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TODAY'S SMILE
Student: "To whom was Minerva married?"
Professor: "My boy, when will you learn that Minerva was the Goddess of Wisdom? She wasn't married!"

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WAYNESVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 11, 1954

\$3.00 In Advance In Haywood and Jackson Counties

Second Pigeon River Road Link Seen For '55

United Fund Drive To Be Held In Near Future

Directors of the Chamber of Commerce are interested in a fund drive for Waynesville. It was worth complete attention, the board voted to have a "Tony" Rhodes, of the Carolina head of the United Fund Campaign, to come to discuss the program with them. The date of the meeting will be decided later. Directors previously heard that Matthews, chairman of the United Fund last year, the benefits of such a campaign to the community. A proposal for the United Fund campaign here has been suggested by a number of citizens as a means of saving time in solicitation of various public drives in the community. At the director's meeting, Edith P. Alley, chairman of the United Fund Committee, re-tooled together with Miss DeWitt Fisher, another member of the committee, that the weaving was moving nicely, and that the bags were being produced.

Directors heard encouraging news from the project, and the bags are a fast selling item among visitors, it was agreed to build a building suitable for visitors to watch the hand-made bags produced. The project is of community-wide interest, and directors pledged continued support in getting the project self-supporting basis. The committee is helping to raise a working capitol for the project.

Board members also voted to print and decorate the Chamber Commerce offices. Boyd Owen, chairman of the committee, said Reuben Peterson, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Paper and Company, would be the banqueter. The banquet will be in April. Johnson, president, announced that the membership campaign was moving along, but not rapidly.

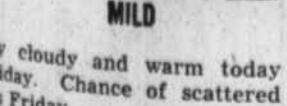
Theatre Has New Name 16 Directors

Waynesville Little Theatre has a new name—"Mountain Theatre"—and named a board of directors at its third general meeting at the courthouse Monday night. The new board is composed of Fred Campbell, production manager; Jack Klipp, Virginia H. Harry Liner, Jr., Harry Hunt, and Bob Conway. Campbell was appointed vice-committee chairman. Mrs. Joy Smathers, member of the Betsy Lane Quinlan, president Mrs. Carrie Hannah.

The organization's first play will be in this spring, according to announcement by Roger Walker, Jr., and Mrs. Campbell.

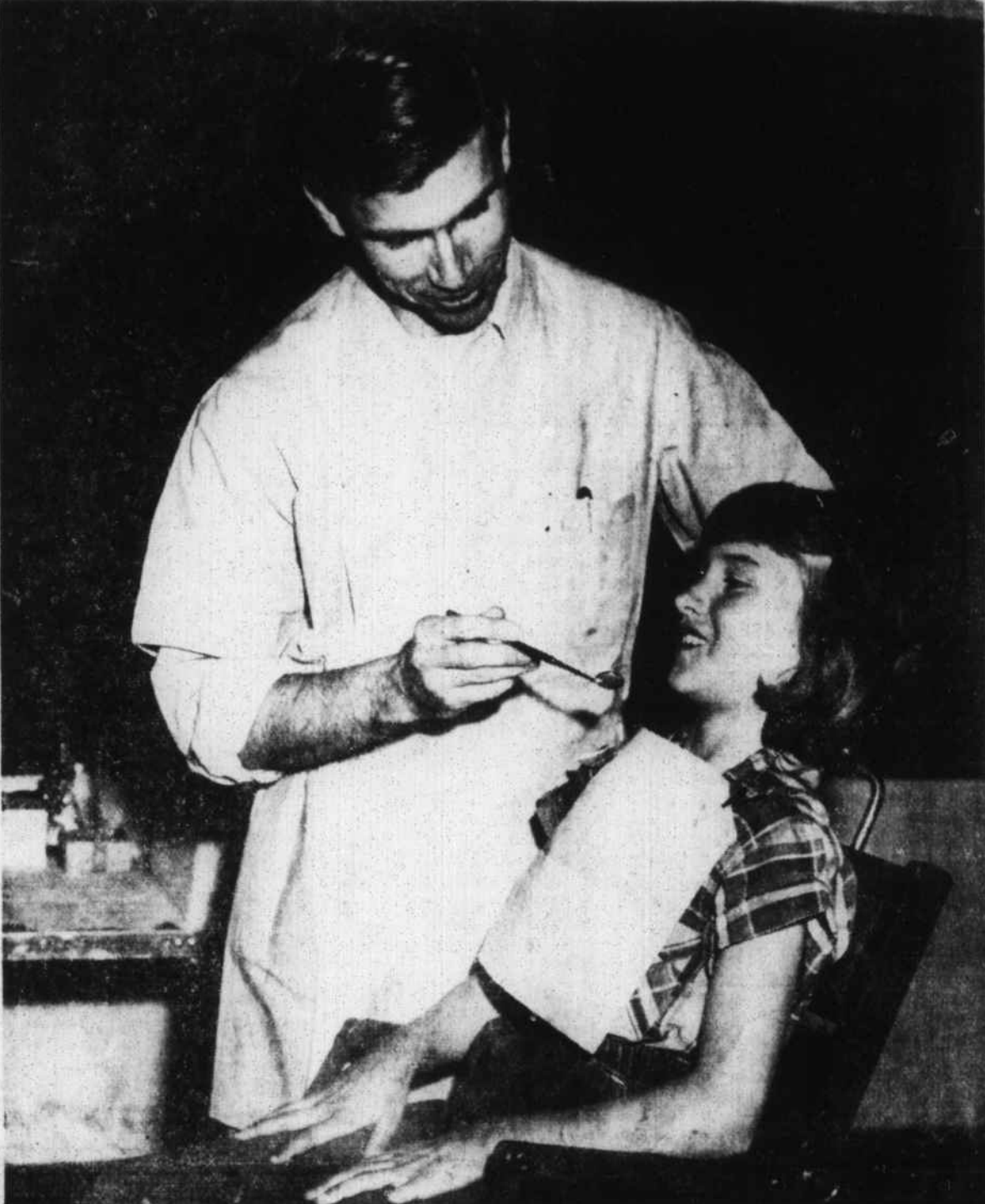
Merchants Board Will Meet Monday, 7:30 P.M.

Directors of the Merchants Chamber will meet Monday, 7:30 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce.



cloudy and warm today. Chance of scattered rain Friday. Waynesville temperature record by the State Test Farm.

Max.	Min.	Prec.
61	21	—
62	25	—
65	30	—



'OPEN WIDE' was the familiar word heard this week by pupils at Rock Hill School as Dr. Charles W. Bagley of the State Board of Health began a 20-week program of dental corrective work and education in Haywood County schools. One of his prettiest patients was Reva Teague, 9, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Teague of Jonathan Creek, third grade pupil at Rock Hill. (Mountaineer Photo).

Draft Board Classifies 40 County Men

Draft classifications for 40 Haywood County men were announced by Selective Service Board 45 after a meeting at the courthouse Tuesday. Classifications made, according to Board Chairman Way Mease, were: Class 1-A (available for induction) — Elmer S. McMahan, Fred Israel, Robert Hugh Davis, Clifford Albert Lowery, George Stewart Gaddy, Neal Teague, Jerry Lafayette Goodson, Tommy Blankenship, Samuel Medford Rhinehart, Robert Lewis Sutton, Donald Howell, and James Wayne Donaldson. Class 1-C (inducted) — Robert Eugene Allen. Class 1-C (enlisted) — Billy Dan Wilson. Class 1-C (discharged) — James D. Killian, Max Duckett, Guy William Stevens, Early Floyd Laning, and Dillard Dewitt Miller. Class 1-C (reserve) — Charles Avery Fisher. Class 3-A (dependency) — Charles Gerald Creasman, Jim Jable Cogdill, and Bennett B. Rogers. Class 5-A (over-age) — Carl Malsbary Carter, William Henry West, Jr., George Wilkerson Lane, Roger Boyd Medford, Billy Fred Cordell, George Russell Henson, Billy Furman Wood, Richard Craig Miller, Jack Douglas Hipps, Hays Joseph Childers, James Leroy, Lawrence Clay Clark, Jr., Billy Carroll Cothran, Henry Rhinehart, Leonard Burnette Messer, and Thomas Allen Noland. One other man was classified 4-F. The draft board will meet again at 9:30 a.m. March 23.

22 Haywood Men Are Inducted Into Armed Forces

Twenty-two Haywood County men left here Tuesday morning for Knoxville to be inducted into the armed forces. They were: William Lee Wood of Waynesville, Cassius Green of Waynesville, Gerald Francis Turner of Waynesville, Robert Lee Hembree of Allen's Creek, Doye Queen of Sulphur Springs Rd., Waynesville, Jaynes Riley Medford of Lake Junaluska, Maynard Devane Dixon of Henson Cove, Robert Bryson Boyd of Cove Creek, Robert Edgar Frady of Allen's Creek, Norman Roland Reagan of Hazelwood, Carroll Edwin Smith of Crabtree, Erwin McLaughlin Burgin of Waynesville, Lynden Andrew McCracken of Upper Crabtree, Jess C. Haney, Jr., of Waynesville, Joseph Ralph Ferguson of Crabtree, Keith D. Smathers of Canton, Route 2, Harley Rhodes, Jr., of Canton; Frank Edwin Chambers of Crabtree, Richard Taylor Medford of Jonathan Creek, Charles Dean Medford of Iron Duff, Andrew Jackson Browning of Hazelwood, and L. E. Henson of Canton, Route 2.

State Dentist Begins Work At Schools

Dr. Charles W. Bagley, a dentist from the Division of Oral Hygiene, State Board of Health, began a 20-week program of dental correction work and education in Haywood County this week. Working in cooperation with the Haywood County Health Department, Dr. Bagley will spend approximately several days in each of the county's schools in giving talks on oral hygiene and making examinations of students' teeth. The doctor will examine all students and do some corrective work on the teeth of underprivileged children. Those whose parents can pay to have work done will be referred to their family dentists. One of Dr. Bagley's most effective "props" in his program of dental education is a large pair of plastic teeth and an oversized toothbrush, which he uses to instruct students on proper methods of brushing their teeth. A native of Lewisburg, Tenn., and a 1953 graduate of the University of Tennessee, Dr. Bagley is a member of the American Dental Association. (See State Dentist—Page 6)

Gastonia Youth Bound Over On Larceny Charge

After a hearing before Justice of the Peace J. J. Ferguson this morning, William J. Cutshaw of Gastonia was bound over to the July term of Superior Court on a charge of stealing a pistol. Bond was set at \$500. Sheriff Fred Campbell said that Cutshaw is accused of taking a pistol from the home of his cousin, Mrs. Thelma Robinson. After leaving here, Cutshaw started hitchhiking eastward, but was picked up near Shelby by state highway patrolmen who were asked by authorities here by radio to be on the watch for the youth. He was returned here by Sheriff Campbell and Patrol Cpl. Pritchard Smith.

Main Street Traffic Check Under Way Here

A check of traffic on Waynesville's Main Street is now being conducted by the State Highway Department by means of automatic counters that register whenever a car is driven over a rubber line stretched over the street. Such traffic checks are conducted periodically by highway officials.

Buchanan In Letter Tells Of His Plans

Harry E. Buchanan, highway commissioner of the Fourteenth district, told The Mountaineer in a letter yesterday that, "I hope, if funds are available, to let a contract for another link of the Pigeon River Road in 1955." The statement was part of a letter from the highway official, in reply to an editorial published in this newspaper, February 22nd, on the Pigeon River Road. The commissioner said: "The (highway) engineers have advised me that it is not feasible or practicable to let the contract for another link of the Pigeon River Road until the present contract is completed, which will be sometime in 1955." Commissioner Buchanan, also said: "I realize that this (Pigeon River road) is not simply a county road, but that it is an important interstate road, however, as I have previously stated, this road is not eligible for federal aid funds." He also said he would do everything he could to secure additional funds when they are available for the Pigeon River Road. The letter in full from the Commissioner, is as follows: "I read with interest your editorial of Monday afternoon, February 22nd, titled, 'Governor Umstead, Up To Now, Has Ignored Urgent Road Need'." "Your editorial states that the present administration has not seemed the least bit interested in the Pigeon River Road. I think that Governor Umstead, as well as the chairman of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, and myself are all very much interested in the Pigeon River Road. However, you will recall, that I stated last fall that there were no funds available at that time for the construction of another link of this road, and that any funds for this purpose would have to come from the surplus in the highway fund." "The surplus in the 1953 Highway Fund amounted to about five (See Pigeon River Road—Page 6)

Trucker Cited After Accident

A Kentucky coal truck driver has been charged with failure to report an accident and reckless driving by the State Highway Patrol as the result of his truck going off the road in Iron Duff community Tuesday. Cpl. Pritchard Smith of the Highway Patrol said that the 1 1/2-ton truck, loaded with six tons of coal and driven by Franklin D. Foister of Janson, Ky., ran off the highway on the Rabbit Skin Road, resulting in \$800 damage to the vehicle. Foister was not injured.

Williamson Wins Speech Competition

George Williamson, Waynesville High School sophomore, will represent Haywood County in a speaking contest sponsored by the North Carolina Bankers Association at Asheville next Wednesday as the result of winning a local contest. (See Williamson—Page 6)

Along Political Fronts

Grover Ferguson Candidate for Tax Collector

Grover C. Ferguson of Fines Creek on Wednesday became the county's third candidate for tax collector. Mr. Ferguson is now engaged in farming at Fines Creek with one of his sons. He is a member of the Baptist Church.

Jaycees Meet At Lake

The Waynesville Jaycees held a dinner meeting Monday night at Lake Junaluska School as a benefit for the school. Dinner was served to the Jaycees by women of the Lake Junaluska PTA.



GROVER C. FERGUSON



SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED at Waynesville's First National Bank—to be specific, a "walk-up" window to provide banking service from 1 until 4 p.m. each weekday except Wednesday after the bank itself has closed. This helpful innovation in banking services is the only one in Western Carolina—or from Murphy to Charlotte. Smiling from the new "cage" is Mrs. M. R. Whisenhunt, teller at First National. (Mountaineer Photo).

Legion Requests Marker On Road

The American Legion here Tuesday night went on record asking the State Highway Commission to place a marker on Highway 19, just east of Waynesville, since the memorial trees along the road had been cut down by highway crews. The white oak trees were planted by the Woman's Club here about 30 years as a living memorial to those from here killed in World War I.

Main St. Smoke Came From Brush Burning

Dense clouds of smoke which rolled over the upper part of Main Street Tuesday afternoon came from brush being burnt on town property on low ground east of Main Street. A fire truck was called to the scene to "stand by" in the event that the blaze got out of control, but their services were not needed except to "wet down" the ground and keep the flames from spreading.

Red Cross Drive Nets \$746.35

The Red Cross drive in the Waynesville area has now raised a total of \$746.35, according to an announcement today by Dixie Campbell, treasurer for the drive. The goal for the area is \$5,000. The campaign is scheduled to end March 20, but may be extended if the quota is not reached by that time.

First National Adds New Banking Service Friday

Friday will mark the opening of the latest service of the First National Bank, when the sidewalk Walk-Up Window will be open for patrons, daily from one until four except Wednesdays. This is the only bank between here and Charlotte featuring such service, according to bank officials. The new addition has been built at the corner of Main and Depot Streets. Construction began several weeks ago. The remainder of the bank will maintain the usual banking hours. The new service is being inaugurated as a means of better serving the public for a longer period with banking facilities, a bank official pointed out.

Waynesville's Bowlers Seventh At Baton Rouge

Competing with teams from the largest cities of the South, and Southwest, six keggers representing the Waynesville Bowling Center placed seventh in a field of 190 in the All-Southern Tournament at Baton Rouge, La., which is still in progress in the Louisiana capital. The tournament will end March 20, when a total of 298 teams will have bowled. Although Waynesville is the smallest town represented in the entire tournament (the next smallest is Beatrice, Nebraska— with a population of 11,348), the local timber-toppers outperformed squads from metropolitan giants like Atlanta, Ga., and Dallas, Texas. The only other North Carolinians in the tennis extravaganza came from Asheville, but none of that city's eight teams finished in the money, according to reports. Well up in their division were doubles teams of Dr. R. H. Stretcher and Alex Martin, Johnny Caldwell and Mark Rose, Wayne Deitz and Jule Riggins; Dr. Stretcher and Mr. Riggins in the all-events category, and Mark Rose in the singles.

200 Students To Perform In Winter Concert

Five groups of musicians of the Waynesville Township High School will perform in the annual winter concert to be presented tomorrow night at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium. The groups will include the concert band, the military band, junior band, the mixed chorus, and the symphony orchestra with around two hundred students participating. Charles Isley, head of the music department, and his assistant, Robert Campbell, will alternate in directing. The program will include numbers to be played in the district contest next week at Western Carolina College, with the exception of those played by the concert band. The concert band will play popular selections and will present a later concert of contest numbers. The junior band will open the program with three numbers in- (See Band Concert—Page 6)

Highway Record For 1954 In Haywood (TO DATE)

Killed . . . : 0
Injured . . . : 3

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