

**TODAY'S SMILE**  
No use borrowing trouble  
there's always people  
willing to give it to you.

## Court Rules County Owner School Property

### Proposed Traffic Courts For County Doomed

**Judge Moore Hands Down His Decision**

The Central Elementary School will remain the property of the Haywood County Board of Education, according to a ruling in a lawsuit handed down by Judge Dan K. Moore.

The suit was started last fall when the county board of education sued the Town of Waynesville for the property, after the town had acquired the title through an act of the 1953 General Assembly.

The property is valued at between \$40,000 and \$45,000, and faces four streets, Haywood, Academy, Tate and Boyd Avenue.

The final papers in the decision, were scheduled to be signed this morning by Judge Moore. The order of the court directed the Register of Haywood county to cancel of record two deeds dated August 7, 1953. The two deeds were made in accordance with the 1953 law, which authorized the Clerk of Court to name three trustees for the Waynesville graded schools. The named trustees were J. H. Woody, Hugh Massie and Mrs. Charles Ray.

One of the deeds was made to the Town of Waynesville and the other to the Haywood County Library Board, which was to get a share of the property.

Judge Moore has had the case under consideration for several months.

In giving his decision, he said: "Some cases are tried by law. Some cases are tried by ear. This one was tried by ear. I don't know what the law is in this instance, as this is different from any other such case."

Judge Moore based his decision in part on the General Act of 1933, which abolished the special Waynesville School district, and that the city did not name an administrator to carry on the duties of the school district.

The county assumed the indebtedness and paid it off, it was explained.

The facts cited that the Haywood Board of Education immediately upon ratification of the 1923 school law, entered into possession and occupancy of all public school property in Waynesville Township, including the Waynesville Central Elementary School property, assumed and thereafter paid the indebtedness deferred to in said act, and ever since the passage of said act, or for more than 30 years, has been in open, continuous, uninterrupted, exclusive possession of said property, such possession has been ascertained and identified under known and visible lines and boundaries, has exercised acts of ownership and control over the same, has held said property for the use and benefit of the citizens and taxpayers of Haywood county, and has

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## Four Injured In Six More Wrecks; Damage Is \$2,400

Charles Howard Leatherwood, 16, of Waynesville, already facing a charge of involuntary manslaughter in connection with the death of Charles Weldon Gidney of Canton from an accident in Clyde, May 2, demolished another car at 2:30 a.m. Sunday on the Allens Creek road.

Patrolman Harold Dayton of the State Highway Patrol said that Leatherwood's 1951 Kaiser sedan ran off the pavement near the Allens Creek school, knocked down two mailboxes and a section of fence, overturned twice and came to rest on its top.

Leatherwood, who was thrown clear of the car as it wrecked, suffered a deep cut on the right leg and other cuts and bruises. He was charged with reckless driving.

Damage to the car, called a "total loss," was estimated at \$600. It was owned by Mrs. Mary Etta Ewart of Smathers St., Waynesville.

Leatherwood was given a hearing this morning before Police Judge Larry Cagle of Clyde and bound over to Superior Court in connection with the Gidney case. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Another car was demolished at 1:30 a.m. Sunday on N. C. 209 (Crabtree road) at "the narrows" when a 1951 Studebaker driven by Roy Lee Silvers, Route 2, Waynesville, left the highway and overturned several times.

Silvers told Patrolman Harold (See Four Hurt—Page 6)

## Vaccine For 2nd Polio Shots Due In About 2 Weeks

The second Salk Polio vaccinations will be given to Haywood school children just as soon as a supply is received, it was announced today.

In conference with manufacturers, the doctors learned that it might be about two weeks, or even longer before another shipment will be received here.

The doctors said that the vaccinations will be given at the schools, and that a complete schedule will be announced in The Mountaineer.

The physicians also pointed out that the delay in getting the second vaccination would not decrease the value of the first injection.

A spokesman for the Haywood doctors said: "We have faith in the Salk polio vaccine, and the retesting that is now taking place, we feel, will insure safety of the vaccine. We hope parents will see that their children are at the schools for the second vaccinations when the schedule is announced in The Mountaineer."

## County 4-H Club Speaking Contest Slated Saturday

The May meeting of the county 4-H Club to be held at 10 a.m. this Saturday at the courthouse will feature the annual speaking contest for organization members.

Winners will compete in the district elimination contest in Asheville June 28, where 4-H clubbers will also compete for awards in the talent show, projects, and demonstrations.

Slated for discussion are 4-H summer activities — including the Exchange Club's visit to Weld County, Colorado, starting June 29.

Neal Kelly of Bethel, council president, will preside over the meeting Saturday.

## Bramlette Wins Speaking Contest At Bethel High

Christy Bramlette won the annual recitation and declamation contest at Bethel High School this morning with his presentation of "Robert E. Lee."

The event was sponsored by the Waynesville chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Neal Kelly was second with "Under the Southern Flag" and Douglas Crawford was third with "The New South and The Old."

Judges were Clarence Miller, Mrs. J. R. Boyd, and Mrs. Sam Queen, Sr.

Mrs. Roy Campbell, UDC chapter president, was in charge of the contest.

## 3,500 Members Seventh-Day Adventists To Hold Conference At Junaluska

Some 3,500 Seventh-Day Adventists from churches in North and South Carolina will congregate May 29-June 4 for their annual Conference-wide Convention at Lake Junaluska.

Notice has been sent to all ministers from the Carolina Conference office, Charlotte, to be on hand Wednesday the 25th to prepare the Camp for the following Sunday night opening.

Deacons, elders, teachers, laymen and members of churches from Charleston to Elizabeth City, from Wilmington to Sylva, are expected to start pouring into Camp early Sunday morning of the 29th.

Church leaders from world headquarters in Washington, Southern Union officials from Atlanta, as well as missionaries from

overseas will join with local Conference officers in bringing hope and inspiration from the Bible as well as administrative instruction to church officers and members in attendance.

Pete Meisner, pastor of the Hazelwood and Sylva churches for the past two years and reports that the decision of the Conference officials to have this year's Convention in this area has inspired the members of his congregation.

The Convention has been held at Blue Ridge Assembly, Black Mountain, for the past several years.

**Highway Record For 1955**  
In Haywood (TO DATE)  
Killed . . . . 1  
Injured . . . 34  
Accidents . . 71  
Loss . . \$28,529

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



FIRST CUSTOMER for the new drive-in window at the First National Bank was William S. Ray, of Ray's Super Markets. The drive-in is the latest addition to the bank, which now has four means of receiving deposits—main lobby windows, walk-up window, drive-in window, and night depository. (Mountaineer Photo).

## Bank Opens A Drive-In Window Here

The First National Bank has opened up the new drive-in unit of the institution, which now provides four means of receiving deposits—the windows in the lobby, the walk-up window, night depository, and the drive-in window.

The new unit, representing an expenditure of about \$25,000, provides services which no other bank in the state, in a community this size offers, a bank official pointed out.

The new unit opens off the main lobby, and also houses the installment note division of the bank, with Joe S. Davis, cashier, in charge.

A modernistic conference room is in the back, and a large-sized vault for record storage has been installed. Later there will be a number of additional lock boxes added in the vault, it was announced.

A large parking lot has been provided, with the entrance off (See Bank—Page 6)

## Graduation Finals Under Way In Haywood For 407

Commencement activities will be held this week for 407 graduates of six Haywood County high schools.

Two more schools — Canton and St. John's of Waynesville — will have graduation exercises the first part of June.

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## General Assembly Nears Conclusion Of Long Session

The 1955 General Assembly is looking towards adjournment at 6 p.m. Wednesday, and indications today in Raleigh, appeared that the time schedule would be met. The lawmakers will equal the record for the length of the current session. The other longest was in 1931 when the Assembly was faced with the problem of the sales tax.

The House has passed the revenue bill, and the Senate is expected to pass it on three readings, today, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Senator William Medford this morning said the members were anxious to get home, and he felt sure adjournment would likely be Wednesday and certainly not later than Thursday.

## Poppy Sale Will Be Held Here Saturday

Poppy Day will be observed by the American Legion Auxiliary, Saturday, May 28.

The red crepe-paper flowers, made by veterans, will be sold in Waynesville area by members of the Auxiliary.

Proceeds from the sale will go to veterans and their families.

Mrs. Robert H. Hall is serving as chairman of the sale. Mrs. Raymond Caldwell is president of the Auxiliary.

## WTHS Bands Merged Into 100-Piece Marching Unit

Charles Isley, director of the WTHS Music Department, announced at the annual commencement concert Friday night the merger of the military and concert bands into a 100-piece senior band, effective in September of this year.

The beginner and junior bands will remain as complete units within themselves, he explained.

Under the merger plans, he said: "We will have 100 pieces in parades, and in football shows next fall. This is one of the several steps taken towards expansion of the department."

The concert Friday night was packed with surprises.

All five units of the department, orchestra, junior, military and concert bands, together with the chorus, gave a splendid performance.

One of the surprises of the evening was the public recognition of Miss Nan Killian who has taught music in junior high for almost 20 years. She was presented a gift for her leadership in music, as the announcement was made that she was retiring from school work this week.

The more than 200 musicians on Friday evening's program performed under four conductors — Mr. Isley, Robert A. Campbell, assistant director of the department, and two student directors, Buster Green, and Peggy Reeves, both seniors of the concert band.

Mr. Isley presented, for the first time, what is to be annual awards. The John Phillip Sousa Award and the Airon Award to two seniors — Marguerite Russ, the former award, and Buster Green, the latter award.

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MARGUERITE RUSS  
BUSTER GREEN

THESE TWO WTHS Seniors received the first of annual awards for merit in the music department. The awards were made at the annual commencement concert Friday night. Miss Marguerite Russ was awarded the John Phillip Sousa Award and Buster Green received the Airon Award. Both of the seniors also received certificates for attaining an average of "A" in the band this year, along with the usual music pin awarded seniors who have completed four years of work in the music department.

## Inspection Of Vehicles Is Extended

Because of rain which fell during three of the four days the safety inspection lane was in operation in Waynesville, the program will be continued two more days, according to Chief of Police Orville Noland.

The checking station on the lower end of Boundary St., will be open from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, the chief said.

In four days of inspection here and one in Hazelwood, 1,553 cars rolled through the check lanes. Of that number, 1,364 were approved and their drivers given windshield stickers.

The major defect in the 189 vehicles rejected was faulty steering, substandard lights and tires second and third, Chief Noland said.

At the end of the inspection period prizes of automobile accessories and services will be awarded.

At Canton, 926 vehicles were inspected at that area's checking lane on Penland St. and 778 were approved, according to Chief of Police W. N. Stroup.

## Milk Producers To Discuss Cut In Present Prices

A large number of the 72 members of the Haywood Milk Producers Association are expected to attend a hearing at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Buncombe County courthouse on the question of reducing present producer prices on milk.

The proposal, according to W. W. Fitzpatrick, chairman of the State Milk Commission, is that the hearing was called only for the purpose of receiving information on the proposals filed with the commission by milk distributors in this area requesting the commission to consider reducing the present Class 1 producer price to \$5.00 per hundredweight.

Producers are now receiving \$6.25 per hundredweight.

The milk marketing area in this area which would be affected by the proposed change includes the following 13 counties: Buncombe, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, Mitchell, Swain, Transylvania and Yancey.

## County Acquire Property In A State Deal

An exchange of real estate properties, Mr. A. Bradley have acquired Brookmont Motor Co. and Mrs. Robert have taken the Bradley property on Eagles

## Construction Demonstration Thursday At Test Farm

Techniques and equipment discussed at a special demonstration at the Mountain Extension at 2 p.m. Thursday to Bob Tippet, agronomy agent.

Mr. Tippet, head of the agronomy department at College, will be at the demonstration.

The dry weather in North Carolina in the past years, Haywood County showing considerable irrigation, Mr. Tippet

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