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Highways Responsible For 9 Weekend Accidents

Drivers Urged Exercise Caution

Highways caused a series of accidents in Haywood County Sunday, bringing a warning to drivers to exercise caution. The accidents, which have been made public by cold-weather conditions, occurred on the following highways:

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School Fund Gets \$11,298 From Fines In Nov. Court

A check for \$11,298.35 went into the school fund, as J. B. Siler, Clerk of Superior Court, passed over a check representing fines and forfeitures collected in the recent two-week term of court.

This was one of the biggest courts in the county's history, with about 325 cases being cleared from the docket, which carried some 400 cases when the term began.

Judge Dan K. Moore was the presiding judge and Thad D. Bryson, Jr., the solicitor.

Mr. Siler said that a previous court had over \$12,000 in fines, but that was because of several unusually large fines imposed. Many of the fines in the November term were small, and a number of \$31.25 cash bonds were confiscated where defendants put them up for a charge of speeding.

Approval Of Two School Projects Sought By Two Haywood Officials Today

Two school building projects were presented to the State Planning Commission today in Raleigh by J. R. Caldwell, chairman and Lawrence Leatherwood, superintendent of the Haywood Board.

The two Haywood school officials are asking for formal approval for expanding the Cruso school plant to include a cafeteria, kitchen and new heating plant. They are also asking for approval of tentative plans for a new \$80,000 to \$85,000 building for the Pigeon Street school of Negroes.

Funds for both projects would come from the \$216,705 allotment recently received by the county from the \$50 million in state funds.

Supt. Leatherwood said he expected it would be some time in January before formal action would be taken on the two requests which are being made today. The State Board has to act on such matters, and will not meet again until January.

Retail Stores Open Until 9 Through Friday

Retail stores in Waynesville and Hazelwood — with the exception of grocery stores and Ray's Department Store — will be open each night this week until 9 p.m. through Friday for Christmas shoppers.

On Christmas Eve, Saturday, grocery stores will be open until 7 p.m., while other retail stores will close at 6 p.m.

Food stores will join with other business establishments on Thursday and Friday nights in staying open until 9 p.m.

Ray's Department Store will be open until 9 p.m. on Thursday and Friday nights only, and will close at 6 o'clock Saturday.

Rotary Establishes \$1,000 Student Loan Fund In Area

A \$1,000 student loan fund has been established by the Rotary Club here, for the benefit of high school students needing financial assistance to enter college.

The fund has been a project of the club for the past several months.

Friday James Kilpatrick, president, announced that a committee would study the mechanics of the fund and be the administering body for the club.

The committee is composed of Dr. John Penny, W. I. Dooley, and William Millar.

Several members of the organization have made pledges to the fund in addition to the \$1,000 put up by the club.

Fire Damages A Canton Home

Canton firemen extinguished a fire in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Reno, North Main, Canton, about 3:30 a.m. Sunday. The blaze was thought to have started in a chimney in the basement, firemen said.

The house was partly burned. No estimate of damage had been made as of noon today, firemen said.

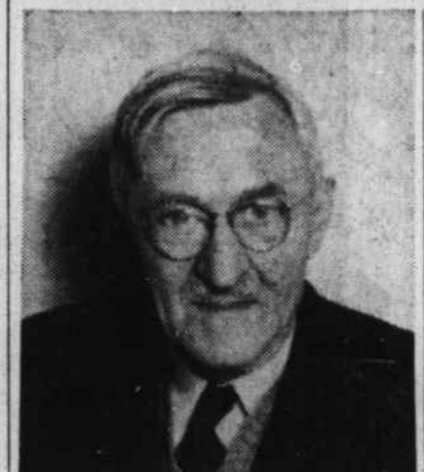
Salvation Army Planning Annual Christmas Program

Needy families living in the areas of the county served by the Salvation Army, who desire Christmas cheer baskets, should submit their names to the Haywood County Welfare Department, Major Cecil Brown of the Citadel at Max Patch announced today.

The Salvation Army gets all the names on its list from the Welfare Department, Major Brown added.

She explained that some needy persons have dropped their names in the Salvation Army's kettle — often as late as Christmas Eve — asking for gift baskets.

Stanley Getting Another Patent



R. C. STANLEY
Finishes New Invention

A device that has promise of revolutionizing the method of handling bed patients in hospitals is a Mobile Patient Handling Apparatus invented and perfected by R. C. Stanley, a local man, and sometimes inventor.

Numerous surgeons, head nurses, hospital administrators and others in hospital work have, after viewing the working model, acclaimed the new device as the first real step toward solving several age-old problems in hospitals, the inventor explained.

It is variously estimated that the device can reduce the manual labor of handling bed patients by more than 75 per cent, affecting a savings of thousands of dollars a year for any hospital, to say nothing of nurses' backs.

The unit is a simple mobile crane with a projecting arm, a lifting mechanism, a "stretcher lift", and a stretcher which is the heart of the invention. The stretcher is a rectangular sheet, comparable to rubberized fabric, and fitted with straps for lifting. It is placed on the bed under the bed sheet, and replaces the conventional rubber sheet, becoming a part of the permanent bed covering. It is then always in position for lifting or turning the patient.

Stanley says that with his mobile lifting unit, any one person may lift any patient, regardless of size or weight, from bed or elsewhere, and transport him safely and comfortably to any other place in one move, and deposit him gently at the new location. This without physical effort on the part of the attendant, and without danger of disrupting delicate surgery, or other treatment just undergone. The stretcher, when in use, becomes cradlelike in shape, eliminating all possibility of a patient falling from it.

The inventor pointed out that a large percentage of patients arrive at hospitals by ambulance, and that a large percentage of these are suffering from accidental injuries, and are in a state of (See Stanley—Page 6)

\$1,500 Bond Signed In Farm Lawsuit

Eight Haywood county citizens, interested in the second injunction suit restraining the county commissioners from selling the 140-acre county home farm, have signed an additional \$1,500 in the case. Previously six others signed a bond for \$1,000 prior to the hearing held several weeks ago.

Judge George B. Patton, of Franklin, in hearing the case, set the bond for the plaintiffs at \$2,500. The case is scheduled to come up before Judge Will Pless on January 9th.

Those signing the \$1,500 bond in the clerk's office this week were: F. M. Beddingfield, Daisy Beddingfield, Jack Allison, Eula Allison, D. R. Singleton, Katherine Singleton, T. E. Shook, and Odell Shook.

The file on the case in the clerk's office is already four inches thick — rated as one of the thickest on record. Included in the file are a number of newspapers listed as "exhibits" by the defendants.

The last restraining order stopping the sale of the farm was served on the defendants a few hours before the sale was scheduled to get under way on November 9th.

A two- and a-half day hearing was held before Judge Patton, and upon his recommendation, both sides agreed to have the case heard in the January civil term, when both the restraining order, and the suit for recovery of \$25,000 damages and costs by the county will be consolidated into one hearing.

Tobacco Sales Close Wednesday

Western Carolina and East Tennessee burley tobacco markets will start their Christmas recess Wednesday, and will be closed until January 3, it has been announced.

At Asheville the average dropped from \$57.89 Thursday to \$52.15.

Deliveries to the markets were light as the Christmas holiday neared.

Increase In Wages Made By Dayton Rubber Co.

The Dayton Rubber Company today announced through John Hildenbiddle, general manager, that an increase in wage scale of 12 cents an hour has been granted to all incentive employees. All hourly rated employees, Mr. Hildenbiddle said, have been granted an increase of 14 cents an hour.

The new wage rates became effective December 18 at 11 p.m.

Special Greetings Edition Coming Out On Thursday

The annual Christmas greetings edition of The Mountaineer will be published Thursday.

The edition promises to be colorful, and filled with interesting pictures, articles and features for the holidays. There will also be special artistic greetings from business firms and individuals.

The Mountaineer will not publish an issue the 26th due to the holiday for all businesses. The regular schedule will be resumed December 29th.

Funds Sought For Colored Children's Tree

Funds are now being solicited for the colored children's Christmas tree, which is to be held Christmas night at the colored Methodist Church on Pigeon St., starting at 7 p.m.

The Rev. J. M. Vickers, Methodist pastor, said contributions for the Christmas tree program will be welcomed. Checks can be made payable either to him or Jones Temple Methodist Church.

Donations of fruit and nuts also are being sought for the children, Rev. Vickers added.

Thursday Issue To Feature Special Christmas Service

A special Christmas Service, prepared by five ministers of Waynesville, will be one of the unusual features of the Thursday edition of The Mountaineer.

The service will consist of two special prayers, the invocation, benediction and a special Christmas message on peace.

The five parts of the service are being prepared especially for The Mountaineer's first published Christmas Service.

The service will be of special interest to the readers of this newspaper, and will be carried on page one Thursday.



MICHAEL ROGERS, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Rogers of Clyde, will receive the coveted Eagle Scout award at a Pigeon River Council court of honor at the Clyde Central Methodist Church tonight. Michael is a sophomore at Clyde High and a member of the varsity basketball squad. (Mountaineer Photo).

Lions Honor 55 Blind With Party

Fifty-five visually handicapped residents of Haywood County — the largest number ever — were honored by the five Lions Clubs of the county at the sixth annual Christmas party Sunday afternoon at the Bethel School cafeteria.

During the party, Beacon blankets and large fruit baskets were given to the handicapped present. Toys also were given to the children.

Special gifts of a cashmere sweater and a stole were presented to Miss Pauline Williams, case worker for the blind.

Dr. Boyd Owen, member of the Waynesville Lions Club and the master of ceremonies at the party, opened the program by describing the room and its decorations for the guests.

The Rev. J. W. Fowler, Jr., superintendent of the Lake Junaluska Assembly, conducted a period of devotionals and led group singing of hymns and Christmas carols. Other music was presented by Gordon Woody, blind musician, at the piano and accordion; the Webb Family Trio, and the Sam Queen string band.

Also on the program was Mrs. W. E. Carter of Lake Junaluska, who gave a reading, "The Birds' Christmas Carol."

Red Cabe of the Canton Lions Club was general chairman for the party, assisted by the chairmen of the Sight Conservation Committees of the other Lions Clubs in Waynesville, Hazelwood, Clyde, and Pigeon Valley. Wives of the Lions members also assisted in the serving of refreshments.

Visually handicapped persons at the party were provided transportation to and from the party by the Lions.

4-H Awards To Be Made At Hazelwood

Outstanding 4-H Club members will be honored tonight at Hazelwood School at the annual 4-H Achievement Day program, starting at 7 p.m.

Principal speaker will be G. L. Carter, district 4-H Club agent.

Medals will be presented to club members and certificates to outstanding clubs. A short talent program also will be held.

Following the program in the auditorium, refreshments will be served and a recreational hour conducted, featuring the music of the Cataloochee String Band.

Parents of 4-H Club members and other interested persons are invited to the event.

In the past several years Achievement Day was held in conjunction with the Tobacco Festival, but 4-H Club members voted this year to hold the program separately.

Small Farms Predominate Within Haywood County

Census figures on Haywood County farms, cited at the meeting of the new Farm Advisory Commission here last week, showed that small farms predominate within the county.

It was also pointed out that Haywood County is first in Western North Carolina and sixth in the entire state in the value of farm land and buildings.

A fact sheet entitled "Figures From Latest Census Summaries for Haywood County", which was distributed to advisory commission members, included these statistics: Haywood County contains 2,784 farms, averaging 55.8 acres in size and 8.1 acres of harvested cropland.

The average value of land and buildings in the county is \$12,940 — or an average of \$233.34 per acre.

In the county, 659 farms contain less than 10 acres, 765 are from 10 to 29 acres, 389 are from 30 to 49 acres, 256 are from 50 to 69 acres, 231 are from 70 to 99

Miss M. Johnston, Librarian, Resigns

Miss Margaret Johnston, librarian of the Haywood County Library since February 1944, has tendered her resignation to the board of trustees. The resignation becomes effective February 1.

Miss Johnston will become head of the Rockingham County Library, with headquarters in Leaksville, with five or more branches, plus two bookmobiles.

The Rockingham County Library is much larger than the Haywood program, with more staff, including a trained assistant, more branches, and a considerable larger circulation of books.

Miss Johnston plans to take a 45-day rest between leaving the post she has held here for 11 years until she assumes her new position in Leaksville. She gave her resignation to the board here Friday. J. H. Howell is chairman of the board.

This morning, Miss Johnston with mixed emotions, said it has been a difficult decision to reach, and she has spent many hours of prayerful meditation on the matter. The new post is a much larger position, and offers a larger opportunity, it was learned.

Miss Johnston, a native of Mebane, came here from Fayetteville in 1944. At that time the library had an annual circulation of 11,111. She came here to inaugurate a county library system, adding the bookmobile, and different departments to the library. Last year the library had a circulation of books of over 102,000.

The library now has a film and record department; presents complete programs for children, has sponsored the American Heritage Society for the past three years.

Miss Johnston has been active in civic affairs of the county, and has served as president of the B&PW Club, and is now second vice president of the state organization. She has worked closely with the Home Demonstration Clubs of the county, and has a county-wide reading program going in the clubs.

She has served on various committees, and worked on many projects and the past year has devoted a lot of time to the proposed plans of the new library on the Ferguson property at the corner of Haywood Street and Boyd Avenue which was deeded to the library about a year ago by two daughters of the late W. B. Ferguson — Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Blaylock.

Engineers Finishing 'Economic Surveys'

Highway engineers are nearing the completion of the "economic survey" of the Pigeon River and French Road routes for the proposed interstate highway linking Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee. The Mountaineer has learned.

The "economic survey" was called for several months ago by the officials of the Bureau of Public Roads.

The requested information is highly technical and involves such factors as grades, terrain, soil composition, and many other similar questions.

It is understood that Tennessee highway officials have completed their part of the "economic survey" since their link of the proposed roads were much shorter, and through more level territory than the two routes on the North Carolina side. The surveys of both states will be submitted together.

Linda Gibson Is Now A Patient In Hospital Here

Little 16-month-old Linda Gibson, suffering from an enlarged heart, returned early Sunday from Bowman-Gray Hospital, Winston-Salem, and was entered in the Haywood County Hospital, suffering from a cold.

Due to her heart condition, Linda was placed under an oxygen tent, to ease her breathing.

Linda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gibson, who lost their home about two weeks ago by fire. The parents and six children were found new living quarters.

Linda is to undergo special medical treatment for four months, and then return to Winston-Salem for further check-ups. The doctors said that at the age of 20 months and the four-month medical treatment they could tell more about her condition.

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(1954 — 3)

Injured . . . 85
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Accidents 179
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