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TODAY'S SMILE

If you want to make an easy job seem mighty hard, just keep putting off doing it.

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## Election On Recreation Bonds Set August 9

### 400 Masons Expected For 15th Summer Assembly

#### Two Towns To Vote On \$175,000 Issue

Officials of Waynesville and Hazelwood have set Tuesday, August 9 as the date of the special bond election calling for a vote on issuance of \$175,000 in bonds for a recreation center for the two towns.

Based on a pro rata share, Waynesville's part of the program would be \$136,500 and Hazelwood \$38,500.

The election dates were set, and the machinery for the election completed at the request of the 11-man Recreation Commission named about 18 months ago, and who have been working on details of the program since that time. Dr. Boyd Owen is chairman of the commission.

The election date was set yesterday by the two boards of aldermen.

The first proposition to be voted on August 9th is upon the issuance of the bonds in the respective towns, (Waynesville \$136,500 and Hazelwood \$38,500) for the cost of acquiring land within the towns for use as a public park and playground and of construction thereon of a swimming pool, a playground, and buildings suitable for public recreation and of acquiring original equipment suitable therefor, and (2) authorize the levy and collection of an annual tax sufficient to pay the principal of an interest on said bonds, and also approve the indebtedness to be incurred by the issuance of said bonds.

The second proposition which will appear on the ballots in the August 9th election, is: "Shall the town levy, annually, a special tax of not more than ten cents on each \$100 assessed valuation of the taxable property within said town for providing, conducting and maintaining a supervised recreation system?"

The polls will open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 6:30 p.m. The registration books in each town will be open from Friday, July 22, through Friday July 29. The hours will be from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Saturday, and until 5 p.m. on other days.

The registrar for the precinct at the Fire Station, Waynesville, is Mrs. Ruth Kelly, with R. L. Coin and Henry Davis, judges. The Allens Creek registrar is Vance Muse with Charlie Duckett and Hilliard Page, judges. Voting will be at the Allens Creek school for that precinct.

Hazelwood's voting place is the town hall, with Mrs. Raymond Crawford registrar and Mrs. Rudolph Sarswell and Mrs. Carroll Whitner, judges.

When the question of a recreation center was first brought up some months ago, a \$1,000 donation by Heinz Rollman enabled the committee to bring in a consulting recreation engineer of Atlanta, who made a survey and study of the community. He presented a proposal, which was enthusiastically received by a large group of citizens at a mass meeting in the court house.

The committee comprising the Recreation Commission is composed of Dr. Owen, chairman, John Carver, Paul Davis, Henry Davis, G. C. Ferguson, Jonathan Woody, Joe Cline, Lawson Sumner, C. E. Weatherly, Sam Lane, and Rudolph Carswell.

#### Garden Club Council Will Meet Monday

The Waynesville Council of Garden Clubs will meet Monday, July 11 at 10 a.m. in the home of Mrs. Virgil Smith on the Soco Gap Road, near Lake Junaluska.

#### 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.)



Dr. Charles H. Pugh



Rev. A. DeLeon Gray



Rev. Henry F. Collins

MASONIC ASSEMBLY SPEAKERS during the three-day annual event starting here Sunday will be Dr. Charles H. Pugh of Gastonia, grand master of Masons in North Carolina; the Rev. A. DeLeon Gray of Oxford, grand chaplain of the Grand

### State Event Opens Here On Sunday

Masons from many states will begin registration here at 10 a.m. Sunday morning at the Waynesville High School gymnasium for their annual three-day Masonic Assembly. Some 400 are expected here for the meeting.

F. E. Worthington, general chairman, said that registration will continue until 6 p.m., and a special Masonic service will be held at the First Methodist Church at 8 p.m.

The service will be conducted by the Rev. A. DeLeon Gray, of Oxford, grand chaplain of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in North Carolina, assisted by Rev. Earl H. Brendall, of Waynesville.

A social hour with refreshments being served by members of the Eastern Star will be held immediately following the service.

R.I. Companion William A. Coble, grand steward, will be in charge of the program.

Monday at 9 a.m. at the high school gymnasium, the Grand Council will be opened.

At 2 p.m. the Assembly delegates will go to the Masonic Marker at Black Camp Gap for the annual session there. The speaker will be Charles H. Pugh of Gastonia, grand master of Masons in North Carolina.

At 8 p.m., the James Jackson, Jr. chapter, Order of DeMolay, of Asheville, will demonstrate the initiatory degree. E. A. Manchester, chairman of the advisory committee, will be in charge. All Master Masons are invited to attend.

Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, the Grand Council will reconvene with remarks by distinguished visitors.

At 2 p.m. a motorcade will tour several spots in Western North Carolina.

At 7 p.m. at a dinner at Waynesville High School cafeteria, a varied program of entertainment will be given. At 8 o'clock an address will be made by the Rev. Henry F. Collins, past grand master of Masons in South Carolina. Rev. Collins is from Columbia, S. C.

Reservations are being made here through C. B. Hosafloek, secretary of the Masonic Assembly.

### Sonoma Baptist To Study Plans For New Church

The Sonoma Baptist church in a special business session Sunday went on record approving the construction of a temporary building instead of requesting the loan of a portable sanctuary from the Haywood Baptist Association.

A committee was named to study the needs, and prepare plans, get prices, and present these facts together with a plan for raising money at an early meeting.

The committee is composed of L. J. Tatham, Coleman York, and Gay W. Calhoun.

Rev. Boyce R. White is pastor of the church and D. D. York is chairman of the board of trustees.

The Sunday meeting was held in the Bethel Presbyterian church.

### 300 Methodist Women Of 9 States, Cuba, Attending Lake Mission Conference

Approximately 300 Methodist women leaders of nine southeastern states and Cuba are enrolled in the annual School of Missions which opened this morning at Lake Junaluska.

Sponsored by the Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service, southeastern jurisdiction, the school will continue through July 14. Daily workshops, clinics and study courses are being held at Lambuth Inn, and the evening platform hours are in the main auditorium.

Mrs. L. L. Jackson, Birmingham, Ala., is directing the school. She is the jurisdictional secretary of the W.S.C.S. in 17 annual conferences of the southeast and Cuba, plus missionaries, field workers and guests who are on the faculty.

### 2 Escapees Captured After Theft

A breaking and entering of the Cruso drive-in Sunday night by two young escapees from the Jackson Training School at Concord proved their downfall when they were arrested the next day by sheriff's deputy Charlie Jones of Canton.

Sheriff Fred Campbell identified the pair as Howard Mathis of Mauney Cove and Joe Green of Blowing Rock in Watauga County, and reported that they stole a quantity of food from the drive-in worth about \$40 and approximately two dollars in cash from a register. They also attempted to take the money from a cigarette machine, but were unable to get it open.

They were arrested at 11 a.m. Monday by Deputy Jones in a woods along Pisgah Creek, three miles from the drive-in.

The youths admitted the theft and also confessed that they attempted to steal a logging truck in the Dutch Cove section, but were unable to get it started. They did, however, take some tools from the vehicle.

They also related stealing a truck in Kings Mountain and driving it until it ran out of gas at Lake Lure.

The boys will be returned to the training school at Concord from which they escaped two weeks ago.

### Criminal Court Term To Open Here Monday

A heavy docket of cases will be heard by Judge Dan K. Moore of Sylva during the July criminal term of Superior Court, which is scheduled to last only one week.

Perhaps the major case on the July docket is a charge of involuntary manslaughter against Charles Howard Leatherwood of Waynesville in connection with the death of Charles Weldon Gidney, Canton barber, in an accident at Clyde May 2.

Leatherwood was driving a car west on the four-lane highway at Clyde and figured in a collision with Gidney's car, which entered the highway from a street near the Clyde town hall.

Gidney was taken to Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville, where he died a short time later.

State highway patrolmen on the scene reported that Leatherwood was driving recklessly and speeding.

The 17-year-old youth was bound over to Superior Court on a \$1,000 bond after a hearing before Police Judge Larry H. Cagle of Clyde.

Facing the highest number of charges — six in all — is Lewis Wallace Green, who is accused of driving drunk, revoked after his license had been revoked, driving without lights, failing to stop for a siren, resisting arrest, and assault.

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### Stray Spark Ignites Pile Of Fireworks

Individuals engaged in setting off fireworks at Lake Junaluska Monday night escaped possible injury when a spark from a Roman candle or skyrocket set off a large pile of fireworks.

When only about a fourth of the fireworks had been set off, the stockpile, worth more than \$100, suddenly became ignited and exploded in some 30 seconds.

A warning cry of "fire!" permitted the group putting off the pyrotechnics to abandon the scene in time to escape injury. One teenage boy, however, had his clothing burned in the incident.

The fireworks were set off near the site of the new youth center.

In past years they were ignited near the cross.

### Final Lamb Pool Slated For July 13

Haywood's third and final lamb pool of the year will be held Wednesday, July 13, at the Clyde stockyards, according to County agent Virgil L. Holloway.

Producers entering lambs in the pool are asked to notify the county agent's office not later than this Saturday at noon.

All lambs must be in not later than 10 a.m. on the 13th. The sale is expected to be over by 2 p.m.

Last month's pool proved to be the biggest in county history when more than 400 lambs were sold. Approximately 300 are expected to be consigned at the coming sale.

Present at the stockyards in Clyde will be Sam Buchanan, animal husbandry specialist at N. C. State College, who will discuss various phases of sheep production and marketing and answer questions from farmers.

### Cecil Soldier Remains Critical In Army Hospital

Pvt. Samuel Chambers, 19, a Cecil soldier, remains in a semi-conscious condition at the Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, where he was recently transferred from a hospital at Fort Jackson.

Pvt. Chambers was injured May 7 when his car left the road above Lake Logan. He was alone at the time, and had arrived home on a weekend pass at the time of the accident. He was carried to Moore General Hospital, and later transferred to the Camp hospital in Ft. Jackson.

### Miss Jean West Dies In Florida After Illness

Miss Jean Meyer West of Waynesville died Monday in Jacksonville, Florida where she had made her home with a nephew, John W. West, Jr., since February, 1954. She had been in ill health for several years.

A daughter of the late Herbert G. and Nancy Webb West, Miss West was born in Kinston in August, 1879. She moved to Waynesville with her family during her girlhood and lived here until she went to Florida.

She attended private schools here and was employed for a number of years in the commissary of the England-Walton Company at Hazelwood. In later years she was

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### Tucker Heads New County Cerebral Palsy Association

The United Palsy Association of Haywood County was formed Wednesday.

Officers elected at the organizational meeting included president, Ned J. Tucker; vice president, Rev. Earl H. Brendall; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Raymond Caldwell.

Mrs. Joe S. Davis and Miss Esther Mae Gibson.

Mr. Tucker said in regard to the organization, "The association was formed for these purposes: (1) to promote the general welfare of persons handicapped with cerebral palsy; (2) to plan, promote and assist in the establishment, maintenance and operation of training centers or clinics for the education, social and physical betterment of such persons; (3) to establish and

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### Wreck Claimed the Life of Mrs. Earline Gaylor

A car wreck claimed the life of Mrs. Earline Gaylor, 34, Sylva, about 2 p.m. July Fourth, as the vehicle left Highway 19A, about 2 and a half miles East of Sylva during a hard rain and went down a 14-foot embankment into a corn field.

Mrs. Gaylor was a passenger in the car driven

by her husband. Patrolman John C. Sides said Gaylor lost control of the car on a curve. Neither Gaylor nor a child were hurt. Patrolmen said the rain and slick tires caused the accident. This photo made by Jimmy Gray, The Sylva Herald.

### Board Says County Farm Will Be Sold

County commissioners have decided to sell about 135 acres of county Home farm in September. The officials decided to keep about five acres and the building.

Earlier this year the commissioners decided to close the county farm, and to put those who were living there in licensed nursing homes in the area. The recommendation came from state agencies and after an investigation, the commissioners found the county would save about \$8,000 to \$10,000 per year.

The officials decided to retain about five acres and the building in case the county ever wanted to re-open the county home unit.

"Under present circumstances, it appears that everyone is so well satisfied that the likelihood of reopening the place is very remote. However, we felt it best to retain ownership of the building, and use it to some individual, perhaps as a nursing home," Faraday Green, chairman of the board of commissioners said.

The 135 acres which will be put up for sale has about 30 acres in woodland, about 50 acres under cultivation, and some 55 acres in pasture lands.

The property is in the heart of Green Valley, and is considered one of the best farming lands in the county. The officials would give an estimate of what the property could bring.

Chairman Green said the proceeds from the sale of the property would go into the county debt service fund.

### Services Are Held For Mrs. Gaylor

Funeral services were held yesterday in the Rock Springs Baptist Church at Crabtree for Mrs. Earline Liner Gaylor, 34, of Sylva, who died in an automobile accident near Sylva on July 4.

The Rev. Robert Abrams, pastor of the Sylva Baptist Church, and T. T. Noland officiated. Burial was in Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Ralph and Kenneth Gance, Paul Green, Bud Liner, Lewis Clark, and Guy Matthews.

Mrs. Gaylor was a native of Haywood County and was a member of the Rock Springs Baptist Church. She had lived in Sylva for eight years.

Surviving are the husband, Albert W. Gaylor; one daughter by a previous marriage, Joyce Gail Jones; the mother, Mrs. Marion L. Liner of Clyde, Route 1; two sisters, Mrs. Lester Clark of Canton and Mrs. Fred Gance of Clyde; and three brothers, J. B. Liner and D. L. Liner of Canton and Orville Liner of Bowling Green, Ky.

Arrangements were under the direction of Garrett Funeral Home.

### Midnight Fire Destroys House In Rogers Cove

An unoccupied frame house in Rogers Cove was destroyed by fire at 12:15 a.m. Wednesday.

Waynesville firemen were summoned to the scene, but the walls of the house had collapsed before their arrival.

Fire Chief Felix Stovall estimated the damage to the dwelling owned by Billy Green, at \$1,500. Origin of the fire is unknown.

Waynesville firemen also made a run to the summer cottage of S. A. Hearne on Camak Drive on the Junaluska Assembly grounds where a bolt of lightning traveled into the residence on electric wires.

Firemen said the lightning blew out light bulbs and caused smoke, but no damage.

### Truman To Address Farm Group

A meeting with former president Harry S. Truman in Kansas City, Mo., will be an added attraction of the 12th annual Haywood County out-of-state farm tour, County Agent Virgil L. Holloway has announced.

According to plans arranged through Congressman George A. Shuford, Mr. Truman will speak to the Haywood countians at a banquet at the New Pickwick Hotel in Kansas City Tuesday, July 26.

At the request of Mr. Holloway, Rep. Shuford contacted Miss Kathryn Folger of Washington, a native North Carolinian and a member of the Democratic National Committee, to request that the former chief executive meet with the farm tour group on the 26th.

Miss Folger, in turn, got in touch with Charles Murphy, a close associate of the ex-president, who visited Mr. Truman in Miss.

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### Art Exhibit Planned Here July 23-31

The first Haywood County art exhibit in recent years will be held June 23-31 in the Hallett Ward building (former James Furniture store) under the sponsorship of the cultural improvement committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

Both regular and summer residents of the county are invited to enter three of their works in the exhibit.

A special display of heraldry, etchings, family portraits, and hooked rugs will be held in conjunction with the art exhibit.

Mrs. Walter Baermann, chairman of the cultural improvement committee, is in charge of the arrangements for the event.

### Concert Series Planned By Community Committee

A series of four summer evening programs and an art exhibition have been set up for the entertainment of the general public by the Committee for Cultural Improvement established last winter by the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce.

The twilight programs will be held outdoors on Friday evenings at 8 o'clock beginning July 15. They will include two informal lectures and two concerts.

be free of charge, those for which an admission will be charged will benefit the Haywood County Library Building Fund.

The evening events are to be held on the grounds of the future library, the old Ferguson Home, corner of Haywood and Boyd Avenue. In case of rain, programs will be in the new Central Elementary School Auditorium.

The art exhibit, opening Saturday, July 23, through Sunday, July 24, (See Concert—Page 8)



#### The Weather

HUMID

Partly cloudy, hot and humid with scattered afternoon and early showers today and Friday.

Normal Waynesville temperatures reported by the State Test

| Max. | Min. | Pr.  |
|------|------|------|
| 80   | 52   |      |
| 83   | 48   |      |
| 86   | 51   |      |
| 87   | 57   | 1.18 |
| 85   | 61   | .21  |
| 85   | 60   | .56  |
| 83   | 59   | .14  |