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TODAY'S SMILE

Happiness holds onto what
it happens to have—discon-
tent wants all the rest.

Civil Court On Browning Timber Case

The second week of civil court convened this morning, with two uncontested divorce cases being tried before the court took up the case of Joe Browning against the Weissinger Lumber Company.

Judge J. Will Pless is the presiding judge. Browning is seeking recovery of the value of 50,000 feet of chestnut logs, an outgrowth of a logging operation contract about two years ago. The case went to court about 18 months ago, and has been continued until today.

Slated to follow the Browning-Lumber Company case is the case of Alex Martin against Dr. R. H. Stretcher, the outgrowth of an operating agreement concerning the Waynesville Bowling Alley.

Lawyers said they expected the Browning-Weissinger case to take most of the day.

As yet, there has not been a single jury trial in the term of court, except the jurors sit as a jury in uncontested divorce cases. A compromise settlement was reached Friday of \$6,000 in a \$75,000 suit filed in a fatal auto accident last May which took the life of Charles W. Gidney, 52, Canton barber.

The suit was brought by Gidney's widow against Charles H. Leatherwood, 17, of Waynesville, and Leatherwood's mother, Mrs. Corrie Cunningham.

Leatherwood was named as the driver and his mother as owner of one of the autos in the two-car collision in Clyde.

The settlement was reached after the plaintiff's case had been rested in a jury trial. Leatherwood still is under a manslaughter charge filed following Gidney's death.

Among the divorces granted last (See Court—Page 6)

Tire Rolling Damage Laid To Six Boys

Six teen-age boys of Clyde were slated to be given a hearing this afternoon before Police Court Judge L. H. Cagle, charged with malicious mischief and destruction of property, growing out of several incidents this past week in Clyde.

Patrolman W. R. Wooten said the boys had admitted rolling heavy tires down Mulberry Street, and damaging two cars more than \$50. Patrolman Wooten said the cars were parked in the driveway of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert 'Pete' Akin, and were owned by the Akins.

The defendants have agreed to pay for the damages and have tendered an apology to Mr. and Mrs. Akin.

The six boys also admitted throwing rocks at the home of Dr. C. A. Downs, and doing similar damages in South Clyde on last Tuesday night.

Patrolman Wooten said the boys also admitted taking the Jack and Jill Kindergarten sign at Lake Junaluska and putting it up in front of the Clyde High School.

Atkins Shackford Is Author Of Book On Crockett

A book, "David Crockett, The Man and the Legend," by James Atkins Shackford of Raleigh will be published in May by The University of North Carolina Press, according to a publicity release received from Chapel Hill.

The author is well known here where he has a number of close relatives and where he spent summer vacations during his boyhood. Shackford recently retired as (See Atkins Shackford—Page 6)

The Weather

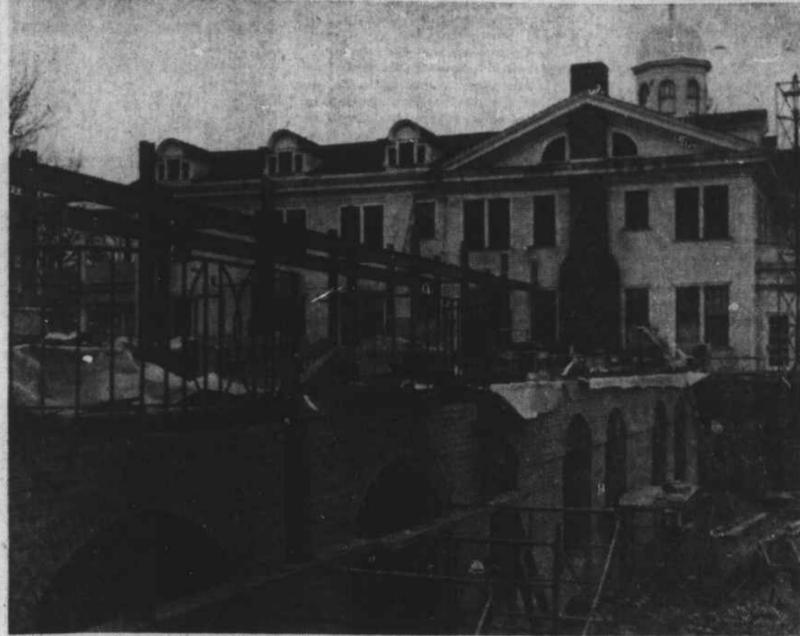


SNOW

Windy and colder with snow today. Tuesday, mostly cloudy and quite cold.

Official Waynesville temperature as reported by the State Test

| Date | Max. | Min. | Pr. |
|---------|------|------|-----|
| Jan. 12 | 35 | 28 | |
| Jan. 13 | 31 | 24 | |
| Jan. 14 | 45 | 10 | |
| Jan. 15 | 41 | 11 | |



CONSTRUCTION OF 50 MORE ROOMS at Lam-buth Inn on the Lake Junaluska Assembly grounds is now well under way. The yellow brick addition, which will cost \$250,000, is scheduled to be completed June 1. (Mountaineer Photo).

Building & Loan Increases Dividend Rates To 3 1/2%

Canton Man Loses Life In Madison

Funeral services were held Sunday for Robert Charles Wilde of Canton, who was injured fatally in an automobile accident in Madison County Friday.

The State Highway Patrol reported that Wilde was riding in a car, driven by Glenn Green, 17, of Newport, Tenn., which skidded on an icy place on the road and overturned down an embankment about four miles north of Marshall.

The accident occurred as Green attempted to pass a truck on the narrow Route 25-70. Services for Wilde were held at the Rocky Branch Church on Allens Creek with the Rev. Milton Hollifield and the Rev. W. L. Queen in charge.

Members of the Canton American Legion Post conducted a military service at Bon-A-Venture Cemetery, with the Crawford Funeral Home in charge of burial.

Haywood GOP To Meet Tuesday

Plans are all set for a meeting of Haywood Republicans Tuesday night, 7:30, in the commissioners room here.

Elmer 'Red' Miller, chairman of the executive committee, said several matters of importance were to be brought up, and a large attendance is expected for the meeting.

Chairman Miller will preside.

'Divorce Granted'

No time was lost in the court granting Richard Addington a divorce from Eva Love Addington. "Rich" is a well known colored cook, and gardener. During the routine questioning, the court asked "Rich" how long he had been separated from his wife.

"Thirty years, yer honor," Rich replied. "Divorce granted," the court ruled.

CDP Officials To Discuss Program For 1956 Tonight

County CDP officers and directors will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the courtroom to lay plans for the 1956 Community Development Program in Haywood County, according to Bob Tippet, assistant farm agent.

Mr. Tippet said the CDP officials will discuss ways to carry on "a bigger and better" CDP program this year, and will set up goals to work toward.

"We are starting early this year so that we will have the entire year to accomplish our aims," the assistant agent added.

R. C. Sheffield of West Pigeon is chairman of the county CDP groups for 1956. The Rev. C. L. "Kay" Allen of Allens Creek is vice chairman, Mrs. Roy Robinson of

Thicketty is secretary, Mrs. Walter Rhodamer of South Clyde is treasurer, and Mrs. James Medford of Ratcliffe Cove is reporter.

Officers of the board of directors are: Jonathan Woody of Waynesville, chairman; R. C. Francis of Ratcliffe Cove, vice chairman; Mrs. Raymond Caldwell of Iron Duff, secretary, and W. J. Stone of Canton, treasurer.

Members of the board are: Richard Bradley of Hazelwood, Troy McCracken of Upper Crabtree, Phyllis Hartman of Saunook, Bob Francis of Francis Cove, Mrs. Mark Ferguson of Fines Creek, Miss Kate Ferguson of Clyde, Mrs. J. M. Wells of Canton, and Mrs. Kenneth D. Fry of Waynesville.

Waynesville Fire Loss In 1955 Was \$12,840

Big Travel Gain Set On Highway 19-23 For Month

Route 19-23 west of Asheville felt the weight of 86,270 cars, buses and trucks in an average 24-hour period last month.

The figure came from a report of the State Highway Commission which listed 19-23 among the seven major highways in the state showing big increases in traffic volume during December.

For the year, traffic across the state jumped eight per cent over 1954, the previous record year for highway and road traffic increases.

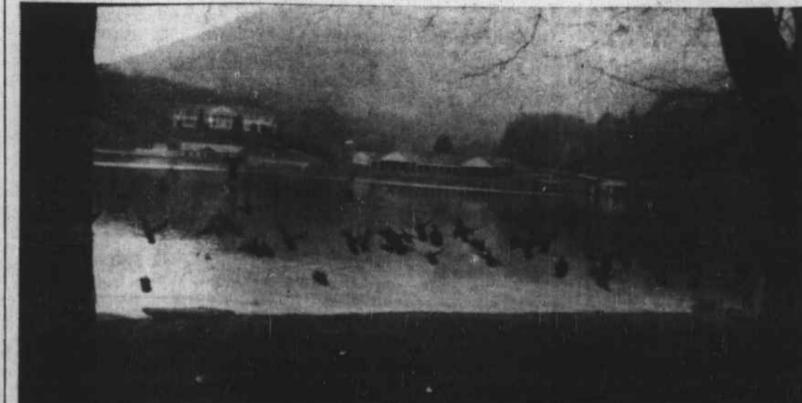
The report stated that the heavy flow of traffic was reflected in a 10 per cent increase in the number of motor vehicles registered in the state and a nine per cent gain in net revenues from taxes on gasoline and Diesel fuel.

Alexander To Invite Honorary Tar Heels Here

Tom Alexander, owner of Cataloochee Ranch, will accompany Governor Hodges to New York Friday to formally invite the Honorary Tar Heels to meet at the Ranch next October.

Governor Hodges will be the speaker at the University Club Friday noon.

The group will return to Raleigh Friday night, with Governor Hodges stopping off in Washington for the weekend.



RELUCTANT TO POSE for their picture, these ducks who had been feeding on corn along the north shore of Lake Junaluska took to the air in a hurry when they spied a Mountaineer photographer at a window in the assembly auditorium. In this group were black ducks, Mallards, and Mergansers. (Mountaineer Photo).

County Agent Virgil Holloway Says:

Careful Planning, Long Range Study Held Essential For Successful Farming

Sun Ends Prospects Of Heavy Snow

Snow started falling in Waynesville this morning shortly after 9 o'clock and gave prospects for a while of being a deep one.

However, the snow stopped about 12:30 and then was followed by a bright sun, which made short work of the fallen flakes.

Snow here measured three-fourths of an inch on the courthouse lawn.

Owner Tom Alexander of mile-high Cataloochee Ranch told The Mountaineer this morning that the snowfall up there stopped at two inches and began to clear up this afternoon.

Superintendent of Schools Lawrence B. Leatherwood said he had instructed principals in county schools this morning to use their own judgment concerning the early dismissal of school to enable school buses to make their rounds early if the snow continued.

Fines Creek, however, had only one inch of snow this morning and school officials there said classes probably would not be dismissed until the regular time.



BILLY McELROY



TOM COGDILL

Two Local Men Appointed To U.S. Naval Academy

Records Taken From In Front Of FHA Office

Friday the 13th was an unlucky day for Mrs. Frances Rose White, secretary of the Home and Farm Administration office in the courthouse.

Mrs. White brought to work with her some records, including cancelled checks. She put them on a stand just outside her office door as she unlocked the door Friday morning. She went on in and hung up her coat and went back out to get the records, and they were gone.

At first it was thought it might be a prank being pulled by a friend, but later officers decided that it was not a prank, as the materials, worthless to anyone else, have not been returned.

Ice Blamed For One Of Two Wrecks

Two wrecks were reported over the weekend — one resulting from ice, and one from speeding, according to reports of the State Highway Patrol.

Two cars collided because of ice on the Martins Creek Road in the Fines Creek area about 9:20 Saturday morning.

Patrolman W. R. Wooten, investigating officer, said that the two cars were damaged about \$125 each, and involved no injuries. No indictments were made due to the ice on the road.

Tom Ferguson, 27, Route 1, Clyde, was driving a 1946 Ford, and met Bernard Woody Ferguson, 17, in a 1951 Pontiac. As the driver of the Pontiac applied his brakes, he skidded across the center of the road, and the driver of the Ford went into a ditch to avoid the skidding car.

Three officers at 12:01 Saturday night, coming to Waynesville from Maggie, met a speeding car near Turpin's Chapel. They went back and found the car, whose four occupants had narrowly escaped (See Wrecks—Page 6)

Congressman George A. Shuford has announced the appointment of two Haywood men as principals for entrance at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. Both are college engineering students, and WTHS graduates.

The two are Billy McElroy, and Tom Cogdill.

McElroy is a freshman at State College, where he is majoring in engineering. He graduated from WTHS last May and is the son of Mrs. Paul McElroy and the late Mr. McElroy of Lake Junaluska.

Cogdill, a second-year student at Mars Hill, is majoring in engineering, is a graduate of WTHS of the class of 1954. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Cogdill, Waynesville.

This is the first time two local men have received the appointments at once for the Naval Academy.

McElroy was a member of the WTHS band two years, a member of the Key Club, annual staff, and for the past two seasons has been a life guard at Lake Junaluska pool. He is on the soccer team at N. C. State. Prior to entering college, he worked in the composing room of The Mountaineer.

Cogdill played quarterback for the Mountaineers, was president of the student council, and a member of several clubs. He was a leader in 4-H Club work.

Revival Services Set This Week At Baptist Church

A series of revival services, based on the Sermon on the Mount, will be conducted at the First Baptist Church of Waynesville this week by Dr. Henry E. Turlington, professor of the New Testament at the Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Ky.

Morning services will be held at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday and evening services nightly at 7:30.

The public is invited and those attending are asked to bring their Bibles.

Virginia Firm Low Bidder On Parkway Link Project

The low bid for construction of the 1.836-mile North Carolina terminal link of the Blue Ridge Parkway has been submitted by Ralph E. Mills Co., Inc., of Salem, Va. It was \$359,666.

The Mills bid was one of 10 on the project opened Friday by F. W. Cron, district engineer for the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads here.

The link will range northward from Ravensford, planned terminus of the 477-mile North Carolina-Virginia scenic highway, on U.S. Highway 441 in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Ravensford is near the park's eastern entrance on the North Carolina side.

The bids will be reviewed by the roads bureau's division office at Arlington, Va., before the contract is let. This will be done in the next 30 days.

The project calls for grading, drainage and laying crushed stone. The paving work and the building of a bridge across the Oconaluftee River on the new link will be in separate projects. Bids on construction of a 2.82-

Holloway Outlines U. S. Farm Trends

Hard work, careful planning and long-range study are among the essentials necessary for the farmer of today to make a success, Virgil Holloway, county agent, told Rotarians here Friday as he discussed the national farm trends and their effects on Haywood County.

Holloway said there was a bright side to the present agriculture picture, as well as the dark side.

He said the fact that the population is increasing, and people are eating a higher quality of foods are among the brighter points of the farm outlook. Also, people have the money to buy the quality foods, and exports are increasing, he pointed out.

Production per man, machine and animal is far greater than it was even five years ago, the agriculture specialist said.

"We are due for some type of a new national farm program, and my prediction is that it will be the proposed soil bank," Holloway explained.

"In my opinion, the proposed national soil bank program will not help too much here in Haywood County, because the soil bank program (See Farming—Page 4)

Van C. Wells Heads Local Soil District

Van C. Wells of East Pigeon was elected chairman of the Haywood County Soil Conservation District for 1956 at a meeting last week at the courthouse. He succeeds Herschel Rogers, whose term as SCS supervisor expired last year.

Other officers chosen were: D. J. Boyd of Jonathan Creek, vice chairman and treasurer, and Joe Davis of White Oak, secretary. The soil conservation supervisors adopted a budget of \$227 for this year, which will be raised by solicitations, and approved a financial report made by Mr. Boyd.

The supervisors' annual report will be made this year on February 10. It was pointed out, and will contain a list of conservation accomplishments of the SCS, the ASC, and the county agent's office, and will discuss the results of Soil Stewardship Sunday, the Finer Farms Program, and the new Christmas tree project.

Among letters authorized by the supervisors were one to Mr. Rogers, retiring chairman, commending him for his three years service as supervisor, and one to each vocational agriculture teacher in the county, urging them to enter a team in the FFA land-judging contest.

The soil conservation supervisors will meet again February 10 to discuss highway erosion control with representatives of the State Highway Department.

Highway Record For 1956 In Haywood (TO DATE)

| | |
|---------------------|---------|
| Killed | 0 |
| (1955 — 0) | |
| Injured | 3 |
| (1955 — 5) | |
| Accidents | 16 |
| (1955 — 12) | |
| Loss | \$6,980 |

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