

TODAY'S SMILE  
"So you were brave and  
stepped forward when the  
Captain asked for a volun-  
teer?"  
"Well, not exactly. The  
rest of the company step-  
ped back."



WAYWOOD LIONS who are members of the district governor's cabinet, were installed at the district meeting here Thursday night. Left to right: M. T. Bridges, publicity; Lawrence

Leatherwood, district governor; Harry Whisenhunt, secretary-treasurer; and Bill Shull, chairman of Zone Three.

(Mountaineer photo.)

## Court Ended Week Term On Friday

The one-week term of Superior court adjourned here Friday afternoon, to climax one of the busiest weeks ever known in a criminal term of court, according to officials. Judge Dan K. Moore of Sylva presided.

Scores of cases were cleared from the heavy docket. Many of them involved traffic charges, with most of the defendants entering a plea of guilty.

Thursday saw the court impose heavy fines on five defendants for possession of liquor for the purpose of sale. Two defendants who entered a plea of guilty to the charge were held in jail until Friday, when Judge Moore passed sentence. He gave Willie "Lightning" Davis, Canton, a fine of \$400 and costs, and a 3-year suspended sentence.

Louise Clark, operator of an eating establishment on Pigeon Street drew 62 days in jail, on a liquor charge. On Thursday Mrs. Alice Jackson was fined \$2,000 and costs; Lorine Dalton \$300 and costs, and Homer Patton 6 months in jail. Judge Moore gave Mrs. Jackson 30 days in which to pay the second \$1,000 after making a \$1,000 payment on Thursday.

J. B. Siler, clerk of court, said his office collected \$12,192 for the week of court. Much of it was fines, and several payments in non-support cases were included. The office staff of the clerk's office put in long hours over the weekend in trying to complete scores of papers resulting from sentences imposed on defendants during the week of court.

Twenty commitment papers were being filled in today for the sheriff's office awaiting to carry prisoners to state institutions.

As court adjourned Friday afternoon, W. C. Medford gained permission of the court to publicly express appreciation to the officials for their efficiency in handling court and enforcing the laws. Medford made a brief statement, and then asked for a rising vote of thanks from the large throng. Judge Moore and Solicitor Thad D. Bryson acknowledged the tribute. Medford said:

"We think we have all observed with what dispatch the business of our courts here has been handled during the past six months. How that the laws have been enforced and during this term, the liquor laws in particular.  
"I have heard numerous citizens express themselves as being pleased."  
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## Allens Creek Fire Laid To Faulty Cord

Waynesville firemen made a run at 6:45 a.m. Saturday to the home of J. C. Crane on Allen's Creek Road where fire started in a bedroom from a faulty extension cord. Fire Chief Felix Stovall estimated the damage at \$500.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Leatherwood and son, Edward, left Friday for Hampton, Va., where they will visit Mrs. Leatherwood's mother, Mrs. George Hendricks, before going to Virginia Beach for a vacation.



MISS SHELLEY DAVIS, 17-year-old Waynesville high school senior, was named beauty queen of the annual VFW Folk Festival in Canton Saturday night. Miss Davis, center, is shown accepting the trophy from Miss Barbara Ann Hightower, right, queen of the 1954 festival, while Miss Gail Woodard, left, also of Waynesville, the runner-up looks on. Miss Davis is the daughter of Mrs. Ruby Davis, and Miss Woodard is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Woodard, also of Waynesville. (Photo by J. M. Deaton.)



LITTLE BROWN-EYED Suzanne Milner, who was critically ill last January with a serious heart ailment, observed her first birthday Friday. She is now a spry, happy youngster, learning to talk and walk. (Photo by Hugh Norton.)

## Pretty Little Suzanne Marks First Birthday

By W. CURTIS RUSS

Last January six-month-old brown-eyed Suzanne Milner was critically ill with a heart ailment. Friday, the frisky, happy little lady observed her first birthday, with little evidence of what she went through last winter as she was flown to a famous surgeon in the mid-west for a possible operation.

Suzanne, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Milner, Hazelwood, was the topic of conversation in this and many other communities last January. Prayers were offered for her recovery by scores of individuals and in numerous churches, when the frail child underwent numerous painful examinations, as physicians sought to find how to relieve her of a critical heart condition.

It was a cold January day, with ice on parts of the road, when she was rushed to Knoxville, and there boarded a pressurized cabin plane and flown to Minneapolis to the hospital.

After the examinations of about a week, the doctors gave the parents but little hope, and little Suzanne returned home.

Interest in her case continued. Prayers were continued, and Suzanne soon recovered from the ordeal of the trip and examinations.

Now the solid little 19-pounder (See Suzanne—Page 6)

## Pigeon Valley Fair Planning Now Under Way

A meeting of the Pigeon Valley Fair organization is now being held the second Tuesday of each month, according to M. C. Nix, fair director.

The date of the next meeting will be August 8.

Several active committees are now working to make the 1955 fair the best ever held.

Among recent additions to the fair organization is Carlyle Sheffield, who has been named secretary-treasurer of the group.

## 400 Southern Methodist Pastors At Junaluska For Meeting On Wednesday

More than 400 Methodist pastors and district superintendents from nine southeastern states are expected at Lake Junaluska Wednesday for a seven-day ministers' conference.

The program of workshops, educational clinics and speakers is sponsored by the Methodist Church's Southeastern Jurisdictional Council.

## Pisgah Parkway Link Will Be Open By Early Autumn

### Wm. Medford Is Chairman Commission

The Parkway link between Wagon Road Gap and Beech Gap, is expected to be completed and paved in time for the fall color season, Sam P. Weems, superintendent of the Blue Ridge Parkway told the N. C. Park, Parkway, and Forests Development Commission today in its annual meeting here.

The commission earlier went on record as listing the Balsam to Soco Gap link of the Parkway as its No. 1 priority for future construction. The commission made a similar request some time ago, and this morning went on record reaffirming its stand. Supt. Weems asked for the commission's feelings, since the plans for next year's construction program are being prepared for inclusion of the president's budget to Congress.

The commission elected William Medford of Waynesville as chairman of the group, succeeding Dr. Kelly Bennett, of Bryson City, who has served for the past year. Frank Brown, of Cullowhee was named vice chairman, and C. M. Douglas of Brevard was re-elected secretary. Mrs. Edith P. Alley is to continue as budget officer. Brown succeeded W. R. Winkler, of Boone.

Don Morriss, supervisor of National Forests in North Carolina, told the commission he is asking the new forest highway project to be the completion of the road from Rosman via Pinhook Gap to Beech Gap and down to Lake Logan through Sherwood Forest. This road would connect with Highways 64 at Rosman and 276 at Bethel. No survey has been made, and Morriss said that construction would likely be a year or two away.

He also told of the budget increases, and plans for a recreation center at Cable Cove, near Fontana.

Morriss said that hunting problems would be discussed Wednesday at a meeting in Asheville with the Wildlife Commission when the hunting dates will be set for the annual fall hunts. He said there is a strong possibility that some changes will be made in regulations. (See Parkway—Page 6)



DR. JACK DICKERSON

## Surgeon Opens New Office Here

Dr. Jack Dickerson, a surgeon, opened an office on the first floor of the Masonic Temple here Saturday.

A native of Monroe, Dr. Dickerson took pre-medical work at Wake Forest College and Rutgers University and received his medical training at Tufts College in Boston and the Bowman-Gray School of Medicine at Winston-Salem, where he received his M.D. in 1918.

After graduation, the doctor interned in New Orleans, took specialized training in surgery at the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, and also did chest surgery at the Western North Carolina TB sanatorium at Black Mountain.

Dr. Dickerson spent a year as an Army surgeon at Ft. Bragg in 1951 and was discharged as a captain. Prior to that time, he had a three-year tour of duty with the Infantry and Medical Corps during World War II.

Dr. and Mrs. Dickerson and their four children—Aged 11, 7, 5, and 2—will reside here at 449 South Main St., in the former Ray house. They are members of the Baptist Church.

The doctor plans to limit his practice to general and thoracic surgery.

## Community-Wide Summer Clearances Start 22nd

Friday morning will see the curtain rise on a community-wide Mid-Summer Clearance Sales in the stores here.

This event promises to be the "big thrift era" of the year, as the program will be for eight days.

Merchants are making elaborate plans for the event, and will have bargains in every field of merchandising, they announced.

This is the second community-sales event of the season. The first one was highly successful as thrifty-minded customers took advantage of the bargains offered by the stores during the July 4th sales program.

At a recent meeting of the merchants promotion committee, it was announced that this Mid-Summer Clearance Sales would per-

haps be a peak in sales, due to the large number of stores participating, and in view of the fact that the merchants have been working towards this promotion for sometime.

The event will begin Friday morning, July 22nd, and continue through Saturday, July 30th.

An extensive advertising campaign is being staged, and the event is expected to attract shoppers from a wide area.

The merchants here in discussing their year's programs, have decided to make an all-out effort to turn Waynesville into the shopping center of this wide area of Western North Carolina.

With this plan in mind, the merchants have added brand-new lines of merchandise, and modernized. (See Summer Sales—Page 5)

## Leave Here Tuesday 12th Annual Farm Tour

Approximately 80 Haywood County residents will leave the courthouse at 6 a.m. Tuesday on the 12th annual out-of-state farm tour which will pass through 12 states and return here Thursday, July 28.

The group will have lunch tomorrow in Corbin, Ky., dinner in Hamilton, Ohio as guests of the Champion Paper and Fibre Co., and then spend the night in Hamilton.

Wednesday the group will tour the Champion Paper and Fibre plant at Hamilton and then head westward into Indiana. After lunch at the College Union of Purdue University and a tour of the University's agricultural college, the tour will move into the Chicago area.

The group will spend the night at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago and then go on a boat cruise or to a major league baseball game.

Thursday events include a tour of the Chicago Union Stockyards and the Museum of Science and Industry at Jackson Park. From Chicago the tour will move into the dairy lands of Wisconsin and continue to La Crosse, Wis., where the group will spend the night.

Other attractions to be visited are in Minnesota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Missouri, Illinois, and Indiana.

The two tour buses are scheduled to return to Waynesville at 7:30 p.m. on the 28th. (See Farm Tour—Page 5)

## Higher State Burley Yield Is Predicted

The current North Carolina burley crop is estimated at 20,085,000 pounds from 10,300 acres for an average yield of 1,950 pounds. This compares with production of 24,384,000 pounds and yield of 1,920 pounds last year.

## Ministers From Assembly Tour Three Communities

A farm and home tour for Methodist ministers and their families from the Lake Junaluska Assembly was conducted Saturday afternoon through the Francis Cove, Ratcliffe Cove, and South Clyde communities with 157 participating.

The program included: Invocation by Dr. James W. Sells, executive secretary of the Southeastern Methodist Jurisdictional Council; lunch at the Francis Cove Methodist Church; assembly in church sanctuary with Mary Cornwell, home demonstration agent, in charge; welcome by R. H. Boone, past chairman of the Francis Cove CDP, and Mrs. Henry Francis, president of the Francis Cove Home Demonstration Club, and a discussion of the CDP in Haywood County by the organization's first chairman, R. C. "Bob" Francis.

After plans for the afternoon were outlined by Virgil L. Holloway, county farm agent, the group left at 2 p.m. for a tour of the Francis apple house, led by Pink Francis; the Francis home, led by Mrs. Francis; Frank Christopher's truck garden (viewed from R. H. Boone's lawn); Frank Leopard's farm, Ratcliffe Cove Cemetery, South Clyde Community House with Lloyd Justice, past chairman, in charge.

Purpose of the tour, according to Miss Cornwell, is to demonstrate the coordination of church and other civic activities and to provide practical examples of the role of the rural church in the community.

## Rain Slows Measurement Of County Burley Fields

Held up frequently by downpours of rain, ASC checkers are going ahead with their measurement of Haywood County burley tobacco fields — with the program expected to be completed within 10 days.

Out of a total of 1,999 in the county, 1,684 fields have been measured and 745 found to be in excess of allotment.

As of noon Friday, 107 farmers had requested remeasurements of their tobacco plots and remeasurements were made on 43. Excess tobacco of 361 producers has already been destroyed under supervision of the ASC.

The Weather

HOT

Max.	Min.	Pr.
82	64	.01
80	62	.05
85	60	
85	58	

Highway Record For 1955

In Haywood (TO DATE)

Killed . . . 1

Injured . . . 56

Accidents 108

Loss . . \$42,777

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