

# THE WAYNESVILLE MOUNTAINEER

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There's always free cheese in a mousetrap, but you'll never see a happy mouse there.

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## Haywood Methodist Churches Assigned New Pastors By Conference



CECIL HEFFNER of Lincoln has been named pastor of the Central Methodist Church, succeeding Rev. W. H. ...

Five Haywood County Methodist churches were assigned new pastors following the reading of ministerial appointments yesterday afternoon at the close of the 16th annual Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church in Asheville. The Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt returns as superintendent of the Waynesville District and the Rev. Earl H. Brendall returns as pastor of the First Church at Waynesville. The Rev. J. W. Fowler remains as superintendent of the Lake Junaluska Assembly.

The Rev. C. G. Heffner comes to Canton Central from the First church at Lincolnton succeeding the Rev. W. H. Groce, who goes to the First church at Ashboro.

Mrs. M. B. Lee, former pastor of the Hazelwood Church, will go to Fines Creek succeeding the Rev. J. D. Pyatt, who retired.

The Rev. W. H. Broome will serve as pastor of the Haywood Circuit succeeding Dr. C. N. Clark, retired. Mr. Broome has been pastor of the Pigeon Circuit, which has been combined with the Haywood Circuit.

## H. H. Boone Wins Second Grid Contest

H. H. Boone, of 308 Smathers St., Waynesville, won the second Mountaineer football contest last week with 10 correct guesses out of 12. He will receive first-prize money of \$15.

Two other persons — Harry Burnette of Route 2, Canton, and Linda Hollifield of 301 East St., Waynesville — also missed only two games but were further off on the combined score of the Waynesville-Murphy game than was Mr. Boone. Mr. Burnette was the runner-up.

## Clyde Lions Club Hears District Head

Lions District Governor Alton Broom of Asheville was the principal speaker at a meeting of the Clyde Lions Club Friday night at the Central Methodist Church on the subject of "Lionism."

## Band Has First Supper Benefit Of Band Fund

A fund of \$400 was raised by the School PTA at a supper benefit at the school — to purchase musical instruments and uniforms for a band.

Other members of the Clyde band committee are Grover Haynes, Mrs. Pauline Goodson, and Carlton Corzine, secretary-treasurer.



SWEPESTAKES WINNER of the Clyde Flower Show is Mrs. Gordon Cagle. This was Mrs. Cagle's second consecutive victory of the Clyde show. She also won the same honors at the Waynesville show earlier this summer. (Photo by John Moore).

## 7,500 Attend All Phases Of Big Pigeon Valley Fair

### Officials Will Inspect Filtering Plant Wednesday

Town officials and engineers will formally inspect the new \$350,000 filtering plant and water system, which was recently completed.

### Illness Of Judge Forces Court Term Adjournment

The September term of Civil Court was adjourned this morning because of the illness of the Hon. Walter E. Johnston, Jr., presiding judge.

### White Cane Sale By Lions Club To Open Today

A White Cane sale and membership drive sponsored by the Waynesville Lions Club opens officially today, to run through October 4.

### Apple Growers To Meet Here Wednesday Night

Plans for the county's observance of National Apple Week will be made at a meeting of the Smoky Mountain Apple Growers Association at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the courthouse, according to an announcement by R. H. Boone, president.

### Crabtree Cannery Now Open Wednesday Only

Starting this week the Crabtree cannery will be open on Wednesdays only, it has been announced by Mrs. Rufus Siler, cannery supervisor.

### Squirrel Season's Opening Friday Lures Sportsmen

Hunters need no reminder that squirrel season opens Friday in Western North Carolina. Accurate marksmen look forward to the good sport and good meat that results from it.

### Aug. Park Travel Hits Highest Peak

August visitations to the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, which converge in North Carolina, topped the million mark this year as they did in 1952 and 1953 and reached their highest August attendance total to date: 1,230,522.

### Less Than 10% Haywood Boys In Scout Program

Unless additional adults enter actively into the work, there will be even fewer boys to enjoy, and benefit from the program, it was pointed out by leaders.

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C. W. Cunningham of Hendersonville, Republican candidate for Congress from the 12th Congressional District, will address a meeting of Haywood County Republicans at the court house Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

## Open House New WTHS Unit Now Set For 7:30 Thursday

### Postponed From Tuesday Due To Death Of J. Tom Leatherwood

(See pictures second section) Open house at the new Waynesville Township High School building has been postponed until Thursday because of the death last night of Tom Leatherwood, member of the Board of Education and until recently its chairman. Officials made the change this morning out of respect to Mr. Leatherwood.

Township Superintendent M. H. Bowles said this morning that the program originally planned for Tuesday evening will be carried out Thursday night from 7:30 to 10 o'clock.

Parents of Waynesville Township High School students, as well as other county residents who have followed with keen interest the progress of the school's new vocational and physical education building will have an opportunity Thursday evening to see for themselves the sparkling new \$400,000 plant. High school personnel will be hosts at an open house then from 7:30 until 10 o'clock.

Faculty and student committees have been named to take care of the many details of the event, including refreshments, invitations, the tour, serving, decoration, publicity, arrangements, planning, music and greeting.

Guests will enter the building from the Brown Avenue side, seeing first the entrance to the gym. They are asked to use the front entrance of the gym, which faces the back of the old high school building.

Besides a booth for ticket sales, the entry contains three large glass trophy cases, mirror-backed, each with its own lighting system to display to best advantage the school's many awards.

A circuit of the gym will follow, with glimpses into the spotless new locker rooms. The gym will seat 1500 spectators at the winter ball games.

Through the gym the tour will continue through the wing of spacious, well-lighted classrooms. Included are rooms for typing, shorthand and other office skills, a home economics department containing complete sewing, cooking and serving equipment, a room filled with desks engineered for mechanical drawing and a woodworking shop.

Downstairs the building takes advantage of the sloping ground to have a daylight-illuminated laboratory for electronics and will eventually have a shop for automotive mechanics.

Back upstairs is a range of science classrooms and laboratories. General science, health education, biology, chemistry and physics are provided for. Equipment is adequate for students to perform their own experiments, and ample space is provided for storage.

The handsome large cafeteria will be the last stop on the tour. Refreshments will be served there, and guests will note the unusual color scheme, comprising the tones of dawn to dusk, as well as the battery of up-to-date kitchen equipment. The room can seat some 500 persons. Soft recorded music will be played throughout the evening.

The committee working to make (See High School—Page 6)

## Last Rites Set Wednesday For J. Tom Leatherwood

J. Tom Leatherwood, 35, of Clyde, member of the Haywood County Board of Education, died Sunday at 6 p.m. in the North Carolina Memorial Hospital at Chapel Hill. He had undergone surgery for a heart ailment on Thursday.

Leatherwood served as chairman of the Board of Education until a few weeks ago when he resigned on account of his health. He remained as a member of the board.

He was employed in the accounting department of the Champion Paper and Fibre Company at Canton and was secretary-treasurer of the Clyde Building and Loan. He was a Scottish Rite Mason and was a member of the First Baptist Church at Clyde and the Clyde Lions Club.

He was active in political affairs of the county and was a member of the State Democratic Executive Committee.

A native of Haywood County, Leatherwood was born January 4, 1919, the son of Mrs. Mattie Leatherwood of Clyde and the late Tom Leatherwood. He was educated in the Clyde schools and Ceel's Business College, Asheville.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 3 p.m. in Clyde Baptist Church with the pastor, the Rev. J. G. Goodwin, Jr., officiating, assisted by the Rev. George Starr, pastor of the Clyde Methodist Church. Interment will be in Bon-A-Venture Cemetery.

Active pallbearers will be members of the accounting department of the Champion Paper and Fibre Company.

Honorary pallbearers will be members of the board of deacons of the Clyde Baptist Church, members of the Haywood County Board of Education. Dr. Roy H. Moore, Lawrence Leatherwood, and the Rev. Grady Barringer.

Flower bearers will be members of the Bertha Fitzgerald Bible Class of the Clyde Baptist Church and members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Elizabeth Chapel Methodist Church.

The body was expected to arrive this afternoon. It will be taken to the home to remain until thirty minutes prior to the service when it will lie in state at the church.

Surviving are the wife, the former Miss Wilda Jackson; a son, Stephen; the mother, and two sisters, Mrs. Hugh Ratcliffe of Ratcliffe Cove and Miss Emelyn Leatherwood of Clyde.

Arrangements are under the direction of Crawford Funeral Home.

## Lions Approve High School Driver Training

The Waynesville Lions Club approved in principle the driver training program in the high schools at its meeting Thursday night and referred it to the Safety committee for further investigation.

Guest speaker was Carroll Angel, field representative of the State Highway Safety Division, who showed a film titled "Guilty." Mr. Angel was introduced by Cpl. Pritchard Smith of the Highway Patrol.

Joe Cline, president of the Lions Club, presided over the meeting.

## Alcoholics Anonymous Unit May Be Established Here

The possibility of establishing an Alcoholics Anonymous group in Waynesville is now under consideration. The Mountaineer was informed last week.

Organization of a group depends on the response of the public — both from alcoholics and from non-alcoholics who may be asked to assist in the program, it was disclosed.

According to published material of the organization, "Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirements for membership is an honest desire to stop drinking. AA has no dues or fees. It is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organiza-

tion or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety."

Several pastors in Haywood County have been contacted and were asked to mention the possible formation of an AA group. Law-enforcement officials also have been contacted.

North Carolina is presently recognized as one of the leaders in the United States in its alcoholic rehabilitation work. The state group maintains an excellent rehabilitation center at Camp Butler, and publishes a bi-monthly journal on alcohol and alcoholism as well as several other pamphlets.

The nearest Alcoholics Anonymous group to Waynesville is the (See Alcoholics—Page 6)



J. TOM LEATHERWOOD, member of the county board of education, and former chairman, died Sunday in a Winston-Salem hospital.

## Draft Board Classifies 62 County Men

Sixty-two Haywood County men were assigned draft classifications by the Selective Service Board 45 at its meeting Friday at the courthouse. They were:

- Class 1-A (available for induction) — Paul Melvin Henson, James C. McClure, Thomas Colson Newman, Eugene Arrington, Billy Odell Conard, Robert Sanford, Thad Way Crawford, Alvin Clyde McFalls, Roy Wayne Pope, Earl Leon Norris, Dewey Leander Limer, Jr., George Thomas Holcombe, Roy Lee Holcombe, James Robert Williamson, Frank Davis Medford, Frank Edson Jaynes.
- Class 1-C (enlisted) — Howard C. McIntyre, James N. Haney, Ralph Washington Pressley, William Edwin Moss, Jimmy Wayne Howell, Neal Teague, William Morris Broyles, Charles Edmund Ayers, Kenneth Varo McClure.
- Class 1-C (inducted) — Lawrence Thomas Davis, Richard Radford Guy, John Samuel Pardue, Jr., James David McJunkin, Ernest Wayne Pressley, Walter Robertson Taliaferro, Luther Wallace Shaw, Robert Eugene Fore, Kenneth Alvin Jones, James Sydney Woods, Harrison William Caldwell, Charles Alvin Mease, David Hugh Tate, Jackie Kenneth Moody, Raymond Elic Rathbone, Otis Leon (See Draft Board—Page 5)

## Wreck Saturday Hospitalizes Boy At Fines Creek

A Fines Creek youth was hospitalized Saturday night when the car in which he was riding ran off the pavement and struck a bank in the yard of Mark Ferguson at Fines Creek.

Jack Lowe was admitted to the Haywood County Hospital with a nose injury and lacerations of the head. The driver of the car, Clyde Smith, was released after receiving first aid at the hospital for an injured ankle.

Smith was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol by Cpl. Pritchard H. Smith of the State Highway Patrol, who investigated the accident.

Smith's car, a 1941 Chevrolet, was termed "a total loss."

**Highway Record For 1954 In Haywood (TO DATE)**

**Killed . . . . 2**  
**Injured . . . . 37**

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

**SUNNY**

cloudy and warm today. increasing cloudiness and showers likely.

Waynesville temperature by the State Test Farm:

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| Max. | 78 | 36 | — |
| Min. | 79 | 36 | — |
|      | 80 | 38 | — |
|      | 75 | 47 | — |