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TODAY'S SMILE

Cash in today. Tomorrow is a promissory note, and yesterday is a cancelled check.

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own, Area Crowded for Holiday

Fourth of July activities in the Waynesville area today will include a baseball game on the S field, rides all day on the Waynesville High grounds, a parade at Lake Junaluska at 7:30 p. m. and fireworks at the lake at 10 p. m. A parade also was held beginning at 10 a. m. at Allen's Creek and ending at WTHS where concessions are being operated by the Hazelwood Boosters Club until midnight tonight. Plans will go for various community youth projects and the Waynesville High band. In the Waynesville High district, it'll be Canton vs. Hazelwood at 3:30 p. m. in a Western North Carolina Industrial League game—the second meeting of the series between the two Haywood County towns. Hazelwood edged Canton, 7-6, last Wednesday.

300 Added To Town's Mail Routes

Some 300 Waynesville area residents, formerly on rural mail routes, are now receiving city carrier service as a result of an extension of service which went into effect Friday. Now being served by foot carrier are patrons on portions of South Haywood St., Daisy Ave., Clifton St., Ridgewood St., Charles St., North Hill St., Johnson Hill, Park Drive, Sims St., West Marshall St., and Vance St. On the new routes served by mounted carrier are residents of East Marshall St., east of the town limits, East St., Sunnyside, Hillside Terrace, Highland, Broadview, Overbrook, Galloway, Keller, and Summit streets. The added work caused by the extension of city carrier service will be handled by a new temporary substitute carrier and a "classified" clerk-carrier, according to Postmaster Enos Boyd of Waynesville.

'Finer Farms' Contest Now In Progress

Communities in eight Western North Carolina counties — including three in Haywood — are entered in the Carolina Power and Light Company's "Finer Farms" contest, which opened July 1 and will continue through June 30, 1956. Haywood County communities participating are Pigeon (East and West Pigeon), White Oak, and Upper Crabtree. Other counties in the contest are Avery, Buncombe, Henderson, Jackson, Madison, Mitchell and Yancey. The contest is being sponsored "to help speed the adoption of soil and water conservation principles on more land," E. N. Pope, contest director, said last week. Winners will be selected on the basis of soil and water conservation improvements and will receive \$2,800 in prize money. (See Finer Farms—Page 5)



STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE of driving safely during the Fourth of July weekend is this wrecked car placed by the State Highway Patrol at the intersection of U. S. 19A-23 with U. S. 19 near Lake Junaluska. Several such demolished vehicles were placed on display in Western North Carolina as a special holiday project of Highway Patrol Troop E. Although this sign commemorates the death of Charles W. Gidney of Canton in a wreck at Clyde in May, the car actually was the one driven by Mrs. Betty Poppas of Canton, which went over a bank near Canton High School and was badly damaged. Patrolman W. R. Wooten stands by the vehicle. (Mountaineer Photo).

County Produces Freak Of Nature

As usual, Waynesville is right along in line with the other cities that exploit Siamese twins. Furman Stinnett brought to The Mountaineer a Siamese twin — of the floral family. A double dark red dahlia had its counterparts compactly joined from the outer leaves to the tip end of the stems. This freak of nature created quite a bit of interest by those who saw it.

NO FIRE DAMAGE

The fire department answered a call to Lake Junaluska about 5:30 Saturday, when an oil water heater backfired and sent soot and smoke out of the boiler room of the Junaluska Apartments. Felix Stovall, fire chief, said there was no damage.

Damaged Cars Are Holiday Reminder To Drive Safely

Three badly damaged cars, involved in wrecks in Haywood County recently, and two ambulances bearing caskets and flowers have been placed at strategic locations on county highways to caution drivers to drive safely during the Fourth of July week-end.

Three Hurt On 4-Lane Highway

Carmen Way Arrington, 36, of Panther Creek was arrested on charges of driving drunk, hit and run, and driving after his license had been revoked following a collision of his 1949 Plymouth with a 1953 Oldsmobile, driven by Mrs. Ora Lee Price Sheehan, at 7 p. m. Sunday.

Cpl. Pritchard H. Smith of the Highway Patrol reported that Arrington's car, two feet over the center line, sideswiped the Sheehan car as the latter was going north near the Crabtree-Iron Duff School.

Arrington failed to stop and was arrested about an hour later by Cpl. Smith who found the hit-run suspect trying to hide under the back porch of his home.

He was placed in the county jail under a \$1,000 bond. Damage to the Oldsmobile was estimated at \$300 and to the Plymouth at \$100.

The persons were injured in a collision on the four-lane highway at the intersection of the Jones Cove Road at 11:30 p. m. Sunday.

Hurt were Boss Olli of Spruce Pine and Ruby Needham and Rose (See 3 Hurt—Page 5)

Patrolmen at the scene have been passing out cards reading: "You are now entering the most scenic, yet definitely the most congested section of North Carolina. We wish you a pleasant and safe trip. We respectfully request your cooperation in the following: 1. Don't speed. 2. Don't follow too closely. 3. Don't pass on hills and curves. 4. Don't drive on the wrong side of road. 5. Be alert today and be alive tomorrow."

Governor Hodges Will Not Intervene On Pigeon River Interstate Decision; News Spread Fast About Road In Area

The news of the Highway Commission in designating the Pigeon River Road as the route for the interstate system spread fast here last Thursday afternoon.

The first news break came in a flash to The Mountaineer from Raleigh when a pre-arranged call from the highway commission came through shortly after two o'clock.

Civic leaders who have been close to the project were on hand at The Mountaineer waiting for the word from Raleigh. When the call came through, the leaders watched over the shoulder of the reporter as he wrote the first paragraph and then in a joyful mood went to the courthouse to begin spreading the word.

The Mountaineer was all set to go to press and the story was put into type as fast as it was written, and shortly thereafter, the papers were on the street.

Friday morning the four mayors and chairman of the board of commissioners sent the 14 members of the commission and Chairman A. H. Graham the following telegram.

"We are convinced the future will prove the wisdom of the Highway Commission in concurring with Tennessee highway authorities in selecting the Pigeon River Route as the interstate highway between North Carolina and Tennessee.

The message was signed by F. C. Green, chairman, board of county commissioners, J. H. Way, Mayor of Waynesville, Gerald Fish, mayor of Clyde, Lawrence Davis, mayor of Hazelwood and Bruce Nandey, mayor of Canton.

Tuesday Is Last Day Of Carnival

The third day of the July Bargain Carnival will continue here Tuesday, the Merchants Association announced.

The event got under way last Friday for the 3-day period. Shopping was brisk Friday and Saturday, and indications were that the last day of the community-wide program would prove very satisfactory.

Frank Moore, president of the Merchants group said this was the first of several community-wide programs planned for this year.

James Kilpatrick New Rotary Head, Succeeds Ray

James Kilpatrick became president of the Waynesville Rotary Club Friday, succeeding William S. Ray.

Ray gave a brief history of the year's work, which included the Club sponsoring three major campaigns of raising money for the Boy Scouts and carrying on other projects. All three campaign quotas were exceeded, Ray announced.

The board of directors for this year is composed of Leo Well, Tommy Thompson, William S. Ray, Dr. John Perry, J. W. Fowler, Jr., and H. P. McCarron. Ned J. Tucker was inducted into the club as a new member.

RALEIGH (AP) — A statement by Gov. Hodges indicated he has no intention of stepping into a controversy over a route for an interstate highway system between Western North Carolina and Tennessee.

The State Highway Commission has approved a route along the Pigeon River and rejected a proposal that it give more study to an alternate route along the French Broad River.

Asked for comment on a report that he had requested the commission to survey the French Broad route, Gov. Hodges said that he has "no authority to reverse a decision by the State Highway Commission."

"I have not ordered any survey made for any highway project, but when the Pigeon River matter was brought to my attention I told the highway chairman that I favored a survey of both the Pigeon River and French Broad routes," the Governor said.

Hodges said he had been "informed and advised by the highway chairman that an exhaustive engineering study of all proposed or suggested routes has been made, both from maps and in the field, before the final decision was made by the commission."

Scouts Plan Trip To Ranch In New Mexico

Ten Boy Scouts from the Daniel Boone Council, with Rudolph Carswell as their leader left on Saturday for the Philmont Boy Scout Ranch in New Mexico where they will spend two weeks.

The group includes two boys from Asheville, one each from Murphy, Franklin, and Sylva, and the following from Waynesville: Mark Feichter, Charles Balentine, Stuart Scruggs, Johnny Carswell, and Mike Byrd. Mr. Carswell, who is scoutmaster of Hazelwood Troop 5, was chosen by the Daniel Boone Council to accompany the boys at the expense of the council.

The Scout Ranch is provided for Explorer Scouts (those over fourteen years of age) and is visited by around 10,000 boys during the summer months. It covers an area about the size of Haywood County with the lowest altitude about 6,500 feet.

According to Stephen Woody, who went to the ranch last summer and is the only Scout from Waynesville who has made the trip so far, the boys will spend most of their time hiking in the mountains on the ranch. The first few days are spent in training so that the boys may become accustomed to the high altitude, after which they will go on an 8-day hike. Burros are provided to help carry provisions and camping equipment.

Allison-Duncan Building Oil Bulk Plant, Hazelwood

Construction of a new bulk plant and large warehouse by Allison and Duncan, distributors for Phillips 66 products, is nearing completion. The modern facilities are adjoining the property of the Allison & Duncan Tire Company, Georgia Avenue, Hazelwood.

There have been four tanks of 20,000 gallon capacity, erected on the site, in addition to modern pumping and meter facilities. The warehouse, and office, is the former storage warehouse of the Haywood Cannery.

Allison and Duncan, operating here and in Murphy, are this month observing their 20th anniversary in the oil business. They recently were named distributors of Phillips 66, and have 7 counties in Western North Carolina, three in Georgia and one in Tennessee.

Sam Allison, president, said plans for five new service stations had been completed, and construction would begin in the near future. Two of the new stations will be erected in the Waynesville area, he explained.

The Waynesville plant serves 23 outlets, and the Murphy plant 25. Mr. Allison said that all the stations selling Phillips 66 products would be re-painted in a light tan and trimmed in maroon within the next few weeks.

In addition to the service stations, the plant here will handle fuel oil, as has been the policy of the Allison and Duncan firm in the past, Allison explained. Two of the 20,000-gallon storage tanks are devoted to storage of fuel oil. The firm will operate four trucks from (See Allison-Duncan—Page 5)

ons Club Install 14 New Officers

Fourteen officers — including Ernest Edwards — will be installed for 1955-56 by the Waynesville Lions Club Thursday at Spaldon's Restaurant. Installing officer will be Al Boone of Asheville, retiring mayor of Lions District 31-A. The new officers to be installed are: James E. Fender, first vice president; M. T. Bridges, second vice president; Ben Phillips, third vice president; Charles Reed, secretary; Chick Fowler, assistant secretary; James H. Howell, Jr., treasurer; J. C. Jennings, Lion Bill Swift and Charles Ball-Tall Twisters; W. L. Turner, Frank Kirkpatrick, directors one year; Roy Parkman and Angel, directors for one year.

Cherokee Swinging Bridge Collapses; 2 Dead, 40 Hurt

A Tennessee and a Georgia woman were killed and 40 persons were injured, some critically, when a swinging bridge collapsed at Cherokee about 11 a. m. Sunday.

The bridge linked the main highway with the other side of the Oconalufee River where Chief O. B. Saunooke operates gift shops and several other tourist attractions.

It was estimated that approximately 100 persons were on the bridge when it fell some 20 feet into the shallow, rock strewn river. The dead were: Mrs. Henry Haile, Jr., 35, of Daisy, Tenn., near Chattanooga, who was struck a severe blow on the head, and Mrs. Lawrence Rainwater, 38, of Atlanta, Ga., who suffered internal injuries.

The seriously injured were taken to hospitals in Bryson City and

Sylva. Others received first-aid treatment at Cherokee and were released. There were no Western Carolinians among the injured.

News of the tragedy spread quickly and persons from throughout Western North Carolina and Tennessee drove to the scene Sunday afternoon, causing the already heavily traveled highway to Cherokee to become jammed. At one time, traffic was tied up for a distance of six miles from the reservation community.

Spoiled Bears, Bold Folk Bad Combination

Spoiled bears and bold people are bringing about a serious situation in the Smokies, according to Edward Hummel, superintendent.

Already 12 persons have been injured by bears this season—more than all last year, Supt. Hummel said.

The reason: There are more bears, and they are spoiled because of the free handouts from people who fail to realize the dangers of a harmless looking bear.

"There are probably more than 12 who have been injured this season," said Supt. Hummel. "There are some people who go to a doctor for treatment and do not report the injury to a ranger, for fear of being arrested."

Feeding a bear is a violation of the law. And since the situation has become so serious, the rangers are making arrests. Already two have been haled into court, and fined \$25 and costs. The judge can impose a fine of \$500 or imprisonment up to 30 days for feeding a park bear.

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NO. 1 ATTRACTION to many tourists in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park is not the awe-inspiring scenery, but the black bears which can be seen frequently along the roads in the park. They're interesting to watch, but a word of caution: Don't get too close to feed them or molest them. Bears are dangerous when aroused, and a number of visitors to the park have been injured by bears this spring. (Photo by Bob Conway).

Police Aid Visitors Find Places Over The Weekend

As always, it happened again. The police department turned into a general bureau of information over the weekend, helping visitors get rooms.

"We were kept busy until 3 a. m. Sunday finding rooms for visitors. We found a place for everyone, by sending many to private homes after all motels, hotels, and boarding houses were filled.

"Sunday night was just about as bad, but we got everyone a place," Chief Orville Noland explained.

About 10:30 Sunday night a call came from Maggie Valley asking the police to help a party of six adults and two children get rooms. "They are desperate," the motel operator in Maggie explained.

"Send them in. I'll get them placed somewhere," said Policeman Guy Messer, as he started calling about town on the last round of places he felt might be able to take care of the group.

"We will be called upon again tonight, and then we will have until Labor Day weekend before we have trouble finding rooms," the

officers said. There were scores of cars parked in picnic areas between here and Socco Gap at 1:30 Sunday morning, with the occupants sleeping in their cars after finding no ca- (See Police—Page 5)

Highway Record For 1955

In Haywood (TO DATE)

Killed 1

Injured 55

Accidents 103

Loss . . \$41,877

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

Waywood Baptist Pastors Ask That Haywood County Day Be Held On Week Day

Waywood Baptist pastors re-unanimously passed a resolution that the annual Haywood County Day be held on a day instead of Sunday, and as an alternative, that the program in the afternoon, if held on Sunday, be held on Monday.

The resolution was signed by Rev. W. G. Rhinehart, president and Rev. G. H. Shope, Jr., secretary. The resolution is as follows: "Whereas, we believe in the promotion of Haywood County Day as a day for fellowship among the people of Haywood County, and

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