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TODAY'S SMILE  
Floridian, holding a melon:  
Is this the largest apple you  
can grow in your state?  
Californian: Stop fingering  
that grape.

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WAYNESVILLE, N. C., MONDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 23, 1954

\$3.50 In Advance In Haywood and Jackson Counties

## Town Gets \$26,423 For Sea Watershed Timber



Warner Lumber Company, Asheville, was the high bidder for over 1,200,000 feet of timber on the Waynesville watershed. The firm bid \$26,423. The next bid was by Powell Lumber Company for \$20,745.

The timber will be cut under supervision and upon recommendation of State and TVA foresters. Only matured trees are included in the sale of the stand.

The board of aldermen also signed contracts for a modern 1,200 gallon street washer. The low bid was from Atnerre Company, in Illinois.

Watkins Motor Company was low bidder on the two-ton truck chassis. The truck will be sent to the Illinois firm, and there the unit costing \$2,985 will be installed. About 30 days will be required to get the new unit. G. C. Ferguson, town manager said. The old street washer was traded in on the deal.

## Reservists Back From Ft. Jackson

Eleven members of Waynesville's Company F, 518th Infantry Regiment, U. S. Army Reserve, returned here Saturday evening after completion of a two-week summer training encampment at Fort Jackson, S. C., with the 108th Infantry Division.

The group included:

1st Lt. Robert H. Gibson, Jr., 1st Lt. Robert O. Conway, Master Sgt. Kenneth H. Parrott, SFC Paul Franklin, SFC J. T. Russell, Jr., Sgt. Jack Kelley, Pvt. Ernest G. Crisp, Pvt. Burt P. Gregory, Pvt. James A. Kirkpatrick, Pvt. James M. Rogers, and Pvt. Franklin D. Shell.

As recruits, Privates Gregory, Kirkpatrick, Rogers, and Shell were given a special two-week basic training course by the 321st Infantry Regiment. The other seven Waynesville reservists trained with the 518th Regiment in refresher classes including firing of the M-1 rifle, carbine, pistol, and .30-caliber machine gun, map reading, use of the compass, grenade throwing, gas chamber, scouting and patrolling, and squad and platoon tactics.

The division conducted a three-day bivouac, which lasted from Tuesday morning until Friday morning of the second week. One of the high points of this period was a special demonstration of the firing of all infantry weapons by personnel of the 101st Airborne Division. The demonstration is climaxed by a spectacular display called the "Mad Minute" in which all the weapons were fired simultaneously.

The weather at the South Carolina post was fairly moderate during the first week of training, but the mercury ranged between 100 and 106 during the second week.

The 108th Division is made up of men from the two Carolinas.

## Safety Award For 1953 Given Town

For the third consecutive year, the Town of Waynesville received a National Safety Council award for going a year without a traffic fatality.

Yesterday Mayor J. H. Way accepted a plaque from C. W. Angell, field representative of the Highway Patrol. This new plaque, for 1953, will be hung on the wall at city hall along with the other two.

Just a short time before the plaque was given the mayor, a letter from Edward Scheidt, commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles, wrote the town official, and said in part:

"The North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles congratulates you, your police department, judicial officials, and citizens, for not having had a motor vehicle fatality in your town during the year 1953. We are very conscious and appreciative of the effort expended by each of your official agencies responsible for the fine co-operation and assistance you have received from the drivers and pedestrians residing in and visiting your town.

"I want to thank you for the contribution you are making to promote highway safety in our state."

This was the only award coming into Western North Carolina this year. The awards are made available to towns with a population of 5,000 or more. Angell pointed out.

## Husband Former Resident Hazelwood Named Director State Employment Service

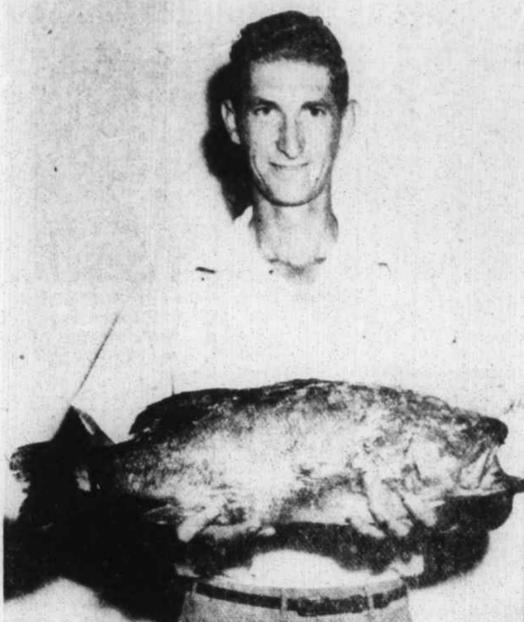
Joseph W. Beach, with the Employment Service Division of the Employment Security Commission since 1937 and thoroughly familiar with the operations, has been appointed director of the Employment Service Division, effective immediately, to succeed Ernest C. McCracken, ESC Chairman Henry E. Kendall has announced.

Beach was No. 1 man on the promotional register for this position as a result of the examinations conducted by the Merit System Council. Chairman Kendall stated that Robert M. du Bruyne, assistant director, was not on the register. He will continue as assistant director.

Mr. Beach joined this agency as senior interviewer in the Greensboro office in the fall of 1937, remaining there until July 1940, when he was transferred to Lexington, where he served as interviewer and acting manager until the end of that year. In January, 1941, he was transferred to the State office in Raleigh as clearance supervisor. Later he was promoted to the post of administrative analyst, later becoming assistant chief of Program and Methods.

Active in the International Association of Personnel in Employment Security, Mr. Beach was president of the State Chapter about five years ago, was on the Executive Committee of the International Association of Personnel in Employment Security.

During the war period he was named chief of the Planning Section. In 1947 he was promoted to chief of Programs and Methods. Later his post was changed in name to chief of Staff Services, which he has since held.



PART OF PRIZE catch from Fontana is shown here by Wayne Caldwell, ministerial student of Mars Hill, who caught this 8-pound (25-inches) bass. Caldwell had caught a 10-inch bass and was reeling it in, when this hungry bass tried to swallow the smaller bass, and was caught by the extra hooks on the plug. (Mountaineer Photo).

## Caldwell Hooks 8-Pound Bass While Reeling In Smaller Catch At Fontana

### Chicago Publishing Executive Visiting In Haywood This Week

Mr. and Mrs. Joe H. Trantham, of Chicago, are here visiting friends and relatives. They plan to return home this weekend. Trantham left here in 1904, and for 47 years has been with Scribner's and Sons, national publishers. He is manager of the Chicago office and has a territory of 13 states.

His tentative plans are to retire next year, and in all probability, make Haywood his home again.

### Two Field Days Draw Nearly 500

Some 250 persons attended the field day Saturday when Cruso community played host to Saunook. Nearly as many—about 225—were present Thursday when White Oak visited Francis Cove.

The Cruso tour included Dewey Pless's new home, Albert Ashe's fish pond and landscaping, improvements at the Gwyn Cemetery and D. B. Vance's remodeled house and landscaping. Following a devotional at the East Fork Baptist Church, the group saw the sheep and orchard of Frank Sellars, test demonstration farming practices of Clyde Gorrell and a horse show at the Springdale School.

The school was the scene of lunch and the afternoon program. A group from the school presented a number of songs before the contests began.

Men's horse shoe pitching was won by James Medford and Dillard Hooper of Saunook, competing against Florin Henson and Robert Singleton. Saunook also took the women's contest, with Lois Arrington and Imogene Hooper defeating Corda Hensou and Eva Trull. Carol Hooper and Tommy Garrett of Saunook bested Vance Fish and Buddy Smith for boys' (See Field Day—Page 2)

## 'Snakes Alive!' Deep Creek Woods Are Full Of Them

A her-pe-to-l-o-gist (it says in the dictionary) is a zoologist who deals with reptiles. In other words, if a man sees a snake and runs after it, instead of lighting out away from it, he is either a herpetologist or crazy.

For any students of snakes hereabouts, Joe Browning of Canton can offer what sounds like an ideal place to study them at close range — and if you would like to take a few samples of rattlers and copperheads home with you, Mr. Browning won't stand in your way.

## Kirkpatrick Succeeds Tom Leatherwood As Chairman County Education Board

Tom Leatherwood, chairman of the Haywood county Board of Education, has resigned as chairman, effective August 30.

The board named Mark Kirkpatrick, another member of the board, to succeed Leatherwood as chairman, who will undergo a serious heart operation in Winston-Salem September 9th. He expects to be in the hospital for about three weeks.

Leatherwood told The Mountaineer that his physicians said it would be best that he not try to attend to the duties of the office for several months after the operation. Leatherwood said: "Rather than stay in as chairman and handicap the work of the office and throw a hardship on others, I felt it best to resign as chairman. I will remain on as a member of the board."

Leatherwood was elected two years ago, and it has been during his term of office that much of the two million dollar school expansion program of the county has been carried through.

Kirkpatrick was also elected to the five-man board two years ago.



MARK KIRKPATRICK  
—new chairman of Board of Education.



TOM LEATHERWOOD  
—resigns chairmanship because of illness.

### Inspector Hall's Job With Schools Ends Sept. First

The Board of Education has notified Howard Hall, inspector of new buildings, that due to lack of funds, and the nearing of the end of the construction program, that after September first the office will be vacated.

The board took this action last week, and pointed out that Jack McCracken, building and grounds inspector for the board, together with the inspector of the architect, would continue the work of checking new building construction.

About \$200,000 in new construction remains of the county-wide expansion program.

Hall has been inspector since the program began, with the exception of a short period.

Under the program, the county board was paying Hall \$375 a month, and the Canton board \$125 per month, for the services of making full-time inspections of the construction projects.

A spokesman for the board said that the members felt that with two inspectors, and the lack of funds, and nearing the completion of the construction project, that it is best not to continue the full-time inspector.

The members were complimentary of Hall's work, and pointed out it was just that the program was nearing completion, and the lack of funds that brought about the decision to abolish the office.

### Cucumber Tops 1 - Foot Mark

Latest gardener with a green thumb whose produce is displayed in The Mountaineer window is Mrs. C. A. Scruggs of Hazelwood.

She surprised herself by growing a 13 1/4-inch cucumber, the longest one yet to be brought to The Mountaineer office.

## Several Streets Being Paved In Waynesville

### Canton Schools Will Open 31st

Canton schools will open Tuesday, August 31, and not on Monday, 30th, as was announced last week, according to Rowe Henry, superintendent.

The first day schools will operate from 9 a.m. until 12 noon, and thereafter all schools will run on regular schedule, 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m., except, however, the first grades at North Canton, Patton and Pennsylvania Avenue. These grades will remain only until 12 o'clock for the first three weeks.

Beginning Monday, September 20, all first grades in all schools will remain until 3 o'clock.

There will be a meeting of all teachers in the high school auditorium at 3 p.m., Monday, Aug. 30.

### Book Dedicated To Miss Johnston

Miss Margaret Johnston, Haywood County Librarian, shares in the dedication of "Tough Enough," the newest book of Ruth and Latrobe Carroll, Asheville authors.

Miss Johnston has just received an autographed presentation copy which is now on display at the library.

The Carrolls, who have written and illustrated a number of children's books, have frequently visited Waynesville. On one trip, they followed the Bookmobile on its Maggie-Jonathan Creek round, and a sketch of children swarming toward the library-on-wheels is prominent in the book.

The note on the title page reads: "We often think about the bookmobile trip you arranged for us. It was a heart-warming experience."

## 15th Haywood Electric Membership Meeting Set At High School On 28th

William T. Crisp of Raleigh will be the guest speaker at the 15th annual meeting of members of the Haywood Electric Membership Corporation on August 28 at Waynesville Township High School.

Mr. Crisp is executive manager and general counsel of the Tarheel Electric Membership Association in Raleigh. He will speak at 11 a.m.

On the agenda of the business meeting at 10 a.m. is the election of 11 directors for the coming year. Nominees to date are the members of the present board, Ira H. Coghurn, M. M. Kirkpatrick, Roy B. Medford, Jack Harris, Walker Brown, Carter Osborne, C. W. London, H. W. Davis, J. N. Fisher, Blaine Nicholson and Dan Reid.

Other nominations may be made prior to the meeting or from the floor.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m., to be followed by the business meeting and Mr. Crisp's talk. Lunch will be available from 12 noon until 1:30 p.m.

Prize drawings will be held throughout the meeting, with a special prize for the largest family present. A new feature this year will be a Bubble Gum Blowing contest for children.

Electric equipment demonstrations will be given by the following 4-H boys: Otis Stiwinter, Franklin, fence; Gary Sellers, Sylvia, home-made clothes dryer; and Bernard Ferguson, Clyde, hot bed.

Entertainment will include quartets, string bands, soloists and other musicians.

The Corporation this year reports 863 miles of line in operation with approximately 4100 customers. Nearly 8,000,000 kilowatt hours were purchased by the Corporation.

### Several street paving projects are being completed under a \$9,000 program here in Waynesville.

The town is providing the stone, and Allison Construction Company the surfacing.

In the Sulphur Springs area, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Streets are being paved, several in Allens Creek, and one near the Country Club.

G. C. Ferguson, town manager, said that some other streets might be paved soon, it just depended upon several factors—money, and time of street crews.

## Two Cars Demolished In Accidents

Edward Palmer Hammond of Charlotte faces a charge of driving under the influence of intoxicants as the result of an accident at 9 p.m. Saturday on N. C. 276 about a mile north of Pigeon Gap.

Cpl. Pritchard H. Smith of the State Highway Patrol reported that the Charlotte man lost control of his car on a curve while traveling north toward Waynesville. The vehicle skidded and then overturned, coming to rest against a tree off the left side of the pavement.

Hammond was uninjured in the wreck. His car, a 1953 Hudson, was termed a "total loss" by Cpl. Smith.

A mishap in Jackson County Sunday afternoon resulted in the destruction of a car owned by Mrs. Della Conard Jenkins of Waynesville, which was demolished when it rolled from its parking place a mile west of Soco Gap and plunged over a 300-foot embankment.

Mrs. Jenkins, a sister, Sarah Conard, and Mrs. Jenkins' eight-year-old daughter, Ruby, had left the car and were walking toward Soco Falls when the brakes gave way and the vehicle began rolling.

The car, a 1951 Studebaker, was completely demolished by the impact of the plunge down the mountain. Sgt. T. A. Sandlin of the State Highway Patrol at Bryson City who investigated the accident.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. McClure of Lake Junaluska have as their guest Mrs. John S. Lockman of Union, S. C.

**Highway  
Record For  
1954  
In Haywood  
(TO DATE)  
Killed . . . 2  
Injured . . . 24**

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

**Partly Cloudy**

cloudy with widely scattered afternoon thundershowers Tuesday.

Waynesville temperature reported by the State Test

Max.	Min.	Pr.
83	61	.15
85	63	.08
85	61	.02
83	61	.15

During the war period he was named