

# THE WAYNESVILLE MOUNTAINEER

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TODAY'S SMILE  
If more than one mouse is  
nice,  
Then obviously  
You must agree  
That more than one spouse  
is nice.

12 PAGES Associated Press WAYNESVILLE, N. C., MONDAY AFTERNOON, JAN. 10, 1955 \$3.50 In Advance In Haywood and Jackson Counties

## Contracts Are Let For New Classrooms At 2 Schools

## Men Wounded During Shootings On Weekend

## More Visitors At Jail Sunday Than Any Other Day

Records for visitors to the jail were broken Sunday. It was the largest crowd to visit the jail in one day, officials said.

## Authorities Will Seek Mother, Son

Whereabouts of William Gunter, 36, and his 8-year-old son, Robert Steven Gunter, who moved here Sunday morning, has been issued a warrant for their arrest.

## Dr. Hammett To Begin Special Study

Dr. J. Frank Hammett will leave Sunday for Durham where he will begin a year's post graduate training in Anesthesiology at Duke University Hospital.

## Polio Sings Net \$773 Waynesville, Canton

Dollars in excess of last total was raised at the annual polio singing at the court-yesterday, making a total of \$773.

Capacity crowd was entertained by the 13 singing groups who participated on the two-hour program.



Warmer and cooler Monday. Tuesday cloudy and cool.

Max.	Min.	Pr.
65	51	...
54	20	...
56	17	...
54	36	...

Contracts for additions to local schools have been approved by the county and state boards, and work is scheduled to begin soon, according to Lawrence Leatherwood, county superintendent of education.

Six self-contained classrooms will be constructed at Hazelwood, and the present plumbing and heating systems modernized.

The total contract was \$74,165. The East Waynesville project will be the addition of three self-contained classrooms.

The prices of the contracts include furnishings.

Superintendent Leatherwood said plans were to push the work and have the projects completed in time for the opening of school in the fall of 1955.

## Rotary Club To Operate 2 Dime Boards

Dime boards for the March of Dimes will be operated in both Waynesville and Hazelwood by the Waynesville Rotary Club on six days this month.

The dime boards to raise funds in the fight against crippling polio will be open on Friday and Saturday, January 14, 15; Friday and Saturday, January 21, 22, and Friday and Saturday, January 28, 29.

On those days, the Waynesville board will be operated from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. in Hazelwood, the board will be open from 3 until 5:30 p.m. on Fridays and from 10:30 until 4:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

Waynesville solicitors will be Rotarians Paul McElroy, Dr. John Penny, Charles Ray, H. P. McCarron, Dick Barber, Kenneth Fry, S. W. Conatser, James Kilpatrick, Ben Collett, Rev. Earl H. Brendall, Adm. W. N. Thomas, J. H. Howell, Harry Miller, Bill Ray, David Hyatt, Hugh Massie, Joe Massie, Dr. Thomas Stringfield, Dr. A. R. Riegg, M. H. Bowles, Jonathan Woody, David Felmet, Leo Weill, J. M. Dooly, Jack Elwood, J. W. Fowler, Jr., Noble Garrett, Felix Stovall, Lyman Reed, Hallett Ward, Dan Watkins, Charles Way, Bill Norris, J. H. Way, and Tom Lee.

Hazelwood solicitors will be L. N. Davis, Ott Ledbetter, Bill Prevost, Tommy Thompson, Jim McKinley, Roy Wright, Ralph Prevost, Ed Williamson, John N. Johnson, W. C. Russ, Aaron Prevost and Herbert Gibson.

## Presbyterian Men To Hold Dinner Meeting

The Men's Fellowship of the Waynesville Presbyterian Church will hold a dinner meeting, at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

President of the fellowship, B. J. Morrow, will preside at the meeting, the organization's first of the year.

## Rep. Rogers Co-Sponsor Of Bill Reducing Non-Resident Fishing Fees

Representative Jerry Rogers spent the weekend here from Raleigh. He reported that the Legislature was getting off to a good start, and would spend all of this week hearing state officials present budget and revenue needs.

Rep. Rogers was one of the four sponsors of the bill to reduce fishing licenses for non-residents.

The bill allows non-residents to fish in lakes for \$1.10 a day and \$2.60 for five days. There is one exception: it still will cost \$6.10 to fish even for a day in public mountain trout waters.

It was Fowler who two years ago introduced a bill that raised the price tag of North Carolina fishing by \$5. Instead of \$1.10



DOCTOR Winston Harvey Price, 31, of Baltimore, was named winner of the Theobald Smith Award in medical sciences at the convention of the American Association for Advancement of Science, Berkeley, Calif. Associate professor of biochemistry at Johns Hopkins University, Dr. Price won his bronze medal and a \$1,000 cash prize for his studies of Rocky Mountain spotted fever in Montana and Maryland.

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## Board Of Education To Discuss Case Monday

The Haywood County Board of Education will meet tonight, 7:30 and discuss the proposal of the three court-appointed trustees regarding the matter of selling the Central Elementary School property and donating proceeds to the Haywood County Library.

Mark Kirkpatrick, chairman of the Board told The Mountaineer that he was calling the special meeting to discuss the matter. He said: "I have no statement to make, except that the board is meeting to discuss this matter Monday night. After the board meets, there will be a statement of the board's decision."

Chairman Kirkpatrick went on to say that a decision would have to be reached, because the law suit instituted by the Board of Education against the Town of Waynesville over ownership of the property is scheduled to be heard on January 20th in the civil term of Superior Court here.

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## Haywood County CDP Officials Adopt Program Of Nine Projects For 1955

## Commissioners Continue Study Of Setting Up Lower Court In Haywood

## Cupid Claimed 442 Victims During 1954

Dan Cupid, demon match-maker and accomplished archer, was a shade less active in Haywood county in 1954 than in 1953, according to records in Register of Deeds Jule Noland's office.

Cupid claimed 448 victims in 1953 (a total of 224 licenses were issued), but hit the mark only 442 times in 1954 (221 licenses issued).

June, a traditional month for middle-aisle ceremonies, saw 29 licenses issued, but December was not far behind with 24.

## Half Bushel Of Light Bulbs Taken From Lake Cross

Someone, somewhere has about a half bushel of 40-watt light bulbs—bulbs taken from the large cross at Lake Junaluska.

Deputy Everett McElroy, also chief of Lake Junaluska Assembly grounds, said this was the first trouble which he has experienced since the war with people taking out the bulbs from the cross.

The officer could not give a reason for anyone removing that many bulbs at once. Their value is not in keeping with their bulk, he said, and would be a rather difficult item to sell.

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Several more trips, and further study will be made of inferior courts in other counties before action is taken here, Faraday Green, chairman of the board of commissioners said today.

The commissioners have had the proposal of setting up a lower court in the county since they took office December 6th. They went to Hendersonville recently and made a survey of their court, and how it operated.

Chairman Green said, "The Henderson county people seem well pleased with their set up. Their court was set up by a special act of the legislature prior to the present laws restricting the jurisdiction of the justices of peace."

The chairman pointed out that plans are being made to visit Cherokee county where a court has been established under the laws provided the board of commissioners. He also said the board might go to Rutherford county and see how their lower court operates, and get further ideas.

"This is a pretty big thing, and we want to be sure we are right before we make a move, or a decision," the chairman continued.

The last two reports of the Haywood Grand Jury have urged that an inferior court be established here in Haywood in an effort to relieve congestion of the docket in the Superior Court.

## 2 Groups Protest Fee Plan

Two civic clubs here last weekend went on record as opposing the proposed fee to be charged motorists using the Blue Ridge Parkway.

The Lions Club on Thursday night passed a resolution opposing the fee, and on Friday the Rotary Club took similar action. Both clubs were unanimous in their decisions.

Copies of the resolutions of opposition will be sent to the North Carolina members of the Congress and the National Park Service.

## Civil Court's Opening Draws Only 25 People

In contrast to criminal court which ordinarily attracts a full house at the Haywood courthouse, the opening of the January term of civil court this morning drew a scant audience of only 25 persons.

Presiding is Judge Dan K. Moore of Sylva.

A total of 43 cases is listed on the docket for hearing during the coming two weeks, to be climaxed by a suit between the Town of Waynesville and the county over the ownership of the old Central Elementary school building on Haywood St.

The jury named the January term of civil court is as follows: First week—Smiley Carver, Beavertown; Claude M. McClure, Jr., Waynesville; M. B. Rowe, Beavertown; Wm. L. Woody, Waynesville; Noel C. Fisher, Beavertown; Thos. L. Jackson, Clyde; Chas. E. Scott, Beavertown; Ollie J. Smathers, Beavertown; J. B. Watts, Waynesville; Norman Smathers, Beavertown; T. (See Court—Page 6)

## Porchlight Drive Tuesday To Benefit Needy Children

Just like Mother Hubbard, the Clothing Closet Association's cupboard is bare of warm clothing for children and, as a result, needy children have had to be turned away recently.

To remedy this situation, the Hazelwood Lions Club will conduct a second porchlight drive on Tuesday night, starting at 7:30.



FOREIGN MINISTER Jose Ramon Guizado (above) of Panama has reportedly taken over the government in Panama City following the assassination of President Jose Antonio Remon Sotelo. Police have arrested more than 20 possible suspects in an attempt to find the man who machine-gunned Remon to death at a racetrack. (International)

## Six Boys Accused Of Break-ins

Six teen-age Haywood County boys were placed under arrest during the weekend as the result of a wave of break-ins and burglaries of several homes and business establishments last week, according to Sheriff Fred Y. Campbell.

Campbell said each was charged with breaking and entering, and larceny and receiving, and that all but one of the defendants admitted the violations.

He added they range from 17 to 19 years old.

Sheriff Campbell said Boomer Medford and David McDaniel of Waynesville were charged in the break-ins and thefts from three summer homes in Waynesville, and Homer Noland, Mack Medford, Carroll Smith and Johnny Green, all of the Crabtree section, were charged in the break-ins and thefts from Ketter's Store, Junaluska Gulf Service Station, and Tom's Truck Store, all near Lake Junaluska, and Taft Ferguson's store at Crabtree, where cigarettes, shotgun shells and an unknown amount of cash were taken.

The officer said some silverware, liquor and canned goods were taken from the summer home. (See Six Boys—Page 6)

## Teen-Age Girl Hurt In Wreck On East Fork

Miss Alma Grooms, 17, Route 3, Canton, suffered a dislocated shoulder last week when the 1941 Chevrolet coupe in which she was riding, driven by her brother, Arvil Grooms, 20, left the highway and struck a tree on the Little East Fork road.

Patrolman Harold Dayton of the State Highway Patrol said that Grooms lost control of his car on a sharp curve in the road and wrecked the vehicle, causing damage estimated at \$75.

Grooms was charged with driving on the wrong side of the highway.

Miss Grooms was treated at Canton by Dr. Roy Moore.

## 500 Turn Up To File For Jobs At Wellco Shoe Co.

More than 500 people were on hand at Wellco Shoe Corporation this morning to file application for new jobs which the plant plans to have available in the near future.

Heinz Rollman made the announcement Friday to plant employees that applications would be taken today and the 500 showed up.

## Rural Fire Inspection Plan Studied

A nine-point CDP program for 1955 was adopted tentatively by officers and directors of the Haywood County Community Development Program at a meeting Friday night at the courthouse.

Proposed for 1955 were: 1. Development of a program of fire inspection of farm houses and buildings for better fire protection in the rural areas of Haywood County.

2. A roadside beautification program.

3. Continued co-sponsorship of the annual out-of-state farm tour with the Test Demonstration Farmers and the North Carolina Extension Service.

4. Inauguration of tours to leading communities in other Western North Carolina communities.

5. Encouragement of leading rural enclaves, participation in the southeastern "Rural Church of the Year" contest, sponsored by Sears and Roebuck.

6. Renovation of community road signs and residential mail boxes.

7. Continuation of community tours and picnics, held each summer.

8. A study of ways to increase farm, individual, and community income.

9. Promotion of a more extensive recreational program.

The CDP officials also voted to eliminate family farm survey sheets as a requisite for entering the county CDP contest and decided to compile the same information in a community scrapbook.

Communities, however, who enter the district contests will be required to file the family forms.

J. Hack Clark of Thickety and Mrs. Harry Garner of West Pigeon were named as a committee of two to seek a sponsor for the 1955 Tobacco Festival and Home Arts Exhibition, to be held in November.

In connection with better rural (See CDP—Page 6)

## Highway Record For 1955 In Haywood (TO DATE)

Killed . . . . 0  
Injured . . . . 2  
Accidents . . 8  
Loss . . \$2,605

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