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TODAY'S SMILE
If criticism had any real
power to harm, the skunk
would be extinct by now.

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SE MEN presented in a well organized, and dignified manner, facts relative to the Pigeon River Road at the hearing before highway commission in Asheville Monday. This picture was just a few minutes before the hearing began in the auditorium. Left to right: Aaron Prevost, Senator William Medford, E. E. Ray, Brandon Hodges, Dave Felmet, Jonathan Woody, chairman, and D. Reeves Noland. Rep. Kelly Bennett was not present when the picture was made. Commissioner Harry Buchanan also spoke in behalf of the Pigeon River road, but was in conference with the other commissioners at the time this picture was made.

(Mountaineer Photo).

Polio Vaccine Shots To Be Given To County School Pupils Next Week

1,506 Children To Be Inoculated; Schedule Listed

Inoculation of first- and second-grade pupils in Haywood County with the new Salk polio vaccine will begin Monday, according to Dr. H. A. Matthews of Canton, president of the Haywood County Medical Society.

The shots will be given in the county schools by physician members of the medical society, assisted by personnel of the Health Department and volunteer registered nurses.

Some 1,506 school children will be given the first inoculation next week and the second within four weeks. These two shots will be given free since the vaccine was furnished to the various states without charge by the National Polio Foundation. However, a charge will be made for a third polio vaccine shot, to be given seven months after the second one.

This final shot in the Salk series will be made at a "minimum" cost, Dr. Matthews said.

Additional polio vaccine will be made available to private physicians later in the spring or this summer, the doctor said. When this vaccine arrives in the county, news of its availability will be publicized, he added.

Dr. Matthews urged that parents not call doctors, schools, or the Health Department concerning the vaccine. Officials already have been swamped with telephone calls.

The schedule for the inoculations (See Polio Vaccine—Page 6)



LOCAL GUARDSMEN are shown here loading into their truck at the Armory to go to their stations in 10 different places in this area in the nation-wide alert Wednesday night.

(Mountaineer Photo).

Equipment Being Added To Provide 400 Additional Telephones Here

Despite the fact that the Waynesville telephone exchange is currently involved in a strike along with other Southern Bell exchanges, work started here this week in the central office on equipment which will provide facilities for 400 more telephones in this area.

Being installed at a cost of \$17,500, the new work is expected to be completed about May 21.

When the additional equipment is put into service, approximately 1,150 telephone numbers in the Waynesville exchange will have to be changed, according to C. T. McCuiston, Southern Bell manager in Haywood County.

The changes will involve all telephones in the Glendale 6-4000 series and approximately 350 others, he explained.

The new numbers will go into effect simultaneously with the publication of a new telephone directory, scheduled to be issued this summer, Mr. McCuiston said.

The telephone official pointed out that the new equipment being installed in the Waynesville exchange by supervisory personnel of Western Electric is expected to take care of the expansion of telephone service in this area during the next two years. Further expansion in the county, also, is in the planning stage, he said.

There are now 3,910 telephones in use in the Waynesville exchange, and 4,075 in the Canton exchange, Mr. McCuiston added.

Road Still Main Topic In Haywood

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The hearing on the interstate road on Monday is still the chief topic of conversation among Haywood citizens.

And wherever a group gathers, the subject soon comes up, and near the beginning of the conversation comes the comment of the excellent job those who talked for the Pigeon River Road did in presenting the facts to the State Highway Commission.

"I never heard a group of men, as we had, display such sincerity and dignity at such an event," one businessman said.

While another added: "And the manner in which all Haywood people and our neighbors for the road conducted themselves was simply wonderful. It shows our interest, enthusiasm, and general make-up."

Those who did not go to the hearing Monday showed keen interest also, because The Mountaineer telephone constantly rang as citizens asked for the latest news on the hearing.

The Mountaineer was the first newspaper anywhere to get on the streets with the complete story of the hearing and the facts about the (See Pigeon Road—Page 6)

Garbage Pickups In Towns Above Normal Since Clean-Up Campaign Started

The annual cleanup campaign was being reflected in every part of the community, as a general spring cleaning was in the making.

Waynesville officials put on an extra garbage truck and even with that were behind in collecting garbage. Plans are being made to add the third truck.

In Hazelwood the garbage pickup of Monday was so heavy that the crews had to carry on with the pickups on Tuesday. The second pickup of the regular schedule in Hazelwood began this morning and extremely heavy loads are expected to await the truck.

The campaign got under way the first of this week and continues through Saturday. With ideal weather prevailing, the incentive to cleanup has been reflected in the amount of garbage the (See Garbage—Page 6)

Referendum On Burley Is Explained

Issues involved in the coming burley tobacco referendum, to be conducted in eight states April 28, were explained to Haywood County farmers at a meeting at the courthouse this morning.

Out-of-county officials at the meeting — all from Raleigh — were J. L. Nicholson, chief of the tobacco branch of the marketing quota section of the U. S. Department of Agriculture; R. Flake Shaw, executive vice president of the North Carolina Farm Bureau; Bob Shoffner of the Agricultural (See Burley—Page 6)

Sharpsmen Using BB Targets

Waynesville police and town officers wishing that some un-air gun sharpshooters find other targets to practice than the town's street (See Sharpsmen—Page 6)

Revenue Office To Close

Waynesville is one of the 19 of the Internal Revenue Service will be closed, according to Associated Press report from Washington. There are 40 branch offices in the state.

Service said that to improve enforcement, attain better balance and regroup personnel to realistic work, these offices will be closed.

Marie, Asheboro, Brevard, City, Concord, Dunn, Kinston, Lexington, Lincolnton, Morganton, Airy, Sanford, Southern Statesville, Washington, and Wilson.

Lewis Smathers Takes Own Life At Cruso Home

Lewis Smathers, 42, of the Cruso community took his own life at his home at 9 a.m. today when he shot himself in the head with a 16-gauge shotgun.

Dr. J. Frank Pate of Canton, county coroner, and Sheriff Fred Y. Campbell both investigated the case and reported Mr. Smathers' death as suicide.

Dr. Pate said he treated Mr. Smathers recently for arthritis, but said he appeared to be improving. (See Lewis Smathers—Page 6)

Proposed Tolls On Parkway Set Up For This Season

Decision to Representatives George A. Shuford and Charles R. Jonas of North Carolina. He told the Congressmen that his department had been asked to suspend the toll plans by the House Appropriations Committee.

North Carolina state officials, the Blue Ridge Parkway Association, various Chambers of Commerce and civic organizations vigorously protested the proposed toll when it was first announced in January.

Later, Governor Luther Hodges, Tar Heel congressmen and state officials — including Senator William Medford of Waynesville visited Secretary McKay in Washington to protest the toll plans, contending that land was given in North Carolina and Virginia with the understanding that the Parkway would remain free.

Opposition to the toll in this region was spearheaded by the North Carolina National Park, Parkway, and Forests Development Commission, headed by Dr. Kelly Bennett of Bryson City and with Mrs. (See Parkway Toll—Page 6)

Woman Is Attacked By Squirrel

Mrs. Kelly Buckner of the Dix Creek community was bitten severely by a squirrel who attacked her in the back yard of her residence Monday morning.

Mrs. Buckner reported she had finished feeding her chickens and started into the house when the squirrel emerged from a nearby woods, ran up her back and started biting her on the neck, head, and face.

She drove off the animal and then killed it with a hoe. She related she noticed it biting on wood after attacking her.

Dr. Mack Setzer, Lake Junaluska veterinarian, said the head of the squirrel has been sent to the state laboratory to determine if the animal was rabid.

If the test results are positive, Mrs. Buckner will undergo treatment for rabies. She was treated by Dr. Roy Moore of Canton after being bitten.

Smathers Turns Down Postal Job

An Associated Press story from Augusta says that President Eisenhower Tuesday withdrew from the Senate the nomination of Jesse T. Smathers to be postmaster at Canton.

The president's vacation headquarters there said Smathers had "indicated he does not now want the appointment."

The nomination went to the Senate April 1.

Rep. Rogers' Bill To Get Bootleggers Hits A Snag

RALEIGH (AP) — In Haywood County, a shrewd and wary bootlegger has been running the officers ragged.

Yesterday, Haywood's Rep. Jerry Rogers asked a House committee to help the cops to catch him. But the committee—House Judiciary I—turned out to be as wary of Rogers' ideas as the bootlegger is of Rogers' cops.

The mountain legislator explained that the officers raid the home of the suspected bootlegger and never find more than the permissible one gallon of liquor. They find empty bottles and glasses on the table. They occasionally see drunks about the place, and they see people come and go in taxis.

To the Haywood judges, this is not enough. They have held that to convict a person of possessing liquor, for sale the officers must find more liquor than a gallon.

"This fellow will go to Asheville and buy it at \$2.60 a pint and bring it back and sell it at \$4.50," Rogers told the committee. "He makes two or three trips a day, but every time the officers go in there they never find more than a gallon of liquor on hand."

To bring this fellow to bay, Rogers proposes to set up new rules (See Rep. Rogers—Page 6)

Increased Inquiries Point To Fine Season In Section

"Inquiries have kept coming on through the winter, and now, we are 15 to 20 per cent ahead of last spring with inquiries about the area," Mrs. Edith P. Alley, acting secretary of the Western North Carolina Highlanders said today.

"This percentage is really conservative, and I believe it would be nearer accurate to say 25 per cent," she continued, as she told of the many states from which inquiries have come.

For this much of April, the inquiries of the midwest, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Texas, Florida and Canada are high, along with Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. Kentucky and Michigan have shown a decided increase in recent weeks, she said. The Piedmont area of this state and Virginia, together with Wisconsin and Missouri have had more than usual.

Each inquiry is different, and asks about recreation, the drama, flowering season, camps, fishing, lakes, the TVA dams, and the Smokies.

Increasing in numbers are letters from honeymooners, school groups, and parties of adults. Each letter is answered, and three local maps are enclosed.

"From the inquiries, this looks like the best season in a long, long time," Mrs. Alley said.

Murray Files For Mayor In Canton, Deadline Nears

J. Paul Murray, former mayor of Canton, filed late Wednesday for the post of mayor, making two candidates in the race in Canton. Previously filed was Maurice T. Brooks.

M. Carnie Henson also filed for member of the board of aldermen, making eight seeking a place on the 3-member board.

Filing in Canton closes midnight, Friday, according to Jack Seroggs, chairman of the board of elections. However, registration continues until 9 p.m. Saturday night.

Candidates in Clyde have until nine Saturday night to file, according to Mrs. Joyce Haynes, clerk of the town of Clyde. The registration books will close at the same hour.

In Hazelwood, according to Rudolph Carswell, clerk of the town, the filing deadline is six o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Filing in Waynesville closed at 12:30 last Saturday.

As of noon today, each of the four towns in Haywood had the following number of candidates seeking office:

Waynesville — Mayor 3; aldermen 13.

Hazelwood — Mayor 3; aldermen 7.

Clyde — Mayor 2; aldermen 6; police court judge 2.

Canton — Mayor 2; aldermen 8; school board 2; police court judge 1.

The election in all four towns will be held Tuesday, May 3.

Dinner Set Friday For UNC Group

Waynesville will play host to 45 members of Delta Sigma Pi, professional business fraternity at the University of North Carolina, at a dinner at the Towne House Friday night.

Mayor J. H. Way will welcome the group and Jonathan H. Woody, past president of the North Carolina Bankers Association and (See UNC Group—Page 6)

Haywood Baptist Tournament Set Tuesday Night

The annual Haywood Baptist Training Union tournament will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Hazelwood Baptist Church, according to Vaughn Hall, Training Union director.

The associational tournament will include adults' scripture reading under the direction of the Rev. Robert Gaddis; intermediate "sword drill" with Mrs. Roy Haynes in charge; junior memory work supervised by Mrs. Gay Chambers, and a hymn festival.

Members of all county Baptist churches are invited to attend the associational event.

Mrs. Ketner Named Head Of District 3 HDC Women

Mrs. W. D. Ketner of Dellwood was elected president of District 3 of the Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs at a district meeting Wednesday at Brevard College.

Mrs. Henry Garner of Bethel also was named secretary of the three-county district HDC organization.

Other officers chosen included Mrs. Joe Norman of Transylvania County, first vice president; Mrs. S. N. Garren of Henderson County, second vice president; Mrs. E. H. Mackey of Transylvania County, treasurer, and Mrs. L. F. Saltz of Henderson County, historian.

Haywood County, with 155 club women in attendance, won the gavel for having the largest number of members traveling the farther distance. Total attendance at the meeting was 272.

Participating in Haywood County's "Progress Report" skit were Mrs. Ketner, Mrs. Jim Welch and Mrs. Jack P. McCracken of Bethel, Mrs. Paul Robinson of Beaverdam, Mrs. James McClure of Lakeside, Mrs. Wallace Torgerson of Lake (See Mrs. Ketner—Page 6)

Guard Unit Joins U.S. Test Alert

Tank Company, 120th Infantry Regiment, of Waynesville and 30th Signal Company of Canton joined other National Guard units throughout North Carolina and the U. S. Wednesday night in the Guard's first nation-wide alert.

The first order for the alert was sent by the Pentagon in Washington simultaneously to adjutant generals of the 48 states, Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico.

The alert was received here at 6:50 p.m. by Capt Samuel L. Carswell, Tank Company commander, who assigned his men 10 separate missions — aimed at protecting vital public installations such as the filtration plant, electrical sub (See National Guard—Page 6)

More Than 150 Attend 10th District Medical Meeting Held Here On Wednesday

The spring meeting of the Tenth District Medical Society brought 112 doctors, with about 40 being accompanied by their wives for the meeting here Wednesday.

The wives of the members were entertained with a dessert bridge at the Country Club and golf by members of the Haywood County Medical Society Auxiliary.

The meeting Wednesday afternoon was held at the Hazelwood school, with Dr. C. A. Newland, president, of Brevard presiding. The second part of the afternoon meeting was presided over by Dr. J. C. Horner, first vice president of the Society. He is from Spruce Pine.

Rev. T. Earl Robinett, pastor of (See Medical Meeting—Page 6)

Highway Record For 1955 In Haywood (TO DATE)

Killed . . . 0
Injured . . . 16
Accidents . . 47
Loss . . \$17,054

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

Cloudy

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| 83 | 45 | |
| 82 | 58 | |
| 78 | 55 | |

Waynesville temperature reported by the State Test