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More People Than
Ever Are Reading
The Mountaineer

TODAY'S SMILE
"Can you swim?" asked
the interviewer.
"Good grief!" exclaimed
the boy. "Don't tell me the
government has given ALL
our ships away!"

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Edward A. Hummel, Superintendent Of Great Smokies, Says That Pigeon Road Major Factor In Park Progress

W. Sterling Man Slain Struggle

altercation between two men
the wife of one of them re-
Saturday in the second moun-
the Mt. Sterling area since
August.
of six bullet wounds is El-
Ball, 29, a tenant farmer,
with the fatal shooting is
Sutton, 43, farmer and em-
of the Carolina Light and
Co. at Waterville. The slay-
took place at the Sutton home.
Sutton told Sheriff Fred Camp-
that he had warned Ball to
away from his wife. "A few
ago, however, Sutton said, he
tracks in the snow indicat-
that Ball had ignored his warn-
Saturday afternoon Sutton
his home in his jeep, but re-
ed a short time later to find
and his wife together. Sutton
ed that when he and Ball met
tenant farmer came at him
a double-edged hunting knife.
The two fought, Sutton said
Ball with a .38 caliber
and, when the younger man
had the pistol, then he shot
again in the head with a shot-



LOOKING AHEAD to their goal, civic leaders of Hazelwood are mapping plans for entering the 1954 Finer Carolina contest sponsored by the Carolina Power and Light Company. Last Thursday night the group voted unanimously to participate again. Seated here, left to right: A. P. Ledbetter, chairman for 1953, and advisor for the 1954 program; Mrs. Clyde Fisher, president of the Boosters Club; Mrs. Vivian Bushong, in charge of the contest in this area for the sponsor and Roy Wright, manager of the Hazelwood office of the sponsor. (Mountaineer Photo).

Park Group Meets Here Tomorrow

The North Carolina National Park, Parkway, and Forests Development Commission will hold its quarterly meeting tomorrow at the commission office in the Masonic Temple. The group last met at Boone in July of 1953.
Scheduled for the commission's attention will be matters affecting the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, the Blue Ridge Parkway, and the Pisgah and Nantahala National Forests.
Also likely to be discussed will be the commission's efforts made together with a joint committee from Tennessee, to obtain sufficient appropriations for the Smokies Park.
Dr. Kelly Bennett of Bryson City, commission president, and William Medford of Waynesville went to Washington last November along with several Tennessee representatives to discuss funds for the park with responsible federal officials.
The commission will also hear a report on Blue Ridge Parkway construction projects now under way.
Business sessions of the commission will be held at the Masonic Temple office, while a luncheon is scheduled at the Towne House. Waynesville representatives on the commission are Mr. Medford and Mrs. Edith Alley, secretary.



E. A. HUMMEL, superintendent of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, told Rotarians here Friday of the importance of the Pigeon River Road to the full development of the Park.

Would Open Up Eastern Side Of Park

"The construction and completion of the Pigeon River Road will be a major factor in the development of the eastern portion of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park," Edward A. Hummel, superintendent of the Park, told Rotarians here Friday.
Supt. Hummel said "the only sensible way to get into the Eastern part of the Park today is to either walk or go by horse. The highway down Pigeon River—from Waynesville to Newport—would afford a means of getting into that area, and opening up the scenic spots which abound there."
The Park official went on to say he would be glad to confer or write the governor or any others as to the importance of the road to the Great Smokies.
The statement of the superintendent came after he branded the North Carolina section of Highway 441 "from Cherokee over Newfound Gap) as being "too steep; curves not safe; surface no longer good—in fact, just not much of a road to handle the tremendous traffic it is called upon to carry."
Supt. Hummel said that the opening of the Pigeon River Road would divert commercial traffic off the Newfound road.
"Commercial traffic does not like the trans-mountain road (No. 441) and this commercial travel is of little economic value to the area. It just makes the highway across Newfound Gap on Saturday and Sunday look like Broadway."
The park official cited urgent needs for the Park at this time—construction of roads, in the Park, and adjacent to the Park; improve operating plant in order that better service can be rendered to the visitors.
He cited as the most urgent of all, adequate funds to take care of what we have there now."
Supt. Hummel reviewed the history of the National Park Service, which was the outgrowth of a decision made in 1870 that any area that is outstanding, should never be controlled by any group or individual. Upon this idea, the Park Service was later established.
"Many people blame us for some of the laws which govern the operation of the Park. The Park Service does not make regulations. We merely execute those made by the Congress."
"We are trying to keep the Park (See Pigeon Road—Page 6)

the two men began to struggle. Mrs. Sutton fled the house. She came to Waynesville later. Sheriff Campbell said to hire a man. She has not yet made a statement to the sheriff.
Sheriff Fred Campbell and Haywood coroner, Dr. J. Frank Pate, said that Ball was struck by the pistol bullets and by a shotgun shell. Sutton was cut in the head and neck by Ball's pistol but neither wound was serious and he was released from Waynesville County Hospital after three days.
Sutton was released from custody on a \$2,500 bond after a preliminary hearing before Solicitor General Bryson of Bryson City. Sheriff Campbell said that he probably will be tried during the February term of Superior Court, which opens here Feb. 1.
Sutton is survived by a widow and children. The sheriff said the woman has four grown children living in the service and three children who are married and not living at home.
Sutton's body was taken to a funeral home at Newport, Tenn.

WTHS Gets Modern Stage Curtain Set

Sometime around the 15th of February, the patrons of the Waynesville Township High School will find new and modern stage curtains in the auditorium.
M. H. Bowles, district superintendent, said that a contract had been let for a complete new set of stage curtains, new track, and drops.
The new curtain, of rose-beige, will feature the letters WTHS in gold Old English. The port curtain will be without fringe, and the main curtain will draw to the sides of the stage.
The contract price was \$1,552. Mr. Bowles announced.
The new and modern curtains and facilities, will take the place of those now in use, and worn out from many years of constant use.

Hazelwood Civic Leaders Again Vote To Participate In 'Finer Carolina' Contest

Hazelwood citizens, inspired by 1953 accomplishments, are set to launch an all-out program in the 1954 Finer Carolinas contest, which is sponsored by Carolina Power and Light Company.
The Boosters Club, and their auxiliary, the Boostettes, met Thursday night, as the guests of the Finer Carolinas sponsor, and after hearing reports covering a varied field of activities for last year, decided by unanimous vote, to enter the contest again for 1954.
The winners of the 1953 contest will be announced about February first, the 106 Hazelwood citizens were told by Julian Stepp, district manager of the sponsor.
Paul Bryson, a leader of last year's activities, was named to head the contest for 1954, under the slogan "Let's Do More In '54". Bryson succeeds A. P. Ledbetter, who will serve in an advisory capacity this year.
Mrs. Clyde Fisher, president of the Boostettes, will head the woman's division, succeeding Mrs. Claude N. Allen.
Bryson, Mrs. Fisher, together with Richard Barber, president of the Boosters Club, and others, will meet soon and map a program of projects for the year. Various project leaders will also be named later, it was explained.
Mr. Stepp was highly complimentary of the accomplishments in 1953, and Mrs. Bushong, leader of the contest activities for Carolina Power, spoke in the highest terms of the scrapbook entered in the contest, which enumerated the many projects of the year.
Mrs. George Bischoff gave a general report on the activities of the women, which included renovating (See Hazelwood Club—Page 6)

Ed Bryson Heads 1954 4-H Group

(See picture—Farm page)
Edwin Bryson of the Crabtree-Iron Duff Senior 4-H Club was elected president of the Haywood County 4-H Clubs at a meeting Saturday morning in the court-house.
Tom Cogdill of the Waynesville Senior Class was chosen vice president, while Frances Emma Yates of Crabtree-Iron Duff was elected secretary-treasurer.
Also named were: Doris Muse of Waynesville, reporter; Ann Cathey and Weaver Higgs of the Canton Senior Club, song leaders, and Morris Broyles of Canton, pianist.
The program included a talk by Bernard Ferguson, state 4-H tobacco winner, who attended the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago in November, and the presentation of a fountain pen to Miss Yates, 10th place state winner in daily production. The pen, awarded by the National Dairy Council, was presented by Cecil Wells, assistant farm agent in charge of boys 4-H Club work.
The group also voted to hold their meetings on the second Saturday in each month.

Two More Civic Clubs Endorse Pisgah TV Tower

Two more civic clubs went on record endorsing the erection of a TV tower on top of Mount Pisgah.
Thursday night the Hazelwood Boosters Club went on record favoring the program, and Friday the Rotary Club took similar action.
Earlier last week, the Chamber of Commerce directors passed a resolution asking that the TV tower be built on Pisgah.
Construction of the project was scheduled to have started about two weeks ago, when opposition was expressed on the subject, and the Forest Service called a public hearing for February second, in Asheville.
In addition to the action of the civic groups, a number of petitions with hundreds of names have been signed, asking for the tower to be erected.

\$310 Raised At Singing For Polio

A crowd that packed every nook and corner of the court room Sunday, attended the fourth annual Polio Benefit Singing, and put over \$300 into the treasury of the campaign.
The annual event under the direction of Rev. C. L. Allen, W. T. Queen and Ray Parker, was termed a huge success. The principal speaker was Max Rogers.
The two-hour program featured a larger number of participants than before. Those taking part included: The Cherokee Quartette, of Cherokee; Elkin Mission Quartette, Asheville; The Happy Five, Asheville, and the Banks' Sister, also of Asheville. Those from Haywood included:
Allens Creek Trio, Old Haywood Quartette, Red Bank Trio, Lewis Ensley Trio, Shelton Trio.
Solos by Carol Well and Linda Fox, with duets being sung by West and Hawkins, and Leopard and Messer.
Each group gave two numbers.
Mrs. John E. Woltz and three small sons of Mount Airy are visiting the former's mother, Mrs. T. Lenoir Gwyn.

Boosters Club Prepare Year's Civic Program

Hazelwood Boosters Club made a lot in a three-hour session for their first meeting of the year. They met with the Boosters and heard reports of the Finer Carolinas program, and then their new president, Richard Robinson, named committees for the year.
The club unanimously endorsed a proposal to erect a TV tower on top of Mount Pisgah, and several members expressed their views in personal letters should be in behalf of the project.
Members and Boostettes guests of Carolina Power and Light Company for the dinner.
Mrs. "Blue" Robinson is vice president of the Club, with George Morrow, treasurer, and George Ledbetter, chairman of the board of directors. Other directors include (See Boosters Club—Page 6)

Black Shank Disease Control To Be Discussed

A meeting dealing with the control of black shank disease in tobacco fields will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Rock Hill School, County Agent Wayne Franklin announced today.
Harold Nau, tobacco specialist at N. C. State College, will lead the discussion.
The meeting is being held for the special benefit of burley growers in the Jonathan Creek community since that is the only area in the county where black shank disease has appeared, Mr. Franklin said. The crop killing disease was found to be present on eight different farms on Jonathan Creek.

Wet, And Wetter

For the first time in almost a year, many Haywood streams neared full bank Saturday, following a 3-inch rain on Thursday and Friday.
According to the official Weather Bureau reading, about a half inch of rain fell Thursday, and 2 1/2 inches on Friday.

First Traffic Injury of '54 Is Reported

Erastus Rogers, 70, of Clyde Route 1, became Haywood County's first traffic injury victim of 1954 at 8:30 a.m. Saturday when the car which he was driving was involved in a collision with another vehicle driven by Clarence Lee Kirkpatrick, 17, of Fines Creek.
According to Cpl. Pritchard Smith of the State Highway Patrol, Kirkpatrick attempted to pass Rogers' car on Route 209, but ran off the shoulder of the road and collided with the elderly man's vehicle as he swerved into the highway.
Rogers suffered a cut over the right eye and chest injuries. He was admitted to Haywood County Hospital, but later released.
Kirkpatrick was charged by the patrol with reckless driving and driving without an operator's license.

Hospital Film Shown To Lions

A color movie film, depicting the construction of the new wing at Haywood County Hospital and showing new equipment installed there, was shown at a meeting of the Waynesville Lions Club Thursday at Spaldon's.
The film also featured realistic views of actual surgical operations—including an appendectomy, herniorrhaphy, and Caesarian section.
The film was taken by Lee Davis, hospital administrator.
This film is also available for use by other civic organizations, Mr. Davis said.

S. J. Moody Taken By Death This Morning

Sentelle J. Moody, 73, well-known farmer and operator of a rural tourist center, died this morning in an Asheville hospital after a short illness.
Mr. Moody was born and spent his entire life at the Moody Farm in the Dellwood section. He was the son of the late James and Nancy Jaynes Moody. During the past number of years he was assisted his wife in the operation of the farm as a rural tourist center.
He was a member of the Dellwood Methodist Church.
Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. in the Dellwood Methodist Church with the Rev. Grady Barringer and the Rev. T. S. Ruten officiating. Burial will be in Green Hill Cemetery.
Palbearers will be the following (See S. J. Moody—Page 6)

Demands For Epsom Salts Shows Big Increase; Local Firm Steps Up Production

Some lines of business have reported slight decreases, but not so with the Epsom Salts manufacturing business.
According to Richard Haynes, general manager of the Giles Chemical Company here, the output of the plant for the first two weeks of this year exceeded the same period last year by 55,000 pounds.
— and 55,000 pounds of Epsom Salts is a rather large amount.
The production records for the first two weeks this year was 125,000 pounds, Mr. Haynes said, as compared with 70,000 pounds last January.
He termed low inventory of repackers as one of the main reasons for the heavy increase. "It usually takes the month of January to get the orders in from the repackers, but this year the recovery was more rapid than in the past," Mr. Haynes said.
The demands of heavy industry for Epsom Salts has been steady, the chemical company official pointed out.
"Right now it looks like there will be a large amount of Epsom Salts used in 1954," Haynes said.

Main Street Of Hazelwood Will Be Resurfaced Soon

Come spring and paving weather, the Main Street of Hazelwood will get a new surface of asphalt paving.
That official word was given Hazelwood Mayor Lawrence C. Davis in a letter from Harry E. Buchanan, commissioner of the Fourteenth Division.
The board of aldermen had previously requested that Main Street be resurfaced, all the way from Highway 19-A to the Plott Creek Road at the sub station.
This paving project would put Hazelwood's streets in A-1 condition, Mayor Davis said, in commenting on the letter from Commissioner Buchanan, which read in part as follows:
"I have discussed your request for resurfacing Main Street in Hazelwood, with Mr. Page, division engineer, and am asking him to include this project in his plans for the spring of 1954."
"I am happy to be able to cooperate with your board and the people of Hazelwood in this matter."
A major street paving program was inaugurated in Hazelwood last spring, following a special bond issue of the town.
and Haynes Hill for 0.25 mile were graded, drained, and widened from eight to 14 feet. Both these roads were surfaced with traffic-bound macadam.
Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Polk, Swain and Transylvania are in the Fourteenth, Highway division headquarters are in Sylva, and G. G. Page is division engineer. C. W. Lee is assistant division engineer in charge of construction.

Number Of Highways In Haywood Are Improved

Harry E. Buchanan, Commissioner of the Fourteenth State Highway Division, today reported that a total of 8.03 miles of road work was completed recently in the Fourteenth.
In Haywood, two roads, and their lengths, were graded, widened from 10 to 16 feet, and surfaced with traffic-bound macadam base: Lovejoy Road, 3.15 miles; and Edwards Cove Road, two miles. H. D. Smathers for 0.3 mile

Hazelwood Post Office Sets New High Business Record

The Hazelwood Post Office set two new records during 1953 which should make Washington happy.
According to Postmaster Thurman R. Smith, the gross business was up 2.8 per cent, and expenses were down for the first class office.
The Christmas business at the office set a new record, and at the same time, set a new low record for cost, the report reveals.
The first three quarters of the year ran about even with the 1952 figures, with the Christmas business in the fourth quarter accounting for the increase of 2.8 per cent in business for the year. The last quarter showed a total of \$23,852.94. The gross for the year was \$70,028.82.
In the annual report, a revealing item is that money orders showed an increase of \$30,000 over 1952. The total amount of money orders issued in 1953 totaled \$179,880.35 as compared with \$149,994.31 last year.
The first quarter this year showed receipts of \$14,337; the second quarter \$15,251; and the third quarter \$16,586, with the last quarter setting the high pace with \$23,852.94.

Highway
Record For
1954
In Haywood
(TO DATE)
Killed 0
Injured 1
(This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol.)

The weather

CONTINUED COLD		
Max.	Min.	Rainfall
44	14	.14
48	54	42 .54
16	56	38 2.42
17	41	29