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TODAY'S SMILE

when you get to work early, es in late, and when ye

\$3.00 In Advance In Haywood and Jackson Counties

12 PAGES Grand Jury Asks

peaker System Be Put In Courtroom



ent of Western North Car-Highlanders, Inc. His sucsor will be named later, acrding to Maj. O. A. Fetch of stana Village, president of the

### eiper Quits s Official Of lighlanders

art Leiper has submitted his matiton as executive vice presnt of Western North Carolina Manders, Inc., whose office is

0. A. Fetch, resident manof Fontana Village and prest of the Highlanders, explainthat Leiper resigned after the ist group found it necessary at its operating budget.

It. Leiper, who has also served resident of the National Assoion of Travel Organizations, has announced his future plans. successor will be named later,

he Highlanders were organized 952 as an outgrowth of the tern North Carolina Tourist ceed to the F waynesville. stry in 12 Western Carolina

be, Transylvania, Henderson, Madison, Jackson and Polk

#### ads Closed Parkway til Spring

e Soco Gap portions of the Ridge Parkway to Mile High. Camp Gap and Heintooga closed Thanksgiving Day for winter, according to Parkway er Jim Varner.

the road closed. This scenic way will be reopened in the

when weather permits, Mr. er said.

mber 2, will be opened on Clyde School P.T.A. orial Day.

surface of the Wagon Road Gap road.





onday, cloudy and cool with bly a little fight rain. Tues-little change in temperature. Icial Waynesville temperature

Jury has recommended that a speaker system in the court room "for the benefit of the court."

Associated Press

This is the same recommendation made by former grand juries in their reports. This was one of several suggestions made by the grand jury to the court, relative to improvements and repairs to public

Judge Susie Sharp ordered copies of the report given the board of commissioners and board of edu-

The commisisoners said they will give the matter of a speaker in the court room every consideration at an early date.

GRAND JURY REPORT To Her Honor Susie Sharp Judge, Presiding and holding the

November Term, 1953, Superior Court of Haywood County, North We, the Grand Jury, herein submit our finding in accordance with Her Honor's instructions. We have examined all available witnesses, and, in our opinion, we, the Grand

Jury, have returned a true bill of

indictment in each instance where

there was probable cause. In regard to Her Honor's instructions concerning Haywood County property, we furnish as follows information obtained and 1954 License recommendations offered:

The County Home Plates Will Go We found 6 women and 9 men in the home. We found the new part that has been rebuilt in good con- On Sale Tuesday (Continued on Pg. 6, Sec. 2)

#### Waynesville And Hazelwood To See Christmas Parade Saturday Morning

Young and old are looking forward to the Christmas parade in Waynesville set for 10 o'clock next

high school, will march to Hazel- Recreation School wood, there load in cars and proceed to the First Baptist Church in To Open Tonight

The parade will re-assemble at the Waynesville church at 10:45 embers include Haywood, Bun- and move down Main Street to the court house. A special committee in Cherokee, Graham, Macon, is now at work on floats. The parade will usher Santa Claus into

#### Clyde Canvass Set To Gather Calendar Data

A door-to-door canvass of the Club members, and adult leaders, Clyde area to compile information for the Clyde Lions Club "birthday calendar" will begin this week, club Messer Winner officials said today.

Proceeds from the calendars will be used to finance Clyde's aid-tour inches of snow were meas- are to publish the calendar which the-blind program. Present plans at Mollie's Gap Thursday will feature a picture of Clyde High sible 12—won The Mountaineer's School, sometime in May.

The calendar will list citizens' season and \$15 in prize money. birthdays and the meeting dates of civic organizations.

e Wagon Road Gap section of The canvass will be conducted by Florida's upset by Miami. Parkway, which was closed on the Lions and members of the

nger Varner explained that Long - Lost Member Of surface of the Work on the will not permit its being opensoon in the spring as the Brock Family Found

The Brock family of Haywood then that the older brothers de-County has found a relative "lost" cided to bring their sister back too. becca Brock, then 8 years old, was knew nothing of her whereabouts! sent to an orphanage in Thomasville. Until three weeks ago every little girl had been adopted and attempt of her large and grieving that their records had been burnfamily to find her seemed useless. ed. The Brock brothers made every She had just dropped out of exis- effort to trace their sister, even to

But as Miss Brock says laughingly today, "I wasn't lost. I knew been adopted by a kind and good where I was all the time. It was family, the Rev. and Mrs. Ernest the family that was lost."

mplled by the State Test Farm. and 4 boys was broken up with the Miss Brock feels more at home Max. Min. Rainfall two youngest, Rebecca and a broth- and right.

er going to the orphanage.

Since her foster father was a Baptist minister, the family lived ran away from the orphanage and many places in Virginia, but Richcame back to Waynesville. It was

for 57 years! In 1896 Mary Re- But the orphanage said that they The orphanage claimed that the

the point of adevrtising for her. Meanwhile little Rebecca had

Johnson of Crew, Virginia, the only In those far-away days of 1896, family that she has known all these

Miss Brock's mother had died and 57 years. Her foster mother selecther father, the late Jim Brock, was ed a nice name for the girl, Louise an invalid. The family of 5 girls Burns, and it is by that name that Since her foster father was a

(See Lost Member—Page 6)



buyers at Asheville markets today

as the 1953-54 burley season open-

ed in Western North Carolina.

was \$69 a hundredweight.

port prices.

after four days.

Bloodmobile

The Red Cross Bloodmobile was

prepared to take 36 pints of blood

an hour when it opened at 11 a.m.

the minimum quota of 125 pints

made made the donation.

He gave his 9th donation.

(See Bloodmobile—Page 6)

A three-day recreation training Ready For Large

by the county agent's office to as- Monday at the Waynesville Presby-

ciation for the gift of new Ford car presented to him during halftime ceremonies last Thursday at the Canton-Waynesville game. The presentation

North Carolina's 1954 license

plates will go on sale tomorrow

for Haywood County drivers at the

Canton Chamber of Commerce

The new tags will be black on

Registration cards or one of the

license-renewal cards mailed out by

the state recently must be submit-

ted in order to purchase plates.

school will open tonight at the

Hazelwood school gymnasium, with

Lonnie Powell of the North Caro-

lina Recreation Commission giving

demonstrations and instructions in

The meeting is being sponsored

A special invitation has been ex-

Of Last Contest

Howell Messer of Hazelwood-

with only two misses out of a pos-

final football contest of the 1953

His only misses were on the

Twenty-seven other contestants

missed only three games.

all types of recreation.

office on Park St., next to the A.

& P. supermarket.

color scheme

der Coach Weatherby at Waynesville High and was later named All-American at Duke. (Mountaineer Photo).

#### Community Gives Asheville Burley Sales Car To Weatherby For Leadership Open With \$52 Average

A campaign which began last June to show Coach C. E. Weatherby the community's appreciation of he returned to Murphy, his nahis work with young people in the pounds was paid by two sets of area, came to a climax at halftime of the Waynesville-Canton game Thursday as he was presented with a new Ford. In opening sales, prices ranged

The Chamber of Commerce hosfrom one to 18 points ahead of pitality committee, headed by G. C. government support prices. The Thompson, spearheaded the movetop price in the first hour of sales ment, and quietly, and easily, raised the money for the purchase of Straw and tan lugs and flyings

Two sets of buyers will be used Coach Weatherby in behalf of the rive on Tuesday. vellow-the reverse of this year's permanently at Asheville auctions, community, by Bill Milner, formeraccording to J. P. Ramsey, market ly a Mountaineer player, and later attack in September, and his pres- conferences with the hseriff, S.B.I. placed on probation. supervisor. Double sales were an All-American guard in 1942 ent plans are to begin limited ac- and associates. This is the fifth tried in 1951, but were abandoned while a member of the Duke team, tivities in resuming his practice capital case to come up in my disand after two years in the Marine in the near future. Some 700,000 pounds of burley Corps, returned to Duke, as cap-Saturday merning, December 5. It Cost of the plates are based on the was off:ered on the floors of Dixie tain, and was named on the second Saturday merning, December 5. It weight of the vehicle for which they are bought.

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No. 1 and Carolina warehouses, with sales scheduled tomorrow at with the Chicago Bears in pro footteam of All-American players. Christmas Seals Carolina and Bernard Walker No. ball, and in 1950 captained the new

Coach Weatherby, noticeably touched by the presentation, thankbehalf of me and my family" and nesville and Hazelwood this week Number of Donors of Waynesville's young people in

(Before the team started using buses, coaches used their own cars to take their griddesr to football sist various groups in the county to terian Church. Nine beds were set games.)

#### plan their 1954 recreation program. up. A doctor, Col. Frederick Starr Wright, and a professional staff of **Burley Allotments** tended to Community Development six, and the services of some 15 Program officials, 4-H Exchange volunteer Grey Ladies of Waynes-For '54 Reduced ville were all available to help meet

A decrease of 48 million pounds hoped for by the sponsoring Lions in the allotments of burley tobacco for 1954 has been announced by losis Committee. First donor of the day was Mrs. C. D. Hyatt who gave her eleventh the U. S. Department of Agriculpint of blood since this Red Cross ture. The quota next year will be service was instituted. She is on 526 million pounds as compared her second gallon, and began work- with 574 million pounds this year.

The burley acreage will be 395,ing as a volunteer as soon as she 500 acres in 1954 as compared with 432,750 this year. Individual allot- Meeting Friday Second donor this morning was the Lions new co-chairman for the ments will average about 8 per cent Mississippi-Mississippi State tie and blood program, Johnny Edwards, less per farm.

Burley is grown chiefly in Kentucky. Tennessee, Virginia, North pected to attend the special services Rudolph Carswell is co-chairman with Edwards, and Mrs. Felix Sto- Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, West Vir- at the First Baptist church Friday estimated the loss to the vehicles ginia, and Missouri.



MISS MARY REBECCA BROCK (left) talks to her niece, Mrs. Tom Gilliland, (right), about the story of her life in Virginia as an adopted child of a Baptist minister's family. Miss Brock was lost to her own family 57 years ago when her name was changed and the orphanage in which she had been placed at the age of 8 claimed no record of her adoption,

## Solicitor Working To Reduce Court Docket

### Verlin Gunter Given Life Warren Case Likely To Be As He Enters Guilty Plea

#### Drs. Lancaster **And Davis Form** An Associateship

Dr. Jack Beason Davis, of Murphy, will become associated with Dr. N. F. Lancaster in the gengery on Saturday, December 5th. The 30-year-old native of Andrews, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. many years of Andrews.

member of the Nu Sigma Nu Medi- Newport Hospital. cal Fraternity. The following two years he served a rotating internship at the Presbyterian Hospital, Philadelphia. He left there and went into the Naval Medical Corps from 1950 to 1952. In July, 1952, tive county, and worked on a salary basis with Dr. W. A. Hoover until last week, when he resigned to take up his new duties here.

He is a member of the Baptist church in Murphy, as well as the Cherokee Medical Society, North Carolina State Medical Society, and the American Medical Society. Dr. Davis will share the offices

of Dr. Lancaster in the Masonic brought highest prices, but red-dish leaf ran far ahead of its sup-The car is truly a gift from the make their home at the Balsam community, and was presented to Manor Apartments, and will ar-

Dr. Lancaster suffered a heart

## During Week

Approximately 2,500 Christmas ed the donors for their gift "on seals will go into the mails in Wayexpressed the wish that he would in a drive to raise \$1,300 to finance have the opportunity "to haul many tuberculosis work in Haywood County next year. Persons who receive seals in the

mail will be asked to contribute \$2 toward the campaign.

The Christmas seals were put into envelopes at a "stuffing" party Friday night at the courthouse Envelopes were addressed earlier by students in Mrs. Hugh Sloan's typing classes at Waynesville High School. Mrs. R. R. Campbell is chairman

of the Christmas seal campaign, while Dr. Frank Hammett is chairman of the Waynesville Tubercu-

### **Haywood Baptists** To Hold Special

throughout Haywood county is ex- blaze will be given in connection with the building at \$16,000. Week of Prayer for Foreign Mis-

a missionary to Nigeria, and Miss The flames were brought under Ruth Provence, State W.M.U. sec- control within an hour and 15 min- Enka Rayon cafeteria, retary, will be on the program.

The first degree murder case of the state vs. Verlin Gunter required exactly 10 minutes in open court for disposition on Friday morning, as the defendant entered through his attorneys, a plea of guilty of first degree murder, which carried a mandatory life sentence.

Court was delayed in opening the solicitor said, as the second for 35 minutes, as Judge Susie eral practice of medicine and sur- Sharp consulted with Gunter's lawyers and the solicitor, on the proposed plea of guilty. As court opened at 10:05, Glenn W. Brown, Hamilton Ewart Davis, originally who had been appointed by the of Iron Duff, and a druggist for court as Gunter's lawyer, togeth- case of Joseph Cassty Warren, who er with James Hardin Howell Jr., Dr. Davis entered the Univer- read the defendant's plea of guil- David Underwood, on August 30, sity of Virginia in 1942, after fin- ty of first degree murder for the ishing high school at Andrews, In death of Robert Ford, in the Mt. off the Hyatt Creek Road. 1944 he entered the Harvard Medi- Sterling section, on August 2. Ford Hayes Alley, attorney for Warcal school, completing his studies was shot on July 30, but lived un- ren, was in conference with the there in 1948, where he was a til August 2nd, when he died in a defendant just prior to the noon

Gunter made no statement in court, and showed no signs of emo- getting additional men to serve tion, as Judge Sharp sentenced him to state prison for the rest the regular 18 named for the secof his natural life.

When Gunter signed the plea of guilty, he broke, but in open court he controlled his emotions. With Gunter were his parents, two sisters and a brother, who is serving in the Army. The Gunter family was happy over the decis-

In sentencing Gunter to life, Judge Sharp said: "The court has no alternative but to sentence you to the state prison for your natural life.

Solicitor Thad Bryson, in acceptthoroughly, and held numerous trict this year-more than twice and child, given 5-year suspended the number in any former two sentence, upon payment of \$7 years and I want to thank Mr. weekly, and abstain from use of Brown and Mr. Howell for accept- alcoholic beverages. ing the court appointment to rep- Lawrence Sneed, pleads guilty resent the defendant, and the state

back to his cell, where he had \$500 bond. been since July 31, to await the trip to State Prison in Raleigh, term of court this weekend.

Gunter and Ford had been friends all their lives in the Mt. Sterling section. Gunter said that they both liked Miss Pearl Sut-(See Gunter-Page 6)

#### Flames Destroy **Champion Paper** Storage Building

The old Russell Motor Co. building on Main St. in Canton, which was being used by Champion Paper and Fibre Co. as a storage unit, was destroyed by fire Saturday ation.

A 1952 Cadillac sedan, a twoton truck, and a motorcycle, all owned by Champion, and a 37passenger bus, owned by the Cham-A large congregation from pion YMCA, were destroyed in the

Canton Fire Chief H. L. Setzer evening, 7:30, as a special program at \$14,000 and damages to the

Chief Setzer said that the fire probably originated from a short Miss Neale Young, for many years circuit in the wiring on the bus. utes after the alarm was turned in.

# Called Soon

"I hope to clear every case pos sible off the docket this term of court," Solicitor Thad D. Bryson told The Mountaineer this morning. "There are some cases where some of the witnesses have moved away that will necessitate continuance o the case, but where it is possible I plan to call every case possible

Judge Susie Sharp, of Reidsville, presiding. At noon today, it was apparent that Solicitor Bryson would call the is charged with the murder of at the Warren home, about a block

week of court got under way with

recess of court. The sheriff's department was

on the jury for today, as only 11 of ond week were serving. Among the cases disposed of during the past days included:

Robert Richland Hyatt, driving intoxicated, fined \$100 and costs, placed on probation.

William Henry Boone, operating motor vehicle while intoxicated, fined \$100 and costs, placed on

probation. Willie Dee Wood, former judg ment of six months on roads for driving drunk, changed \$100 fine

and costs, and placed on probation. Roy Buck Johnson entered plea ing the plea of the defendant, said: of guilty aid and abetting in op-I have investigated this case erating motor vehicle while intoxicated, fined \$100 and costs, and

Roy Moore, pleaded guilty o

accepts the plea of guilty of Ver- en 12-months suspended sentence ing worthless checks, givfor 5 years, and pay \$215 to cover. At 10:15 Gunter was on his way bad checks issued, placed under

Billie Brown pleads guilty of larceny of truck valued at \$100. probably at the end of the present | Sentenced to 6 months on roads. Gay Wilson Manus, speeding in

excess of 70 miles on hour. Fined \$25 and cost. Tommy Medford Carpenter, op-Ford had been picking on him, and erating motor vehicle while inthis, together with the fact that toxicated, 4-month suspended sentence, fined \$100, and costs, li-

cense suspended for year. John Frank Hoyle, driving drunk, six months on roads. George T. Snyder, aiding and abetting in operating motor vehicle while intoxicated. Four month suspended sentence, upon payment of \$100 and costs, abstain from use of alcoholic beverages.

James White, sentenced 26 months on roads. J. W. Arrington vs Tinie Arrington, divorce, two years separ-

Jay Inman, destroying personal property, a former 15-month suspended sentence, must pay \$300 (See Court—Page 6)

#### Waynesville, Hazelwood Firemen To Attend Meet

Approximately 10 members of the Waynesville Fire Department and 15 from Hazelwood will at-tend a meeting of the Western North Carolina Firemen's Association at Enka Tuesday night.

The meeting will be held in the

Highway

Record For

1953

In Haywood (To Date)

Killed .::: Injured . . . . 48

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

#### 917 Acres In Haywood **Destroyed By Forest Fires** Haywood County forests - with Cherokee 12. Swain and Macon 7,

917 acres burned-were hit much Graham 5, Clay 2, and Transylharder by forest fires from July vania one. servation and Development. Other losses were:

1 to November 24 than any other | Six of the fires in Haywood Coun-Western Carolina county west of ty were attributed to brush burn-

Asheville, according to a report by ing, five to campers and hunters, the Division of Forestry of the two to smokers, one to incendiary North Carolina Department of Con- origin, and two to miscellaneous causes. Haywood County forests, along

Swain County, 205 acres; Jack- with others in Western North son, 143; Cherokee, 39; Clay, 35; Carolina, were reopened to the Macon, 16; Graham, 9; and Tran- public last Monday after being closed for several weeks to reduce In the number of fires reported, the danger of forest fires, brought Haywood had 16, Jackosn and on by the extreme dryness this fall.