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TODAY'S SMILE

In olden times when a youth started sowing wild oats, father started the thrashing machine.

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300 In Rewards For Cattle Cases



Sheriff Fred Campbell announced today that the rewards for information leading to the arrests and conviction of persons stealing cattle had been raised to \$100 and that a reward of \$200 had been posted in the case where four head of cattle were poisoned.

Sheriff Campbell is continuing the investigation, and is being assisted by officers in several counties, where it is believed five head of cattle might have been taken.

Roy Smathers, of the Chestnut Mountain section, below Canton, found a rope around the neck of one of his pastured cattle, and Smathers together with officers, believe that the animal was tied and being led out of the pasture when the person trying to steal the animal was frightened away.

John Campbell, of Campbell Creek, in the Maggie section, lost four cows by poisoning. A check of the area showed arsenic had been spread on rocks and in high grass in the pasture where the cows were grazing. The \$200 reward posted is for information leading to arrests in this case.

One heifer feared stolen was found tangled in some cut timber. It was figured the animal had been in the tangled timber for eight days.

Those who have reported stolen animals include: Mrs. E. B. Rickman, Mrs. W. J. Smathers, Alex Shumolis, Joe Cooke, and Clifton Scruggs. All of them live in the Center Pigeon area of the county.

Sheriff Campbell traced one animal to London, Ky., and another to a farmer in Madison county. Both animals were bought on the livestock market in Asheville at recent sales.

McGlamery has had two counties added to his Henderson and Transylvania are Haywood, Jackson, Swain, Clay, Graham and Sevier, a native of Clay and for a number of years of Macon county, service of Representatives since 1947.

The ruling of the State Supreme Court on the ownership of the Central Elementary School property will likely be announced in about three weeks, was the speculation here today.

The case was argued Thursday, as the Town of Waynesville and Haywood County Library took an appeal to the Court from the decision of Judge Dan K. Moore in superior court.

Representing the Town was J. R. Morgan, while W. Roy Francis and Felix E. Alley, Jr., represented the County Board of Education.

The case began when the 1953 General Assembly passed a bill giving the property to the Town and Library after the county finished using the property for school purposes. The County Board of Education brought a suit and the decision of Judge Moore favored the county board.

The property is valued at about \$40,000.

Lawrence Leatherwood, superintendent of county schools and governor of Lions International District 31-A, will be the principal speaker at a meeting of the Pigeon Valley Lions Club Thursday night at the Bethel High School cafeteria.

He will be accompanied by F. E. Shull of Canton, zone chairman. Teachers of the Bethel district have been invited to the meeting Thursday as dinner guests of the Lions members.

At the Pigeon Valley Lions' last meeting, Miss Pauline Williams, case worker for the blind, discussed the work of the North Carolina Commission for the Blind.

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The leaves of the plant are large, oblong, and dark green. The blooms are on the end of long stems, that resemble the stems of water lilies.

Mrs. Chambers got the plant five years ago, and has trimmed, and cared for it patiently. The plant has bloomed for the past three years — just one night each time, but this year with 17 blooms at once set the record. The plant had 125 buds in early spring, but 100 of them dropped off one at a time because the plant was not able to take care of that many, Mrs. Chambers explained.

The buds of the plant swell and just before opening, give evidence of what is going to happen by showing small streaks of white. It takes about two hours for the buds to fully open. They start about sundown, and when dawn comes, they begin to fold up for another year.

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HEINZ ROLLMAN, (right) president of Wellco-Ro-Search is congratulating Mrs. Annie Massie, as Ethan Oliver, left, looks on, also a winner in the plant contest of employees as to what amount each employee would receive in the semi-annual profit-sharing bonus paid by the firm. Approximately \$60,000 is being paid employees this week. (Photo by Hugh Norton).

Wellco-Ro-Search Paying Their Semi-Annual Bonus

Another year of profitable operations is paying off approximately \$60,000 in profit-sharing checks to the employees of Wellco-Ro-Search. This information was received today from Walter S. Kaufman, executive vice-president of the twin organizations.

In a contest conducted among employees to guess in advance the average amount each employee would receive as his or her share of the profits, Mrs. Annie Massie was the winner among the factory employees who submitted their guesses, and Ethan Oliver was the winner among the office employees.

All Wellco-Ro-Search employees receive one half of their profit-sharing bonuses this week. The remaining half will be paid to them in December.

Supervisors, sales representatives and junior executives receive their share of the profits on a different basis of computation than do hourly or weekly paid employees. Officials of Wellco-Ro-Search, who are stockholders, do not participate in the sharing of this portion of the profits.

Twenty employees were interviewed at random for their comments on the profit sharing system. In each case the sentiment was similar to "Boy, will this check come in handy."

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64,380 Visit Two Parkway Links In Waynesville Area

A total of 64,380 persons in 19,421 vehicles visited the area's two Blue Ridge Parkway links — Soco-Heintoo and Wagon Road-Beech Gap — from April through August, Park Ranger Bill Orr announced Saturday.

This total represented a 15 per cent decrease from the figure of 73,430 persons and 22,203 vehicles for the same period of 1954, but this drop was attributed to the fact that the Wagon Road-Beech Gap link has been closed since mid-July. If this road had been open, Mr. Orr said, an increase probably would have resulted in Parkway travel in this area this year.

The breakdown of travel over the

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Board To Retain 35-Acres Of Land At County Home

The Haywood Board of Commissioners announced today they plan to retain a tract of about 35 acres of the County Home Farm. The tract they will retain is all the acreage between Pigeon River and Highway No. 110. It is estimated that it contains about 35 acres.

The announcement came after the board went into executive session, following the hearing on Thursday, when a number of citizens, mostly of the Bethel area requested the board to keep the entire 140-acre County Home Farm and not put it up for sale.

The board had previously announced the farm and the county home building would be put up at auction on September 17th. The property would be cut into small tracts and offered for sale, the board announced.

R. E. Sentelle attorney for a group who circulated petitions throughout the county asking the commissioners for the hearing, and further asking that the County Home Farm not be sold, said today that he was scheduled to have a conference with leaders within a "matter of hours" and decide if further steps will be taken to try and stop the sale of the 110 acres which remain in the farm after taking off the 35 acres on the river.

One real estate man said the 35 acres being retained by the county is some of the best land in the county, since it is level and very fertile.

At the hearing on Thursday it was mentioned by several that the county should retain the land for possible use as a school site for a new Bethel high school, and also perhaps an industry.

Carson Clark, president of the Bethel Lions Club, asked that the property not be sold and said he was authorized by his organization to make such a plea before the Commissioners. Others speaking in behalf of the county continuing to own the property included C. C. Poindexter, Clifton Terrell, Turner Cathey, Hub Caldwell, Fence Jenkins, Jarvis Allison, Mrs. Lou Singleton, and others.

When the board asked for a rising vote, all present except three stood in favor of retention of the property.

The Commissioners pointed out, when they announced the property would be put up for sale, that all the money derived from the farm building would be put on the debt service of the county.

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MISS JANET FOSTER, 16-year-old Bethel high school junior, was crowned queen of Canton's 49th annual Labor Day celebration Saturday night. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Foster of Bethel. Runner-up was Miss Barbara Jones, Waynesville. (Frances Photo).

Huge Crowds At Canton Festival

Big crowds were enjoying all events of the 49th annual Labor Day celebration.

Thousands were slated to view the annual parade this morning at 10, as the weatherman appeared to be cooperating for a typical brisk day, and the colorful event.

The Canton and Waynesville bands were all set to march as the Mountaineer went to press at 9:15.

Much interest was shown at the crowning of the queen program on Saturday night, as Miss Janet Foster of Bethel was named for the honor. Donald Boone was named king of Labor Day. The couple were to be featured on a special float in the parade.

Sunday afternoon a large group heard some of the section's leading quartettes in one of the best programs of its kind ever presented in Canton.

Included in the groups were the Talley Brothers, Brevard, the Gospelites, Leicester, The Roberts Family and the Carolina Quartet, Asheville, and the Continental quartet of Greenville, S. C.

Tonight the best square dance teams in the area will see plenty of action during the early evening hours.

An elaborate horse show, sponsored by the Canton Saddle and Bridle Club, is to start at 2 p. m. in the huge Park Street ring. Sixteen classes will be featured.

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Tobacco Destroyed 840 Haywood Farms

Surplus tobacco has been destroyed on 840 Haywood County farms this summer, according to the county ASC.

Of 1,988 tobacco plots 889 were found to be of allotments on first measurement and a tonnage of incorrect original measurements found.

The county producers disposed of their excess tobacco as a result, will not support prices on their surplus tobacco pay penalties on all tobacco on the markets this year.

One per cent of all farms in the county were found to have their allotments during measurement — a high percentage last year, according to the county ASC man-

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Big Blooming Cereus Attracts Much Interest

One of the rarities of the flower world caused much interest in Clyde Thursday night, as the 5-year-old night-blooming Cereus plant of Mrs. Maggie Chambers burst into bloom just for the one night. The plant had 17 open blooms, and eight others that did not open until later.

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AN UNUSUAL PLANT is the night-blooming Cereus, a member of the cactus family, which blooms only one night a year. This plant with 17 gorgeous blooms is owned by Mrs. Maggie Chambers, Clyde. The plant, with 25 buds, burst into bloom Thursday night. Shortly after dawn Friday the blooms had folded up and wilted. (Mountaineer Photo).

Giant Cucumbers Grown By Lee Allen

And still the giant vegetables come rolling in!

Latest entry in the field of king-sized produce are two cucumbers, both over 14 inches in length, and weighing around four pounds, grown by Lee Allen of the Sulphur Springs road.

Highway Record For 1955
In Haywood (TO DATE)
Killed 1 (1954 — 2)
Injured 69 (1954 — 21)
Accidents 133
Loss . . \$53,486
(This information compiled from records of State Highway Patrol.)