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TODAY'S SMILE
One reason opportunity isn't recognized more often is that it goes around disguised as work.

The News Most of Time — The Most All The Time.

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Decision On Pigeon River Road Is Near

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Indications this morning were that the State Highway Commission could reach a decision on the route of the interstate highway from Western North Carolina to Eastern Tennessee about June first.

The Mountaineer learned from a reliable source that the present schedule would permit the decision being reached about that date. When the hearing was held in Asheville April 18 on the two proposed routes, those favoring the French Broad route requested that the Commission withhold a decision until a report could be made by T. M. Howerton, engineer of Asheville, one of those from Asheville advocating the French Broad route.

Chairman A. H. Graham promised to hold up the decision until Howerton could get his maps and proposals for the French Broad route to Raleigh.

The Howerton maps and report are due in Raleigh this weekend. The Commission's engineers would have about 10 days in which to study Howerton's maps and make their report and decision on the proposals made by the private engineer of Asheville.

Howerton contends that the west side of the French Broad is the logical route for the interstate road, while highway engineers turned thumbs down on the route as being impractical and too expensive to construct. But at the insistence of a delegation from Madison and Asheville, the Commission agreed to review Howerton's proposals before making the final decision.

At the April 18th hearing, W. H. Rogers, Jr., chief engineer, and R. Getty Browning, chief locating engineer, termed the Pigeon River Route the only logical route for the interstate highway.

With Howerton's reports in hand, the engineers will have ten days to study them, and then sometime "about" June first, the decision will be announced, provided the present timetable is followed.

Sheriff Names Setzer Deputy

Sheriff Fred Campbell said today he had named June Setzer as a deputy, under the terms of the recent law passed in the General Assembly authorizing the sheriff to name three deputies.

Sheriff Campbell said that Gene Howell who has been with the office for some time is included under the terms of the new law. The third man, to be named from Beaverdam, will be announced soon, the Sheriff said.

Deputy Setzer has served as deputy under Sheriff Campbell prior to this.

The new law becomes effective July first, so Sheriff Campbell said he was paying the salaries of the two deputies himself until that time. On July first, the sheriff's office goes on a salary basis, with all fees going to the county.

Bookmobile To Cease Operation For 2 Weeks

The Haywood County Bookmobile will not be in operation for two weeks beginning May 23, according to an announcement by Mrs. Frances Jones, Bookmobile librarian.

Mrs. Jones will be on vacation during the first week and will work on records at the library from May 30 until June 4.

The Bookmobile will resume operation on June 6.

200 Music Students To Be Heard In WTHS Concert

More than two hundred students of the Waynesville High School will participate in the commencement concert to be presented by the music department Friday night at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium.

The program, to be presented under the direction of Charles Isley and Robert Campbell, will include selections by the orchestra, the Junior, Military and Concert Bands, and the Mixed Chorus.

Of special interest during the concert will be the presentation of special music awards. These will include the John Phillip Sousa award which will go to the outstanding senior band student and the Arion Award which will go to an outstanding senior student in



ASSEMBLY LINE METHODS were utilized here to keep cars and trucks rolling through the safety inspection check lane on Boundary St., which was manned by a police officer, highway patrolman, two mechanics, and several driver training students from Waynesville High School, who jacked up vehicles and served as checkers. (Mountaineer Photo.)

866 Vehicles Checked In Waynesville And Hazelwood; 757 Pass Inspection

A total of 866 cars went through creek lanes in Waynesville and Hazelwood during the first two and a half days of the current vehicle inspection in Haywood County. This figure was as of 1 p.m. today.

Of the total, 757 vehicles were approved and their drivers given safety inspection stickers. Drivers of cars found defective were informed of the defects and urged to have repairs made. Many drivers did and brought their cars back for a second check.

Rain hampered the operations at the check lanes on the lower part of Boundary St. in Waynesville both Tuesday and Wednesday. The first day, 425 cars were inspected, the second day, 216.

This morning on Beech St. in Hazelwood, 122 cars were checked. Manned the checking stations are Waynesville and Hazelwood police, state highway patrolmen, mechanics from Howell, Parkway, Taylor, Watkins, Waynesville Motor Sales, Potts, and Bryson and Harrell garages, and driver training students from Waynesville Township High School.

Police Chief Orville Noland of Waynesville said that 26 prizes are being offered in connection with the inspection program which will continue Friday and Saturday on Boundary St. Vehicles in the Canton area are being checked on Penland St.

Fire Destroys Home At Hazelwood

The home of Mrs. J. B. Mashburn behind the Cline-Bradley hardware store at Five Points in Hazelwood was destroyed by fire about 3:30 a.m. Sunday, according to Fire Chief George Bischoff of Hazelwood.

Forced to flee when the blaze started were Mrs. Mashburn, her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Donnie Narmore, and Mrs. Narmore's two sons, Gene and Earl.

Mrs. Mashburn awakened first and then roused the other three occupants of the one-story frame structure.

Chief Bischoff reported that the fire started in a bedroom, but said the cause was unknown. He estimated the loss at \$2,000. Neither the house nor any of the furnishings were insured.

Groups in Hazelwood, Allens Creek, and Ratcliffe Cove are now taking up money to aid the homeless family, the fire chief said.

(The fire was not reported to The Mountaineer until after presstime Monday evening.)

Rep. Rogers Sees Adjournment By Next Thursday

Rep. Jerry Rogers told The Mountaineer today that it now looks like the General Assembly might adjourn about May 25 or 26th.

"The committee named from both Houses to work out a solution on the matter of new taxes should be able to report within a few days, and then the formal approval of their recommendations will not take long. The talk making the rounds in the legislative halls right now is that it looks like next Wednesday or Thursday for the adjournment."

This term of the General Assembly is one of the longest since 1931. In 1931 the adjournment was May 27, having started January 7. In 1933 the session was from January 4 until May 15. The 1955 Legislature convened January 4th.

Pvt. Samuel Chambers Reported A Little Better

Pvt. Samuel Chambers, 19, was reported a little better at the Moore General Hospital, where he has been since receiving serious head injuries in an automobile accident near Lake Logan, May 7th.

Pvt. Chambers, home just a few hours from Ft. Jackson, went off a 200-foot embankment in a car.

Attending physicians say he has a blood clot on the brain. No operation is contemplated. He remains unconscious the major part of the time.

Tractor Deals Death To Rattler

An annoyed rattlesnake with 14 rattles went out swinging in the middle of a road at Bethel. The snake apparently came down from the Pisgah range. It was coiled and striking from time to time at passing vehicles.

Finally Jerry Autman drove his farm tractor over the rattler's head.

Bill Would OK County Home Sale

A bill was introduced in the General Assembly Wednesday by Rep. Jerry Rogers, upon request, which would give the Haywood county commissioners authorization to sell the county home and farm.

The bill provides that the proceeds from the sale of the farm would be applied to the debt service fund of the county.

The bill was sent to the House committee on towns, cities and counties.

Department Heads In Hazelwood Are Re-Appointed

All departments of Hazelwood have been re-named, it was announced by Mayor Lawrence Davis today.

Roy Stevens is the chief of police; George Bischoff is chief of the fire department; Gene Wyatt is tax collector and office manager, while Rudolph Carswell is town clerk.

County HDC Open House Draws 1,437

A total of 1,437 persons visited seven homes in Haywood County Tuesday afternoon in which open house was held in observance of National Home Demonstration Club Week.

Miss Mary Cornwell, home agent, said that attendance averaged in excess of 200 at each of the seven homes. She termed the program "the most successful endeavor of this type our clubs have ever attempted. Much interest was shown all the way through."

The open house sessions were held at the homes of: Mrs. Harold Hanson (McKimmon Club) at Canton; Mrs. John Morgan (Canton Homemakers) in the Bethel section; Mrs. J. L. Singleton (Bethel Club) at Bethel; Mrs. Jack McCracken (Bethel Club) at Bethel; Mrs. Will Ratcliffe (Ratcliffe Cove Club) at Ratcliffe Cove; Mrs. Will Medford (Lake Junaluska Club) at Waynesville, and Mrs. Reeves Noland (Ratcliffe Cove Club) at Lake Junaluska.

The committee in charge of the open house program was made up of Mrs. H. O. Champion of Waynesville, chairman; Mrs. Rankin Ferguson of the Lakeside Club, Mrs. Clifton Terrell of Bethel, Mrs. Hasque Warren of Clyde, and Mrs. Paul Hyatt of the McKimmon Club.

\$101,831 Spent In County On ASC Program In 1954

A total of \$101,831.53 was spent during 1954 by the Haywood County Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation organization to assist farmers in improving their land, according to the annual ASC report issued here last week.

Of that amount, \$82,991.72 was spent on various agricultural practices and the remainder, \$18,839.81, for administration of the ASC program.

The program in Haywood County, it was pointed out, "attacks soil and water problems down where they start, on the individual farms of the nation."

"It is a program whereby farmers and government work in partnership to save and improve the nation's soil resources. The program encourages farmers to further a definite conservation program for every farm on the basis of the 'most needed' practices first."

A report on the various practices approved by ASC included: Practice No. 1—During the year, 288 county farmers seeded 907 acres in permanent pasture, for which the ASC paid \$16,845 in

assistance for the purchase of lime, fertilizer, and seed.

Practice No. 2—Ninety-four farmers seeded 306 acres of perennial legumes and grass, of which ASC shared the cost, totaling \$5,808.

Practice No. 3—Fourteen farmers treated 77 acres of cropland with lime to permit the use of legumes and grasses, with the ASC paying \$362.

Practice No. 6—A total of 432 farmers reseeded 1,649 acres, representing an initial improvement of an established permanent grass or grass and legume cover for soil and watershed protection. ASC paid a total of \$25,585 for this practice.

Practice No. 13—Seven farmers were given \$482 to install 4,917 feet of drain tile.

Practice No. 14—Ninety-five farmers seeded 306 acres for the initial establishment of winter annual legumes or ryegrass on cropland for winter protection from erosion, for which the ASC paid \$1,000.

Practice No. 16—For the establishment of the ASC program—Page 6

Baccalaureate Programs Set Sunday At Six Schools

200 Doctors From 5 States Expected To Attend Second Annual Assembly In June

Lon Chambers, 75, Died Today Of Shotgun Wound

Lon L. Chambers, 75-year-old Bethel farmer, died shortly after reaching the hospital this morning from a self-inflicted shotgun wound.

Deputy Carl Setzer, investigating officer, said that Chambers, in ill health, had placed a 20-gauge shotgun under his left ribs, near the belt, and pulled the trigger as he stood in the yard of his home in the Rocky Branch section near Bethel this morning about 8 o'clock.

Members of the family and neighbors said Chambers had been in ill health for some time and they felt this was the cause of his shooting himself, the deputy sheriff said.

Chambers was rushed by neighbors to the hospital where he died while receiving treatment.

Survivors include the wife, Mrs. Bessie Singleton Chambers; two sons, Elton Chambers of Asheville (See Lon Chambers—Page 3)

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3 Trees Cut At Old School Called Dangerous

Three trees on the grounds of the old Central Elementary School on Haywood St., have been cut down by town crews with the permission of the Haywood County Board of Education.

Lawrence B. Leatherwood, superintendent of schools, said he gave permission for the cutting of the trees on the recommendation of Walter Mehaffey, head of the town's electrical department.

The school executive explained that Mr. Mehaffey informed him that the trees threatened damage to town power lines on Boyd Ave. and were a potential menace to passers-by—especially during a storm.

Chest X-Ray Unit Moves To Clyde For Three Days

The state's mobile X-ray unit moved to Clyde today where it will be in operation through Saturday.

Next week, one unit will be at Canton from Tuesday through June 11 (excepting Sunday and Monday) near the Canton postoffice, and another unit will be at the courthouse parking lot in Waynesville from Thursday through the 11th. Hours are from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.

The total of persons who have received the X-rays was 1,412 at the close of the day Wednesday.

407 Graduates Will Attend Annual Services

Baccalaureate services will be held Sunday for all of Haywood County's 407 graduating seniors except at Canton High School, where the program is set for May 29.

Baccalaureate programs will start at 8 p.m. Sunday at Waynesville, Bethel, and Clyde high schools, at Crabtree-Iron Duff at 2:30 p.m., at Fines Creek at 11 a.m., and at Reynolds at 4 p.m.

Waynesville (Pictures and list of graduates on Page 1, Section 2.)

The sermon will be delivered at 8 p.m. in the WTHS auditorium by the Rev. Earl H. Brendall, pastor of the First Methodist Church, on the subject, "Enjoy Life and Be Useful!"

The invocation and the benediction will be pronounced by the Rev. James Y. Perry, pastor of Grace Episcopal Church.

Musical numbers will include: The processional, "Onward Christian Soldiers," and the recessional, "God Of Our Fathers," both by Margaret Jean Connatser; the congregational hymn, "Lead On, Oh King Eternal"; and "I Walk With God" by the WTHS chorus.

Bethel (Pictures and list of graduates on Page 1, Section 3.)

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Kenneth C. Crouse, pastor of the Morning Star Methodist Church.

Also on the program, which begins at 8 p.m. Sunday, are: Invocation by the Rev. L. B. George, pastor of the Bethel Methodist Church; scripture by the Rev. Henry Hope of the Bethel Presbytery. (See Schools—Page 6)

Best, Greene Win Crabtree Speaking Contest

Jimmy Best and Peggy Sue Greene were declared winners in the boys and girls divisions of the declamation and recitation contest for students at Crabtree-Iron Duff High School, held Tuesday night during a meeting of the PTA.

Boyd Fisher was second and George Kirkpatrick third among the boys.

Martha Ann Caldwell was second and Jean Crawford and Barbara Crawford tied for third among the girls.

Judges were Mrs. Frank Brown of Central Elementary School, Waynesville; Miss Bernice McElhannon and Mrs. P. T. Phoenix of Bethel School. The contest was co-sponsored by the Beta Club and the Crabtree-Iron Duff PTA.

J. E. Chambers Is Reported Better

James E. Chambers, 49, of Clyde, was reported today to be resting better, and improving, following serious injuries sustained about 6 a.m. Sunday morning in a car accident.

Chambers, driving alone, is believed by officers to have gone to sleep, and his car left Highway 19-23 near the Haywood-Buncombe line and landed in a creek 30 feet below the road.

Chambers suffered a mashed lung, compound fracture of the left leg, and a broken jaw. He is a patient in Mission Hospital, Asheville.

Highway Record For 1955 In Haywood (To Date) Killed . . . 1 Injured . . . 30 Accidents . . . 65 Loss . . \$26,129

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

and Suit Damages Canton Held

for \$1,600 were awarded by the Town of Canton in the growing out of street damages within a week of term of Superior Court.

The court is near the end of week term, with Judge Moore presiding.

A jury awarded Floyd damages for \$2,500 against the Town of Canton as a result of street project. The Town has given notice of appeal.

Woody case. The Parker was awarded settlement of a case against Fire Insurance Com-

pany of the David Under-

against the Liberty

ing the trial, whereby

of the church agreed

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Horace Messer and S.

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and James W. Leather-

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property.

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and Carrie Nell Mes-

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pected to adjourn

Friday.

Child Owned Army

Curtis, three-year-old

and Mrs. Charles

Waynesville, Route 1,

Monday when he

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Germany, according to

received by relatives

was playing with an

neighbor's child and a

monster when the acci-

dent was reported.

Child has been station-

ed for two years, Mrs.

in April, 1953.

The family is being trans-

ferred to the States, bring-

ing the home. The estimated

cost, according to in-

formation received by the Red

Cross here, is May 25.

In addition to the par-

ents, Charles

and Ronald Stuart; the pa-

rental mother, Mrs. Mary

Route 1, Waynesville;

paternal grandfather,

of Waynesville,

arrangements will be

made on arrival of the body.

At Clyde

Auto Fire

men made a run at

morning to the Thomp-

son where an automo-

bil was damaged by

James Jenkins had

been damaged by

defective wiring.

kins, who lives in

Cove, was on his way

to the Champion plant in

Waynesville, when he

was estimated at \$100.

men extinguished the

fire at the home of Ott Ford.

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Waynesville temperature

by the State Test Farm.

Max. Min. Prec.

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70 52 .23

75 47 .24