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Women are unpredictable. You never know how they are going to manage to get their own way.

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Time — The Most
All The Time."

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\$3.50 In Advance In Haywood and Jackson Counties

Balsam Residents To Get 60 New Telephones Next Year

Port Section To Be Linked To County System

Approximately 60 telephones will be installed at Balsam area next summer to serve tourists and summer residents in that area. C. T. McCuiston, Southern Bell Telephone Co. manager for Haywood County, announced today that the extension of the telephone system into the Jackson County area has been granted to the Southern Bell by the North Carolina Public Utilities Commission. The approval was necessary because Balsam is outside Southern Bell's franchise territory here, Mr. McCuiston said.

Presently there are only three telephones at Balsam and in the area. Calls between that section and Haywood County have had to be made with long-distance operation. When the new equipment is installed next year, Balsam subscribers will be integrated into the Haywood County dial system.

Installation of the new telephones at Balsam is expected to be completed by May, but the work of extending Southern Bell's cable to Balsam will get under way either in March or April, according to McCuiston.

Southern Bell officials said that "Balsam residents are entitled to good telephone service, and we felt an obligation to serve them because it is so close to the county."

66 Raised For Union Disaster Fund

Troutman, president of the Union Disaster Fund, said that \$2,916.64 had been turned in for the \$750,000 fund in aid of Unagusta employees.

Troutman said money was still being raised for the fund, which is being handled by the United Fund. The two are working together in advertising funds, it was explained.

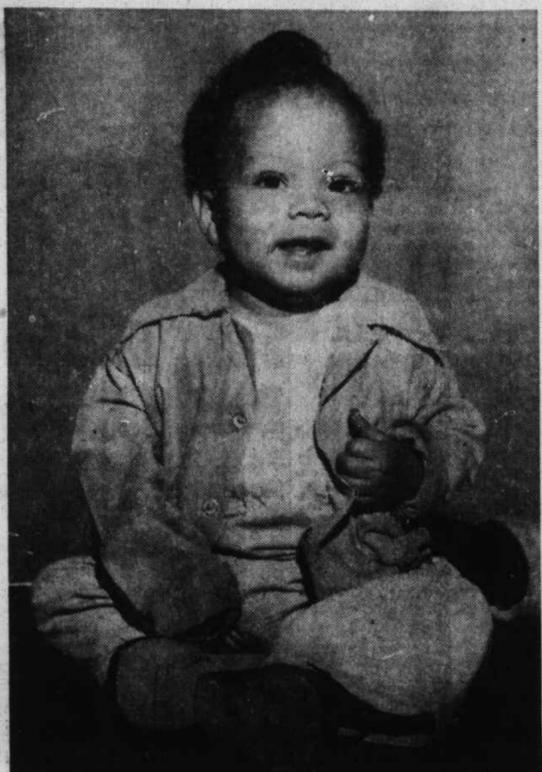
Troutman said a union meeting was set for January 5th at the school, 7 p. m. He is going to see to it that Unagusta employees lack for clothing, fuel, and medicine.

Opponents To County Farm To Meet Monday Night

Opponents to the sale of the home farm will meet at Monday night, Bethel School, for a general review of the details of the pending question for January 9th in civil court.

Dogburn, one of the three plaintiffs in the case, said that since the pending case involves broader issues, there will be a dual question—that of dissolving the restraining order and deciding the \$25,000 damage suit brought by the commissioners—he felt it necessary to present all the facts in order that all opponents would have a clear understanding of the legal procedure.

At the past two hearings, the issue has only been on the question of the restraining order, and all testimony presented was (See County Farm—Page 6)



MR. 1955—Haywood's first baby born this year, Rocky Nelson Tucker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Tucker, Canton. Rocky is a healthy youngster, and full of pep. Rocky arrived at 9:25 a.m. January first, and is the third son for the Tuckers. Rocky's father works at Champion Fibre. (Mountaineer Photo.)

Variety Of Gifts Await First Haywood Baby Of '56

Eleven gifts will be awarded next year to the winner of The Mountaineer's annual "Baby Derby", which will go to the first baby born in Haywood County in 1956.

Lucky Mr. 1956 or Miss 1956 will receive the following prizes: Thirty quarts of milk from Biltmore Dairy, a baby car seat from the Firestone Store, a sterling cup and sterling spoon for the baby and a gold wedding band for the mother from Reliable Jewelers, \$15 in merchandise from Belk-Hudson, a baby-bottle sterilizer from Smith's Drug Store, free transportation home for the baby and mother in an ambulance by the Crawford Funeral Home, two weeks of dry cleaning service from the City Laundry and Dry Cleaning Co. (Sheehan's), a savings account of \$3 from the First State Bank in Hazelwood, a stroller from the Garrett Furniture Co., a gallon of paint and a paint brush from Haywood Builders Supply Co., and a year's subscription to The Mountaineer.

Rules of the contest are: 1. Both the mother and father must be residents of Haywood (See First Baby—Page 6)

County Schools To Reopen Classes Monday Morning

Haywood County schools will end their two-week Christmas holidays and reopen classes at the usual time Monday morning. Classes were dismissed for the holidays on Friday, December 16.

With the resumption of school, county basketball teams also will get back into action with most teams scheduled to see action next Tuesday night.

Board Asks Approval Of Two Projects

Detailed surveys for two proposed school projects, costing over \$125,000, will be presented to State Board of Education Planning Commission officials Friday in Raleigh.

County board chairman J. R. Caldwell, and Supt. Lawrence Leatherwood, will make the formal presentation Friday. They hope to get approval from the planning commission in order that the State Board may take action when it meets early in January.

The county board is asking for approval to construct a new Pigeon Street school, estimated to cost about \$80,000 to \$85,000. The second project is the renovation and enlargement of the Cruso School, with the addition of a cafeteria, kitchen and a new heating system. This project, officials estimate, will cost about \$40,000.

Financing of both projects would come from the recent \$216,000 allocation from the State fund.

Local Watershed Story Told In Reader's Digest

In an article on the advantages of community forests, in the January Reader's Digest, Peter Farb cites Waynesville's watershed as "an outstanding example of what a town-owned watershed forest can do for the local economy." The article is condensed from Town Journal.

"Waynesville has owned 8244 acres of woodland since 1915," Farb writes. "The town began harvesting timber in 1948, and in seven years realized \$250,000 net profit. With the lumber supply, local industry prospered. Earnings by sawmill workers and those employed in the wood-using industries approximated \$750,000. The town put its profits back into further community benefits, such as a modern water-supply filter plant."

Nearly 3300 other communities in 47 states have found forests valuable, the author states. He cites the advantages of community forests in providing revenue from sale of timber, easing tax burdens, controlling erosion and flood, beautifying town outskirts and affording recreational areas.

\$21,000 In United Funds Being Mailed 13 Agencies

United Fund checks for \$21,000 will be mailed January 1, to 13 participating agencies, it was learned today from J. B. Siler, treasurer.

The payment of the first phase of the budget to the various participating agencies was ordered recently by the board of directors. Siler said the audit of the fund, as made by Frank P. Riggs, CPA, showed the following amounts to be paid:

- Boy Scouts \$1,683.09
- Girl Scouts 1,683.09
- Pollo 5,500.70
- Red Cross 3,420.73
- Clothes Closet 103.13
- WTHS Band 1,718.95
- Waynesville Lions 1,786.09
- Crippled Children 515.70
- W.C. Christmas Tree 103.13
- Cerebral Palsy 2,062.77
- Hazelwood Lions 515.70
- Carolinas United 1,219.34

It was explained that several of the funds were combined under (See United Fund—Page 6)

4 Drug Stores To Start Closing Nightly At 7 P.M.

Three Waynesville and one Hazelwood drug stores will start closing at 7 p. m. nightly, beginning Monday, January 2. The stores now close at 9 p. m.

The early closings will be observed by Curtis, Dan's, and Smith's drug stores, all located on Main St. in Waynesville, and the Hazelwood Pharmacy. The three Waynesville stores list emergency telephone numbers for prescriptions which have to be filled after closing hours.

Area Holiday Has But One Auto Injury

Only one traffic injury involving a Fines Creek pedestrian was reported in Haywood County during the long Christmas weekend in which a new record of highway fatalities was set in the nation.

Cpl. Pritchard H. Smith of the Highway Patrol reported that Billy Brown, 31, of Fines Creek was struck as he was walking near the center of the Asheville highway in front of the REA building by a car driven by Robert Verlin Muse, 21, of Allen's Creek.

Brown was knocked 30 feet by the impact and suffered fractures of both legs, a back injury, and bruises. He was first admitted to Haywood County Hospital and later transferred to Asheville.

Cpl. Smith said that Brown was drunk at the time he was struck down, and was being sought by Waynesville police at the time of the accident. No charges were placed against Muse.

Cpl. Smith was assisted in the investigation by Patrolman V. E. Bryson. A coon hound was blamed for an accident early Christmas morning when Frank Parker lost control of his truck on the Lake Logan Road near the sawmill in that area. Parker told Patrolman Wooten (See Accident—Page 5)

Last Rites Held Here On Tuesday For J. M. Long

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon in the First Methodist Church for James M. Long, prominent retired business man and civic leader, who died at his home Sunday morning following a long illness.

The Rev. Earl H. Brendall, pastor of the church, officiated and burial was in Green Hill Cemetery. Active pallbearers were Alvin Ward, Hugh Massie, R. L. Prevost, Joe Davis, Paul Hyatt, and Jack Way. (See J. M. Long—Page 5)

Liner Starts Converting School Into Apartments



THESE LINES do not have anything to do with the picture above, which needs no explanation. This is just to say that news that made headlines in Haywood during 1955 will be found on page one of the second section, and other pages of that section, Readers will be interested in reviewing the news of the past year as taken from the pages of The Mountaineer.

Plants, Offices To Observe New Year; Stores To Open

Waynesville area industries, banks, postoffices, and most public offices will be closed Monday for New Year's Day, but local stores will not observe the holiday and will be open for business as usual.

Scheduled to close Monday in addition to the plants are offices at the courthouse, the Haywood County health center, Welfare Department, employment office, public library, postoffices at Waynesville, Hazelwood, and Lake Junaluska, and the First National and First State Banks. Offices of the Town of Waynesville, however, will be open.

Although the library itself will be closed Monday, the Bookmobile will be in operation, according to (See New Year—Page 5)

2 WTHS Seniors Win In National Merit Exams

Two WTHS seniors have been notified as being winners in the area of the National Merit Scholarship examinations held recently. Seven local seniors took the examinations, and on January 14, Johnny Killian and Sonja Snyder will go take the district examination in Asheville.

M. H. Bowles, district superintendent, said there were 167 North Carolina seniors who took the examinations that are entered in the district finals over the state. The winners are eligible for scholarships in a large number of nationally known colleges throughout the nation.

Neal Kelly Gets Nomination For UNC Scholarship

Neal Kelly, Bethel High School senior, has been nominated for a Morehead Scholarship at the University of North Carolina by the Haywood County Scholarship Committee.

The announcement was made by R. A. Fetzer, executive secretary of the Morehead Foundation, New York City. Neal will be interviewed by a district scholarship committee some time during the latter part of January.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kelly of West Pigeon, Neal is active in both school and community affairs and is now serving as state vice president of the North Carolina 4-H Clubs.

Blueprints Being Completed For Major Project

Workmen have started clearing out the basement of the old Central Elementary school preparatory to converting the three-story building into a modern apartment house.

Jerry Liner, owner of the property, said this morning, that the work now underway is the removal of such walls and windows which are known to be in the way of the master conversion plans.

Liner said engineers are now at work on blue prints for converting the structure into an apartment house of 25 to 30 apartments. He said the engineers are also planning additions to the building which will give about 50 apartments in all.

"We might change present thinking and build another new apartment house on the site in addition to converting the present building. This is not definite, but in the planning stage with engineers. My goal is to have 50 apartments on the property. But whether we enlarge the present building or erect another structure is yet to be decided," he said.

Workmen are tearing out the school heating plant, because an entirely new system will be necessary, Liner explained. A number of walls will be built on the grounds, and drive-ways paved to each entrance. All apartments will have private entrances, Liner explained.

The owner of the property said he hoped to have the complete set of plans within 30 days, but it might be 60 days, because the plans require blueprints of electrical, heating, plumbing and air conditioning, in addition to the general layout of the apartments within the building, he said.

A new front is also being planned (See J. Liner—Page 5)

Balloting Ends Saturday For 10 C of C Directors

Balloting for the ten directors of the Chamber of Commerce will end at noon Saturday. Ballots for the 10 posts to be filled were mailed to members about 10 days ago.

There will be two members from each of the five divisions of the organization elected as directors. There is one "carry-over" member from each of the five divisions.

Ned Tucker, executive vice president of the organization, said tabulation would be made by noon Monday and announced in the Monday issue of The Mountaineer.

'56 Burley Acreage Notices Mailed To 1,989 Farmers

A total of 1,989 burley tobacco acreage allotment notices have been mailed to Haywood County farmers by the ASC, according to A. W. Ferguson, ASC manager.

The allotments specified in the notices will be in effect for the 1956 burley crop unless tobacco farmers fail to approve, by a two-thirds majority in today's referendum, the continuation of quotas for the next three years.

Approximately 400 allotments in Haywood County will be affected by the 15 per cent acreage reduction announced recently by Secretary of Agriculture Benson.

Any county burley producer who thinks an error has been made in the determination of his 1956 tobacco allotment is asked to contact the ASC office, Mr. Ferguson said.

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

Highway Record For 1955 In Haywood (TO DATE)

Killed . . . 3
(1954 — 3)

Injured . . . 86
(1954 — 70)

Accidents 183
Loss . . \$84,470

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

House On Dellwood Road Burns As Family Moves In

A family moving into a residence on the Dellwood Road today had to stand by helplessly and watch the house burn to the ground when fire started in the attic at 12:30 p. m., apparently from a defective flue.

In the house at the time the blaze broke out were Bulo Carver, who was preparing to buy the dwelling; his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Charlie John Carver, her two sons, Herbert Hayes and Bulo, Jr., and Mrs. James G. Norris. All escaped the fire without injury.

The Carvers had been renting living quarters next door at the home of Charlie Palmer and had moved about two thirds of their household furnishings into the house which was destroyed by the fire. They were able to save only a small bit of their property—mostly canned goods and a quantity of clothing.

The house was owned by Jack McDaniel. Waynesville firemen answered the alarm, but found the blaze beyond control on their arrival.

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53	22	—
66	42	—
68	55	—
60	29	—
54	31	—
50	16	—

Services Being Held In New Richland Baptist Church (See cut on Page 1, Section 3)

Services are now being held in the partially completed new Richland Baptist Church, a short distance north on Water St., from the old church which is now being demolished.

The new sanctuary is expected to be completed in May at an approximate cost of \$18,000. The structure is of brick veneer exterior with a plaster interior and a warm-air furnace.