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TODAY'S SMILE
"How old would a person be who was born in 1897?"
"Man or woman?"

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...gineers of the location de-...f of the State Highway ...sion, working out of the ...h office, have been making ...ous surveys, and indications ...were that the probable final ...will show the proposed via-...about the same area" as ...e discussed last October 21 ...Harry Buchanan, district ...ssioner, and R. Getty Brown-...ief locating engineer, held ...n meeting to explain the ...to Canton citizens.

...are to hold the second ...meeting when the present ...ready for presentation.

...W. J. Stone told The ...today that nothing ...come to his attention ...the revised survey ...completed. "Our advis-...sion has just been wait-...what the highway engi-...proposed before taking any ...towards making a report," ...ted.

...October meeting, it was ...that Canton's one-third ...right-of-way cost would be ...0. The viaduct would cost ...$1,300,000. Of this amount, ...nor Umstead has already ap-...ated $750,000.

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...ating engineer Brown-...October that his staff ...ecked thoroughly every pos-...route for getting through ..., and that the one proposed ...only logical route possible. ...reliable source, indications ...only a slight change, by a ...of mere feet, from the ...center line."

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Owen-Smith Modern Clinic Open

The Owen-Smith Clinic, on the Asheville Road, opened here today, the clinic is owned and operated by Dr. Boyd Owen and Dr. A. Heyward Smith, Jr., both well known Haywood physicians.

They said that a dentist would be associated with the clinic within a few weeks.

The building is modern in every detail, with 13 rooms devoted to the medical department, and five to the dental section.

Each unit has a large waiting room.

The parking areas around the clinic will be blacktopped as soon as weather permits, it was announced.

The owners of the clinic said that no patients would be kept overnight in the clinic.

Construction of the building began last June. It is a one-story building, featuring Weldtex siding, and a flat roof.

Average Yield Of Burley Up, Production Down

A total of 2,431,500 pounds of Haywood County tobacco was marketed during 1953-54, according to a report issued Friday by A. W. Ferguson, manager of the county ASC office.

The yield in 1952 totaled 2,693,189 pounds of burley, Mr. Ferguson said.

The tobacco acerage last year was 1,228.4 as compared with 1,473.9 the previous year. The average yield per acre, however, showed an increase in 1953, when it was 1,979 pounds, in contrast to 1,827 pounds in 1952, Mr. Ferguson pointed out.

Nesbitt Heads Haywood County Breeding Group

B. F. Nesbitt was elected president of the Haywood Cooperative Breeding Association at its annual meeting at the courthouse Saturday.

Also selected were John Kirkpatrick, vice president, and M. R. Whisenhunt, secretary-treasurer. New directors named were Mr. Whisenhunt, Marshall Kirkpatrick, and T. C. Davis.

Other directors, in addition to Mr. Nesbitt and John Kirkpatrick, are G. C. Palmer, Jr., Oral L. Yates, David McCracken, and M. H. Ferguson.

'Employ Handicapped' Group Meets Thursday

The first meeting in 1954 of the Waynesville "Employ the Handicapped" Committee will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Park Commission office in the Masonic Temple, according to an announcement by Mrs. Doyle D. Alley, committee chairman.

At its meeting the group will discuss suggestions made at meetings late last year concerning the employment of a number of handicapped persons in the county in various new projects.

...er Guest Speaker ...ions Club Meeting

...W. Fowler, superintendent ...Lake Junaluska Assembly, ...on "The Brotherhood of ...observance of "Brother-...Week" last Thursday at a ...of the Waynesville Lions ...Saunook School.

...was served to the Lions ...of the Saunook com-...

...Franklin, club president, ...charge of the meeting.

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JAMES EDWARD CAMPBELL, of Bethel, a student at Georgia Military Academy, is a candidate for admission to West Point. The appointment came from Rep. George A. Shuford.

JAMES M. DAVIS, JR., of Hazelwood, and a student at the Citadel, has been named as a candidate for admission to West Point by Rep. George A. Shuford.

Two Haywood Men Given West Point Appointments

Two young Haywood county men have been appointed by Rep. George A. Shuford as candidates for admission to the U. S. Military Academy at West Point.

This morning, both candidates were taking their final examinations for admission.

They are James Edward Campbell, of Bethel; and James M. Davis, Jr., of Hazelwood.

Campbell, a student at Georgia Military Academy, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Campbell. He is taking his examination today at Fort McPherson, Ga.

Davis, a student at the Citadel, Charleston, is the son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. James M. Davis, Hazelwood. He is taking his examination today at Fort Bragg.

Campbell was a senior at Bethel high, when he entered GMA at Atlanta last September. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Justice of Crabtree. He was a football star and an excellent student at Bethel. His preliminary examination for West Point ranked fifth in the nation.

Davis is a graduate of Waynesville high, active in music and football, and a leader in Boy Scout work, and a member of the Hazelwood Presbyterian choir.

The examinations being given today may take four or more days, the Army instructions said. The exams ars for medical, physical, aptitude and mental.

Tourist Season Already On In WNC Highlanders' Office

Although the weather remains on the cool side and spring is still around the corner, people from all parts of the United States are thinking about vacations in Western North Carolina and are writing letters in an increasing stream, seeking information on scenic attractions, sports, recreation, and travel accommodations.

In the Masonic Temple, representatives of Western North Carolina Highlanders, Inc. are busy answering questions about the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, the Blue Ridge Parkway, Cherokee Drama, Fontana Village, fishing regulations, blooming of mountain flowers, etc.

Many of the letters now in the hands of the Highlanders came as a result of advertisements carried in a number of leading magazines by the State Advertising Division. Other letters are from persons who have spent past vacations in Western Carolina and desire to return—or from their friends. Still other inquirers are from those who have learned of this area's attractions from public libraries, Chambers of Commerce, and auto and travel bureaus.

Among the many letters are those from:

A Boy Scout troop in Bethel, Conn., planning a tour of North Carolina this summer . . . a woman in Allentown, Pa., inquiring about the best time to see the floral

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ASC Suspends Soil Tests For Spring Planting

Agriculture conservation practices 1, 2 and 6 for spring planting can now be carried out without first having soil tests made, A. W. Ferguson, ASC (PMA) manager, announced today.

The temporary suspension of the soil tests was made necessary, Mr. Ferguson explained, because of the large number of soil samples on hand at the state testing laboratory in Raleigh.

Purchase orders will now be issued in the ASC office in the courthouse without waiting for soil test reports, but soil samples must be submitted for all fall seedings, Mr. Ferguson added.

Haywood Represented At Farm Bureau Meet

The Haywood County Farm Bureau representatives—Jarvis Caldwell, president, and Mrs. Carl Medford, secretary—have returned from Raleigh where they attended a three-day training session sponsored by the state Farm Bureau.

They were accompanied by Mrs. Glen Higdon of Jackson County and Zeno Ponders of Madison County.

Turner's Store Having First Anniversary

Turner's Store, owned by W. L. Turner, is today beginning their observance of their first anniversary.. Details of the announcement are being made elsewhere in this newspaper.

Construction Of TV Tower On Mt. Pisgah To Start Soon

14-Inch Snow Covers Max Patch

About 14 inches of snow and a continuing storm were reported by Major Cecil Brown of the Salvation Army at 4600-foot high Max Patch Monday morning.

This was probably the wildest tropical March 1st weather which roared into this area Sunday night. The March lion made a particularly sneaky approach in warm spring-like days Saturday and Sunday with temperatures in the low sixties. The mercury dropped to 27 late Sunday night.

Even as bright sunshine began to melt Waynesville's four inches of snow Monday morning, Major Brown said, "It's still snowing hard here on Max Patch and there's a stiff wind blowing. This is the worst storm I can remember in my 19 years here, possibly with the exception of one bad snow we had about six years ago. Our roads are completely impassable, and everyone nearby is snowbound. I just hope our flour holds out so that we don't run out of biscuits."

Spokesman for both the Carolina Light and Power Co. and the Haywood Electric Membership Corporation said that they had no outages from the snow. R. C. Sheffield did add that the high wind and rain Sunday affected service in minor ways only to about 10 families.

Telephone toll circuits, especially between Canton and Asheville, were affected. C. T. McCuiston, manager of the local office of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph, announced. Local service in both Waynesville and Canton was normal Monday morning but toll calls to Asheville or points beyond such as Knoxville were delayed as much as 30 minutes.

Mr. Lee of the State Highway Dept. in Sylva said this morning that all highways in this immediate area had been kept open during the entire storm; that all danger points had been scraped and sanded and that all roads were now open. Balsam Gap had some five inches of snow.

An unverified report was that eight inches had fallen at Soco Gap although traffic was moving through that area. No highway accidents occurred in Haywood County.

All schools, public and private, in both the towns and county were closed Monday but will be open Tuesday "unless the weather taks a turn for the worse."

ATTEND PRESS MEETING

Three members of The Mountaineer staff attended the monthly W.N.C. Press Meeting in Asheville Saturday night. The general topic was a discussion of the business outlook for the year.

Those from here attending, included, M. T. Bridges, president of the association, Robert Winchester and W. Curtis Russ.

CANDIDATE — Floyd Woody, former mayor of Canton, is a candidate for member of the board of commissioners.

NOT IN RACE—O. L. Yates, often mentioned as a possible candidate for State Senate, told The Mountaineer this morning he was not running this spring for the nomination. (See details in "Along Political Fronts").

Along Political Fronts

Floyd Woody Seeking Nomination on Board

Floyd W. Woody, of Canton, has filed for the nomination as member of the board of commissioners. Mr. Woody made his formal announcement today.

The former mayor of Canton, is now a retired employee of Standard Oil Company. Woody is a native of Haywood, born in the Cataloochee section of the county.

He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Moose Lodge, and the Central Methodist church of Canton.

The candidate has a wide family connection in the county, and is the second to announce for the post as chairman.

Joe Nelson Is Candidate For Constable

Joe Nelson, 30, former prison guard, and state highway employee, has announced as a candidate for constable of Waynesville township.

Nelson filed for the post last weekend, and this is the first time he has sought office.

He is single, lives with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luch Nelson, Dellwood Road. He worked for a lumber firm until last fall, when he left to help his father on the farm. He was employed by the state for seven years.

Miller Heads Haywood GOP

Elmer (Red) Miller, 38-year-old mechanic for the Champion Paper and Fibre Company, was unanimously elected chairman of the Haywood County Republican Executive Committee at a meeting of party leaders in Canton Saturday night.

W. A. (Bill) Bradley, Hazelwood businessman, was elected vice-chairman, Mrs. Mabel Rickman was unanimously elected secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. Rickman is president of the Haywood County Republican Women's Club.

Glenn A. Boyd and Tillman

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District GOP Meet Set Here Saturday

Indications are that a large group of Republicans of the 12th Congressional District, will gather here Saturday, at two o'clock for their bi-yearly session.

The session will be held in the court house.

O. L. Anderson, of Franklin, retiring chairman, has sent out notices of the district meeting.

The 12th district is composed of the following counties: Buncombe, Henderson, Haywood, Transylvania, Swain, Jackson, Macon, Clay, Graham and Cherokee.

County conventions to select delegates to the district meeting were held last week.

The Swain County convention was held Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Bryson City Moose Lodge.

The Henderson County convention was held Saturday at 2 p.m. Precinct meetings were held on Friday.

Buncombe County Republicans held their convention Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Courthouse. Buncombe precinct meetings were held Friday.

Yates Will Not Make Senate Race

O. L. Yates, former representative from Haywood, announced this morning that he was not a candidate for the State Senate post this year.

Yates told The Mountaineer several weeks ago he would make his decision about March first. This morning he announced that he had requested a leave of absence from the board of directors of the Farm Bureau Federation, Inc., in order that he make the race. The directors felt that his position as district supervisor was too important at this time to grant the request.

In a formal statement, Mr. Yates said:

"I wish to take this opportunity to state that I will not be a candidate for the office of State Senator from the 32nd Senatorial District in the coming Democratic primary. The Board of Directors of

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Forest Service Approves Tower On Top Of Pisgah

Actual construction of the TV tower on top of Pisgah is scheduled to get under way within two weeks, acocrding to a statement Chas. M. Britt gave The Mountaineer this morning.

Britt, president of the firm with a license to build a TV tower on top of Pisgah, said: "We plan to move along just as fast as possible with construction."

The formal approval of the National Forest Service was announced Saturday in Washington by Rep. George A. Shuford.

Britt said that a mile and a third of road up Pisgah Creek would be reworked first, and graveled. This project, he hoped, would be completed within the next few weeks, with weather permitting.

A 2,200-foot incline from the end of the road to the transmitter house and engineer's apartment would be the next project, which would be just 130 feet below the base of the tower on top of Pisgah.

The 350-foot steel tower is on hand, and ready for erection, Britt said. The tower itself is 300 feet high, with a 50-foot antenna to go on top of that.

The TV officials plan to sign a contract for the remainder of the equipment this week, for delivery scheduled for June first.

Britt said that plans are to go on the air with test patterns between August 1 and 15, with programs to begin about September first. These dates are not definite, but he felt reasonably assured at this time that the schedules would be met.

Much interest in the project was shown here in Haywood, and this morning Britt said, "we deeply appreciate all that the citizens in Haywood did in helping us get the Pisgah site approved. The interest in Haywood was a major factor in the decision."

A number of civic and patriotic organizations in the county went on record endorsing the project, together with hundreds of individuals signing petitions requesting the National Forest Service to grant permission for allowing the TV tower to be put on top of Pisgah. A number from here attended the hearing in Asheville on February 2nd.

The decision was disclosed in an announcement issued by Richard E. McArdle, chief of Forest Service.

His comprehensive statement said, "the Secretary of Agriculture has reviewed this decision and confirms it."

After reviewing the matter, McArdle said:

"The Forest service therefore concludes that the public interest would best be served by authorizing WLOS-TV to use Mt. Pisgah as a TV site in accordance with the expressed views of a great majority of local citizens, their locally elected representatives, and civic organizations.

"The easement to be issued WLOS-TV will require that appurtenant facilities be constructed as inconspicuously as possible. Unnecessary disturbances of the environment or development not required for operation of the TV station will be prohibited. Access to the summit will be by cable car from the west side and not by road so as to minimize disturbance of the summit. Commercial ventures not connected with TV broadcasting will not be permitted on the area."

Highlights of the McArdle statement:

"More than 9,000 individuals and 39 local governmental and civic organizations, in one way or another,

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Mountaineer's 8-Ton Press Gets General Face-Lifting

An almost new press printed your copy of The Mountaineer today.

Since the last Monday issue, many, many man hours have been put on the press, together with a number of major parts.

The overhaul actually began list Tuesday noon, with time out only long enough to print the Thursday issue, and the men jumped right back on the 8-ton machine, finishing the task.

Brought here for the work was James Hurlbut, of the Goss Printing Press Company, Chicago. Members of The Mountaineer mechanical department assisted throughout the many hours of work.

The overhaul was deemed necessary in order to get more speed, as well as a better printed newspaper.

The press now has the latest type parts, and accessories which press engineers have yet designed. Many of the gears are made of strong fibre instead of conventional steel. At least two of the essential parts are products of a local manufacturer—Dayton Rubber Company, manufacturers of the printing rollers, and the rubber printing blankets.

The surface of the heavy cylinder which presses the paper down on the type is covered with fine ground glass, so smooth that it feels like plate glass. Engineers have found that this is the newest and finest printing surface yet designed.

The mechanics spent five hours on one part, getting it adjusted within a thousandth of an inch. Within an hour they got the adjustment within two thousandths of an inch, but that would not do; they kept on until it was within the one-thousandth four hours later.

The extra speed of the press was necessary in order to meet mail schedules and get papers ready for the many carrier boys. The circulation of The Mountaineer has increased over 25 per cent in the past year.

The overhaul, and addition of

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Rep. Shuford Seeking Fund To Complete Parkway Link In Pisgah National Forest

Rep. George A. Shuford feels optimistic that he will receive favorable reaction to his request for $280,000 to complete the Parkway between Wagon Road Gap and Beech Gap in Pisgah National Forest.

The 11-mile section will soon be completely graded, as the contract for grading the 3-mile connecting link is nearing completion.

Rep. Shuford is requesting the $280,000 for surfacing the 11-mile section, and for relining the tunnels at the Beech Gap end of the route. The tunnels were built before the war, and Congressman Shuford said that engineers have reported the weather is wearing away some of the walls, and that relining is necessary to save thousands of dollars in repairs later.

The completion of the link would give motorists an opportunity to make a complete loop drive from Wagon Road Gap, on Highway 276, to Beech Gap over the Parkway via Bridgers Camp Gap, and Devils Court House, on down through Sherwood Forest, past Lake Logan and back into Highway 276 at Bethel.

Congressman Shuford appeared before the House Appropriation Committee, and received a favorable reception from the Interior sub-committee.

Red Cross Says 917 Haywood Families Aided As Fund Drive Begins

Nine hundred and seventeen local cases were helped by the Waynesville office of the American Red Cross last year, it was reported at the kick-off meeting of the Red Cross Fund Campaign Monday morning.

"These 917 cases involved families right here in Haywood County," Mrs. Ethel McDarris, executive secretary, explained. "The Waynesville Red Cross office helped families of both active servicemen and veterans, and of course, several hundred civilians. Often we were able to obtain furloughs or extensions of furloughs when there was a death or sickness in a family. Sometimes we were asked by the armed services to report on the health of or to furnish information about servicemen's families. We conducted inquiries and sent many costly messages—sometimes even overseas.

"For ex-servicemen and their dependents we were able to assist in claims for disability or death pensions, insurance, hospitalization and dental care. We were often required to give accurate and truthful reports to the Veterans Administration so that benefits could be obtained.

"Our 23 volunteer Gray Ladies here in Waynesville provided more than 600 magazines for the two veteran hospitals near Asheville, and in July sonsored a dance for these men—all this in addition to the Gray Ladies' work with the Bloodmobile Unit on its six annual visits here."

Mrs. McDarris' explanation of Red Cross services to local fami-

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Highway Record For 1954 In Haywood

(TO DATE)

Killed 0
Injured 2

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