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TODAY'S SMILE

Little girls want an all day sucker — big girls are satisfied with one just for an evening.

Federal Funds Sought For Pigeon River Road

Canton Officials To Get Viaduct Plans Saturday

Democrats To Hold Precinct Meeting 8th

Democrats will hold meetings at all 29 of the precincts in the county on Saturday afternoon.

Each precinct will name a pre-nomination committee, composed of five members. The committee must be made up of men and two women.

The committee then will name a precinct chairman, who will be a member of the county pre-nomination committee.

James B. McCrary, chairman of the county Democratic Executive Committee, said that the pre-nominations were important, and that it is there that our county organization begins. The county Democratic Convention will be held at the county house and all the newly elected precinct chairmen will go to the county house and name a chairman for a two-year term to serve for the next four years.

Club Speaking Contest Saturday

Public speaking contest will be held during the monthly 4-H county council meeting at 10 o'clock in the courtroom, according to an announcement by Mrs. David C. Wells, president of the club.

Prizes will be given to the girl winners in the contest. The contest will be held in the courtroom on June 29. The winners will be chosen by a vote of the county council members.

Flowers, Silverbell Now In Bloom

Mountain ground flowers such as white trilliums and blue violets are now in bloom at elevations, according to observations.

Silverbell will be at its best in the Gap area during the first two weeks of May, while peak flowering of shadblow is expected about the middle of this month.

County Warden Reports 512 Haywood Dogs Destroyed Since October

In the past six months, 512 dogs have been destroyed in Haywood, and 25 others have been destroyed in other counties, according to Ernest Chambers, county warden, with the board of commissioners.

Chambers took over his duties as warden, and that month destroyed 120 dogs. The next high count was April when he destroyed 106. The December count was 54; January 91; February 73.

Commissioners said Chambers was doing an excellent job. Allison said: "He is the best in the county."

Chambers was assigned his duties under the provision of a law passed in 1951 General Assembly. He was hired following an out-

Cold Weather's Effect On County Has Been Slight

Cold weather this week has had no marked effect on farm crops in Haywood County although frost may have caused some slight damage.

The county farm agent's office reported that it had received no complaints of frost damage, while the ASC office said that any damage which might have been caused would be light. Barber's Orchard reported that the cold spell caused little or no damage.

Public Cautioned About Setting Out Poisoned Food

Health Sanitarian Jack Arrington today warned county residents against placing poisoned food outdoors where children may pick it up.

He also reminded the public that it is against the law to poison other persons' dogs or cats.

Mr. Arrington said that, following the death of a dog owned by Mrs. David C. Wells on Meadow St., a piece of poisoned meat was found by a neighbor, Mrs. Troy Smith, on her lawn.

It was described as a wiener which had been slit to contain a quantity of a white powder resembling strychnine, a deadly poison. The wiener has been sent to the state laboratory at Raleigh for analysis.

Mr. Arrington also urged the public to take care in the placing of poison against rats, moles and crows.

Chamber of Commerce Board Meets Tuesday

The board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce will meet Tuesday night for the monthly meeting.



Lions Club Elects Cline As President

Joe C. Cline, partner in the Cline-Bradley Hardware Co., Hazelwood, has been elected as the new president of the Waynesville Lions Club succeeding Wayne L. Franklin, county farm agent.

Other new officers are: Ernest Edwards, first vice president; R. L. Burgin, Jr., second vice president; Dr. James Fender, third vice president; Ray Ellis, secretary; Glenn Brown, assistant secretary; J. H. Howell, Jr., treasurer; John Nesbitt, lion tamer; M. R. Whisenand and Charles McCuiston, tall twisters; Roy Parkman and Herbert Angel, directors for two years, and J. B. Siler, director for one year.

New officers will be installed on Thursday, July 1.

Man Killed When Struck By Big Log

A logging accident on Fines Creek Tuesday afternoon claimed the life of Henry Frank McElroy, 63, and painfully injured David Noland, 20.

Officers said the freak accident was unavoidable.

McElroy and Noland were cutting logs on the Noland farm, when a heavy virgin log which was well anchored on the steep hillside slipped loose and began crashing down on the two men.

McElroy was knocked unconscious, and Noland was pinned down by the heavy weight. Noland called for help, which did not hear his cries until 45 minutes later. He directed rescuers to get McElroy to the hospital and then come back with heavy-duty jacks and lift the logs off Noland.

Both were rushed to the Haywood County Hospital, where McElroy died early Wednesday morning.

X-Rays showed Noland suffered a fractured pelvis bone, and a badly shattered leg. He was resting as well as could be expected at noon today.

Noland had volunteered for service, and was scheduled to leave Monday for induction in the army. He and McElroy were cutting timber to be used in the construction of a home for Noland after he returned from service. They planned to have the timber cut, and let it dry thoroughly before building.

McElroy had been employed on the Noland dairy farm for many years.

Noland is the son of Mr. and Mrs. (See Man Killed—Page Six)

Engineers Ready With Final Plans

The Mountaineer learned at noon today that the completed plans and specifications for the proposed Canton viaduct would be presented to Canton officials sometime Saturday afternoon.

Harry Buchanan, Highway Commissioner of the 14th district, said he was scheduled to confer with R. Getty Browning, chief locating engineer, via telephone in Raleigh tonight, and complete plans for the Saturday meeting.

Commissioner Buchanan said all the details of the viaduct were completed, and the new engineer's plans showed in detail the exact route proposed for the viaduct.

Last October a general route plan was submitted to the citizens of Canton in a general mass meeting. The alignment, according to Commissioner Buchanan, is just about the same as presented at the October meeting.

"Our greatest problem has been right at the top of the hill — to keep from sliding off onto the Southern Railway tracks, and to give enough room to enter Church Street, and leave enough room for the Methodist church. It has been a tight squeeze, but it looks like that has been worked out satisfactorily by the engineers," the commissioner said. He did not go into details.

Governor Umstead appropriated \$750,000 out of highway surplus funds for the project last fall.

The viaduct would be part of the cross-town highway so designed to help solve the congestion on the present streets of Canton.

"Just as soon as the four-lane highway from the west, is opened about July 15th, the situation is going to be terrific on Canton Streets, Commissioner Buchanan said.



KNEELING at the right is Pvt. Jack Milner of Haywood County and standing at the extreme right is the Army's most celebrated Private, G. David Schine, former consultant to Senator Joseph McCarthy, Republican of Wisconsin. Picture was made at Camp Gordon, Georgia, where Pvt. Milner and Pvt. Schine were stationed together. Others in the picture are unidentified.

Haywood Soldiers Served With Schine In Georgia

To most people the present verbal battle between Senator McCarthy and the Army is more confused than somewhat.

However, a few things are obvious, such as the fact that the controversy centers around G. David Schine, former consultant to McCarthy, and a picture showing Schine posing with Secretary of the Army Robert Stevens.

In regard to the picture, fireworks were touched off by a claim that an Army general was "cropped" or cut off a picture showing

Schine and Secretary Stevens

By a strange coincidence, a picture arrived at The Mountaineer last weekend, showing Schine posing with two Haywood County servicemen, Pvt. John H. Medford of Cove Creek and Pvt. Jack Milner of Waynesville. Later a larger print of this shot was obtained — which revealed that the first picture had been cropped to eliminate three other soldiers in the picture.

Of course there was no ulterior motive involved in the cropping of the photograph sent to The Mountaineer, but the general circumstances are, superficially, much like those that have been aired before a special Senate investigating committee in Washington.

One picture, which measured 1 1/2 by 2 3/4 inches, was sent to The Mountaineer by Pvt. Milner. This particular picture showed only Schine and the two Haywood men.

Later, however, a 5 by 7 print of the picture was obtained from Pvt. Milner's wife, which showed a total of six men in the photograph.

Pvt. Milner's letter to The Mountaineer read: "Enclosed is a snapshot of (left to right) Pvt. John H. Medford, and kneeling is Pvt. Jack D. Milner (myself) and the gentleman to the right is Pvt. G. David Schine, chief consultant to Senator McCarthy's investigation staff. Mr. Schine is now a very interesting highlight in the McCarthy - U. S. Army hearing in Washington."

Pvt. Medford of Cove Creek and Pvt. Milner of Waynesville met Mr. Schine at the Military Police Training Center, Camp Gordon, Ga. We three became very close friends while training at Camp Gordon.

"Mr. Schine is a very interesting person and a strong believer in aiding the country against communism."

"This photo was taken about the first of March, 1954. It is a snapshot and not part of a group picture."

Interviewed by The Mountaineer (See Soldier—Page Three)

Along Political Fronts

More Calls For Absentee Ballots Than Expected

More men and women in service are calling for primary absentee ballots than was anticipated, election officials said today.

No one can vote absentee in a primary except men and women in service, and "Service-connected civilians." The term service-connected civilian covers the following individuals: (1) wives of servicemen residing with their husbands outside the countries in which their husbands have permanent residence; (2) civilians attached to and serving outside the United States with the armed forces of the United States; and (3) discharged disabled war veterans in government hospitals.

Speculation As To Second Primary

There is speculation in some quarters that there might be a second primary in several races here in Haywood.

There is that possibility since there are four and five candidates in several of the races.

One candidate listening to such speculation, interrupted and said: "Say fellows, let's get the first race over with: some of us might not be able to live through the first one, let alone a second."

New Registrar At Ivy Hill

The Board of Elections has announced that Albert Siler, originally named as a judge of Ivy Hill, will serve as registrar, since Grady Moody found he could not serve as the registrar.

Registration Books Open 8th And 15th

The registrars of Haywood's 29 precincts will be at the polls again Saturday, and also the 15th for registering those who are qualified to vote in the Primary.

Persons wanting to register can do so by seeing the registrar at any time, prior to six o'clock May 15th.

Two Precincts Without A Republican

There are two precincts in Haywood's 29 that do not have a registered Republican — Cataloochee, and Fines Creek No. 2.

In these cases, two Democratic judges have been named to serve the precinct.

If a Republican should register at either precinct, they could be named as the judge of their party.

Man's Imagination Runs Riot; And Then Takes To Tall Timber

"Come in a hurry, someone just threw an axe through my window."

This is what Sheriff Fred Campbell heard from an excited voice as he answered the phone the other night.

He and Deputy Gene Howell hurried to the address.

There a man met them and said an axe had been hurled through the window, and almost hit the crib where his sick baby was sleeping.

No evidence of an axe could be found.

Then the man said it might have been a rock.

No rock was found.

The officers began to look about a bit more, and with suspicion. The man left the room, and his wife edged over close to the officers and said: "He knocked out the window. He was drunk, and was

beating me up. No one threw anything. He did it in the scuffle."

The sheriff told Deputy Howell to come back to town and get a warrant for the man, and they would put him in jail for beating his wife.

The man jumped off the porch and headed for the tall timber.

His imagination had done enough. It was time to leave—and he did.

H. Buchanan Says 'Work On Road To Continue'

The State Highway Commission has requested that the Pigeon River Road be placed on the Federal Highway System, and to receive Federal aid.

The application was made about a week ago, Harry Buchanan, commissioner of the 14th district, told The Mountaineer this morning.

In addition to making the Pigeon River Road application, a similar request was made for N. C. 284, which is the present Cove Creek road.

"We applied for both federal secondary, and federal primary systems," Buchanan said. "The difference is very small, and what we want now is some financial aid."

"It is my intention that the construction of Pigeon River Road shall not stop, but that another link be let just as soon as the present contractor has completed his 6-mile section."

"I do not know when that will be, and that is the reason I am going to the project today and make a first-hand check, and consult with the contractor. I have not seen the project, and that is one of the reasons I want to get on the ground, and look things over."

Commissioner Buchanan said he has three possible sources for money for the Pigeon River Road, and he explained: "I am working all three for all they are worth."

"First, applying for federal aid. Second, asking that N. C. 284 be put on the federal system, and if necessary, convert N. C. 284

number to the Pigeon River Road as a new location, and third, to request a huge lump from the Highway Surplus."

The state highway surplus fund will not be known until about August, and then it will be about September before the governor gets around to allocating the money to the 14 districts.

Commissioner Buchanan said the amount that would be in the highway surplus was a matter of guess-work, but he added: "If we could get \$700,000 or \$800,000 from the federal aid fund, and a million from the surplus, we could go well onto another link of the road. My plans are to keep the working going and not stop. I've made that statement before and intend to carry it through."

Buchanan said he had checked the plans of applying for Federal Aid Funds with the chief engineer, W. H. Rogers, Jr., at a meeting in Manteo recently. "We all agreed that the plan we followed is the best to assure some federal help," he said.

Frady Graduated From NCO School In Korea

Pvt. James E. Frady, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wood Frady, Route 2, Canton, recently graduated from the I Corp Non-Commissioned Officer Academy in Korea.

An assistant gunner in the 7th Infantry Division's 32nd Regiment, Frady received instruction in leadership of units, map reading and other military subjects. He entered the Army in December, 1952 and arrived overseas last August.

Civil Court Recesses; To Convene On Tuesday

The May term of Civil Court recessed today shortly after noon until Tuesday morning. Judge H. Hoyle Sink, of Greensboro is presiding.

A number of cases, including seven divorce cases, were disposed of since court convened Monday morning.

Among the cases heard included: Pearl Inman, vs. N. C. Baptist Hospital, the plaintiff agrees to a non-suit.

R. V. Putnam vs. Harvey L. Hoemaker, and wife, Margaret, plaintiff awarded \$180 damages.

State vs. William Howard Covington, plaintiff ordered to pay \$100 in back alimony and to make monthly payments as previously ordered.

State vs. Mayne M. Chambers, probation revoked, 1-3 year sentence in prison ordered carried out.

State vs. Marvin Jenkins, probation revoked, and 9-month sentence ordered.

Allied Roofing Company vs. Mack Pace, plaintiff recovered \$700.00.

John Allen vs. J. C. Plommons et al, nothing recovered.

TVA Farm Men Study County Plan

Approximately 80 agricultural officials from 15 states and one foreign country observed farming Haywood County style Monday and Tuesday.

The officials—county agents, extension and Land Grant College administrators, and TVA supervisors—were from states out of the Tennessee Valley area. They are touring North Carolina, Georgia, and Tennessee to review the cooperative unit test demonstration program.

The Out-of-Valley tour visited Haywood, Buncombe and Madison Counties to get a first-hand picture of the joint State College-TVA farm-family demonstration program, North Carolina's program, which endeavors to develop the potentials of farm and family, is considered the best in the nation, according to L. G. Allibough, director, division of agricultural relations, TVA.

Haywood County's show-place test demonstration farm—that of F. L. Leopold in Ratcliffe Cove—gave the visitors a chance to see how the mountain farmer makes a living. The Leopolds made a pretense (See TVA—Page Six)

Highway Commissioner Is Inspecting Progress Of Pigeon River Road Work

Harry Buchanan, Highway Commissioner of this district, left here shortly after noon today, to make an inspection of the progress of work on the Pigeon River Road.

The commissioner will confer with the district engineer, G. G. Page, and the contractor, A. B. Burton, of Lynchburg, Va.

Accompanying the highway official on the inspection trip was Bob Conway, a staff writer and photographer of The Mountaineer. He plans to give a detailed report of the progress of the work now under construction on the six-mile link. Charles B. McCrary also made the trip.

D. Reeves Noland was to go, but was unable to leave because of the logging accident on his son's Fines Creek farm Tuesday afternoon.

Work started several weeks ago on the tunnel, which is about three miles from the Walters Power House.

The work of blasting the road

from the banks of the Pigeon River began at the North Carolina-Tennessee line.

Highway Record For 1954 In Haywood (TO DATE)

Killed 0 Injured 8

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

The weather WARMER

Max.	Min.	Prec.
75	60	24
63	35	10
59	31	—

Haywood Group In Raleigh To Discuss School Funds

Lawrence Leatherwood, superintendent of schools; members of the Board of Education; C. C. Francis, chairman of the county commissioners, and Rep. Joe Palmer left here Wednesday for Raleigh to appear before the State Board of Education in connection with the distribution of Haywood County's share of the \$50,000,000 school bond issue passed last year.

Mr. Leatherwood disclosed that Haywood County is to receive \$243,838.66 in the "near future." Of that amount, \$74,618.55 will go to the Canton school district and \$169,220.11 to the remainder of the county schools.

While in Raleigh, the Haywood school officials will confer with members of the State Board of Education's committee on school planning, and the panel on the allocation of school bond fund.