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TODAY'S SMILE

The most utterly lost of all days is the one in which you have not laughed.

More People Than Ever Are Reading The Mountaineer

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Forestry School Opens This Week

Forestry field days, planned by Haywood farmers to increase income from woodlands, will be held on Wednesday and Thursday. This is an announcement by Agent Wayne Franklin. Letter to county farmers, Franklin and Assistant Agents Davis, Cassell, and Wells.

Anticipated with the possibility of farm income, all woodland owners will be looking to their land for an additional source of income. To realize more income from farm woodlands, better management practices should be put into effect. Help you realize more income from your woodland and do it wisely, two forestry field days are being scheduled for next week. These programs have been set up to cover the different phases of good woodland management.

Field days will begin at 10 a. m. Thursday at Jack Rogers' farm on Upper Crabtree, where specialists from N. C. College will lead discussions on the management of timber and management of young trees for faster growth. Leaving seed trees and healthy stand. A timbering contest will also be held. Prizes will be awarded.

At 1 p. m. Thursday the scene shifts to Lake Logan on the dam, where Champion and Fibre Co. will play host to a group. Discussions at the site will include:

Planting (Champion plant Lake Logan), growing trees, grazing damage to land, thinning and future management. A question and answer session will conclude the meeting.

Program on both days will conclude at 3:30 p. m.

Concert Given By Musicians

Music department of the Haywood High School will present winter concert Friday at 8 o'clock in the school gymnasium.

Program will be presented by groups of musicians, including a 50-piece concert band, the military band, the 35-member band composed mostly of high school students, the chorus of 60 voices, and a piece symphony orchestra.

Scout Drive Is Lagging

Annual adult membership for Boy Scouts is about \$500 the goal, according to Bill Hodges, chairman.

Waynesville area has an annual goal of \$1,750 for Boy Scout Prevoist in making his report Friday said the reports showed that they in hand was about \$500 the quota.



cloudy and mild today, partly cloudy and a little warmer

Waynesville temperature led by the State Test Farm.

Max.	Min.	Prev.
35	14	—
39	17	—
40	17	—
58	15	—



FIVE ROAD SIGNS like these will be erected at major highway entrances into Haywood County by members of the 4-H Club. The sign pictured, contributed by the Hazelwood Junior Club, will be erected on the Balsam Road at the Haywood-Jackson line. Posing with the marker are (left to right) Linda Franklin (daughter of County Agent Wayne Franklin), Miss Mildred Rhinehart, Hazelwood Club leader, and Vernon Browning. (Mountaineer Photo).

Workmen Ready To Start On 1,000-Foot Tunnel In Pigeon River Road Link

Construction crews of the A. B. Burton Company, plan to begin work on the 1,000-foot tunnel on the Pigeon River Road about April first, it was learned by The Mountaineer today.

The firm has a contract to build six miles of the road from the Tennessee line to Cold Springs—towards Waynesville.

The rough grading is completed on about half of the six-mile link, with the tunnel just about half way.

Most of the route thus far has been cut from rock, and follows the general shoreline of Pigeon River.

State Highway Engineers have surveyed the next link of seven miles from Cold Springs to the Walters Lake dam. The third section will be from the dam to Cove Creek, about nine miles.

The initial 6-mile link took all the funds which had been set up for the project by former Governors Cherry and Scott. No appropriation has been made towards the road since Governor Umstead took office in January 1953.

The road when completed, would give an all weather, water-level route from the southeast to the midwest across the eastern point of the Smokies. Officials of the Smokies have pointed out that the road would also be of material benefit in the further, and immediate development of the Park.

Advantages Of Area Must Be Sold On Regional Basis Hodges Tells Rotary Club

The development of this area will not be any faster than the interest and faith shown in the section by the people themselves. Brandon Hodges, former state treasurer, told members of the Rotary Club here Friday.

"There are great opportunities in this country awaiting development, but we cannot hope for people from outside to come in and make these developments unless we have a conviction and belief in our own possibilities; faith in ourselves, and the proper appraisal of our resources," he said.

"And another thing, we must provide leadership for the development of this area—and acting together we can accomplish much," the Champion Fibre official pointed out.

Hodges, recognized as a man who encouraged and brought a number of industries to the state while he was a state official, said: "Some development will just naturally come, but a sound program will attract more."

He cited the number of plants that have recently opened in Western North Carolina. He named the two in Cherokee county; two in Swain, one in Macon, Jackson and Transylvania; several in Polk, Henderson, McDowell and Madison, and even larger number in Buncombe. None were listed for Haywood.

4-H Clubs Will Erect Road Signs

Tourists coming into Haywood county this spring and summer will receive greetings from 4-H Clubs via signs which read: "1500 4-H Members Welcome You To Haywood County."

The signs painted in 4-H colors of green and white also contain the four-leaf clover emblem of the 4-H Club and at the bottom the name of the particular club sponsoring the sign.

Five signs are to be erected; on the Balsam Road at the Haywood-Jackson line by the Hazelwood Junior Club; at Soco Gap at the Haywood-Jackson line by the Waynesville Senior, Maggie and Lake Junaluska clubs; on Highway 276 at the Haywood-Transylvania line by the Bethel, Cecil, and Cruso Clubs; in Hominy community by the Beaverdam club; on Highway 19-23 at the Haywood-Buncombe line by the Canton Senior club; and on the Haywood-Madison line by the Fines Creek Junior and Senior clubs.

Along Political Fronts

Trammell Candidate For Constable

James "Pee-Wee" Trammell, local taxi and bus driver has announced he is a candidate for constable of Waynesville township.

Trammell, a veteran of World War II, served overseas for a year and eight months. He drove a school bus for nine years, and for the past four years has been driving a local taxi.

GOP To Name Ticket Soon

Elmer "Red" Miller, chairman of the Haywood Republican Executive Committee, said he expected to call a nominating committee together later this month and name the GOP county ticket.

The candidates have until April 17th to file for a county office. Chairman Miller said he did not expect that the Republicans would have a candidate for solicitor of this district. As to other offices, he said: "Our plans are to have a candidate for as many places as possible."

Ratcliffe Cove Host To Rural Regional Baptists

The Ratcliffe Cove Baptist Church was host to a regional meeting of rural churches last week. Representatives came from seven Baptist Associations other than Haywood.

Dr. Henry E. Walden, Jr., secretary of the Rural Church Department of the Baptist State Convention, arranged the meeting and announced that there would be a similar meeting of the same associations in this region at the Mars Hill Baptist Church at a date to be decided later on. Representatives attended from rural churches in the following Associations: Transylvania, Carolina, Buncombe, French Broad, Newfound, Yancey and Mitchell.

New State School Funds Will Meet About Half Local Needs

County Erosion Loss Considerably Cut Since 1940

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article on the fight against soil erosion in Haywood County was written by Steve Cassell, assistant county agent.

By STEVE CASSELL

Haywood County is now losing about 143,336 fewer tons of soil per year through erosion than was lost in 1940. A study of the county crop and pasture acreage and conditions and applying the research date most applicable to Haywood county indicates that about 214,131 tons of soil were lost in 1940. The same study made for the 1953 acreage of crops shows that only about 70,795 tons of soil were lost last year. The 1953 losses probably were lower than this as the above figures were based on normal rainfall, with no allowances being made for the drought.

Great changes have taken place in land use in Haywood County in the past 14 years. Corn acreage has been reduced from 14,234 acres in 1940 to only 7,870 in 1953, while tobacco acreage has increased from 945 acres in 1940 to 1,228 acres in 1953, while tobacco acreage has increased from 945 acres in 1940 to 1,228 acres in 1953. Small grain acreage has decreased from 3,377 acres in 1940 to about 1,060 acres in 1953. Total hay acreage has increased from 5,100 acres in 1940 to 7,950 acres in 1953, but alfalfa acreage has increased from only 22 acres in 1940 to 1,400 acres in 1953. Acreage of improved pasture has increased from 3,000 acres to about 30,000 acres in 1953, while total acres of unimproved pasture decreased from 70,919 to 49,552 acres. During this 13-year period more than 1,600,000 tree seedlings (mostly white pine) were planted on about 1,600 acres of gullied, eroded land.

This decided reduction in row crops and improvement of grass-crops (See Erosion—Page 6)



HEADS MASONIC GROUP — Glenn D. Brown of Clyde was named Venerable Master of Asheville Lodge of Perfection at a meeting held Tuesday night. Brown has been active in Masonic circles throughout the county and has filled important positions in the organization.

Glenn D. Brown Heads Asheville Masonic Lodge

Glenn D. Brown of Clyde was installed as Venerable Master of the Asheville Lodge of Perfection, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons, at a meeting last week.

Mr. Brown is Past Master of Clyde Lodge, Past High Priest of Canton Chapter RAM, Past Illustrious Master of Doric Council No. 20, Past Eminent Commander of the Waynesville Commandery No. 31, and Past Worthy Patron of Clyde Chapter No. 188, Order of Eastern Star.

Other Past Venerable Masters of this section are Ralph M. Crawford, Claude M. Hosaflook, and Edwin Fincher.

Mr. Brown's son, Glenn W. Brown, is associated with the Waynesville law firm of Morgan and Ward.

Officers installed were: Senior Warden, Vernon P. Fullbright; Junior Warden, Jack M. Sentelle; Secretary, Bert Noble; Treasurer, Charles Ricker; Master of Ceremonies, Cornelius Leach, Expert, William Bangs; Assistant Expert, Mach Jones; Captain of Host, James F. Keith; Sentinel, Paul Martin; Orator, Sam P. Burton, Priest, Phillips Cline.

12-Year-Old Boy Hurt When Hit By Car Sunday A. M.

Dallas Parker, 12-year-old Canton boy, was painfully injured Sunday morning, about 10:45, when struck by a car on Highway 19-23 just about a half mile west of Canton.

Patrolman V. E. Bryson, investigating officer, said he had charged Homer Jackson Kirk, Jr., of Rich Creek, Va., with reckless driving. Kirk made bond in the case.

Patrolman Bryson said young Parker suffered a compound fracture of the leg above the ankle, and head injuries. He was given first aid at the Haywood county Hospital, and then transferred to an Asheville hospital.

The investigating officer said the driver of the 1951 Mercury was not going fast, according to evidence, and in trying to miss the boy skidded to the left of the highway. The car was not damaged, and Patrolman Bryson said it appeared that the boy was pushed down.

Schools Of County Need \$720,000 Per New Survey

Haywood school officials today figured that about half of the proposed needs in schools for the next five years would be covered by the state allocation from the 50 million bond issue.

Lawrence Leatherwood, county superintendent of education, said the Haywood and Canton schools have been given \$243,838.66 out of the first half of the bond issue.

The allocation out of the second half depends upon the need shown by the county. For the past week school officials have been working on a county-wide school survey, mapping the needs of every school. The total for Haywood schools alone amounts to \$720,000. This does not include the Canton district.

Already set aside for Haywood schools out of the first 25 millions is \$169,220.11, while Canton will get \$74,618.55.

Leatherwood said today he was "hoping to get at least another \$150,000 when the state allocates the second 25 million."

The entire allocation is dependent upon the survey made by a state committee several months ago. Their full report for this county is as follows:

HAYWOOD COUNTY SCHOOL SURVEY DECEMBER 14-15, 1953

At the request of Superintendent L. B. Leatherwood and the Board of Education, a Committee consisting of C. G. Credle, former Superintendent of Oxford City Schools, Floyd P. Barnes, Boyce M. Morrison and W. L. Lathan of the Division of School Planning made a survey of the school facilities of Haywood County on December 14-15, 1953. The Committee visited each school in the county with the exception of Mt. Sterling and Cataloochee. There are two small schools in the county with twenty-three and seven pupils respectively. After talking with the Superintendent, the Committee is of the opinion that the needs of the children in these communities are being considered and taken (See Schools—Page 8)

Permit Granted For Canton Radio Station

A permit for a radio station at Canton, to be operated by Western North Carolina Broadcasters, Inc., has been granted by the Federal Communications Commission.

The new station will operate on a frequency of 970 kilocycles, one kilowatt, during daylight hours only.

CDP At Iron Duff To Meet Wednesday

The Iron Duff CDP will meet at 7 p. m. Wednesday in the Davis Chapel Methodist Church, it was announced today.

As the result of a contest, CDP women are to bring a covered dish to serve to the men.

Dates Set For Taxpayers To Enter Complaints On Current Tax Assessments

The board of commissioners will sit as a board of equalization and review for a week, beginning next Monday, it was announced today by C. C. Francis, chairman of the board.

The board will hear all taxpayers of the county who have complaints to make about assessments. This is the only time as provided by law in which adjustments can be made on assessments, it was explained. The schedule for the taxpayers of the various townships are as follows: Monday, March 15—Ivy Hill, Jonathan Creek, White Oak and Cataloochee. Tuesday, March 16—Fines Creek, Crabtree and Iron Duff. Wednesday, March 17—Pigeon, East Fork, Clyde and Cecil. Thursday, March 18—Beaverdam. Friday, March 19—Waynesville. The board will visit the premises



IN RACE—Carter Osborne, of South Clyde, has announced he is a candidate for the nomination as chairman of the board of commissioners. (See Political Fronts)

Tourist Group To Publish 32-Page Information Book

A colorful 32-page booklet will soon be rolling from the press for the Haywood County Highlanders. There are 15,000 copies of the booklet being printed for distribution over Eastern America. The booklet is designed to attract visitors to the area.

L. E. DeVos, president of the organization, said that several new features had been added to this year's booklet. The two middle pages will be devoted to a map of the area, showing the exact location of every member's place of business. There are 39 such places shown on the map.

Pictures of almost all of the member's places of business are featured in the booklet.

"This is our third annual booklet, and we feel that this is by far the best one yet produced," the president said.

S. Williamson To Be Interviewed For Scholarship

Stanley Williamson, Waynesville High senior, left today for Chapel Hill for an interview before the Morehead Scholarship Committee of the University of North Carolina.

Stanley, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Malcolm R. Williamson, Walnut St., is one of 39 candidates for a Morehead scholarship throughout North Carolina.

Candidates will be interviewed today and Tuesday and the names of successful applicants announced Tuesday night at a dinner in the Morehead Planetarium.

While on the UNC campus, Williamson will visit with Kenneth Underwood of Waynesville, and will return here Friday with another Waynesville student, Cadet Jeff Reece of Oak Ridge Military Institute.

Highway Record For 1954 In Haywood (TO DATE)

Killed	0
Injured	3

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