much of her

time reading her Bible, which is shown on her lap. She sews well, and often threads needles for young people. She has never worn glasses. (Mountaineer Photo).

Modernized Electrical System To Be Put Into Use Here Sunday, Oct. 18

Blackout Time Set For 7:30

Don't forget! Tomorrow night's blackout between Waynesville and Andersonville will start at 7:30 p.m. instead of 8. Other homes also are expected to start half hour earlier. So you'd better set up your supper schedule and get to the stadium before they hang out the "Standard Room Only" sign.

Don't Forget: Schools Close This Friday

Friday will be a vacation day for Haywood County's students, but not for its teachers. They'll be attending the Western District meeting of the North Carolina Education Association at Asheville according to Superintendent Leathwood.

Principal speakers at the convention, to be held at Lee Edwards School, are Dr. Charles F. Hall, state superintendent of education, and Dr. George H. Weston, pastor of Myers Park Church, Charlotte.

The Weather

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| Max. | Min. | Rainfall |
| 79 | 40 | |
| 68 | 49 | |
| 65 | 32 | |

Monday, sunny and little warmer. Tuesday, fair and warmer. Official Waynesville temperatures compiled by the State Test

Southern Bell To Eliminate Tolls On Calls Within Haywood Next Spring

Work On Conversion Under Way

By early spring, the 7,100 telephones in the county will be as one unit, and there will be no more toll charges in calls within Haywood. The Mountaineer learned this morning from C. T. McCusiston, manager for the Waynesville and Canton exchanges. The extended scope of service has been planned for some months.

Work began yesterday in Canton of putting down underground cable from the exchange building on Academy street to the western edge of town. From there, the cables will be aerial, and continue on to Hillcrest in the Medford Farm section where they will connect with cables already up from the Waynesville office.

One directory will serve Haywood customers with the present Canton listing being grouped together, and the present Waynesville listing being grouped together. Present numbers will prevail for all customers. The classified section of the directory will be combined, it was learned, but under each heading, the Canton and Waynesville listing will be separate.

The Canton directory now carries the Waynesville listings in the back.

Engineers are working on the dialing codes, Mr. McCusiston said. Just what will be worked out is not known at present, but it will be made as simple as possible, he pointed out. The Waynesville customers, in order to call Canton, (See Phones—Page 8)



HEAVY MACHINERY is rapidly cutting into the hillside at Lake Junaluska at the intersection of Route 19 and 19-A as workmen of the H. R. Stewart Co. continue grading of the new four-lane

superhighway from Canton to the lake. Some 27,000 feet of dirt is being moved in a cut 50 feet high and 39 feet wide. (Mountaineer Photo).

Fines Creek Native Is Now 103 Years Old

By W. C. MEDFORD

Around one hundred persons gathered at the home of Robert Justice on Wesley's Creek (near Fines Creek Memorial Church) last Sunday, the occasion being the one hundred and third anniversary of the birth of Aunt Tilda ("Sis") Rogers.

Mrs. Rogers, one of the eldest of a family of thirteen children, was born in Madison County, North Carolina, Oct. 2nd, 1850, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Duckett. She lived at the parental home in Madison County until she was twenty years old when she married Robert Newton Rogers of Upper Fines Creek; Robert Newton Rogers was a descendant of Hugh Rogers, Revolutionary soldier and pioneer of this county.

"Aunt Sis" (as she has been affectionately known for the past thirty-five or forty years) was the mother of twelve children, nine of whom are living. Five of the children were present on this occasion: Mrs. Bertie Kirkpatrick of Waynesville; Mrs. Effie Justice (with whom Aunt Sis makes her home) of Fines Creek; Hayden Rogers and Mrs. Lawrence Russell also of Fines Creek; and Mrs. Nathan Green of Iron Duff. Of Aunt Sis' grandchildren and great grandchildren there are many, living as they do in different sections of Haywood County, Hartford and Sevierville, Tennessee and Baltimore, Maryland. Of these children, the third and fourth generations, more than a score were present.

Five Generations

As these kindred arrived—some of whom Aunt Sis had not seen in (See Mrs. Rogers—Page 8)

Clyde Firemen Seek Funds For New Equipment

An appeal to Haywood County residents to support the newly organized Clyde Fire Department's campaign to obtain needed equipment was made today by Larry Cagle, fire chief.

Urgently needed, Mr. Cagle said, are funds to purchase 450 feet of 2 1/2-inch and 1 1/2-inch hose, nozzles, ladders, portable extinguisher tanks, and a new siren.

In regard to fire insurance rates, Clyde is now classified as a rural community, but could be put in a better category if additional equipment can be obtained, the fire chief pointed out. This would result in the lowering of Clyde's fire insurance costs, he added.

Clyde's Fire Department answers calls anywhere in Clyde Township, Mr. Cagle said. The firemen were summoned early Monday morning when a car, caught fire at the Warren residence at Poison Cove. The vehicle was damaged heavily, but the fire fighters prevented flames from spreading to the house, which was just a few feet from where the car was parked. Clyde firemen can be reached at any of these three telephone numbers: 3379, 5626, or 3251.

Communities Vie Saturday In Field Day At Bethel

Tobacco Festival To Be Discussed

Plans for Haywood County's sixth annual Tobacco Festival will be discussed at 8 p.m. Thursday at a meeting of county agricultural and home demonstration agents with officers, directors, and chairmen of the Community Development Program in the courtroom.

Also to be discussed are plans for election of new officers and the CD program for 1954.

Group To Aid Handicapped Has Second Meeting

Waynesville's committee for observance of National Employ-the-Handicapped Week were the guests of Heinz Rollman at a luncheon meeting at the Welco Shoe Corp. Wednesday.

The committee was in session for two hours discussing various ways of helping handicapped persons in the county to find employment. The group will meet again on October 21 in the office of the North Carolina Park Commission to vote on projects to be adopted.

Eight Haywood Precincts Vote Against Bond Issues

Eight out of 24 Haywood precincts voted against the two bond issues last Saturday, according to the official returns which were tabulated by the Board of Elections on Tuesday.

The Mountaineer on Monday showed five precincts as voting against the bond issues in the unofficial tabulation, with four precincts unreported. Three of the unreported precincts went against the issues, with two of them going 100 per cent against the two bond issues—Big Creek and Fines Creek two. White Oak missed going 100 per cent against the issues by one vote for schools and two for mental hospitals.

Cataloochee was the only precinct in the county going 100 per cent for the bond issues, in their vote of 7 to 0. The seven votes was the entire registration of the precinct.

Hazelwood was close behind, with 139 for, and one against. The official totals were in identical with the unofficial tabulation shown by The Mountaineer Monday for those 24 precincts reporting. The complete official was:

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| For schools | 1464 |
| Against schools | 589 |
| For Mental Hospitals | 1499 |
| Against Mental Hospitals | 517 |



THE REV. E. H. BRENDALL, new pastor of the First Methodist Church, has arrived and will hold his first service Sunday morning. Mr. Brendall comes to Waynesville from Coburn Memorial Church, Salisbury.

(See Story, Page 3)

Firemen Plan Inspection Of Business Area For Fire Hazards Early Next Week

County PMA Elections Set For Oct. 15

A total of 149 Haywood farmers are candidates for county PMA offices in the election scheduled for October 15. Balloting will be conducted in 1400 farm communities all over North Carolina.

Forty-three men are seeking election as delegates to the county convention, while 105 are candidates for PMA community posts. Nominees were selected at special meetings held in the county, which ended September 25.

Elections are being held two months earlier this year than formerly to permit newly elected committeemen to acquaint themselves with their new jobs before the 1954 PMA program gets under way, according to A. W. Ferguson, PMA office manager.

This election and the cost-share meetings now in progress are especially important this year because of changes made in the PMA program for 1954. Mr. Ferguson said. He urged all farmers participating in the program to vote at the election and to submit their request for cost-share assistance before the November 6 deadline.

Polling places will be open from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. in these communities:

Beaverdam, City Hall; Clyde, high school; Crabtree, high school; East Fork, Henson's store; Fines Creek, high school; Iron Duff, J. R. Caldwell's mill; Ivy Hill, Burgin's store; Jonathan Creek, school; Pigeon, Bethel agricultural building; Waynesville, PMA office; White Oak, community house; Panther Creek, regular voting place.

State Secretaries Meeting To Be Held Here Oct. 23-25

(See Picture, Page 4)

The first annual meeting of the North Carolina Secretaries Association, a division of the National Secretaries Association, will be held in Waynesville October 23-25 at the Country Club Inn, according to an announcement made here today.

This will be the first meeting of the state group since it was organized last January in Greensboro with approximately 300 members.

Hostesses for the convention — members of Waynesville's Mountaineer Chapter of the Secretaries Association — met at the courthouse Wednesday night to discuss

plans for the event. Miss Mary Medford is general chairman for the convention, while Miss Jimmie Watts is president of the local chapter.

The meeting will begin on Friday evening with an informal social hour arranged by the host chapter. Formal business will get under way Saturday morning after greetings from town and county officials. The program will include workshops and panel discussions.

Miss Juanita Ramsey of Greensboro, Miss Faye Kiser of Hickory, and Miss Katherine McGranahan of Durham will participate in the workshops. A guest panel, for discussions of "Human Relations in the House" Wednesday night to discuss

It's In The Book

I've driven in several states and noticed hand and arm signals vary considerably. What exactly are the correct signals to be used in North Carolina?—M.O., Brevard.

This is one of the easiest driving regulations to remember. The Motor Vehicle Manual describes correct arm and hand signals as follows: Left turn—hand and arm horizontal, forefinger pointing; Right turn—hand and arm pointing upward; Stop—hand and arm pointing downward. The law further says the signal must be given from the left side of the vehicle and continued for the last 100 feet traveled prior to stopping or making a turn.

Highway Record For 1953 In Haywood (To Date)

Killed 4 Injured 37

(This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol.)