

THE WAYNESVILLE MOUNTAINEER

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More People Than Ever Are Reading The Mountaineer

TODAY'S SMILE
He: "Yes, I'm a self-made man."
She: "Well, it certainly is nice of you to take all the blame."

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WAYNESVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 8, 1954

\$3.50 In Advance In Haywood and Jackson Counties

Board Sets New County Tax Rate

Haywood County Board of Commissioners have formally adopted the 1954-5 tax rate of 20 cents per \$100 of assessed value—an increase of 20 cents over the rate of last year.

Budget requirement, for the fiscal year 1954-5	
	Total By Taxes
General	\$87,891.46
Special	35,176.20
Department	44,825.00
Police	32,000.00
Fire	57,352.03
Service	52,765.00
Outlay	34,200.00
Interest	15,745.00
Debt	35,000.00
County	2,355.98
State	162,000.00
Federal	235,200.00
Other	48,000.00
Total	160,263.25
County	39,000.00
Service	134,263.25
On Schools	69,255.12
Other	3,048.00
Total	\$1,362,959.77

Town Of Canton Will Retain Its Present Tax Rate

The tax rate for the Town of Canton will not be changed for the fiscal year, but will remain .95. The information was received following the close of business on June 30th.

The town closed the fiscal year with an operating surplus of \$77,000, the best financial condition in its history, officials stated. They announced plans for expenditures for the coming year.

Man Injured Fall Into Well

Ardy Clark of Clyde suffered a head cut and a laceration of the neck on Wednesday, when he fell into a well.

Clark was treated at the office of Dr. H. Duckett, and then admitted to the Haywood County Hospital for X-Ray and further treatment.

Back From New York

Ve Feldman of Reliable Jewelers returned Tuesday from a trip to New York.

Boosters' Annual Fourth of July Program Success

More than 25,000 tickets for the Fourth of July program were sold by the Hazelwood Boosters Club in their annual fund-raising drive.



CLOUDY

Detailed Waynesville temperature forecast by the State Test Farm:	
Time	Max. Min. Prec.
5	89 59 —
6	88 57 —
7	88 52 .25



BOYCE E. WOOTEN, Elizabethton, Tenn., Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in Tennessee will address at the Masonic Marker on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.



REV. DORSEY H. RUTTER, Daytona Beach, Fla., General Grand Chaplain of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in the United States of America will speak at the Waynesville Armory Sunday evening at 8.



CHARLES A. KEITH, Richmond, Ky., Past Grand Master of Masons in Kentucky and Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Kentucky, will be the picnic speaker at the Piedmont Hotel on Tuesday evening at 8.

Masons To Begin Annual Summer Assembly Sunday

Sheptowitch, Clayton Get Kiwanis Posts

W. A. Abel, general chairman, said that registration would be until six o'clock, and a special Masonic service, also at the Armory, to be held at eight.

The service will be conducted by Rev. Dorsey H. Rutter, general grand chaplain of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in the United States, of Daytona Beach.

Johnny Phillips Takes State Board Examination

Johnny E. Phillips, who was graduated June 25 from the Dallas Institute of Mortuary Science, Dallas, Texas, took the examinations of the state board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors in Raleigh this week.

Phillips has been associated with the Garrett Funeral Home for the past three years with the exception of the year he spent studying in Dallas. He has returned to the Funeral Home.

Miss Rufina Bright Is In Local Hospital

Miss Rufina Bright is a patient at the Haywood County Hospital where she is reported to be getting along nicely.

Lankford Loose Again; Prison Officer Resigns

Jake Lankford of Canton is on the loose again, as a result, the State Prisons Department has lost one of its agents. It seems that Jake escaped from the Jackson County prison camp last September, but ran afoul of the law again several weeks ago in Basin, Wyoming.

CDP Summer Recreation Program Set

Preliminary plans for the CDP's summer recreation program were discussed at a meeting of the recreation commission and community chairman at the courthouse Tuesday night.

It was decided then to sponsor a program similar to those conducted in past years.

On the sports and games list are: softball, horseshoe pitching, softball throw, pie-eating contest, bubblegum-blowing contest, group singing, and guessing games.

Singing Is Planned At Woodland Church

A singing will be held at the Woodland Baptist Church near Medford Farm, Tuesday evening, July 13, according to an announcement by the pastor of the church, the Rev. G. W. Jameson.

Logging Accident Injuries Fatal To Iron Duff Youth

Carroll Elbert Gaddis, 22, of Iron Duff, died at 10 a.m. today in Memorial Mission Hospital, Asheville, of a fractured skull and other injuries suffered at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in a logging accident on the Pigeon Road.

Dr. Clark Improving At County Hospital

Dr. C. N. Clark was reported to be improving at the Haywood County Hospital where he has been a patient since Sunday afternoon. He is not yet allowed visitors.

Soil Service Field Agent Is Appointed

Roy Beck, a native of Greensburg, Pa., will begin work with the Soil Conservation Service here the first of August as a work unit conservationist.

County Hereford Breeders To Meet

Officers and directors will be elected and reorganization of their group will be discussed at 8 p.m. Monday at the courthouse at a meeting of the Haywood County Hereford Breeders Association.

Lightning Bolt Destroys Barn, Damages Home

A loss of \$4,000 was caused during an electrical storm last week when a bolt of lightning started a fire which damaged the residence and completely destroyed the barn of J. H. Allen on the Allen Farm road.

Canton Radio Station To Go On Air Monday A.M.

Radio Station WWIT in Canton, will go on the air at five o'clock Monday morning, it was announced today by B. M. Middleton, president.

State, County Officials To Pick Health Center Site

Three representatives from the North Carolina Medical Commission from Raleigh will meet at 3 p.m. Thursday with the county commissioners and Board of Health to make the final selection of a site for the proposed county health center.

Program Set For Visit Of Bay Staters

When 40 members of the 4-H Club and their leaders from Berkshire County, Massachusetts come here in August for a 10-day visit, they will be treated to some of the outstanding attractions in Western North Carolina — including the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Oconaluftee Indian Village, Cherokee drama, "Unto These Hills," Biltmore House, Mt. Mitchell, Champion Paper and Fibre plant at Canton, Lake Junaluska, Camp Hope, and Camp Schaub.

Final plans for entertaining the Bay Staters here were made Wednesday night at a meeting of the Haywood County 4-H Club at the courthouse.

The Massachusetts 4-H'ers will be here from August 4th through 11th. The program planned for their group is:

August 4 — Meet visitors at Haywood-Buncombe county line. Welcome at courthouse by Edwin Bryson, president of the 4-H County Council and C. C. Francis, chairman of county commissioners.

August 5 — Tour of Haywood County, with lunch to be served by women of some Home Demonstration Club.

August 6 — Trip to Cherokee, the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, lunch on Clingman's Dome, visit to Oconaluftee Indian Village and the Cherokee drama, "Unto These Hills."

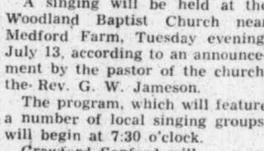
August 7 — Swimming in afternoon at Camp Schaub, party in the evening given by the Haywood County Exchange Club.

August 8 — Church in morning, picnic supper and vespers at Camp Hope in the evening for all 4-H Club members and their families.

August 9 — Trip to Mt. Mitchell and Biltmore House.

August 10 — Tour of Champion (See 4-H—Page 6)

County Winners in the junior and senior divisions of the annual 4-H Dress Revue staged here yesterday, are Ann Cathey, Canton, on the left, winner of the junior division, and Frances Emma Yates, of Crabtree-Iron Duff, winner of the senior division. Both girls will get an all-expense trip to Raleigh July 19-24. Other details and pictures on page 2. (Mountaineer Photo).



Canton Boy Is County's First Traffic Victim Of '54

Monroe Sharp, 19, colored, of Canton, died of brain injuries Monday afternoon in Haywood County Hospital to become Haywood County's first traffic fatality of 1954.

He was injured nearly a week prior to his death while racing a 1949 Ford on Route 276 late last Monday night. As he neared the intersection with the Test Farm road, Sharp rounded a slight left curve and then swerved into a ditch where his vehicle traveled 215 yards and then careened back on the highway—where Sharp and a companion were thrown out on the pavement.

Sharp's left arm was mangled and had to be amputated at the hospital. He also received brain injuries that rendered him unconscious until he died.

A companion, David Joseph Andrew Davis, 16, also of Canton, who was riding in the middle of the front seat, suffered a broken leg in the accident.

A third boy, Rayford Cullins of Waynesville, riding on the right side, was not injured.

Cpl. Pritchard Smith of the State Highway Patrol said that Sharp

Court Opens Here Monday; 425 Cases On Trial Docket



Judge Johnson of Winston-Salem To Preside Over Term

One of the heaviest criminal court dockets in many years—possibly the largest in history—425 cases—will confront the July term of Superior Court, which convenes here Monday with Judge Walter E. Johnson, Jr., of Winston-Salem presiding.

On this heavy agenda are two murder cases—that of Holace Sutton, charged with the death of Elmer Ball, and Joe Parks, charged with the death of Woodrow Leatherwood.

Leading the list of offenses charged is speeding—with driving drunk in second place. Involved in the cases are a total of \$120 cash bonds.

The opening part of court will be dedicated to the selection of nine new grand jurors and the hearing of uncontested divorce cases. Foreman of the grand jury will be Ernest Messer.

The jury panel includes: Chosen were: L. W. Singleton of East Fork, Olson Ledford of Beaverdam, Robert H. Pace of Cecil, C. C. Medford of Beaverdam, Cecil Z. Smathers, Beaverdam, James Moody of Jonathan Creek, Ernest M. Sutton of Hazelwood, Crawford Jenkins of Jonathan Creek, Jerry M. Crawford of Hazelwood, Frank Inman of Route 2, Clyde; A. R. Leatherwood of Route 1, Clyde; Vincent Gibson of Hazelwood, Arthur Keyton of Beaverdam, L. E. Evans of Pigeon, Roy Hightower of Waynesville, George S. Coleman of Beaverdam, J. E. Payne of Beaverdam, George Rogers of Route 1, Waynesville; Benny J. Morrow of Route 3, Waynesville; Hugh J. Frady of Pigeon, J. E. Slaughter of Beaverdam. (See Court—Page 6)

Lightning Bolt Destroys Barn, Damages Home

A loss of \$4,000 was caused during an electrical storm last week when a bolt of lightning started a fire which damaged the residence and completely destroyed the barn of J. H. Allen on the Allen Farm road.

In addition to the barn, two tons of hay and various farm tools and equipment were destroyed.

A bolt of lightning struck the electric line between the barn and the house, knocked out basement windows, splintered floor joists and did other damage. The telephone was disrupted by the bolt, making outside contact impossible. No contact could be made with the fire department and about all that could be done was to stand by and watch the barn and its contents burn. There was no insurance on the barn, Mr. Allen said.

The most severe part of the storm struck about 11:15 Saturday night, after a rain that began earlier. A number of homes suffered damage to electric appliances, causing much inconvenience and considerable expense.

Canton Radio Station To Go On Air Monday A.M.

Radio Station WWIT in Canton, will go on the air at five o'clock Monday morning, it was announced today by B. M. Middleton, president.

The station will be of 1,000 watts, and will be found on the dial at 970.

At one o'clock Monday, an informal program will be broadcast, with Reuben B. Robertson the principal speaker. Rev. Ivon L. Roberts will give the invocation. Several people from Haywood have been invited to attend the program. Middleton said the formal open house program would be held at a later date.

The equipment of the station has been tested, and is in all readiness for the opening. There remains to be done some work on the 40 by 60 brick building, such as the final trimming, he explained.

Middleton said the station represents an investment of about \$50,000.

The station is located about a mile west of Canton on the new highway. The tower is 250 feet high, and according to Middleton, tests show the station can be heard in Hendersonville.

He operates the station in Hendersonville, and will have a direct line between the two stations, which will permit an interchange of programs.

The station will go on the air every morning at five o'clock, and sign off at sunset. United Press news will be carried. Middleton has been in radio (See Canton Radio—Page 2)

Highway Record For 1954 In Haywood (To Date)

Killed 1 Injured 16

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