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WAYNESVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JAN. 13, 1955

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School Board Turns Down Proposal On Compromise

Haywood County Suit Scheduled To Be Heard January 20

Haywood County board of education turned down the proposal of a compromise on the issue of the ownership of the old elementary school property.

The decision of the board came after a three court-appointed committee of the property, suggested the property be sold and the proceeds given towards renovation of the W. B. Ferguson name for Haywood County Library.

The board of education declared their stand that they were not interested in a compromise, the case will be heard in court before Judge Dan K. Galloway, January 20th.

Board of Education, in a session Monday, shows the following minutes: After considerable discussion, the board proposed a compromise of the old elementary school property, that of relinquishing the rights of this property to Haywood County Public Library was moved by J. W. Kilpatrick since this board of education was legally responsible for school property and that the sale of this property could be made of legal title to public school that all money for the sale of the property be used for school purposes. We feel the course of action in process, that of seeing that the legal title to this elementary school property, be carried out as originally intended.

The motion was seconded by H. Caldwell, and the motion carried.

Electronics Class Holds First Meeting

Sixty-six men enrolled in the first class in electronics sponsored by the science department of Haywood County High School, was announced by Y. F. Sikes, instructor. The class will meet from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays for a year. The first session Tuesday, the students studied the basic principles of electronics.

Enrolled in the class are: M. Killian, Doug Worsham, Patterson, Tommy Norris, Chambers, Kenneth Ruff, Long, Jack Kelley, Bill Jack Gentry, Robert Robb, James D. Siske, Jack McNeill, Bobby McClure, James E. Clark, T. D. Mobley, Robert Gilman Grant, Vincent Hall, Hendricks, W. E. Cope, Al-Henderson, Robert Campbell, Cunningham, Arthur Mead and Norman Putnam.

Winchester Named Parkway Group

W. H. Winchester, vice president of the Chamber of Commerce, was named as a director of the Ridge Parkway Association for a two-year term, it has been announced.

Parkway Association, composed of members in both North Carolina and Virginia, was the first to go on record on the announced plan to put a parkway in May.

Winchester is advertising The Mountaineer.

School Administration Costs In Haywood \$1.99 Per Student, Says Report



DR. ALAN BROWN Is Chief Of Staff At Hospital Here

Newly elected staff officers for the Haywood County Hospital were installed during the January meeting held last week.

Dr. Alan Brown of Waynesville, is chief of staff and head of the X-ray department. Dr. W. O. Kearse, Canton, is vice chief of staff and heads the general practice department, and Dr. Jack D. Davis is secretary. These officers also comprise the executive committee.

Other department heads are: Dr. J. L. Reeves, Canton, chief of surgery; Dr. Boyd Owen, Waynesville, chief of medicine; Dr. H. A. Matthews, Canton, obstetric and gynecology; and Dr. S. S. Hindman, chief of laboratory and pathology departments.

Boys Cited In Break-Ins Get Hearing

Six teen-age boys, charged in a series of break-ins of homes and business establishments in this area last week, have been given a hearing before Justice of the Peace J. J. Ferguson and bound over to Superior Court on \$300 bond.

One boy — Homer Noland — is still in jail and may be turned over to federal authorities if they seek his custody on other charges.

The other five have been released on bond. They are Boomer Medford, David McDaniel, both of Waynesville, and Mack Medford, Carroll Smith, and Johnny Green, all of the Crabtree section.

Green, the other boys said, did not enter any establishment, but was waiting in their car while they entered the Junaluska Gulf service station. He was charged with aiding and abetting breaking and entering.

Sheriff's deputies last night searched Noland's mother's home and found eight and a half pints of bonded whiskey and a quantity of cigarettes and cigars, reported stolen from the business places.

Mrs. Noland was not at home when the law-enforcement officials arrived. She may face charges later of possession of stolen property.

Rogers To Receive Hearing Saturday

Elmer Rogers will be given a hearing at ten o'clock Saturday morning, on the charge of firing a 16-gauge shotgun at Lloyd Moore last Saturday night, near the Rogers' home in Fines Creek.

Moore had 80 shots removed from his back and legs, according to physicians.

Rogers is under \$500 bond, charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

Haywood county ranked 60th in the state in administrative expense per pupil in average daily attendance during the 1953-54 terms.

According to records cited in the current issue of School Facts, the county unit spent \$12,226.31 for administration, with 6,151 students in average daily attendance. This was an average of \$1.99 per student. The state average is \$1.97. The highest in the state was \$10.28, in Chowan, while the lowest was Gullford, \$1.03.

The Canton city unit, ranked 31st in the state with an expenditure of \$10.31, for an average cost of \$3.87 per student for the 2,669 students, the report showed.

In the city unit division, Pinehurst was tops, with \$10.18 costs, while Charlotte was the lowest with a 63 cent record.

Clothing Drive Nets 593 Items

A total of 593 garments was collected during the second porchlight drive for the Community Clothing Closet conducted by the Hazelwood Lions Club, with assistance from the Moose Lodge and the Waynesville Secretaries chapter.

Of the total, 282 of the garments collected were for children.

With its newly increased stocks, the Clothing Closet Association yesterday distributed 284 garments to 32 families.

Mrs. Jack Klopp, a member of the association, said that more than 1,500 garments have been distributed to 112 families since the Clothing Closet opened its distribution center on the third floor of the courthouse.

The center is open from 9:30 until 12:30 each Wednesday and Saturday.

Persons who have items to contribute are asked to bring them to the courthouse or leave them at the Waynesville fire station.

Soil Conservation Officials Report On 1954 Program

A report on the soil conservation program carried on in Haywood County during 1954 was made this week by district supervisors Herschell Rogers, chairman; D. J. Boyd, vice chairman, and Van C. Wells, secretary.

A Haywood County Soil Conservation District was formed here last summer and an office opened on the third floor of the courthouse in September.

The report by the supervisors reads: "The Haywood County Supervisors this year began an active soil and water conservation program on the land within the District. This program is being carried on by the work unit conservator assigned to Haywood County by the U. S. Soil Conservation Service on August 1, 1954.

"District headquarters were established in an office on the third floor of the county courthouse on (See Soil Report—Page 8)

New Canton School Will Be Ready By Fall Term

Canton school officials are making plans to move into the new junior high school, which is now under construction.

The \$450,000 structure, furnished, is being pushed to completion, Rowe Henry, superintendent of Canton schools said yesterday.

"We plan to move into the new structure at the beginning of the 1955 fall term," Superintendent Henry said.

The new building will have 15 classrooms, and gymnasium, science laboratories, and a library.



LITTLE BRIGHT-EYED Suzanne Milner, six months old today, faced one of the rarest heart examinations known to medical science as she became a patient at the University of Minnesota Hospital this morning. Suzanne is suffering from an acute heart ailment. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Milner. (Mountaineer Photo.)

Little Suzanne Faces Operation On Heart

By W. CURTIS RUSS Editor The Mountaineer

King-Sized Citrus Fruit Weighs 5 Lbs.

Some people think it's a grapefruit, others contend it's a lemon, and still others believe it's a cross between the two.

But, whatever it is, The Mountaineer now has a king-sized piece of citrus fruit — weighing five pounds, three ounces and measuring seven inches in diameter — brought here by Leonard Garnett of Jonathan Creek.

Mr. Garnett, a native of Florida, brought back the fruit giant from his brother Earl's farm at Hyvoloux, Fla., south of West Palm Beach.

While showing the fruit around at the courthouse, Mr. Garnett was asked by one person: "Where did you get that pumpkin?"

After it has been on display here for a while, the fruit will be cut to determine to which family the colossal citrus belongs.

1,195 Criminal Cases Tried In Past Four Years

In the past four years, for 12 terms of criminal court, there have been 1,195 cases tried, according to the records in the office of the Clerk of Court, J. B. Siler.

Three terms of criminal court are held a year—February, July and November. The average is about 100 cases per court, and the large part of these are traffic cases.

2 Teen-Age Boys 'Borrow' Vehicles For Night Rides

A habit of "borrowing" cars and trucks from used car lots at night and riding about, came to an abrupt end Wednesday night for two teen-age boys.

Deputy Gene Howell, enroute home about 10:45 saw a stalled car on Miller St., and a young boy trying to start the vehicle. The deputy became suspicious, because of the boy's age and time of night.

He found the boy was just 13 years old, and first claimed the car belonged to his uncle. He had taken the car from the used car lot of Howell Motor Co.

He said that his companion, Jerry Moore, 19, had taken a

Little curly-headed, black-eyed Suzanne Milner, six months old today, was scheduled to have one of the rarest of heart examinations known to medical science. She entered the University of Minnesota Hospital yesterday, after flying from Knoxville in a special pressurized cabin plane.

Suzanne became ill sometime ago, and examinations revealed she had a small hole in her heart, and that the organ was becoming enlarged. In seeking medical advice, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Milner, were led to Dr. Walton Lillehei, at the University of Minnesota Hospital. His work as a famous heart surgeon was described in a feature illustrated article in the November first issue of Life magazine.

Suzanne and her parents left here Tuesday afternoon about three o'clock, and drove to Knoxville, where they had to take a special plane at eight o'clock for Chicago. Due to Suzanne's heart condition, an ordinary plane would not be permitted by the physician. They spent Tuesday night in Chicago, and then on to Minneapolis Wednesday morning.

The delicate examinations were scheduled to begin today, and the results of the findings of the famous surgeon will determine the date of an operation. The operation could be immediate, or even weeks off, the hospital technicians told Suzanne's parents.

A recent respiratory illness aggravated the heart condition, and a seepage from the heart was discovered, it was learned.

The delicate operation can well be termed a dual operation, inasmuch as another person is also involved. In this case, it will be Suzanne's father, a former football star, and now a service department foreman of a local garage.

According to the schedule, both Suzanne and her father would be put under anesthesia, and through a complicated and complex system of tubes, and scientific apparatus, would be connected for his heart beat and blood stream to function for her body during the operation (See Little Suzanne—Page 8)

Tucker Named Executive Vice President C. of C.

Nine Divorces Granted By Civil Term Of Court In 3 Days; Two Suits Heard

Nine divorces have been granted, and several civil cases tried in the January term of Civil Court, with Judge Dan K. Moore, Sylva, presiding.

On Tuesday, the case of Eva Holbrook against James H. Howell, Jr., administrator of the Dollie Ferguson estate, was tried, with the plaintiff being awarded \$3,700.

In the case resulting from an automobile wreck, July 4, 1953, involving two suits seeking recovery of damages by both plaintiff and defendant, the jury made no award to either. Miss Esther Mae Gibson was the driver of one car, and Hugh Constance driver of the other car involved in the wreck near the Hospital.

The case consumed Wednesday, with the jury returning the verdict this morning.

Today a case involving recovery of a \$1,200 note was being heard.

Divorces granted included: Elsie Henline Farmer vs. Henry H. Farmer; Annie Mae Kesler vs. Paul Ray Kesler; Lillie Ervin vs. Stone Ervin; W. T. Stiles vs. Viola Jennette Stiles; Wiley C. Stevenson vs. Flora T. Stevenson; Hugh L. Shook vs. Marguerite W. Shook; Rosmond Conner vs. Clifford Conner; Nettie K. Talley vs. Jesse Talley; Lois M. Smith vs. Norris Smith.

The jury named for the second week of court includes: Second week — George Phillips, White Oak; G. B. Graceford, Iron Duff; H. R. Calhoun, Iron Duff; Clyde Parris, Beaverdam; Lenoir W. Smathers, Beaverdam; Alvin Garner, Clyde; C. M. Blythe, Beaverdam; B. B. Burnett, Pigeon; Frank Jones, Waynesville; Roy R. Medford, Clyde.

W. W. Hyatt, Pigeon; Glenn Ledford, Fines Creek; Carl Moody, Waynesville; Hugh C. Rogers, Clyde; Lewis J. Smith, Clyde; Carson Barnett, Waynesville; Joseph Massie, Waynesville; Clyde Wyatt, Beaverdam; Fred L. Trull, Beaverdam; Ed Messer, Waynesville.

Adrian Schenck, Beaverdam; Wallace G. Flynt, Waynesville; Corwin Mann, Pigeon; P. M. Higgins, Jr., Beaverdam.

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Twenty selective service registrants also were sent to Knoxville for pre-induction physical examinations.

Psychologist To Address Mental Hygiene Society

Stanley Nale, clinical psychologist in the State Department of Public Welfare, will address the Haywood County Mental Hygiene Society at 7:30 p.m. Monday in Boyd Chapel at the First Methodist Church in Waynesville.

In his talk, Mr. Nale will discuss activities which the county mental hygiene group may carry out this year.

In a letter signed by Earl H. Brendall, president, and Mrs. Jack Klopp, secretary-treasurer of the society, it was pointed out that "there is a great need for an active local society to educate the public in the area of prevention and treatment of mental illness, mental deficiency, and maladjustment and to promote resources for prevention and treatment, both locally and throughout the state."

The Haywood County Mental Hygiene Society was formed here last summer at a luncheon meeting at Spaldon's, attended by several representatives of the North Carolina Mental Hygiene Society.

Bethel Church Completes New Aluminum Roof

Bethel Presbyterian Church is now covered with a brand-new fireproof roof, says Henry M. Hope, Jr., student pastor of the church. The new roof, replacing its fire-damaged predecessor, was completed before Christmas.

State-wide interest was aroused, when, on October 10, fire broke out on the old, fire-vulnerable, wooden-shingled roof. Reason for the wide interest: The student pastor was preparing to deliver a sermon entitled "Fireproof" just as the flames began to crackle.

The new roof consists of aluminum-painted tin shingling, rather than wooden, and allows no foothold for sparks from the flue.

The student pastor gave special credit to Lowery Justice and John Hardin, for their work in collection of roofing funds, and thanked the congregation for their speedy and generous donations to the cause.

CDP To Chart Recreation Plans Here Saturday

Haywood County's CDP recreational program will be charted at a meeting of community chairmen at 10 a.m. Saturday at the courthouse, according to Bob Tippett, assistant county agent.

At a meeting of CDP officers and directors last week, approval was given to a more extensive program of recreation for 1955—to include basketball, softball and horseshoe tournaments and a county field day.

ON BUYING TRIP

Dave Feldman, co-owner of Reliable Jewelers, left Wednesday on a week's buying trip to New York.



NED TUCKER was named executive vice president of the Chamber of Commerce. He will devote full time on promotional work for the community.

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Sheriff Asking FBI To Take Over Hunt For Gunter

Sheriff Fred Y. Campbell believes that William Harley Gunter, 36, and his 8-year-old son have gone to the West Coast.

A warrant charging Gunter with abduction of his son as the boy neared the Hazelwood school, was sworn out by Mrs. Gunter, who was awarded temporary custody of the boy by a Buncombe county court.

Sheriff Campbell said he felt for several days that Gunter would "show up" in Buncombe County, where he lived, but now believes he has gone to the West Coast.

The Haywood sheriff plans to call in the FBI and ask them to take over the case.

Brendall Goes To Mental Health Meeting

The Rev. Earl H. Brendall, chairman of the Haywood County Mental Health Society, left this morning for Chapel Hill to attend a meeting of the board of directors of the North Carolina Mental Health Association. The directors will hold a luncheon meeting at the Carolina Inn.

Mr. Brendall was accompanied to Chapel Hill by Mrs. Brendall.

Highway Record For 1955 In Haywood (TO DATE)

Killed . . . 0
Injured . . . 2
Accidents . . 9
Loss . . \$2,874

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

Weather — Cold with snow today. Much colder to Friday, partly cloudy and . . .
Waynesville temperature reported by the State . . .
Max. Min. Pr.
46 32 26
40 29 31
47 23
temperature was 6 above this morning on top of Mt.