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TODAY'S SMILE
Stockings that run are on their last legs.

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

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Buchanan Says Engineers Have All Road Facts

Court Awards Central School To County

United Fund Budget, 25 Agencies Approved

Supreme Court has... Central Elementary... of Education. The... handed down Wednesday... others which were... weeks before the... the decisions... was one setting a... Burrell Warren... shooting his son. The... place in the Thicket... new trial was based... to the jury in the... property, estimated... \$40,000, has been a... issue since the 1953... enacted a law... that the block... of property should go... of Waynesville and... after the county... the property for... The new Central... school, built about two... was put into use in... 1953, the terms of the... bill were car... the appointment of... for the school prop... authorized and or... Legislative enact... a deed to the prop... Board, through... W. R. Francis, and... entered suit for... in November, 1954... by Judge Dan... the January term of... Court—Page 3)



THIS IS THE ORIGINAL Jacob Shook House that he first built and lived in about 1786. It has been preserved by renewing the foundation with cement blocks, re-flooring, and weather-boarding over the logs. The chimney is seven feet wide and the fire place over five feet wide. The old house shows a touch of modernism with a TV antenna. This house is about a half mile from the other Shook House with the "Bishop Asbury Room". (Mountaineer Photo).

The local United Fund board of directors have formally approved a budget of \$38,841.60 for 25 agencies in the first united campaign for this end of Haywood. The directors also set October 10 to 24 for the campaign dates. Dave Felmet, campaign chairman, named the division chairman and co-chairman in some cases, of the nine divisions of the campaign. He said they were as follows: Advance gifts, Mrs. Bill Prevost. Industry, Joe S. Davis and Charlie Woodard. Commercial (business district) Euel Taylor and Lonnie L. Lyda. Professional, Dr. Jack Dickerson. Public employees, Mrs. Fred Campbell. Residential, Hye Sheptowitch and Robert Winchester. Rural and C.D.P., M. R. Whisenhunt. Colored area, Henry Tuttle. Schools, M. H. Bowles.



ARTHUR A. HENDERSON

The list of agencies and charities participating in the fund ranges from \$8,000 for polio to \$9.10 for National Travelers Aid. "The budget committee has done a wonderful job of studying the needs, and working out such a fair ratio and comprehensive program," Dr. J. E. Fender, president told the directors, after Paul Davis, chairman of the budget and admissions committee presented his report. The list of agencies to share in the United Fund proceeds include Boy Scouts-Girl Scouts, Polio, Red Cross, Clothes Closet, WTHS Band, Christmas Cheer Fund, Health and Welfare and Sight Conservation, for both Waynesville and Hazelwood Lions, Crippled Children, Women's Club Christmas Tree for needy, Cerebral Palsy, Physically Handicapped group, U.S.O., American Social Hygiene, National Traveler's Aid, United Seaman's Society of North Carolina, and Carolinas United.

Henderson New Park Ranger Here

Park Ranger Arthur A. Henderson, formerly stationed in the Asheville District of the Blue Ridge Parkway, has replaced Ranger Bill Orr on the Soco-Heintooaga and Wagon Road-Beech Gap links of the Parkway in Haywood County. Mr. Orr is now in Washington, D. C., taking a seven-months training course sponsored by the Department of the Interior. Mr. Henderson is a native of Minnesota and a graduate in forestry and wildlife from the University of Minnesota. He served for five seasons with the U. S. Forest Service in the west and has been with the Park Service for two and a half years, during which time he has been stationed at Big Bend National Park in Texas and the Montebello (Va.) district of the Blue Ridge Parkway. He also served with the Marine Corps for three years during World War II. Mr. and Mrs. Henderson reside on Parkway property at Soco Gap.

Civic Head Critical Of Asheville

"The facts we have in hand convince us that certain groups in Asheville are determined to continue their policy of trying to delay action on the Pigeon River Road as part of the interstate system," Richard Bradley, president of the Chamber of Commerce said this morning. "This procedure by the Asheville groups is nothing new. They have been following such a procedure for years, but we are now geared up solidly in Haywood and adjoining counties to present some facts -- some hard facts that cannot be denied -- and fight our case," Bradley continued. President Bradley, in a full-page advertisement in this issue of The Mountaineer, reviews the history of the Pigeon River project, and the steps which Asheville groups have taken on many occasions to block construction of the road. Bradley cites the latest effort of sending a four-man delegation to Washington in an effort to block the decision of the Bureau of Public Roads on the interstate route. "I look on their action as an under-handed deal, especially since they have been asking us to join with them for regional development," Bradley said. "I further feel that they are stepping out of bounds when they try to assume the role of authorities on highway location and construction," the local civic head continued.

Official Back From Washington

"Our state highway engineers have all the information needed on the two river routes from Western North Carolina to East Tennessee," Harry Buchanan, commissioner of the 14th Highway Division said this morning, "and I am suggesting that this vast store of information be carried to Washington and presented to the engineers in the Bureau of Public Roads." Commissioner Buchanan, just back from Washington, said that in the June meeting, when R. Getty Browning, chief locating engineer was asked if he felt a further survey of the French Broad route was necessary, replied: "No other survey, either ground or aerial, would provide us with any more information than we already have in hand about the French Broad. We have TVA aerial maps, and all necessary information of the valley," he told the commission. "Our request for the Pigeon River Road to be designated as the interstate route has been referred to the Bureau of Public Roads division engineer, B. P. McWhorter, at Atlanta. This is merely routine, and nothing unusual. The plans have been sent to Mr. McWhorter for his study, and as this is only routine procedure for the Bureau, naturally I have no objection," Commissioner Buchanan said. Commissioner Buchanan said he felt certain, however, that McWhorter would take into consideration the fact that both the North Carolina and Tennessee Highway (See Harry Buchanan—Page 3)

Timely Song Title Found In Wreck

As Cpl. Pritchard Smith of the highway patrol began an investigation of the wreckage of a 1949 Ford, that left the Raccoon Road last Thursday night, a piece of music caught his eye. He carefully pulled the sheet from the twisted wrecked car of Robert B. Cody of Batcliffe Cove. He blinked his eyes twice at the title of the song. It was: "The Wreck of the Old 97." —the song, you recall, is about a train going 90 miles an hour just before the wreck. Cody was charged with going 85 miles an hour just before he wrecked.

Medford Uncovers Records Of Original Shook House

NOTE: In this series of articles the writer has planned to give a "write-up" of Clyde Township, but which will pertain mostly to the Town of Clyde. In these historical sketches one will find hitherto unpublished facts about the community, with re-productions of rare old pictures. These pictures (as well as some of the data) has been made available through the hearty cooperation of several citizens of Clyde. We might mention, especially, Walter and John Smathers, Amos Medford, W. G. Byers, Ceph Shook, Charlie Kilian, Devoe Medford, Mrs. Mary Morgan, J. R. Morgan of Waynesville and Mrs. Joyce Haynes. Lower Pigeon In the earliest records this section (now Clyde) was referred to simply as "Shooks". Then the designation was changed to "Lower Pigeon" (to distinguish it from Upper Pigeon precinct) and thus it was known for many years, or until 1877 when it became Clyde township. The name "Shooks" was for Jacob Shook, who settled there as early as 1786. This section was then (as well as all the rest of this county) nothing but a wilderness. We find from the Record of Deeds of Buncombe County, that, on August 20th, 1799, Jacob Shook bought from John Strother a tract of land containing 130 acres, and on October 2nd, another tract of 330 acres. The consideration stated was \$25.00 for the first and \$75.00 for the second tract, or \$100 for the 450 acres. It is mentioned as "being part of a tract originally granted to David Allison." (The huge Allison grant (See Shook—Page 1, Sec. 3)

Blind Veteran Gets Hound Back

Thomas Gibson, blind World War II veteran, had a bear hound stolen from him just before he could deliver it to a man who had bought the dog and was leaving soon for Florida. Sheriff Fred Campbell, and his staff, started in on the case. They traced the dog from Haywood to Davidson, Route 3, near Charlotte, and then back to Little East Fork. There they found the hound. One man was bound over to court under bond in the case, and Gibson got his prize bear hound back, after it had traveled over 300 miles.

Post Office Might Close At 12 Wednesdays

Postmaster Enos Boyd said he was making a study of the possibility of closing the lobby windows of the Post Office here each Wednesday at noon, the same schedule as merchants. "We are checking the plan, since it would mean a better work week for the employees who now have a staggering schedule throughout the week," he said. The post office will continue to close at one Saturday. Postmaster Boyd said that during holidays when the stores remain open on Wednesday afternoons, that it would be his plan to keep the post office open. The plan, if inaugurated, would be about October 1. The post office department has already given approval for closing at noon Wednesdays. This would not affect dispatching of mail, nor service to box holders.

Ranger Warns Danger Of Fire At Critical Stage

The past three weeks of drought and drying winds have made a dangerous fire situation in the forests of Western North Carolina, according to U. S. Forest Ranger E. G. Ellenberg of Hot Springs. A number of small woods fires caused by brush burning getting out of control have already been (See Ranger—Page 3)

Reinertsons To Buy More Ponies For Herd

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Reinertson and Harry Reese left here this week by air to visit pony markets in Macon and Kansas City, Mo., and Des Moines, Ia. The Reinertsons plan to purchase about 30 ponies if that many animals of sufficient worth can be obtained on the Midwest markets. They now have 68 ponies on their Rocky Knob Farm on the Eagle's Nest Road, which is one of the largest pony farms in the South. They will be gone about 10 days. Stanford Massie left yesterday to resume his studies at Duke University where he is a member of the senior class.

Kiwanis Club Will Observe Kids Day Here

A free movie at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Strand for children of this area will mark the Waynesville Kiwanis Club's observance of Kiwanis International's annual Kids Day program. Following the picture, free ice cream will be served by the Biltmore Dairy. The Kiwanis Club members also will sell roasted peanuts on Main Street to raise money for the organization's youth program.

State Court Awards Widow Of D. C. Jenkins \$8,000

In a decision just handed down by the North Carolina Industrial Commission, Mrs. Mary Ruth Jenkins, widow, and administratrix of the estate of D. C. Jenkins, was awarded damages in the amount of \$8,000 against the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles for the death of her husband. The case grew out of the fatal shooting of Jenkins on June 13, 1953, by Joe E. Murrill, a member of the North Carolina State Highway Patrol, at the Rock Hill School, about eight miles from Waynesville. The case was heard in Waynesville on last June 20, before Hugh M. Currin, Deputy Commissioner of the Industrial Commission. (See Jenkins Case—Page 3)

Smoke Law Checking To Start 26th

A survey of heating plants in town will begin Monday, G. C. Ferguson, town manager announced today. He said G. E. O'Neal, smoke specialist of Asheville, would be here and go over the program with Ben Sloan, who has been named as inspector for the Town. Studies will be made of the heating plants that give off too much smoke, Ferguson said, and recommendations made to the owners for correcting the system. Officials here expect owners to cooperate in carrying out the ordinance, because they pointed out, the excessive smoke is a menace to health and property. It was also pointed out that the heating plants properly regulated not only give off less smoke, but actually means a saving in fuel.

Waynesville Kiwanis Club Elects Board

Ten members of the Waynesville Kiwanis Club were elected directors for 1955 at a meeting of the club Tuesday night at Spaldon's. They were: Roger Ammons, Enos Boyd, Rufus Carswell, A. D. Harrison, Joe Howell, Andy Moody, Dr. Wilson Nance, Ray Pleiness, Bob Tippet, and Joe Todd. Next Tuesday the club will elect a president and vice president from the 10 members nominated as directors and the new board will choose its secretary and treasurer during the first meeting in 1955. Hye Sheptowitch is the retiring president of the Kiwanis Club.

Pigeon River Was Route Selected By Late Col. Lee

The late Col. W. I. Lee, in charge of the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads, at Gatlinburg, and for the Park, as far back as 1941 often said that "the Pigeon River route is the only logical route for the interstate highway from Western North Carolina to Eastern Tennessee." This fact was brought to light again today by Mrs. Lee, as she recalled the Colonel's frequent discussions of the project. Col. Lee was also in charge of the southern end of the Blue Ridge Parkway, built the Washington to Mt. Vernon Parkway, and was a recognized national authority on highway construction and locating.

Rubber Workers To Hear Crane At Camp Hope

Frank Crane, North Carolina's commissioner of labor, will be the principal speaker at the annual picnic of Local 277, United Rubber Workers Union, Saturday at Camp Hope, according to Robert Hipps, local president. The program will begin at 10 a.m. and continue until late afternoon. Also scheduled to speak are representatives of the International Rubber Workers Union from Akron, Ohio. Entertainment will be provided by the Happy Goodman Family of Asheville. The grounds will be open to the public after 2:30 p.m.

Civil Court Reconvenes After Recess

Eight divorce cases have been granted during the civil term of Superior Court, which opened at the courthouse Monday. After a session Monday morning, court was adjourned by Judge Dan K. Moore until this morning. Cases set Tuesday and Wednesday were either settled out of court or continued. Clerk of Court J. B. Siler said at noon today that court probably will close next Wednesday afternoon. Divorces were granted in the cases of: George Howell Seay vs. Jane P. Seay. Edith Payne vs. William R. Payne. Viola Stamey Mann vs. Joyce H. Mann. Mary Jo H. Prebeck vs. Frank Prebeck. James Sheehan vs. Ora Lee P. Sheehan. Catherine G. Green vs. Burton Green. Edna Mae Rathbone Frazier vs. L. H. Frazier. Sarah Sneed Beck vs. Sam Beck.

Jack Felmet To Head FFA Chapter At WTHS

Jack Felmet of Ratcliffe Cove, has been elected president of the Future Farmers of America chapter at Waynesville Township High School. Also chosen as FFA officers for the 1955-56 term were: Donald Jordan, vice president; Tom Garrett, secretary; Phil James, treasurer; Charles McElroy, sentinel, and Verlin Edwards, reporter. John H. Nesbitt, vocational agriculture teacher, is advisor for the WTHS chapter of FFA.

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.)

Closet Now Bare Nothing For Children; Light Drive Is Tuesday

Hubbard's cup- Waynesville Clothing... of clothing for nee... in Haywood Coun... Closet has been un... able to fill frequent requests for children's clothing, the Waynesville lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose will conduct a porchlight clothing drive next Tuesday, starting at 7 p.m. —Although adult's clothing will be accepted, members of the Moose will make a special effort to collect shoes, jackets, pants, shirts, dresses, and underclothing to outfit underprivileged youngsters before the arrival of cold weather. Mrs. Roger Walker, president of the Clothing Closet, has urged Waynesville area residents to contribute money if they have no clothing to donate. Money given will be used to purchase socks and underwear, which are seldom contributed during clothing drives, she explained. Items of wearing apparel for the Clothing Closet may be left at any time at the Waynesville Fire Department or at the Marcus Electric Co. at Hazelwood.

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