

State Board Approves New Pigeon Street School

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THE WAYNESVILLE MOUNTAINEER

TODAY'S SMILE
If you can't remember when to spell it desert and when desert, the one with two essses doesn't have camels in it, or sand as a rule.

71st YEAR NO. 2 18 PAGES Associated Press WAYNESVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JAN. 5, 1956 \$3.50 In Advance In Haywood and Jackson Counties

Waynesville Building Permits Hit \$514,000

County Farm Sale Goes To Civil Court Monday

Judge Pless To Preside; 2-Week Term

Thirty-six cases are listed on the docket for the January civil term of Superior Court, which will be convened here Monday morning by Judge J. Will Pless of Marion. The top case on the agenda concerns the sale of the county home property, listed as Ray Haynes et al vs. Board of Commissioners for Haywood County, scheduled for hearing Monday. Other cases on the docket are: MONDAY, JANUARY 9 Motion Docket Jack Redmond vs. Grover C. Clark. G. W. Clark vs. Robert McCracken and Billy McCracken. Trial Calendar Joe Browning vs. E. L. Weisinger, Weisinger Lumber Co. Ray Haynes et al vs. Board of Commissioners for Haywood County.



DR. GEORGE W. BROWN

Navy Calls Dr. Brown Into Service

Dr. George Wallace Brown, Haywood County health officer since last August, has offered his resignation to the county commissioners to enter naval service. When Dr. Brown took the health post here last year it was understood that he would be called to active duty at some time in the future in the Naval Reserve, in which branch of the service he holds the commission of a lieutenant junior grade. Dr. Brown will report to Beaufort, S.C., near Charleston, next Monday for a temporary assignment, and expects to be sent to the Far East during the next two months. His tour of naval duty will be for two years. Dr. Brown, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Brown, Jr., of Waynesville, is a graduate of Waynesville Township High School, Wake Forest College, and the University of North Carolina Medical School.

'Sorry, No Tags Today' At C of C

"Sorry, no tags for sale this year." That is the stereotyped answer Ned Tucker, executive vice president of the Chamber of Commerce is giving the scores of callers to the office. Last fall the Chamber of Commerce made an effort to get state license tags to sell. The time limit, and other factors prevented the program from materializing this year. "As to having tags for 1957, that is on the program, but we cannot be definite at this moment," Tucker explained. "For your 1956 tags, we are sorry, we cannot help you. But please call again in 1957." "A news story published that we were working on the program caused many people to feel that the project had been completed, but due to the time limit, we were unable to make all necessary arrangements," the executive explained. "Sorry, we have no tags."

Saunook CDP Sets Meeting For Monday

The Saunook Community Development Program will meet Monday, January 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Saunook school. A program for the new year will be outlined.

Clyde Firemen Save House Periled By Burning Truck

Clyde firemen Monday night put out a fire in the cab and engine of a coal truck which threatened to destroy the driver's residence. The firemen received an alarm at 6:10 p.m. and made a run to the home of Ulas Case, five miles south of Canton, where fire of unknown origin had started under the hood of the coal truck, owned by Lester Burgin, Jr., of Waynesville and driven by Case. Because of the fact that the truck was parked against the house,

Farm Sale Is Complicated Legal Matter

Ruling on a temporary restraining order which stopped the sale of the 140-acre county home farm, and a \$25,000 damage suit resulting from the injunction will claim the attention of Judge J. Will Pless as civil court convenes here Monday morning. The case is slated to come up Monday as the two-week term of court convenes. On two occasions, scheduled auction sales of the farm were halted by court injunctions, and after the stopping of the last sale the commissioners entered suit against the 108 plaintiffs for \$25,000 damages, plus costs. The case is creating much interest in Haywood, and in the opinion of many, stands out as the biggest civil case in many, many years. There was much speculation this morning as to the amount of time which will be necessary for the hearing of the dual-angled case. Some ventured a day, while others guessed to six days, with the average being three days. By consent of both parties, the case will not be a jury trial. All testimony will be from the witness stand, and not through affidavits as was the procedure in the two previous hearings. The cross-examination of witnesses can be "time consuming" one attorney pointed out. "There are some witnesses we will want to cross-examine at length," he said, "while others will be very, very short." It was apparent this morning that the case will eventually go all the way to the State Supreme Court, regardless of the decision handed down by Judge Pless. In the event the case does go to the State Supreme Court, it will be the final term, it was explained, or probably early October before the court's decision would be made. The history of the case dates back to last spring when the commissioners decided to close the county home. They placed the 12 to 14 inmates in state-approved nursing homes, and then announced that for economic reasons, the farm would be sold at auction. The board explained that it would be more economical for the county to have the property owned by individuals, and on the tax books, than for the county to try and operate it since the home had been closed. They explained the closing of the home would save the county over \$9,000 per year. The explanation did not satisfy opponents to the sale of the farm, and 81 petitions were circulated through the county. When about 3,000 signatures were on the petitions, a conference was held with the commissioners at which the plaintiffs asked formally that the farm not be sold. The commissioners listened as a plea was made for retaining at least part of the farm for school purposes. Shortly after the hearing on September 1, the board announced that they would retain a tract of about 35 acres, which is between Highway 110 and Pigeon River, and proceed with plans to sell the remainder of about 105 acres plus buildings. The sale date was set for September 17th. Opponents to the sale threatened with a restraining order to stop the sale, and then came the injunction.

Milkman Is Successful As 'Fireman'

A Waynesville milkman suddenly turned fireman saved a Hazelwood prison camp inmate from more serious burns in a unique accident on the four-lane highway just west of Canton last week. It all happened after Wilson Medford, driver for the Pet Dairy Co., stopped on the road to buy knives from a trusty at the spot where a work gang of prisoners was eating dinner around a fire. As Medford talked with the trusty, another inmate attempted to revive the dying fire by pouring a mixture of oil and gasoline on the flames. The fuel suddenly exploded and doused the prisoner with burning fuel. As the man rolled on the ground to beat out the flames burning his clothing, Medford grabbed a fire extinguisher out of his milk truck and quickly put out the fire. Jerry Rogers, superintendent of the Hazelwood Prison Camp, identified the burned inmate as Weldon Ross, 25, and said that he has been transferred to the prison hospital at Raleigh for treatment of burns on both legs. Medford said later that this was the first time he has ever used his fire extinguisher in 14 years on his milk route. Luckily for the prisoner, the extinguisher was filled with a chemical especially adapted for fighting gasoline and oil fires.

Tar Heel Generosity Aids Alabama Boy

How would you like to be hundreds of miles from home, hungry, sleepy, and have only 57 cents in your pocket? That's just what happened here to a 14-year-old boy from Alabama on the way home from Washington, D. C., but the tale has a happy ending due to the generosity of several Waynesville people. Here's the story related by Sgt. Arthur Paul Evans of the Waynesville police: Last Friday Tommy Kenner of Mulberry, Ala., with \$30 in his possession, boarded a bus for Washington, spent two days in the nation's capital, and then started southward again. By the time he got as far as Asheville, Tommy found his money dwindling rapidly and started hitchhiking. He managed to get a ride to Waynesville on a truck and had his breakfast

Cruso And Clyde Projects Given Formal OK Today

The State Board of Education today approved plans for the construction of a new Pigeon Street School, and the addition to the Cruso School. The Board followed the recommendations of the planning commission in approving both projects. Lawrence Leatherwood, county superintendent of education, said that work of completing blueprints and specifications would go forward at once. He predicted about 60 days would be required to get this work finished. The blueprints have to be returned to Raleigh for final approval, but that is merely a technical detail, he explained. Leatherwood said he felt that work on the two projects could get under way by April first. The money for both projects will come from

the special allocation to Haywood from the 25 million dollar bond issue of the state. Haywood's share was \$216,704. The new Pigeon Street school is estimated to cost about \$80,000 to \$85,000. The Cruso project, which will include a cafeteria and new kitchen plus a modern heating plant is set at \$40,000. The State Board also approved the \$23,000 project at Clyde of converting the old gym into an agriculture building and additional classrooms. The present ag classroom in the main building will be made into a modern science room, since the equipment is already on hand. Leatherwood said these three projects complete the county-wide improvement program as planned up to this point.

Town Begins Three Sewer Projects Costing \$30,500

The Town of Waynesville is spending more than \$30,500 on new sewer and water lines, it was learned from G. C. Ferguson, town manager. A six-inch water and sewer line, 1,500 feet long, was completed Tuesday on Highland Road, and connected with Marshall Street. This project cost \$3,500. The major project of three will be the 3-mile line in the Country Club area, which will cost about \$20,000, according to Ferguson. The plans for the lines are in hand, and includes going through the golf course for a distance of about 2,800 feet, the map shows. Ferguson said the town street forces will do the work. Another project, which will cost about \$7,000 in the laying of a 6-inch cast iron pipe line from the reservoir to the Hospital area. This is being done due to the heavy demand for water in that section, and to assure ample supply to patrons in East Waynesville. Ferguson explained that when a cut off is necessary now in East Waynesville, the Hospital and all other users are without water during the maintenance operation. Under the dual line system, the main, tenace cut-off time will be much less. The dual lines are also good insurance against breaks, the town manager explained. Ferguson said the town completed the paving program last year, when 2½ miles of streets were surfaced. No paving is planned right at the present, he explained.

Injuries In Accidents Up 16 Over '54

Haywood County's traffic fatality toll last year was the same as in 1954 — three — but the total of injuries was up 16 over the preceding year. In 1955, there were 86 persons injured in county traffic accidents, but only 70 in 1954. A check of traffic records for the past five years shows that while the fatality toll has gradually been reduced, the number of injuries has risen. In 1950 there were seven deaths and 28 injuries, in 1951 seven deaths and 23 injuries, in 1952 five deaths and 50 injuries, and in 1954 four deaths and 53 injuries. Since records of the number of accidents and the amount of the damage were kept last year by The Mountaineer for the first time, no figures are available for comparison with past years. However, it is believed that both figures are a record for the county. Although the number of accidents totaled 183 and the amount of damage reached \$84,470, both figures are low because of the fact that a number of minor accidents are not reported to law-enforcement officials, and others which are investigated are not reported to The Mountaineer. Damages reported are for property loss only. They do not take into account doctors' and hospital bills and time lost from work due to injuries. Officials estimate that total losses of all kinds in traffic accidents last year actually exceed \$125,000 or possibly \$150,000. However, the actual loss of \$84,470, would have been enough to build a new 15-room school building in Haywood County.

'56 Officers Are Installed By Kiwanis

Officers for 1956 were installed by the Waynesville Kiwanis Club Tuesday night at Spaldon's Restaurant. The installing officer was Dr. Robert H. Owen of Canton, lieutenant governor of Division 1 of the Carolinas District of Kiwanis. Ray Pleiness, who is in New York on business, was installed in absentia as president; A. D. Harrison was installed as vice president, Enos Boyd as secretary, and John Shelby as treasurer. Also installed as new members of the board of directors were Bob Tippet, Roger Ammons, Joe Todd, Dr. Wilson Nance, and Rufus Carswell. Kiwanis goals for 1956, outlined by Dr. Owen, are: Four new members in each club of Kiwanis International, 225 delegates from North Carolina to the international convention at San Francisco, and 29 delegates to the convention from Division 1.

Alexander Will Invite Group To Visit This Area

Tom Alexander is to accompany Governor Hodges to New York, Jan. 20, to extend to the Honorary Tar Heels a formal invitation to visit Cataloochee Ranch next October. The North Carolina party will fly to New York in the Governor's plane, where the chief executive is to speak that night, with the meeting of the Honorary Tar Heels set for Saturday. The ITH was organized in 1945 and met at Cataloochee in 1948. The group is composed of writers, and photographers who have been in the state on special assignments and publicized the vacation advantages of the state.

Pastor's Son Will Undergo Rare Operation On Heart

Leroy George, 10, son of the Rev. and Mrs. L. B. George of Canton, and formerly of Bethel, will undergo an operation for a rare heart condition at 10 a.m. Friday at Vanderbilt University Hospital at Nashville, Tenn. Ten doctors—including a noted English heart specialist—will observe the operation which, according to some sources, has never been done before successfully. The Georges' family doctor, Dr. H. A. Matthews of Canton, will fly to Nashville for the operation. Despite the heart condition which he has had since birth, Leroy has attended school at Bethel regularly and is now in the fifth grade



R. L. PLEINESS, chemical engineer at Dayton Rubber, was installed in absentia Tuesday night as the new president of the Waynesville Kiwanis Club, succeeding Hye Sheptowitch, Mr. Pleiness is now in New York City on business.

Martha James Named Secretary For Farm Agents

Miss Martha Ann James, 1953 graduate of Waynesville Township High School, has been named by the county commissioners to succeed Mrs. Asbury Medford as secretary in the county farm agent's office. Miss James, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jaems of Ivy Hill Township, will start to work January 16. Mrs. Medford resigned from her job to join her husband, a sergeant in the Regular Army. Miss Mary Medford is the other secretary in the county agent's office.

Marriage License Total Down Five From '54 Figure

The Hon. Dan Cupid was not quite as busy in Haywood County last year as in 1954, but the matrimonial decline was slight. According to records in Register of Deeds Jule Noland's office, Dan hit the target 216 times in 1955 as compared with 221 in 1954. Actually, however, this figure does not represent the total of Haywood County couples married last year since a considerable number were wed in South Carolina — at Greenville and Walhalla. June again upheld its title as the "Month of Marriages" with 29 ceremonies, while December was runner-up with 22.

45 Homes Constructed During '55

Building permits for Waynesville totaled \$514,060 for 1955, according to the records of Ben Sloan, building inspector. The report includes \$407,350 for 45 new houses. Fifteen new business places added \$92,360 to the total for the year, while repairs and alterations to both homes and businesses accounted for \$14,350. The five major items in the new businesses included the drive-in unit of The First National Bank, Denton's Tourist Court, Dickerson's Auto Parts Company, and the addition to Giles Chemical Company. G. C. Ferguson, town manager, said that it was essential that all persons contemplating building within the town to first get a permit. "There are zoning ordinances in force, and it is necessary that all structures, both new and those repaired, or altered, be in keeping with the ordinances," Ferguson said. "Before any repairs, alterations, or new structures are started it is important that the permit be had, and in that way, all phases of the zoning ordinances can be explained, and no expenses entailed in violation of the present ordinances." The records show this was one of the best building years in Waynesville, and especially for the 45 new homes. Ferguson said that during the year 150 new water meters had been installed—some on the outside of the town limits, and about 100 new light meters. There are now about 2,500 water meters on the town system, and some 2,400 light meters on the power lines of the town.

Highway Record For 1956 In Haywood (TO DATE)

Killed	0
(1955 — 0)	
Injured	0
(1955 — 0)	
Accidents	5
Loss	\$2,800

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

Dog Owners Must List Pets When Listing Property

Tax Collector Bryan D. Medford has urged all dog owners in Haywood County to be sure of listing their dogs when they list their property this month. Owners will be given a tag, free of charge, to put on their dogs. Dogs without tags will be picked up by the county dog warden, Mr. Medford cautioned.



The Weather
Sunny and warmer today. Friday, generally fair and mild. Official Waynesville temperature as reported by the State Test Farm:
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" 3 56 30
" 4 42 20