

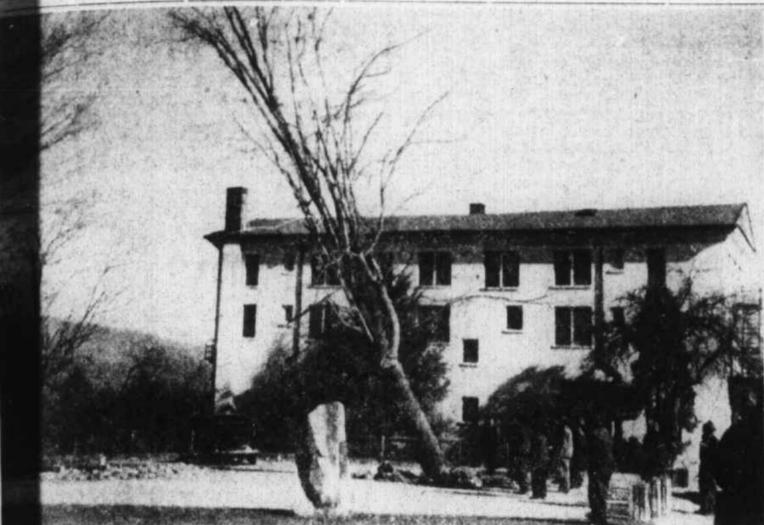
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...ING TO EARTH comes the second of two trees in the courtyard parking lot Friday morning, cut down by a crew of workmen supervised by George Patrick. The tree pictured was

said to be already dead, and the other dying. A metal cable and truck winch was used on this tree to insure its falling in the desired direction. (Mountaineer Photo).

## Fleetwood Smathers Is Foreman Grand Jury; 288 Cases On Docket

### Miller Heads U.P. Bureau On Formosa

William D. Miller, son of Mrs. Clyde Ray of Waynesville, is now serving as chief of bureau of the United Press bureau on Formosa—currently the world's No. 1 "hot spot." In the recent months, Mr. Miller's news dispatches from the Chinese Nationalist stronghold have been quoted by leading newspapers — including the New York Times, and on radio and television. A graduate of St. John's School and the University of Georgia, Mr. Miller covered the state legislature for the Raleigh bureau of United Press before entering the armed forces — during which he saw eight months combat duty at the front in Korea. In the past several months, worldwide attention has been centered on Formosa which is being protected by the United States Seventh Fleet from the growing threat of invasion by the Chinese Communists.



YOU GUESSED IT—When this group of Haywood folk talked with Governor Luther Hodges, the topic drifted to the "Pigeon River Road". At the moment this picture was made, Jonathan Woody was telling the Governor the urgent need of the road, as others in the delegation listened (and awaited the flash of the photographer's bulb). Governor Hodges was keenly interested in the enthusiasm of the delegation over the need of completing the road. Shown left to right: W. C. Russ, H. P. McCarroll, Mrs. Edith Alley, M. J. Hamner, Governor Hodges, Richard Bradley, Jonathan Woody, and Beekman Huger. (Photo For The Mountaineer by J. D. Fitz).

### Number Traffic Cases Heard By Court By Noon

Fleetwood Smathers, of Canton, was named foreman of the Haywood County Grand Jury this morning, as the two-week term of criminal court opened, with Judge Dan Moore, of Sylva, presiding. Nine members were added to the grand jury this morning to serve with the nine who were named last July. Smathers succeeds Ernest Messer as foreman of the jury. The nine members named this morning were: J. C. Seay, W. G. Bryant, Robert Messer, Wayne Price, Way Mease, High Cook, Dillard Hooper, Rex Lee Messer and Fleetwood Smathers. The members who were named in July include: Joe Evans, Roy Hightower, Hiram Leatherwood, L. W. Singleton, G. S. Coleman, Robert H. Pace, Eugene Kuykendall, Rex Pless and Ernest M. Sutton. The court was disposing of a number of traffic cases before the noon adjournment today. The defendants charged with speeding, operating without a license, and driving drunk, and submitting to a plea of guilty, were paying their fines as Judge Moore heard arresting officers testify in the cases. As court opened today, there were 288 cases on the docket, according to J. B. Siler, clerk of court. A lot of interest is being shown in the case of Robert Ledford, charged with beating and failing to provide food for his wife and 8-month-old son, in the Hemphill section. Ledford was arrested and has been in jail since his arrest in December. Neighbors are ready to testify in the case, as well as physicians, court officials said. Mrs. Ledford told The Mountaineer today, she plans to return to her parents in New Jersey after the trial. The dark circles of a blackened eye were still in evidence this morning. The mother and little boy have been staying at the home of Mrs. Noah Cagle, a neighbor, since December 30. Mrs. Cagle said today both were "pitiful sights" when they came to her home. She has been giving both plenty of milk and wholesome food, and they have shown a remarkable gain in weight. W. B. Murray is officer of the Grand Jury, a post he has held many times. The halls were crowded today, with both spectators and witnesses. The halls in front of the grand jury room were packed, as witnesses awaited being called in to testify in various cases. The county commissioners had to move from their room in order that the Grand Jury could take over. The commissioners were holding their regular first Monday meeting in the auditor's office. At noon they said only routine matters had come before the board, and for the most part they were checking on regular monthly statements. The jury named for the first week is as follows, and the following, less those named on the grand jury, will hear cases: C. P. Parham, James B. Soesbee, J. C. Burnette, Coy Messer, Roy Reeves, J. G. Burgess, Lee (See Court—Page 6)

### School Bus Disabled Accident

A school bus was disabled Friday afternoon in a collision with another bus, according to a report from the Highway Patrol. On Harold Dayton said Lee Williamson, Route 1, driving a 1952 International bus, backed into a 1951 school bus driven by Dexter Jones, Route 3, Canton. The buses were filled with school children at the time of the collision and one was injured. Patrolman Dayton held the other bus had allowed it out of the area which was to turn in. The front end of the bus was estimated at \$200. The rear end of the bus was towed to the county garage. Waynesville High School bus driven by Dexter Jones was filled with school children at the time of the collision and one was injured. Patrolman Dayton held the other bus had allowed it out of the area which was to turn in. The front end of the bus was estimated at \$200. The rear end of the bus was towed to the county garage. Waynesville High School bus driven by Dexter Jones was filled with school children at the time of the collision and one was injured.

### Rain During Weekend Totaled 3.29 Inches

A total of 3.29 inches of rain, one of the heaviest falls here in years, was recorded on the gauges at the Mountain Experiment Station during the weekend. The rain filled up lakes and streams in the area and disposed of the last vestiges of the January 19 snowfall. The down-pour lasted throughout the night Saturday and continued until late Sunday afternoon. The weekend precipitation totaled more than twice that recorded for the entire month of January, which was 1.17. The total for February previous to Saturday afternoon was .51 inches.

### December Tax Collections Show \$3,000 Increase

Sales tax collections in Haywood County during December, 1954, showed an increase of more than \$3,000 over the total reported for December, 1953, according to "The Retailer," published by the North Carolina Merchants Association. Collections for the past December were \$32,489.20 in comparison to \$29,458.43 the year previous. Haywood's tax collections were the highest of any Western North Carolina county west of Asheville. This county's total exceeded neighboring Henderson County's by almost \$2,000 in December, 1954, and by more than \$3,000 in November.

### Crabtree Boy At N.C. State Short Course

William Medford of Upper Crabtree, student at Crabtree-Iron Duff High School, is representing Haywood County in a special two-week short course at N. C. State College in general agriculture — including crops, livestock, dairying, and poultry. Medford's trip to State College was arranged by the First National Bank of Waynesville. The state program is sponsored by the North Carolina Bankers Association.

### Summer Resident City Manager At Daytona Beach

Cletus R. Allen, summer resident in this area and owner of the 500-acre Allen Vale Farm in the Hemphill community, has been named city manager at Daytona Beach, Fla. He has been serving as city manager of Winter Haven, Fla. Before going to Winter Haven, Allen was recreational director at Daytona Beach from 1939 to 1946.

### Bethel School 'Fire' Alarm Proves False

Waynesville firemen made a run Friday morning about 8:30 when Bethel Elementary School was reported afire, but at the top of Pigeon Gap the firemen were contacted by radio and told that the alarm was a false one. It was reported that brush being burned in the vicinity led someone to think that the school was burning.

### Funeral Rites Are Conducted For Mrs. Killian

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon in the Waynesville Presbyterian Church for Mrs. Leon M. Killian, Sr., who died Friday afternoon in her home here after a long illness. Adm. W. N. Thomas, chaplain, USN, retired, officiated and interment was in Green Hill Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Lachlan Hyatt, Sam Bushnell, William Ray, Howard Hyatt, Bill Swift, and J. H. Howell, Jr. Honorary pallbearers were J. C. Rose, R. L. Prevost, Ralph Prevost, R. L. Callahan, D. F. Whitman, R. H. Gibson, Sr., Hooper Alexander, Jr., Dr. N. F. Lancaster, Dr. R. S. Roberson, C. N. Allen, L. N. Davis, W. A. Bradley, A. P. Ledbetter, J. H. Way, J. W. Ray, John Boyd, Joe Mormino, Dr. N. M. Medford, Rufus Siler, Clyde Ray, Ralph Summerrow, Hugh Sloan, Sr., Dill Howell, M. C. Patterson, and John Queen, Sr. Mrs. Killian was the former Miss Annie Aiken, daughter of the late Clingman and Ellen Arledge Aiken, and a native of Pickens County, S. C. She moved to Hendersonville with her family when a child and has been residing in Waynesville since her marriage. She was 69 years of age. A member of the Waynesville Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Killian was active in the women's organizations of the church. She was also an active member of the Haywood Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Dorcas Bell Love Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. She served as production chairman of the Haywood County Chapter, American Red Cross, during World War II and devoted hundreds of hours to knitting garments for service men. Surviving are the husband, one daughter, Mrs. Harold Tingen of Fuquay Springs; one son, L. M. Killian, Jr. of Waynesville; two sisters, Mrs. Claude M. Pace of Hendersonville and Miss Elizabeth Aiken of Bethlehem, Pa.; and six grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of Garrett Funeral Home.

### Highlanders To Meet Tonight

The Haywood County Highlanders will hold their monthly dinner meeting at 7 p.m. tonight at Spaldon's Restaurant, with Michael Taft, head of the State Advertising Bureau, as principal speaker. Mr. Taft is a former Asheville resident and once managed the Battery Park Hotel. L. E. DeVous, president of the Highlanders, will preside at the meeting tonight.

### Motel Association To Meet Feb. 14 At Hendersonville

District 19 of the North Carolina Motel Association will meet Monday morning at 10:30, February 14, in the Sun Room of the Skyland Hotel in Hendersonville. District 19 is composed of Henderson, Jackson, Haywood and Transylvania Counties. Guest speakers will include Mrs. Maude S. Morrow, Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Motel Association, H. E. Buchanan, commissioner of the 14th Division, State Highway and Public Works Commission. A representative of the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles will also be present to discuss the problem of noisy trucks on our highways.

### County Library Will Observe 11th Anniversary

The Haywood County Public Library will mark the 11th anniversary of the county-wide library service at an open house to be given by the Waynesville Woman's Club from 2 until 5 p.m. Thursday. During the open house a silver offering will be taken for the library's Building Fund. In charge of arrangements for the event will be a committee made up of Mrs. Joe Limer, chairman; Mrs. Hooper Alexander, Mrs. W. L. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. R. R. Jeter, Mrs. Charles Ray, Mrs. V. L. Holloway. Assisting them will be Miss Margaret Johnston, librarian; Mrs. James Atkins, assistant librarian, and Mrs. Frances Jones, Bookmobile operator.



NOMINATION of Enos Boyd as postmaster of Waynesville has been approved by President Eisenhower and sent to the U. S. Senate for confirmation. Mr. Boyd has been acting postmaster here since August, 1953.

### Haywood Group Joins Governor Hodges In Protesting Proposed Parkway Toll

Several Haywood citizens joined Governor Luther Hodges, the Tar Heel Congressional delegation, and others in making plans for carrying North Carolina's protest against imposition of tolls on the Blue Ridge Parkway direct to Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay. Haywood had eight of the 50 representatives at the meeting called by the Governor. Those attending from Haywood included: Richard Bradley, president, Chamber of Commerce; Ned Tucker, executive vice president; H. P. McCarroll, Jonathan Woody, W. Curtis Russ, Mrs. Doyle Alley, Secretary N. C. Park Commission, Beekman Huger, vice president WNCAC, and M. J. Hamner, of Walker Road. Governor Hodges presided over the meeting, at which the sentiment was expressed that in view of the fact that the people of North Carolina have declared themselves overwhelmingly against tolls on parkway travel, that the delegation should take the protest direct to President Eisenhower if the Secretary of the Interior does not agree to rescinding the order inaugurating tolls on the parkway May 1. Senator Sam J. Erwin and Congressman George Shuford expressed "fundamental opposition" to the tolls. They pledged continuation of the vigorous fight they have been waging against impairment of free use of the parkway. Senator Erwin pointed out that National Park Service officials admitted at a recent hearing that the Park Service has never attempted to charge tolls on a roadway except the Blue Ridge Parkway. "The entire North Carolina delegation is opposed to the tolls, and I think we will get some cooperation from the Virginia delegation," Congressman Shuford said. Governor Hodges emphasized that the people of North Carolina were not told about the tolls when they granted the rights-of-way to the Federal Government, and stated they realized that if tolls are levied on the Blue Ridge Parkway, they may also be in store for the Great Smoky Mountain National Park and the Cape Hatteras Seashore Development, also major (See Haywood Group—Page 6)

### 'Closet' To Be Open On Tuesdays

Starting this week, the Waynesville area Clothing Closet will be open from 2 until 5 p.m. each Tuesday on the third floor of the courthouse. The Clothing Closet has been open previously on Wednesday and Saturday. Persons seeking information or whose need of clothing is urgent may call distribution chairman, Mrs. Riene Bruce, 6-6572, or the American Red Cross office in the courthouse. The Clothing Closet Association also disclosed that it is seeking a coat for a 10-year-old girl student at Central Elementary School.

### Local Chamber Directors Meet Tuesday Night

Directors of the Chamber of Commerce will hold their regular monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the town hall, it has been announced by Dick Bradley, president. Mr. Bradley urged all directors to be present to consider an important matter dealing with organization of the Chamber. The Chamber's new executive vice president, Ned Tucker, attended ceremonies at Hendersonville Friday at the breaking of ground for the new General Electric plant — attended by Governor Luther Hodges.

### Father-Son Banquet Set By Bethel FFA

The Bethel chapter of Future Farmers of America will hold its annual Father and Son banquet at 6:30 p.m. Friday in the Bethel School cafeteria. The announcement was made by Charles Stamey, president of the FFA at Bethel.

### March Of Dimes To Top Goal By Big Margin

A final report on the Waynesville area March of Dimes will be made this week. Chairman Earl H. Brendall, said today. Some reports on contributions still have not been received, he added. Present indications are that the Waynesville area will go over its goal of \$7,500 by more than \$2,500, Mr. Brendall said. Another industrial contribution reported this week was the total of \$188.25 given by employees of the A. C. Lawrence Co.

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### 58 Attend District Meet Of Jaycees

A meeting of District I members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce at Spaldon's Friday night was attended by 58 Jaycees — including 15 from Waynesville and others from Asheville, Black Mountain, Brevard, Mars Hill, Sylva, and Franklin. During a business session presided over by Tom Posey of Asheville, district vice president, discussions were held on: 1. The "Voice of Democracy" contest, which was held here last year. 2. The "Distinguished Service Award," which will be presented later this month to this area's "Outstanding Young Man of 1954". 3. The Heart Fund Drive which is being sponsored in many North Carolina communities by the Jaycees — starting January 20 with "Heart Sunday". 4. The state convention of the Junior Chamber of Commerce to be held in Winston-Salem on February 12-13 and the national convention at Atlanta in June. In charge of arrangements for the district meeting here were Waynesville Jaycees Ralph Thurman, chairman; John Carver, and Andy Blanton.

### Scout Leaders Of Haywood To Meet Here February 21

About 75 adult leaders of Boy Scouts of Pigeon River District (Haywood County) will meet here Monday, Feb. 21, for a banquet, and a Scouters Conference. The meeting will be held at the High School Cafeteria, with Phil Kinken, Canton, chairman of training program in charge. M. H. Bowles, chairman of the Daniel Boone Council Training Committee, is co-sponsor of the meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to acquaint all district chairmen, troop committeemen, scoutmasters, and assistant scoutmasters of the over-all plans for Scout work in 1955. The different members will be shown where the program ties in with the work of a troop. Bowles in discussing the meeting, said he felt that such a meeting would coordinate all ideas and plans into a program well understood by all, and get Scouting in Haywood off to a good start for 1955. There are 22 troops in Haywood, and about 400 Boy Scouts. On February 21, the committee chairman of the council, will meet and stage a planning session for the year's work, Bowles said.

### Ratliff Cove CDP Will Elect Officers

The Ratliff Cove CDP organization will elect officers at a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the REA building. Hugh Ratliff, chairman of the nominating committee, will call the meeting to order. A program will be presented and refreshments will be served.

Highway Record For 1955 In Haywood (TO DATE) Killed . . . . 0 Injured . . . . 7 Accidents . . 22 Loss . . \$9,709 (This information compiled from records of State Highway Patrol.)

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