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TODAY'S SMILES
"Broken off your engagement to Mary?"
"She wouldn't have me."
"You told her about your rich uncle?"
"Yes, she's my aunt now!"

The News Most of
Time — The Most
All The Time."

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WAYNESVILLE, N. C., MONDAY AFTERNOON, SEPT. 19, 1955

\$3.50 In Advance In Haywood and Jackson Counties

Safety Awards Go To Town

Safety awards were presented to the Town of Waynesville today, in recognition for the traffic record of 1954 of no fatalities or serious injuries. Awards were made at the meeting.

National Safety Council awards presented by William J. Ellett, director of the department of Motor Vehicles, Carolina Motor Club Safety Council was presented by R. T. Ellett, director of highways of the organization.

J. H. Way accepted both on behalf of the Town of Waynesville, Charles Ray, a director of the Carolina Motor Club, charge of the program.

Ellett was most complimentary in the reports which he had made for the past four years. Similar awards were received for 1950, 1952, 1954.

In presenting the award, Ellett stressed a lot of educating the public to fully understand the importance of safety 365 days a year. Pedestrian safety program signs of reducing the number of fatalities. The last year, 1954, in North Carolina 67 per cent of the fatal accidents came under two years — under nine, and over 71 under nine were killed or injured. 60 persons over 55 were cited.

Ellett said the school safety program was a big answer to the safety records and accident safety award—Page 6)

County Court

Dan K. Moore of Sylva is the September term of the court here this morning with listed on the calendar.

Cases docketed today were: Sampson vs. Branson; Cogdill; Parks vs. Parks; executor, vs. Sen- l.

trial calendar today cases of Sampson vs. Hipps vs. Southern Railway vs. Ward, administrator, cases scheduled are:

Bramlett et al vs. Waynesville; Browning vs. Lumber Company.

Ray, Rathbone vs. Med- oody vs. Mehaffey; Cald- Mehaffey; Brannon vs. et al.

ay, Jenkins vs. Smathers; vs. Hospital Care As- Casey vs. Cogdill Motor Allied Roofing Company.

A. T. Ward, administrator; Carver, et al; Don- Hyatt, and Parks vs.

second week, Monday, Ran- ge Court—Page 6)

From Clyde In Hospital Following Wreck

The six young people were hurt in an automobile wreck Sept. 8th near Mars Hill. They were taken to the Memorial Hospital, Asheville, as having had a night Sunday night.

Miss Janet Francis, and the Medford.

Others hurt in the same wreck were returned to their Clyde.

WARM

cloudy and mild today occasional showers likely. mild Tuesday.

Waynesville temperature by the State Test Farm:

Max.	Min.	Pr.
82	43	
83	47	
81	45	
81	51	

Retiring officers include Robert H. Hall, president, and David Hyatt, educational vice-president.



TWO SAFETY AWARDS were presented to the Town of Waynesville here Friday by the Carolina Motor Club, and National Safety Council, for going through 1954 without a fatal traffic injury. The town has gone since September 1949

without a fatal pedestrian death. Left to right: Mayor J. H. Way, Town Manager G. C. Ferguson and Chief Orville Noland. (Other picture, Page One, Section Two.)

(Mountaineer Photo.)

Four Haywood Towns To Get \$51,188 For Street Projects

1,428 Haywood Children Receive Salk Polio Shots

Haywood Citizens Invested \$33,325 In Bonds For Aug.

Haywood citizens invested \$33,325 in Savings Bonds during August, according to J. E. Massie, county chairman.

Sales in the state amounted to \$4,311,799, which is a gain of 14 per cent over last August. The state quota for the year is \$58,000,000, and 64 per cent has been reached.

Boy Wrecks Car, Ending Police Chase

Robert B. Cody, 19, of Ratcliffe Cove wrecked his 1949 Ford sedan at 6:30 p.m. Friday in an unsuccessful attempt to escape pursuit by Waynesville policeman Coleman Swanger.

Patrolman Swanger first noticed the youth driving recklessly near Charlie's Place and started to pursue him. Cody drove out the Asheville Road, up East St., down the Test Farm road, and south on the Raccoon Creek road, where he ran off the pavement on a curve, causing his vehicle to overturn five or six times.

Cody suffered severe lacerations of the head and was admitted to Haywood County Hospital. He was charged with speeding 85 miles per hour and reckless driving, according to State Highway Cpl. Fritchard Smith.

Damage to the car, which was demolished, was estimated at \$500.

Toastmasters Elect Felmet As President

Jack Felmet, employee of the utilities department of the Carolina division of the Champion Paper and Fibre Company, will be officially installed as president of the Waynesville Toastmasters Club during a special "Ladies Night" dinner meeting at Spaldon's restaurant Monday evening, October 10.

Felmet, who served the club during the past year as administrative vice-president, has been with Champion for the past 24 years, and has long been interested in purebred beef cattle as a hobby.

Other newly elected officers also to be installed include Ted Stackpole, administrative vice-president; A. L. Hunt, who served last year as sergeant-at-arms, educational vice-president; Jack Noland, re-elected secretary-treasurer, and Charlie Underwood, sergeant-at-arms.

Retiring officers include Robert H. Hall, president, and David Hyatt, educational vice-president.

Fire Of Unknown Origin Destroys Dellwood Home

The frame residence of Willie Smith on the Dellwood Road destroyed by fire of unknown origin about 9:15 a.m. today. The house was unoccupied at the time of the fire.

Waynesville firemen answered the alarm turned in by neighbors, but found the roof caving in as they arrived on the scene.

The firemen were unable to save the dwelling or its furnishings, but the firemen concentrated their efforts on protecting surrounding buildings.

Four Roadside Picnic Tables Placed In Area

At least four roadside picnic tables have been installed in this area by the Highway Commission within the past week. One is just west of Canton; two others near the Lake, and one at Dellwood.

All were used for a greater part of the day Sunday. The tables are weatherproofed, and anchored on concrete. A 10-gallon garbage pail is also anchored to a steel post.

Ned Tucker, executive vice president of the Chamber of Commerce said he understood there might be other tables placed in this area.

Waynesville Jet Pilot Decorated For Achievement



CAPT. WINFRED LINER

Capt. Thomas W. Liner, of Waynesville, was recently decorated at impressive ceremonies at the Youngstown, Ohio airport by the Air Force. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross and two clusters for the Air Medal he already held.

Capt. Liner was honored for service in Korea, where, as the citation read, "on numerous occasions in close support with the Army, he destroyed a number of convoys, knocked out eight anti-aircraft and mortar positions and had 85 per cent coverage of the ridge before the infantry took it. Time and again, the Air Force reports, Liner "dived through heavy enemy aircraft fire to strafe ridges and stayed there until his ammunition supply was exhausted then pulled

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Civic Organizations Renew Fight For Pigeon River Road Approval, Com. Buchanan In Washington Today

Com. Buchanan Is Highly Pleased With Conference

(Special To The Mountaineer)

WASHINGTON — Harry Buchanan, Highway Commissioner of the 14th North Carolina Highway Division, was here today in the interest of several highway projects.

This morning he held a conference with the top officials of the Bureau of Public Roads, relative to the status of the Pigeon River Road being immediately approved as an interstate system project.

Commissioner Buchanan told The Mountaineer this afternoon that the conference today was "very satisfactory in every way."

"We went into the matter thoroughly, and I am pleased with the conference, and facts learned," he said.

Commissioner Buchanan plans to spend several more days in Washington.

The commissioner of this district consulted at length with Chairman A. H. Graham of the Highway Commission, prior to going to Washington. Commissioner Buchanan represented the N. C. Commission in the conference this morning.

Commissioner Buchanan has taken the lead in getting the State Highway Commission to approve the Pigeon River Route for the interstate system. This action followed similar steps taken by the Tennessee Highway Commission.

Commissioner Buchanan had no statement to make relative to the recent visit of a Buncombe-Madison county delegation to Washington asking for the decision to be held up in favor of a survey down the French Broad river.

State highway engineers said the proposed highway down the French Broad River was impractical, and have said on several occasions why they approved the Pigeon River route.

Group Will Meet Tuesday And Plan For 9th Festival

The committees of the Merchants Association, Chamber of Commerce and Jaycees, on the Tobacco Festival will meet Tuesday, 3 p.m., for the initial planning of the program for the ninth annual festival.

Ned Tucker, coordinator of the committee, said the representatives of the three groups will meet at the county agent's office to make tentative plans which will be presented to the general committee, including the farmers and home demonstration women.

The Tuesday planning is for the phases of the program the three groups will be individually responsible in seeing carried out.

The merchants committee is composed of Frank Moore, Harry Whisenbunt, Joe Cline, W. L. Turner and Harvey Dulin. The agriculture representatives of the Chamber of Commerce: John Carver, Virgil Holloway, and Miss Mary Cornwell. The Jaycees will be Elmer Hendricks, and Bill Burgin.

Directors of the United Fund will meet tonight, 7:30, commissioners room, the courthouse, and hear reports from several committees.

Dave Felmet, chairman of the campaign committee is expected to report on leaders for the nine divisions.

Paul Davis, chairman of the budget and admissions committee, is expected to make a report of those two groups to the directors.

Dr. J. E. Fender, president, said tentative plans were to begin the campaign October 10 and complete it by October 24th. The exact dates will probably be determined tonight by the directors, he said.

Blue-ribbon winners at the annual 4-H Club pullet show and sale here Saturday afternoon were Judy Plemmons of Saunook, Powell Mc-

Elroy and Fred Kuykendall of Bethel, and Terry Swaim of Canton.

(Mountaineer Photo.)

EDITORIAL Consistency, Thou Art A Jewel

Several years ago, when the super four-lane highway from Old Fort to Ridgecrest was opened, Asheville termed it an engineering masterpiece. They acclaimed the engineers for their work, and heaped laurels upon them in abundance.

When the same engineers mapped, and recommended a highway route which did not exactly please the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, then they heaped coals of fire upon the same heads on which they had so recently put the laurels.

Haywood county, and our neighboring counties, who are so vitally interested in the construction of the Pigeon River Road, can now know that the Asheville Chamber of Commerce has within the past week tried its best to block the formal approval of the road for the interstate system. The Asheville Citizen-Times, in an editorial Sunday said: "We rejoice that the federal bureau has intervened."

What could be clearer as to where the opposition is coming from?

The Asheville Chamber and newspaper sing "Let's have area unity," and "dedicated to the upbuilding of Western North Carolina."

From the county seat of Haywood, both tunes sound far off key.

C. of C. Manager Goes Shopping With - - ?

If Ned Tucker's face seems a little pinker than usual it is not because the executive vice president of the Chamber of Commerce has been in the sun.

In his official capacity he is called upon to answer many questions, but the latest request comes from a visitor who wanted Tucker to do a little shopping for her.

No, it wasn't apples, or native crafts.

Sometime back, the visitor bought an undergarment at a local store. She liked it so much, she wanted more. She could not remember the name of the firm, so

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she called upon the Chamber of Commerce for help.

She gave a vivid description of the garment, and the size, but since Tucker is no a specialist in such things, he wrote back and suggested that she send in an old garment as a sample, and he would try and match it.

So this week, Tucker, armed with the sample, started shopping. The shopping tour was successful and the garments were mailed immediately.

As Tucker settled down to routine matters, he began opening the mail, with some caution, wondering, "What next?"

Annual Football Contest Starts; \$15 Given Weekly

The annual football contests which have proven so popular in the past for readers of The Mountaineer begins today, and will be found on page six, section two. The entry blank is on page four of section one.

This year the weekly prize will be \$15.00 cash for the person guessing the nearest correct scores of 12 games played the coming weekend.

Last year, as in prior years, hundreds participated in the contest and tried to out-guess the experts in their predictions.

The contest blanks must be in The Mountaineer office by 5 p. m. each Friday, or postmarked prior to that time if mailed.

See details in the contest page, and further information in the contest blank.

Haywood Groups Hit Intervention By Asheville

(See other editorial, page two of Section two.)

"It appears that we will have to renew our fight for the Pigeon River Road about every 45 days, as opponents, to the construction of the road try everything possible to continue blocking construction," Richard Bradley, president of the Chamber of Commerce, said this morning.

"A week ago today a 4-man delegation from Buncombe and Madison counties went to Washington to see what they could do to prolong the delay of the decision of the Bureau of Public Roads from formally approving the Pigeon River Route for the interstate system. We knew about the trip before hand. In fact, we know a lot more about the trip and the conference than we can divulge at this time," Bradley said.

The local civic leader said he was not only disturbed by the four men going to Washington, but since they went as representatives of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, it was "a shock." Then Bradley explained, "we had felt that since the Asheville Chamber of Commerce had recently called for area unity, and cooperation in helping to develop a greater Western North Carolina, that they would not try to turn right around and make an effort to block a project as badly needed and as vital to the progress of all Western North Carolina as the Pigeon River Road."

"I made reference to that fact in a statement which was published in Asheville Sunday. The executive secretary of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, Richard K. Degenhardt, in commenting on my statement, was quoted in the same article as saying: "The highway committee of the

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96 Pullets Sold At 4-H Show - Sale

Ninety-six pullets — including 60 Rhode Island Reds and 36 Leghorns — were sold on the lawn of the courthouse Saturday morning during the annual 4-H Club show and sale. The 96 chickens brought a total of \$258 for an average of \$2.69. Last year's average was \$2.73.

The top price — \$3 — was paid to Terry Swaim of Canton and Fred Kuykendall, both blue ribbon winners. The lowest price was \$2.25.

Other blue ribbon winners were Judy Plemmons of Saunook and Powell McElroy of Bethel. Red ribbons went to Gail Bradshaw of Fines Creek and Tommy Burnette of Bethel and white ribbons to Bobby West and Richard Sales, both of Bethel.

Judges were Joe Boone of the

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J. T. BRIDGES IMPROVING

J. T. Bridges, who has been a patient at the Haywood County Hospital for the past two weeks, is reported to be showing improvement.

Highway Record For 1955 In Haywood (TO DATE)

Killed 1 (1954 — 2)

Injured 73 (1954 — 33)

Accidents 139
Loss . . \$57,726

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



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