

# THE WAYNESVILLE MOUNTAINEER

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TODAY'S SMILE  
A throat specialist says  
smoking makes women's  
voices harsh. If you don't  
believe it, just try flicking  
your ashes on the rug.

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YEAR NO. 48 22 PAGES Associated Press WAYNESVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 16, 1955 \$3.50 In Advance In Haywood and Jackson Counties

## County, Town Will Maintain Same Tax Rates

### County Rate Again \$1.75, As Town Remains At \$1.40

For the 12th consecutive year, it appeared today that the Town tax rate would remain at \$1.40. This prediction was made by G. C. Ferguson, town manager, as he almost completed working out the budget for the coming year. The tax rate was cut in 1943 to \$1.40 and has remained at that figure since that date. "This rate has been maintained in spite of the continued rise in costs to the Town, plus increased services," Ferguson explained. "We have installed numerous water and sewer lines, sidewalks, did some paving, plus modernized our electrical system, without having to raise the tax rate," he said. Last year's valuation was \$5,800,000, with a total budget of \$448,000. Of this sum, \$137,000 came from the sale of power and water.

The Haywood county tax rate for 1955 will remain at \$1.75, the board of commissioners announced this morning. Economy measures, such as closing the county home, and an increase of about \$926,000 in assessed valuation, made it possible for the commissioners to maintain the same rate for next year, it was explained by Chairman Faraday Green. The budget was based on a valuation of \$39,121,000 as compared with last year's valuation of \$38,208,000. Budget requests from the various departments of the county totaled an increase of about \$56,000. The commissioners pointed out that many of the requests were granted in part. The largest increases in this year's budget, which is about \$17,000 more than last year, is reflected in the school fund, and the public assistance funds. The total budget requirement for the year is \$1,687,460, which calls for a tax levy of \$684,617, leaving a balance of \$1,071,000 to come from other sources, such as appropriations from state and federal agencies. The largest single item in the budget is for public assistance, which includes old age benefits, aid to dependent children and aid to totally disabled. This fund totals \$532,017. The welfare administration totals \$40,742. The school fund calls for \$229,775 for the county schools, and \$69,729 for the Beaverdam schools, while a total of \$129,347 is designated for debt service for the two school systems. The complete budget, as prepared, is on page 8.

## United Fund Plan Being Studied In This Vicinity

This community might have a United Fund plan in operation this fall, to take care of the major number of charity, and other projects for which the public is solicited for funds. The board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce studied the plan of Canton last year and were favorably impressed with the results as well as the ease with which the project was carried out to success.

Several civic clubs have had programs on the plan since that time and have also been favorably impressed with the idea of making one campaign do the work of all soliciting for funds.

Yesterday the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce sent Ned Tucker, executive vice president to Hickory to attend a regional meeting of the United Fund. The meeting was to get final details for setting up an organization here in this community.

Mr. Tucker is expected to give a report and recommendations at an early date.

While the decision is yet to be made, the prospects for having a United Fund campaign in this community this fall is much brighter.

## 2,500-Foot Water Line Being Built By Town Forces

Town crews are laying a 2,500-foot sewer and water line up Smathers Street to connect with the area taken into town near Platt Creek.

An 8-inch sewer line is being installed, and a 6-inch cast iron water line is being laid.

About two weeks will be required to complete this project.

## Liberty Baptist Church To Be Dedicated Sunday

The new Liberty Baptist Church in the Cove Creek area will be dedicated Sunday morning, it has been announced by the Rev. Dock Russell, pastor.

Lunch will be served on the grounds at noon following the worship service. County singers and the public are invited to attend.



HEADS OF HAYWOOD'S five governmental units—the county and four towns—had a brief chat together at Haywood County Day at Lake Junaluska Sunday. The five had mutual problems. Perhaps the greatest was working out the current tax rate. Shown here left to right: Mayor Lawrence Davis, Hazelwood; Chairman Faraday Green, county commissioners; Mayor Bruce Nanney, Canton; Mayor J. H. Way, Waynesville, and Mayor Gerald Fitch, Clyde. (Mountaineer Photo).

## Masons Plan 15th Annual Meeting Here

The 15th annual Masonic assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in North Carolina will be held in Waynesville July 10-12, it has been announced.

Headquarters for the assembly will be in the Waynesville High School gymnasium where visitors will report for registration and assignment to hotels, tourist courts, or guest homes.

The meeting will be opened at 8 p.m. Sunday, July 10, at the First Methodist Church of Waynesville, with Masonic services to be conducted by Reverend and Companion A. DeLeon Gray, R.I. Grand Chaplain, assisted by the Reverend and Companion Earl H. Brendall, pastor of the church.

Most Worshipful Charles H. Pugh Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, and Most Worshipful Henry F. Collins, Past Grand Master of Masons in South Carolina, will be the principal speakers.

At 9 a.m. Monday, July 11, the Grand Council of R. & S. M. in North Carolina, will be open for introductions and reception of guests.

At 9 a.m. Tuesday, July 12, the Grand Council will reconvene with remarks by distinguished visitors and announcements, closing the meeting.

At 2 p.m. Monday, a motorcade will go to the Masonic marker at Black Camp Gap on the Blue Ridge Parkway, containing stones sent in by Freemasons from all the 48 states, North and South America, Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia, and several islands of the sea.

## Town Building Concrete Bridge

Construction of a concrete bridge across Allens Creek on Hendrix Street, is under way.

The town let the contract for replacing the wooden bridge with a concrete bridge to John C. Norris for \$28,000. The wooden bridge was a continued source of trouble, town officials pointed out.

## C. of C. Membership Is Moving Satisfactorily

The membership campaign of the Chamber of Commerce is going satisfactorily, Richard Bradley, president, told the board of directors on Tuesday night.

The letters for the annual membership drive are bringing in fine responses, Bradley said.

The organization set up a budget of \$16,000 for the year, Bradley said, and thus far all memberships have come in by mail or through the office. There have not been any personal solicitations.

James W. Fowler, superintendent of Lake Junaluska Assembly, told the directors that the Haywood County Day program was well received, and he had had many favorable comments on the arrangements made by various civic groups from all sections of the county.

## New System Provides Means Of Collecting On Traffic Citations

### July Term Court Reduced Now To Only One Week

The scheduled two-week term of criminal court set for July has been changed to one week, according to a letter from the chief justice of the state supreme court to Judge Dan K. Moore, presiding judge for the term.

The jurors picked to serve for the second week will not be notified, according to Sheriff Fred Campbell.

The court will convene July 11, with Judge Moore presiding. As of this morning there were 241 criminal cases on the docket and 140 active civil cases, according to the records of J. B. Siler, clerk of court.

## Auction Houses In Waynesville Open This Week

Both of Waynesville's auction houses will open for the summer this week, it has been announced.

The Waynesville Art Gallery, 153 Main St., operated by James Mann, will open at 8 p.m. tonight and will then be open daily for auction sales at 10:30 a.m. and 8 p.m.

The Edwards Art Gallery, 303 Main St., operated by A. Edward Harnick, will open at 7 p.m. Friday and for daily sales thereafter at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Free gifts will be awarded by both galleries at their opening day sales.

Jack Prevost, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Prevost, left last week for Camp Sequoyah where he will spend several weeks.

## County Wool Brings Total Of \$4,961.21

A total of \$4,961.21 has been paid to Haywood county farmers this spring for wool, it has been disclosed. Twenty-four county residents received \$1,462.21 at a Western North Carolina wool pool at Asheville Monday and Tuesday, and another \$3,500 was received by 25 farmers through marketing by a farm cooperative.

Total poundage for the county was 10,570 pounds of wool. Haywood sellers at the wool pool, their poundage and receipts were: Edwin Fincher, 262 pounds, \$122.26; Herschel Rogers, 105 pounds, \$45.96; W. J. Campbell, 121 pounds, \$57.32; N. A. Ferguson, 136 pounds, \$66.90; J. N. Powell, 228, \$158.78; G. B. Hipps, 197, \$96.39; O. L. Yates, Jr., 24, \$10.77; T. O. Chafin, 89, \$44.02; R. M. Chafin, 50, \$24.42; Miles Chafin, 11, \$5.62; Millard Burnette, 39, \$16.96; J. H. Burnette, 22, \$8.91.

M. B. Rogers, 105, \$50.48; H. H. Medford, 227, \$108.12; B. D. Best, 132, \$62.20; C. W. Cole, 96, \$49.06; J. B. James, 173, \$84.56; Hugh Smith, 60, \$28.81; Cora Mae Smith, 32, \$15.87; B. F. Rogers, 218, \$104.12; John Platt, 151, \$75.43; J. J. Fowler, 61, \$30.34; Bill Platt, 283, \$173.40; Dr. J. C. Davis, 48, \$20.51.

The remainder of the wool, 7,500 pounds, was marketed for approximately \$3,500 through the Farmers Exchange, according to C. D. Ketner.

## Fines Creek CDP To Meet Friday

A meeting of the Fines Creek Community Development program will be held in the Fines Creek School, Friday, June 17. A musical program has been planned.

## NEW CLASSIFICATIONS

The list of 242 Haywood men just reclassified by the Haywood Draft Board will be found on Page One, Section Two.



THE NEW COUNTY HEALTH CENTER was completed this week with the installation of a large window on the west side of the building on U. S. 19A-23 between Waynesville and Lake Junaluska. Putting up a frame in one section of the "picture window" are two workmen of the Clarence M. Morris Construction Co. of Shelby, contractor at the health center. (Mountaineer Photo).

## Two Women Injured In Two Wrecks

A Francis Cove woman and a Hazelwood woman were hospitalized as the result of two traffic accidents investigated this week by the State Highway Patrol.

Mrs. Cleta S. Franklin, wife of Paul Franklin of Francis Cove, suffered a fractured collarbone, shock, and lacerations of the nose and knee Tuesday morning when her 1953 Mercury left U. S. 19A-23 in the "Little Rock" section and plunged off an eight-foot bank into a field.

Mrs. Franklin told Patrolman Harold Dayton of the State Highway Patrol that she went to sleep at the wheel of her car while approaching Waynesville from Lake Junaluska at 6:50 a.m. Tuesday.

Patrolman Dayton said that the Mercury ran off a bank, "flew over" a 50-foot culvert without touching it and then came to rest in a field.

Following the accident, Mrs. Franklin was taken to Haywood County Hospital. She was discharged from there today.

Mrs. Franklin has been charged by the patrol with driving on the wrong side of the road.

Damage to her car has been estimated at \$400.

Mrs. William McKinley Green of Hazelwood suffered a deep cut (See 2 Women—Page 8)

## Renovations Of City Hall Are Now Completed

Extensive renovations have been made about the City Hall.

The building has been painted inside and out. The exterior has been painted white, while all the walls and floors inside, plus the sleeping quarters of firemen have been painted. The police department and water-light office have also received fresh coats of paint.

The parking lot next to the police station has been paved.

G. C. Ferguson, town manager, said that the renovation program is completed, and the buildings are now in the best condition in many years.

## Canton Central Methodist To Break Ground Sunday For New \$150,000 Building

Central Methodist Church of Canton will hold impressive ground breaking services for the new \$150,000 educational building Sunday, at 11 a.m. Construction of the new building is expected to begin shortly.

The Rev. Cecil G. Hefner, pastor, will be in charge of the service. Assisting the pastor will be Rev. Jerry Alexander, the members of the building committee and trustees of the church. The church choir will bring special music, and the entire congregation will join in the litany of ground breaking.

The first part of the services will be held in the sanctuary and the ground breaking will take place on the lot where the new educational building is to be erected.

The new unit will be located on the old church building site adjacent to the sanctuary which was completed a few years ago. The old brick building has been razed to make room for the new, which will contain adequate classrooms and other facilities needed in the educational program of the church.

Highway Record For 1955 In Haywood (TO DATE)  
Killed . . . . 1  
Injured . . . . 42  
Accidents . . 83  
Loss . . \$32,162  
(This information compiled from records of State Highway Patrol.)



HALIBURTON  
Haliburton and Grand Of N.C.

ceremony in Radio Charlotte last Wednesday. Mrs. Hilda Haliburton was installed as Worthy of the Grand Chapter of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, Order of the

Haliburton is a member of Chapter No. 81 in Canton served in many of

organization.

issued by the Convention Bureau, to Chapter in session in the body voted to hold session in the city of Asheville.

Haliburton will preside.

Grand Officers include Ruth A. Jones, Most and Matron, head of the Organization, of Connecticut; Mrs. Jos. Browning, Chairman of Worthy Grand Trustees, Kentucky; Mrs. Edna Worthy Grand Esther of Grand Chapter, of Mrs. Nell H. Porter Mae H. Willman, both Matrons of North Carolina.

Haliburton is a member of High School faculty.

summer months she over much of her time.

## Buchanan Tells Property Owners Prices Too High Viaduct Right-of-Way

Owners of property on the right-of-way for the Canton viaduct were asked Tuesday by Commissioner Buchanan to reduce their demands to "a reasonable figure".

Buchanan said frankly that some property owners here were entirely too high in their demands on the state for certain properties along the proposed right-of-way.

"You'll have to come down to earth or the viaduct which you so badly need will never materialize," he said.

"Through a special act of the Legislature," Buchanan said, "Canton has the distinction of being relieved of any right-of-way cost in connection with the proposed viaduct . . . and now it seems that some of the property owners are trying to hold up the state by asking extortionate prices for their holdings."

"The appraised value of the right-of-way property through Canton . . . which is considered too high . . . is acceptable to the highway commission," Buchanan said, "but in some instances we are being asked three times the appraised value by property owners."

Buchanan pointed out that the appraised value now stood at slightly above \$500,000 . . . and even that seemed a little high to him.

Using an overall figure, Buchanan said.

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## Street Gets Asphalt Top

Street from Main to the has been resurfaced. Top plan between the town. The street is part highway system of the

Ferguson said the need being became apparent cracks began to break cement which let water and damage the under the pavement.

The only paving scheduled present, Mr. Ferguson

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Waynesville temperature by the State Test

Max.	Min.	Pr.
69	53	
67	53	
74	51	