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## Judge Moore Considering City-County Suit Decision

Judge Dan K. Moore of Sylva, has under consideration, the lawsuit of the Haywood Board of Education, plaintiff, and the Town of Waynesville, defendant, over ownership of the Central Elementary School property.

Judge Moore heard the statement of facts from lawyers in the case for two hours Thursday afternoon, and will file his decision with the clerk of court. Some court officials expect the decision within the next two weeks.

Representatives of both the plaintiff and defendant have indicated they will take an appeal to the Supreme Court if the Superior Court decision is not in their favor.

The Supreme Court session is scheduled for August, and it was felt that the decision of that court would come somewhere near the first of September.

The suit is the outgrowth of the ownership of the block-square piece of school property. The 1953 General Assembly, through a special act, deeded the property to the town of recreational purposes when the county board of education finished using the property for school purposes. The building, condemned (See Court—Page 6)



CHUBBY AND HEALTHY LOOKING is Shirley Jean Grooms, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Grooms of Hazelwood, who was stricken with polio at the age of 2. When first sent to Asheville Orthopedic Hospital, she remained, for two months and has been back twice for short periods to learn to walk on crutches. Shirley Jean is only one of thousands of youngsters in the United States who have been aided by funds from the March of Dimes in the fight against the dreadedcripper of children.

(Photo by Jean White).

## Shirley Jean Learning To Walk After Polio Left Her Legs Crippled

By BOB CONWAY

How would you feel if you awoke on a bright summer morning and found one of your legs completely paralyzed?

Although she was too young at the time to realize the full significance of her condition, that's just what happened to Shirley Jean Grooms of Hazelwood on July 8, 1953.

On that morning, Shirley Jean was unable to walk or even to move her right leg. When the doctor came, his diagnosis confirmed the fears of the girl's parents: Polio!

At first the dreaded illness affected only Shirley Jean's leg, but soon it had spread over her entire body and she was sent to the Asheville Orthopedic Hospital for treatment.

She stayed for two months the first time and has returned for short periods twice for assistance in learning to use crutches.

Shirley Jean was two years old when stricken with polio; she is now three and a half. Today her condition has improved considerably over what it was 18 months ago and further improvement can be expected, but doctors hold little hope for her complete recovery.

Her susceptibility to the disease was increased by infections of the (See Shirley Jean—Page 4)

## Building Permits In Waynesville At \$425,200 For '54

The Town of Waynesville issued building permits during 1954 totaling \$425,200, according to the records of Lloyd Jones, building inspector.

The report, on file with G. C. Ferguson, town manager, shows that there were 34 new homes constructed in town during 1954, and the other 21 permits were for commercial buildings, repairs, and expansions of buildings. There were 55 permits issued.

The largest single permit was for the construction of the building for the Dixie Store, on Miller and Haywood Streets, for \$60,000.

A number of the 34 permits for homes were for \$20,000.

Town Manager Ferguson said he believed this past year saw more new homes built within the city limits than at any time in several years. The 1954 report was one of the highest in the history of the town, only exceeded by the year when the first Baptist church and several motor courts were constructed.



LEAVING, Rev. Archie Graham, Hazelwood pastor, announced to his congregation Sunday he was going to a Rock Hill Presbyterian church February 3rd.

## Little Suzanne Throws Off Bad Cold And Upset

Little Suzanne Milner is over her cold, and the effects of the trip to a heart specialist in Minneapolis. The black-eyed little girl was reported at noon as being "100 per cent better than Friday—as far as her cold and stomach upset were concerned."

Mr. and Mrs. James Milner are receiving floods of mail, and telephone calls from all parts of the country with suggestions for Suzanne. Some recommended certain hospitals, or doctors, while others recommended other things, such as faith healers.

Some of the mail has been from parents with children suffering a similar heart ailment as Suzanne, and ask for advice and information. The formal medical report from the University of Minnesota Hospital has not yet been received.

## 3 Canton Men Charged With Station Burglary

Three Canton men were placed in the Haywood County jail at 3 a.m. today on charges of breaking and entering in connection with the robbery of the J. L. Connard service station near the western town limits of Canton on January 17.

Sheriff Fred Y. Campbell identified the three as Kenneth "Tex" Robinson, Paul Blankenship, and Willard Blankenship.

They are charged with taking tools and a tool chest worth \$260, a radio, hot plate, and a quantity of motor oil from the Connard station last Monday.

The trio will be returned to Canton for a hearing before Justice of the Peace R. R. Mease.

## Graham Goes To Rock Hill Church Soon

The Rev. Archie C. Graham, pastor of the Hazelwood Presbyterian Church, has accepted a call to the Northminster Presbyterian Church in Rock Hill, S. C., according to an announcement yesterday in a congregational meeting in the Hazelwood Church.

Mr. Graham came to Hazelwood in February, 1953 while still a student at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary. During the two years of his ministry, the church membership has increased from 78 to 110 and many improvements have been made in the church property. New pews, pulpit furniture, lights, and carpet have been placed in the sanctuary, the basement has been rebuilt and a new heating system installed. A garage has also been built for the manse.

Mr. Graham was instrumental in starting a fund for the purchase of an electronic organ in memory of the late Harry R. (Blue) Robinson. The fund has \$1376.70 of its goal of \$3500.

Since coming to the community Mr. Graham has been active in civic affairs. He is a member of the Hazelwood Boosters Club, the P.T.A., and the Haywood County Ministerial Association.

Mr. Graham, with his wife and three children, Linda, David, and Johnny, will leave for Rock Hill Thursday, February 3.

## Cub Scouts To Meet At Central At 7 P. M.

The local Cub Scout pack will meet at Central Elementary School Tuesday night at 7 o'clock instead of at 7:30 p.m. as has been the custom in the past, it was announced today by Bill Cobb. A PTA meeting will follow at 8 p.m.

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

Killed . . . . 0  
Injured . . . . 5  
Accidents . . 16  
Loss . . \$8,199

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

DISCUSSING BURLEY PRODUCTION was discussed by county farmers and agricultural officials at a special meeting at the courthouse Friday night. In a huddle here before the start of the meeting were (seated, left to right) J. L. Cagle of

Hemphill, H. C. Shook of Clyde, and F. M. Rogers of Fines Creek; (standing) Henry Allison of Cove Creek and Dewey Franklin of Jonathan Creek.

(Mountaineer Photo).

## Growers Pass 3 Resolutions Aimed at Cutting Production Of Burley

### Funeral Rites For Rogers Set Wednesday

Funeral rites for Corporal Gerald Rogers, who died in action in Italy on November 4, 1950, will be held in the Riverside Baptist church at Lake Logan, Thursday p.m.

Rev. Paul Grogan and the Thomas Erwin will officiate at the funeral. Military rites will be held by members of the Ed-Clark Messer VFW Post No. 1 of Canton. Pallbearers will be members of the VFW Post. The body is expected to arrive in Canton Wednesday morning and be taken to the home of the late Mr. and Mrs. Herbert S. Rogers, on Canton, Route 3.

Mr. Rogers entered the service in 1946 and served in Italy for two years prior to going to Korea. In addition to the parents, three brothers, Lannes, Leonard, and Leonard Rogers of Oak Ridge, Tenn., and Jerome of Manteo; four sisters, Mrs. R. M. Dew of Knoxville, Mrs. M. M. Matreary of Canton, Mrs. Al. G. Crocker of Cherryville, and Mrs. J. W. Chambers of Canton.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Wells Funeral Home.

### Union Lions To See Their Convention Film

The Lions will see a movie of the 1954 National Lions Convention which meets Tuesday night at the State Hotel. The movie will be shown at 7 p.m. Also on the program will be a film of the Paper and Fibre Composites.

W. H. Hodson is president of the meeting which will be at seven p.m.



Increasing cloudiness and cold Tuesday, partly cloudy and

Waynesville temperature reported by the State Test

	Max.	Min.	Pr.
20	42	8	---
21	40	17	---
22	42	17	40
23	39	23 (snow)	---

## 650 Tobacco Marketing Cards Still Not Returned

Approximately 650 tobacco marketing cards have yet to be turned in by Haywood County burley producers, it has been announced by the ASC office.

A. W. Ferguson, ASC manager, warned that growers may have their 1955 burley allotment reduced unless the marketing cards are returned to the ASC office.

Allotments for '55 are mailed only after receipt of the marketing cards from the season recently closed.

## Mountaineer Printers Meet Unexpectedly

Six days a week, Cordell Chambers, Linotype operator at The Mountaineer, and Ben Church, job printing foreman, meet each other in the composing room of this newspaper.

Friday at noon the two men had another meeting which was somewhat distressing in that both were driving cars at the time.

The two printers met head-on when Mr. Chambers, driving west on Wall St., swerved to the left to avoid a car backing out of a parking place and drove into the path of Mr. Church's car.

Damage to the two cars, comparatively minor, has not been estimated.

## Canton To Play Host To Baptist Brotherhood

Canton will play host to the second annual Region Nine Baptist Brotherhood Convention, to be held at the First Baptist Church Friday night, starting at 6 p.m.

The Haywood Baptist Association will act as host for the convention. The Rev. Horace Smith is pastor of the host Baptist Church in Canton and Phil Kinken is associational brotherhood president.

The theme for the meeting is: "Witnessing Men". The program will be: 6 p.m.—Supper, 7 p.m.—Devotion singing, 7:15 p.m.—"Business Challenge", 7:30 p.m.—Reports by associational presidents.

8 p.m.—Royal Ambassadors, Bill Jackson,

8:10 p.m.—Cottage prayer meetings, Horace Eason.

8:20 p.m.—Special music, Verl Capps, First Church, Charlotte.

8:30 p.m.—Talk by Nelson Tull, secretary, Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas.

9 p.m.—Benediction.

## ASC To Offer Pre-Measurement Service Again

Pre-measurement of all allotment crops will be offered to farmers in 1955. Farmers will be required to pay only the actual cost of the work. In previous years farmers have used various methods to determine the area to plant to an allotment crop, which have frequently caused the farmer to overplant. This unintentional overplanting costs the farmer fertilizer, unused plants or seed as well as the cost of measuring.

On making application for pre-measurement at the county ASC office, the farmer will be required to deposit sufficient funds to cover cost of pre-measuring. The pre-measured acreage will be accepted as official unless it is later determined that (1) the crop has not been planted within the pre-measured area; (2) less than the pre-measured area has been planted or (3) there was an obvious error in the pre-measurement. Costs for pre-measurement will be .60 per acre or \$5 per farm, whichever is larger.

## Mountaineer Editor Attends Press Meeting

W. Curtis Russ, editor of The Mountaineer, attended the 30th annual midwinter North Carolina Press Institute in Chapel Hill last weekend. He returned Saturday night.

### TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

Mrs. Jeannette Abbott of Canton, public health nurse, will leave Wednesday to attend a 10-day conference on mental health at the State Hospital at Raleigh.



NELSON TULL

Region Nine of the Baptist Brotherhood includes the Haywood, Buncombe, Yancey, French Broad, Newfound, Transylvania, Carolina, and Mitchell associations.

## Bloodmobile Here Tuesday

A goal of 200 pints will be sought here Tuesday afternoon when the American Red Cross Bloodmobile is scheduled to pay its first visit of 1955 to the Waynesville area.

The trip here tomorrow will be sponsored by employees of the Day-ton Rubber Co. Virgil L. Holloway and Clyde Fisher, new Blood Bank chairmen, announced that the mobile unit will be in operation from 1 until 6 p.m. at the Hazelwood Presbyterian Church.

Assisting in the work will be the Red Cross Gray Ladies, directed by Mrs. Felix Stovall, chairman, and Mrs. Ben Colkitt, co-chairman.

## TB Fund Drive Still On; Goal Not Yet Reached

It is still not too late to send in contributions to the Waynesville Tuberculosis Committee for Christmas Seals sent through the mails last year, Mrs. R. R. Campbell, reminded the public today. The seal sale goal of \$1,500 has not been reached and a number of persons have not yet sent in donations for the seals they received.

Funds from the sale of Christmas seals is used for educational and preventive work dealing with the detection and treatment of tuberculosis—especially in the TB chest X-ray program.

## 4 Area Veterinarians To Attend State Meet

Dr. Mack Setser, Dr. A. R. Riegg, Dr. R. R. Jeter, and Dr. C. R. Border, Waynesville area veterinarians, will attend the 17th annual conference for veterinarians to be held at N. C. State College Tuesday through Friday.

The conference is sponsored by State College and the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association.

At the four-day meeting, the four Waynesville veterinarians will participate in forums conducted by outstanding specialists from all sections of the United States.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. LaFontaine announce the birth of a son on January 21 at Memorial Mission Hospital, Asheville.

## M. R. Williamson Pastor Of Church Destroyed By Fire

Members of the Tenth Avenue Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, were today surveying the ashes and blackened rubble remains of the 53-year-old building which was destroyed by fire early Sunday morning.

Rev. M. R. Williamson, pastor, and until November first, pastor of the Waynesville Presbyterian Church, said over long distance today that the estimated loss is about \$250,000 with insurance of \$75,000. Included in the loss was a new \$25,000 organ.

The pastor had not been permitted by firemen to enter his study since the fire. The study was seriously damaged, and many of the personal effects of the pastor included in the loss. He was concerned about the paintings given him while District Governor of Rotary. These W.N.C. scene paintings were hanging on the wall of his study.

The blaze is believed to have started in the boiler room of the

church. The heavy slate roof on the building kept the blaze from spreading to other nearby church buildings, firemen said.

The congregation plans to rebuild, the pastor said, but might consider a new site. The glass windows in the church were considered as being among the most beautiful in the South, and acoustical engineers often referred to the tones as being "almost perfect" in the sanctuary.

Rev. Mr. Williamson was scheduled to be officially installed as pastor next Sunday. The services will be carried out at the First Presbyterian Church.

The fire was a five alarm blaze, and brought out most of Charlotte's fire fighting equipment. Many Haywood citizens saw pictures of the disastrous fire on TV Sunday evening.

Regular services of the church will be held in the fellowship building of the church, Rev. Mr. Williamson announced.