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TODAY'S SMILE

A good driver is one who obeys the traffic rules and is quick enough to dodge those who don't.

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WAYNESVILLE, N. C., MONDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 29, 1955

\$3.50 In Advance In Haywood and Jackson Counties

Increase Noted In Local Schools

New Facilities In Use At Number Haywood Schools

According to early estimates, the opening of Haywood County schools today was expected to show an increase in enrollment of approximately 4 per cent or 150 students.

Superintendent of county schools Lawrence B. Leatherwood, estimated that some 6,650 youngsters will be in county system schools, while another 2,900 were foreseen in attendance at Canton district schools, according to Superintendent Rowe Henry.

Schools in the county were open today only until noon, but will be in session all day, starting Tuesday. Canton district schools are scheduled to open Tuesday.

With the re-opening of the schools, a number of new facilities went into use for the first time, including new classrooms at East Waynesville, new classrooms and heating plant at Hazelwood, a gym and lunchroom at Crabtree-Iron Duff, a lunchroom at Fines Creek, and the new junior high school building in Canton.

All these have been completed since the close of school in May as a part of the county's \$2,000,000 bond issue, approved in 1951.

The Haywood district staff includes H. H. Bowles, superintendent. (See Schools—Page 2)

'Siamese' Cucumber Now On Display Here

Latest entrant in the Haywood County "Siamese crop" derby comes from Carl Palmer, whose double cucumber is now in display in The Mountaineer office.

One of the cucumbers is 7 1/2 inches long; the other is 7. They are joined at the top.

Mr. Palmer has had three other "twins" this year in his cucumber crop.

Clyde Lions Club Hears Patrol Officer

Lt. H. C. Johnson, executive officer of Troop E of the State Highway Patrol, spoke on "Highway Safety" at a meeting of the Clyde Lions Club Friday night at the Central Methodist Church in Clyde.

Lt. Johnson, whose headquarters are in Asheville, has supervision over state patrolmen in 22 Western North Carolina counties.

Membership School Before Court

Waynesville lawyers left to argue the Central School property case before state supreme court.

Organ is appearing for of Waynesville, who appeals from the decision Dan K. Moore several.

Francis and F. E. Alley, hearing for the Haywood Board of Education, who are seeking ownership of the

is the outgrowth of a of 1953 by the Gentry which provided that square of property go to of Waynesville for recreation, and a portion Library building when finished using the school purposes.

rd of Education brought and Judge Moore decided the rightful owners property.

Property Sought In Flood Areas

\$350 is being sought in the Asheville area by the American Cross for the relief of victims in several Northeast-

ram asking the Waynes-Cross to raise that amount to be received by Mrs. Edna Summerraw, treasurer, at the First National Bank of Waynesville.

Attended 16th Annual Meeting Here Saturday

100 attended the 16th annual meeting of the Haywood Electric Membership Corporation at the High School here.

Reports featured the with entertainment featuring throughout the program.

The election, 11 directors elected. The meet within a few days officers, it was explained. Selected Saturday included Haywood, as follows: Ira H. Cogburn, president; M. M. Kirkpatrick, secretary; Roy B. Medford, treasurer; Walker Brown, secretary-treasurer; Blaine Jackson County, and of Transylvania county. R. Cathey of route two, led the electric range. Other prizes, valued at were given away.

Financial reports, the total \$239,137 in business and now have 879 miles



SUNNY and warm Monday

Waynesville temperature by the State Test Farm:

Max.	Min.	Pr.
83	53	
82	53	
83	54	
87	55	



SUMMER VACATION FUN ended today for some 6,650 Haywood County students including Stevie McCarroll and Bobby Walker, Little League players, who gaze longingly at bats and gloves while school bells ring. Stevie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. McCarroll and Bobby is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Walker. (Mountaineer Photo.)

Patrolman Gets Former Prisoners

Speeding down highway 19-23 Friday night might be the means of sending a South Carolinian back to the penitentiary. A warrant arrived here today to hold the man for South Carolina authorities.

Three patrolmen, Cpl. Pritchard Smith, Patrolman Harold Dayton and Patrolman V. E. Bryson were operating the speed watch at Jones Cove Road Friday night when a car went by at 86 miles an hour.

Cpl. Smith went after the vehicle, and as he neared, he saw three men in the front seat of the 1955 Ford. As the Patrolman flashed his light and turned on his siren to stop the car, the man on the right hurriedly reached under the seat of the car in a suspicious manner.

Instead of going to the driver, Cpl. Smith went to the right of the stopped car and found the man had a loaded pistol in the floor of the car.

He took the gun, and then he saw the driver had a loaded pistol in his hand. He confiscated that one. He looked into the glove compartment, and there was the third loaded pistol, and back of the man in the middle was the fourth loaded pistol. In the car was also (See Patrolman—Page 2)

Driver's License Office To Close Labor Day

The driver's examining office in the basement of the courthouse will be closed for Labor Day, Monday, September 5, it has been announced.

The office will be open the following day, Tuesday, September 6.

Court Rules Violators, Not Preacher, To Pay

Justice of the Peace J. J. Ferguson of Waynesville has ruled that a preacher can go only so far and no further in promoting the principles set forth in the Golden Rule.

It all began in heavy traffic on Soco Gap when two motorcycle riders, in a playful mood, began weaving through the long line of cars—at times going too slow and at other times too fast.

Noting the antics of the two men and realizing the potential danger of their actions, a Haywood County minister reported them to State Patrol Sgt. T. A. Sandlin of Bryson City, who later arrested the cycle riders.

Brought before Mr. Ferguson here, the two men were fined \$10 and costs of \$6.75 on charges of reckless driving.

After the sentence was passed,

the preacher stepped up and told Mr. Ferguson: "I do not have anything against these men. My actions were prompted in a sense of safety for them and others. I would like to pay the fine of one of them."

The justice of the peace ruled, however, that the two—Charles B. Barnwell and Roy Robert Kirk, both of Spruce Pine—would have to make provisions to meet the fine themselves since they were being punished for reckless driving.

The boys did not have enough money to meet their fines, but at the last moment another good samaritan, not identified, came through to pay the fines and costs, permitting the release of the two and their return to Spruce Pine.

Sheriff Campbell Looking For Ornerly Cattle Rustlers

New Fire Truck Unloaded Today

The new \$11,500 fire truck for Waynesville has arrived, and was unloaded early this afternoon.

A factory man came here to supervise the unloading and give the firemen a demonstration of the operation of the large and modern unit, Felix Stovall, fire chief said.

The new truck is known as a 500-gallon pumper, and carries with it the latest extra pieces of equipment for fire fighters.

The traditional bugaboo of sheriffs on the rangelands out west — cattle rustling — is currently the concern of Sheriff Campbell of Haywood County.

The sheriff reported today that three head of young cattle stolen from three residents of Pigeon community were stolen and sold to a "pinhooker" at Asheville Friday.

The cattle — purebred Guernseys — were owned by Clifford Scruggs, a Mrs. Smathers and a Mrs. Shumolis, the sheriff disclosed.

A reward of \$50 has been offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any rustlers, Mr. Campbell said.

Mile High Overlook Photo Is Featured In 'Time' Ad

A picture of Mile High Overlook on the Blue Ridge Parkway is featured in an advertisement on the Great Smoky Mountains in the August 15 issue of Time magazine.

Headlined "The Great Smokies . . . Where Trees and Men Grow Tall," the text of the ad reads:

"In Great Smoky Mountains National Park, high on the North Carolina-Tennessee border, you'll see the loftiest peaks in the East, majestic reminders of an America that used to be.

"Known for its superb scenery and magnificent flowering, it is the culminating point of the Appalachian Mountain system and our most visited national park. Its 700 square miles boast almost as many species of trees as are found in all of Europe. Ideal climate and soil have produced giant plant specimens — rhododendrons over 30 feet high and grape vine stems five feet in circumference.

"The land has spawned giants among men as well. Here you'll find the ancient dwellings of the mountain people — the independent, self-reliant breed that left the Old World seeking freedom

Hearing On County Farm Sale Set Thursday At 2

4 Wrecks Do \$1600 In Damages

Four wrecks were reported by the Highway Patrol over the weekend, with no personal injuries, but damages amount to \$1,600.

A car and a truck collided on the Hall Top Road, with damages amounting to \$375 to both vehicles. Cpl. Pritchard Smith said a 1953 Mercury driven by Wm. Edgar Messer was damaged about \$300 when it collided with a 1940 Chevrolet truck driven by Gerald Lee Cogdill, of route 1, Sylva. The truck was damaged \$75, and Cogdill was charged with driving on the wrong side of the road.

Sunday at 7:05, a 1953 Chevrolet driven by Betty Arrington, route 4, Waynesville, was damaged \$250 when it collided on a curve with a 1950 Buick driven by Herbert Don Allison, route 2, on the Hillbrook Road in Iron Duff.

Patrolman Harold Dayton, investigating officer, said the Buick was damaged \$300, and the driver was charged with driving on the wrong side of the road.

Friday afternoon a gravel truck, loaded with gravel, turned over and was damaged about \$300 as Henry Jack Sellers, 17, attempted to turn off Highway 110 into the River road. He failed to negotiate the turn and the vehicle turned over. Patrolman V. E. Bryson said Sellers was charged with exceeding a safe speed. The vehicle was owned by Plemmons and Hyatt Company of Canton. Sellers is from Cruso.

Two motorists were charged with costs, as their cars collided near Saunook. Norman Burgess route one, driving a Ford truck, turned into his driveway, and was hit from behind by a Dodge driven by Mrs. C. H. Leatherwood, of Clinton, S. C. The truck was damaged about \$25 and the Dodge \$350, according to Patrolman Bryson. Burgess was charged with failing to give a hand signal, and Mrs. Leatherwood was charged with following too close. There were no injuries.

Young Democrats Will Meet In Canton Third

Haywood's Young Democrats in a meeting here Friday night, decided to hold their business session Saturday night, Sept. 3, in Canton and elect officers.

Joe N. Tate, Jr., is president of the organization.

Cpl. Pritchard Smith Instructor For Recruits

Cpl. Pritchard Smith of the State Highway Patrol left Monday for Chapel Hill, where he will be an instructor at the patrol school this week.

A group of new recruits for the patrol will begin taking training this week.



MISS SYLVIA CAMLIN will represent this community at the Apple Harvest Festival in Hendersonville. The Festival begins Wednesday and continues through Monday, Sept. 5th.

Miss Camlin To Represent This Area In Festival

Miss Sylvia Camlin, Lake Junaluska, has been named to represent this community at the annual Apple Harvest Festival in Hendersonville. Miss Camlin will be a candidate for the queen of the festival, and is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce here.

She was recently crowned Queen of Lake Junaluska in a colorful pageant at the auditorium.

A junior at Western Carolina College, she has been a member of the college May court for two years, and was Miss Waynesville in 1952, and later that summer was named Miss Haywood County at the VFW Festival in Canton. She was a member of the May Court ad Queen in the WTHS May Dance.

The brown-eyed brunette was a majorette at WTHS four years, and is five feet, five. She leaves Tuesday for Hendersonville, where she will be the guest of the Festival Committee until Labor Day night, which will conclude the six-day festival. The annual parade will be Monday afternoon, and will feature all the contestants for the place as queen.

Miss Camlin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Camlin, of Lake Junaluska.

Canton District Schools Open At Nine On Tuesday

Lake Pool Will Be Open Until After Labor Day

The swimming pool and shuffle boards at Lake Junaluska will remain open until after Labor Day, Supt. James W. Fowler, Jr., said today.

The formal program at the auditorium ended Sunday night, but the recreation facilities will continue to be open for the public until after Labor Day.

Tank Company Returns From Summer Camp

Personnel of Waynesville's Tank Company, 120th Infantry, North Carolina National Guard, returned here Sunday afternoon after two weeks of training at Camp Stewart, Ga., near Savannah.

Also back in their home army were men of the 30th Signal Company of Canton, who trained this year with other divisional units at Fort Bragg.

Annual Labor Day Issue To Be Published Thursday

The annual Labor Day edition of The Mountaineer will be published Thursday. This edition has become one of the most interesting editions published during the year. Special plans have been made to make this year's issue even more outstanding than those of the past.

A number of special features will be carried in the issue Thursday.

The Mountaineer will be published on Labor Day as usual.

Board Acts On Petitions Asking For The Hearing

The county commissioners in special session here this morning set 2 p.m. Thursday for a public hearing on the proposed sale of the 140-acre county home farm.

The commissioners were handed a number of copies of petitions, which contained about 2,000 names, according to R. E. Sentelle, attorney representing some taxpayers in seeking the public hearing, and with the idea of calling off the sale of the property.

Chairman Faraday Green said the commission would be glad to hear anyone about the proposed sale. "We will listen to what opponents of the sale have to say as well as those who feel that the property should be sold and the money applied to the county debt fund."

Chairman Green said Mr. Sentelle filed the petitions this morning. Also going before the board were several who are advocates of the sale, Chairman Green said, but no hearing or statements were made directly relative to the proposed sale, either pro or con.

Sentelle said the petitioners represented people from all parts of the county, and that he expected a large crowd at the hearing Thursday. He did not elaborate as to what points the petitioners would present in their plea for the county to continue owning the 140-acre farm as the hearing is staged Thursday.

Two Street Projects Surveyed

An engineer has completed mapping the extension of Wall Street from East to Pigeon Streets, and for widening Montgomery Street two blocks.

G. C. Ferguson, town manager, said engineer Reagan had made the surveys and the maps would probably be back sometime this week for the board of aldermen to study.

The maps will show the property over which the two proposed street projects would cross. The board has under consideration both projects, but no decision has been made as to which one will be started first.

About 2,800 students in the Canton School District will report for school at 9 a.m. Tuesday, according to Rowe Henry, superintendent. Tuesday will be a three-hour session, with adjournment at noon. Classes will go on regular schedule Wednesday, starting at 8:45 and ending at 3, the superintendent announced.

The principals and janitors met last week at the school for detailed plans of the year's program. This afternoon at 3 p.m. the teachers of the district met at the North Canton school.

The new junior high building is ready for classroom work, and all seventh grades in the district have been moved to that building, which is nearing completion. W. L. Barkby is principal of the new unit, which was built as a part of the (See Canton Schools—Page 5)

Highway Record For 1955 (TO DATE)

Killed	1
(1954 — 2)	
Injured	69
(1954 — 24)	
Accidents 126	
Loss . . \$52,016	

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

ALL SIX of the directors from Haywood were re-elected Saturday at the 16th annual meeting of the Haywood Electric Membership Corporation. Shown here, front row, left to right: Walker Brown, Pigeon, secretary-treasurer, 8 years on board; M. M. Kirkpatrick, Crabtree, 4 years on board; Ira H. Cogburn of Cruso, 16 years on board; Back row: Jack Harris, Beavertown, 4 years on board; Carter Osborne, Clyde, 15 years on board, and Roy B. Medford, Iron Duff, president, with 14 years on the board. (Mountaineer Photo.)