TODAY'S SMILE

Light Docket Set For Criminal Court

February Term To Convene Sixth; Pless Is Judge

The February criminal term of Superior Court will convene Monday, February 6, with Judge J. Will Pless, Marion, presiding.

According to the records of J. B. Siler, clerk of court, there are about 200 cases on the docket. This is about half of the number which the court faced last November.

On the opening morning of court, nine new members of the grand jury will be named from the list of first week jurors. A foreman will also be named to succeed Fleetwood Smathers, whose term expired last November.

Among the cases on the docket is that of Forest Bryson, charged with the death of a 13-year-old girl in a car accident near Balsam.

Also Charles H. Leatherwood, charged with the death of Charles W. Gidney, of Canton, as the result of an automobile accident at Clyde in May 1955.

On the docket is the case of Burl Warren, who was granted a new trial by the State Supreme Court He was charged with the wounding of his son at their home in Thickety.

Jurors for the first week are: Willard Pilkington, Beaverdam; Joe Teague, White Oak; Finley Cook, Beaverdam; W. O. Kuykendall, East Fork; P. M. Chase, route one; Frank Hannah, Crabtree; J. B. Liner, Beaverdam; Claude Warren, Cecil; Harold Lawrence, Bea-(See Court-Page 6)

Tobacco School Set Wednesday

Haywood County's annual burley tobacco school will be held at the courthouse at 2 p.m. Wednesday, County Agent Virgil L. Holloway announced today.

Speakers will be Roy R. Bennett, burley tobacco specialist, and Burney Todd, disease-control specialist, both from N. C. State College. Slated to be discussed are the latest research on the performance of various types of burley tobacco. disease and insect control in beds and fields, spacing, fertilization and side dressing, and the future outlook for burley production, including prices and allotments.

The county agent asserted that because of reduced burley acreage, it is more important than ever for Haywood farmers to grow tobacco which is high in both yield and

A question-and-answer session also will, be held to give farmers a chance to have the State Opening Of New College specialists discuss particular problems experienced by county growers.

Last year, more than 1,800 farmers produced eight different varieties of burley tobacco in Haywood County, Mr. Holloway said.

Feed, Seed Dealers **Hear Recommendations**

Twenty-five Haywood County farm supply dealers heard the latest recommendations on seed, fertilizer, insecticides, and fungicides, made by the North Carolina Agriculture Extension Service and outlined by County Agent Virgil L. Holloway.

Mr. Holloway complimented the dealers for their cooperation in ordering and stocking the necessary materials which have proved best for this section in research carried on by N. C. State College and agriculture experiment sta-



Jan. 29



Considerable cloudiness and mild today with scattered showers, turning colder tonight. Tuesday, mostly fair, windy and colder. Official Waynesville temperature

as reported by the State Test Farm. Max. Min. Prec. 23 Jan. 27 48 20 26

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CDP Plans To Be Made Here Tonight

Plans for the 1956 CDP program in Haywood County will be made here tonight at a meeting of county CDP officers, directors, and chairmen of the 12 community organizations

County officers and directors met earlier in the month to discuss sug- Are Held At gestions to be laid before the community representatives tonight. Among subjects expected to be

discussed are: the annual community tours and pienies, the outof-state farm tour, the 1956 community judging contest (which acfamilies.

Last year Ratcliffe Cove won first place in the county judging contest and also placed among the of the church, and the Rev. Frank top 10 in WNS district competi-

R. C. Sheffield of West Pigeon Cemetery at Crabtree. is chairman of the county CDP groups for 1956. The Rev. C. L. "Kay" Allen of Allens Creek is vice Hannah, Lester Burgin, Jr., Victor chairman, Mrs. Roy Robinson of Thickety is secretary, Mrs. Walter Rhodarmer 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, chiarman: R. C. Francis of Ratcliffe Cove, vice chairman; Mrs. Raymond Caldwell of Iron Duff, secertary, 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 Robinson of Clyde, Mrs. J. M. Wells of Canton, and Mrs. Kenneth D. Fry of Waynesville.

Street Markers Being Erected In Hazelwood

Work has started on the erection of well over 100 concrete street Rogers, Felix Stovall. markers in Hazelwood.

The first marker erected, and streets.

The markers are being erected by the town forces, as well as being built by them.

Plans are to have a marker at every corner in town.

Building Breaks Attendance Mark

Sunday School attendance records at the First Baptist Church of Clyde were broken Sunday with in the Church," at a dinner meetthe opening of the church's new educational building.

Attendance was 268 at Sunday School and 267 at the worship ser-

The new building contains 40 rooms, permitting complete depart- Education, the Salvation Army mentalization of the Sunday School. In keeping with the design of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in the new structure, the front of the present auditorium will be renovated and the church grounds

Ministers May Set Up Hospital Chaplain Program

Establishment of an interdenominational chaplain program at Haywood County Hospital will be considered today at a meeting of the Haywood County Ministerial Association at the First Baptist Church of Clyde.

Speakers will be Dr. H. A. Matthews of Canton and Lee Davis, manager of the hospital, who will discuss the visitation of ministers with patients.

J. G. Goodwin, Jr., pastor of the host church, will be in charge of the program.

At an earlier meeting, members of the Haywood Ministerial Association heard talks by Asheville ministers concerning the hospital .01 chaplains' program now in operation at Buncombe County hospi-.05 tals.



Messer Rites **Baptist Church**

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon in the First Baptist Church for Forest Worth Messer, 76, former member of the tually began November 1, 1955), Haywood County board of educaand increased income for farm tion, who died Thursday night in the Haywood County Hospital following a brief illness. The Rev. T. E. Robinett, pastor

> was in the family plot in Mt. Zion Active pallbearers were Worth Messer, Charlie Rogers, Kenneth

Leatherwood officiated. Interment

Nobeck and Bud Reed. Honorary pallbearers were: Theodore McCracken, Franklin McCracken, J. W. Killian, O. T. V Barker, James Carwile, Dr. H. A.

Matthews, Dr. Jack Davis, Dr. N. Lancaster, Grady Ferguson, Orville Noland, A. P. Evans, Francis Reece, Ray Whitner, Grover Davis, Ed-Glavish, Coleman Swanger, Tony Davis, John Grasty. Jim Boyd, Lee Teague, C. D. Ketner, Bob Wilson, Thad Caldwell, Medford Leatherwood.

Irving Leatherwood, J. W. Ray, Hugh Leatherwood, Matt Davis, F. A Justice, J. B. James, Lawrence Walker, Ellis Smart, A. C. Walker, Tommy Noland, Fred Campbell, Lawrence Leatherwood, Johnny June Setzer, Gene Howell, Farady Green, Frank Med- ducing, which the physicians termford, Floyd Woody, Jule Noland, Bryan Medford, J. B. Siler, James Kirkpatrick, John Hipps, Hubert Caldwell.

Jack Way, Jim Noland, Jonathan Woody, Paul Gough, Joe Calhoun, Sr., Joe Stamey, Fred Hoglan, John

Messer was the son of the late Pink and Jane McCracken Messer painted, is at the corner of Main of Crabtree. As a young man he and Balsam Street. Other markers taught school in Swain County About Failure To which have been erected, but not painted are at the corner of Main the second in Swain County after which he returned to Crabpainted are at the corner of Main and Church tree and engaged in farming and Get Town Tags cattle raising. He was also engag ed for a number of years as a salesman for the Blackwell-Bush-

(See F. W. Messer-Page 6)

Grace Church Men To Hear Noted Layman

Men of Grace Church, will hear talk by an outstanding Episcopal layman, Alfred Law of Chattanooga, who will discuss "Laymen ing at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Grace Church.

Mr. Law is past president of the Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Civitan Club, the Chattanooga Board of Advisory Board, and senior warden Chattanooga

The dinner meeting Wednesday will be the fifth in a series of meetings in which Men of Grace Church have heard out-of-town strengthen a church by active par-

Patrolmen Made

nighway patrolmen made a total of voked license, 32; transporting 2,139 arrests during 1955, accord- quor, 22; passng on a hill, 21; ining to Cpl. Pritchard H. Smith.

en trips around the world. In first place on the list of ar-

The speed violations included 79 feited.

persons charged with driving less than 65 miles per hour, 524 charg- wood County showed that the ma- Jackson counties, it has been an-Other leading violations were:

wrong side of the road, 120 Lesser offenses included:

curve, 54; following too closely, the other 32.

sufficient brakes, 24; insufficien In making these arrests, the lights, 20; driving with an expired four patrolmen traveled a distance license, 16; hit and run, 9; uto of 185,000-equal to more than sev- larceny. 7, and passing a stopped school bus. 4.

Cpl. Smith also reported that rests by a wide margin is speeding these arrests cost drivers a total with a total of 628 arrests, "Run- of \$59,540.52. Of this total, \$28, ner-up" is drunk driving-with 185 543.82 was in fines, \$19,035.45 in costs, and \$11,961.25 in bonds for-

An analysis of accidents in Hay-Failure to stop for a stop sign, between 5 and 7 p.m.

The corporal further noted that lina 79; driving without an operator's license, 141, and driving on the Patrolmen Dayton, Bryson, and Wooten participated almost equally in making investigations of ac-Reckless driving 54; passing on cidents-with two making 33 and Agent, to explain the cultivation

Five Injured In Haywood **Weekend Auto Accidents** Five persons were injured in

Condition Of Medford Boy Is **Termed Critical**

Shortly before noon today, sixbeing hit by a vehicle on a Canton the left side of the road. Street late last Wednesday.

fully regained consciousness.

X-rays revealed the brain was injured, as he suffered a severe ed encouraging.

Ronnie also lost the end of finger in the accident.

Medford home. Canton police said Paul Sorrells, of Thickety, was the driver of the vehicle involved in the accident.

Motorists Warned

Police of Waynesville and Hazelwood are notifying motorists of the ordinance which necessitates the purchase of a city license tag. The deadline is February 15th.

The tags are a dollar each. Each jured. town has them on sale at the town

The officers pointed out that it the tag after purchasing.

five weekend accidents reported by the State-Highway Patrol and Canton police. Four of the five were hurt in a collision in downtown Canton.

Mrs. Janie Stevens of Waynesville suffered a cut on the foreyear-old Ronnie Medford showed head at 4:45 p.m. Saturday when slight signs of regaining conscious- her husband, Guy William Stevens, ness, as he remained in a critical lost control of his 1951 Mercury condition in Mission Hospital, on the Howell Mill Road, causing Asheville, where he has been since the vehicle to go into a ditch on

Stevens was charged with driv Attending physicians told the ing under the influence of alcohol parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Med- and reckless driving by Cpl. ford, that three to four weeks Pritchard H. Smith of the Highcould pass before the injured child way Patrol. Damage to his car was estimated at \$150.

Four persons were hospitalized as the result of an auto collision gash on the left side of the head. about 5 p.m. in the business section Swelling was showing signs of re- of Canton, according to the Canton police Officers said the collision invol-

ved cars operated by Gerald Clarence Green, 16, of Canton, and The accident happened near the James A. Wright, 44, of Canton. It occured near the intersection of North Main and Third streets.

Green was admitted to Haywood County Hospital for treatment of by the State Highway Commission back injuries and facial lacerations. at a public hearing Thursday at Wright was also admitted there for Raleigh. treatment of head injuries.

Two other passengers in the linate 17 alternate highway rout of Bryson City, and C. M. Douglas Wright vehicle were also injured. lings, but postponed action on 18 of Brevard. Mrs. James A. Wright suffered others. right leg injuries and was admitted Rep. Marcellus Buchanan and with state, National Forest, and to the hospital here. Mrs. J. S. State Sen. David Hall, both of Blue Ridge Parkway officials and Wright, 65, received a right leg Jackson, headed a delegation to work with any agency interestfracture and was admitted to an which opposed the elimination of ed in erection of a dam and oper-Asheville hospital. Another pas- 19A in Swain, Jackson and Hay- ation of a fishing concession. senger, J. W. Wright, was not in- wood counties. The alternate route | As a part of the contemplated

At 5 p.m. Saturday a 1951 Chev- near Waynesville. rolet pickup truck driven by Frank Davis Bradshaw, 49, Route 3, Wayis necessary to properly display nesville, and a 1952 Henry J. driv-(See Five Hurt-Page 6)

Owners Of Heaters Warned On Water Pressure Boost

Approximately 100 families liv-| heating units. ing in the Allens Creek area and sure in their homes starting at 8 the Town of Waynesville.

Co. Will have increased water pres- town manager said. a.m. this Wednesday when a new tension of six-inch pipe from other Buchanan said he felt that 19A this morning by Sheriff Fred Y. lina Education Association Wedwater line is put into operation by lines in the area, and was com-Because of this increase in pres- \$2,500.

ing Branch to the Dayton Rubber to 135 pounds per square inch, the

The new line is a 1,000-foot expleted recently at the cost of The addition will not only pro-

sure, Town Manager G. C. Ferguson has cautioned owners of water vide increased water pressure for speakers discuss how laymen can heaters that water-release valves homes, but will also furnish more been included on the Dean's List on heaters must be set up to pre- water flow in mains in the event at Brevard College for the first vent overflow of water from the of fire,

Supt. Lawrence Leatherwood Says:

2,139 Arrests In '55 \$500,000 Needed For Two **County High School Buildings**

McCrary Named Fieldman For Aromatic Tobacco Plan

Charles McCrary, Route 1, Clyde has been made a fieldman to help promite the production of aromatic tobacco in Haywood and ed with going between 65 and 75, jority occurred between Friday af- nounced by James G. K. McClure, and 25 with exceeding 75 miles ternoon and Saturday night. The president of the Farmers Federamost common time for accidents tion which is spearheading the was in the two-hour period of dusk drive to increase aromatic tobacco production in Western North Caro-

> McRary wil work with Virgil Holloway, Haywood County Agent, and Paul Gibson, Jackson County of the crop and interest county farmers in growing it, Sometimes known as Turkish

Tobacco, this crop is one of the best sources of cash income in the area. Growers who have tried this crop and stuck with it have generally done very well, some of them earning more than \$1,000 an acre. According to J. A. Few, President of the Southeastern Aromatic

Tobacco Company at Anderson, S. there are approximately 70 million pounds of it used by to- although there is considerably bacco manufacturers each year and year. Most of it is imported from foreign countries. No Allotment Needed

Not only is there a heavy demand and a sure market for aroallotment needed to grow it.



Unlike burley tobacco a grower can raise as much as he wants and more labor involved in getting it only 300,000 pounds were grown ready for market, children can fill and marketed in the U. S. last in and do much of the work durready for market, children can fill ing the summer.

"Aromatic Tobacco", says Few, can be grown on very poor soil county. which makes it a very suitable crop for certain western North

matic tobacco, but also there is no | Carolina farms." The crop is marketed in July and August

State Defers Decision On Highway 19A

tion of Highway 19A was deferred

The commission voted to elim-Two other passengers in the inate 17 alternate highway rout-

runs from near Ela to a point over-all plan of the Blue Ridge

U. S. 19 runs through Soco Gap, and 19A goes through Balsam Gap. Hall said that since the Soco Gap road is at a higher elevation, the highway often is blocked by snow Water pressure in the area will during the winter. The result, he on Highway 19A-23 from Brown- be stepped up to as much as 125 said, is that the Highway Com- Money And Goods mission puts up signs suggesting that motorists use 19A

Highway Commissioner Harry 'serves a useful purpose."

Gerald Baker On Dean's List

Gerald Baker of Hazelwood has

CHARLES B. McCRARY

Commission Checking On Lake At Yellowstone Falls A four-man committee has been

named by the North Carolina National Park, Parkway, and Forest Development Commission to study the possibility of establishing a stone Falls in Pisgah National Forest, along the new section of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

The proposed lake would be situated approximately half way along the Parkway link between Wagon Road Gap and Beech Gap. Selected on the committee were

John Archer of Franklin, Frank Brown of Sylva, Dr. Kelly Bennett

Parkway, as proposed years ago by Buchanan said "We know of no Engineer R. Getty Browning of route in North Carolina more im- the State Highway Department portant to the area it serves," Its and Sam P. Weems, superintendelimination, he added, would be ent of the Parkway, the master 'severely detrimental" to the plan of 1939-40 set out the proposed lake for fishing and recre-

(See Yellowstone—Page 6)

Thief Reaches In Store Window For

Campbell who said that a thief nesday night, broke into John Heatherly's store in the Burnett Cove section of East in the auditorium of the Canton Fork and took money and mer- High School. The program is in chandise merely by reaching charge of the international relathrough a broken side window.

noney box containing between \$8 and \$10 and a quantity of candy and cigarettes worth about \$3. Sheriff Campbell theorized that the theif knew where Mr. Heatherly kept his cash box before breaking the store window.

Medford Descendants Plan Family Reunion

A meeting was held in the Pine toom of the S&W Cofeteria at Asheville, Saturday night to plan a reunion of descendants of George and Charlotte Medford Cooper and Nick and Sarah Fulbright Medford, to be held at the nome of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Medord at Clyde on Sunday, July 15,

Wayne Cooper of Asheville was in charge of the meeting Saturday night, which was attended by 60 descendants of the two Medford

Waynesville And **Bethel Need New High School Units**

"About a half million dollars is now needed to bring our school plants in Haywood up to current needs," Lawrence Leatherwood told Rotarians here Friday.

The county superintendent of education in discussing the propos ed Federal aid to education, said a 12-classroom high school building was sorely needed at Bethel, and a renovation of the old high school building in Waynesville plus an auditorium was also urgent. He said the Bethel project would cost about \$150,000 and the Waynesville project about \$350,000.

He hastened to explain that he did not feel another bond issue for school plants would pass at this time, and that he favored a "payas-you-go-plan" for school build-

Leatherwood opposed the federal proposals in that it would involve too much red tape and politics.

He cited the three major points of the Kelly Bill (HB 7535) which would authorize grants-in-aids of \$11.30 annually per school student -from 5 to 17 years of age. This he pointed out, would mean about \$75,000 per year for Haywood

Another phase of the bill would create a \$750 million revolving fund for the federal government to purchase bonds of those areas whose bonds could not be sold on the open market at reasonable

On this point, Supt. Leatherwood said: "I doubt if we would be interested in this because I feel we innot saddle our people with more bonds. We are now so bonded that our children will be paying for their own as well as their children's education.

The third phase of the proposed bill, he discussed, was the federal 5,000-foot high lake above Yellow- government would, through the state, construct buildings and then rent them to local school districts. On this phase, Supt. Leatherwood

said he was afraid of "too much

(See Schools-Page 6) M. R. Whisenhunt Named Chairman Of Ag Council

M. R. Whisenhunt, director of the Mountain Experiment Station, has been elected chairman of the Haywood County Agricultural Worker's Council, succeeding Virgil L. Holloway, county farm

John Nesbitt, vocational agriculture teacher at Waynesville High School, was named vice chairman of the council and Miss Lois Buckner, home economics teacher at Bethel High School, was elected

secretary-treasurer. Council members voted to change their meetings from 3:30 to 4 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Rollman To Speak At NCEA Meeting

agent.

Heinz Rollman, president of Wellco Shoe Corporation, will be An unusual case of "breaking the guest speaker at a meeting of without entering" was reported the Canton unit of the North Caro-

The meeting will open at 2 p.m. tions committee, of which Mrs. C. Reported missing were a metal C. Poindexter is chairman,

Highway

Record For 1956 In Haywood (TO DATE) Killed: 0 (1955 - 0)Injured 11 (1955 - 7)Accidents ... 27 (1955 - 19) Loss . . . \$8,905

(1955 - \$8,699)

(This information compiled from records of State High-

way Patrol.)

Low Bid Of \$1,243,440 Submitted On Parkway Link, Three Tunnels A bid of \$1,243,440 submitted on the job. When these two projects are The project calls for drainage,

by Macon Construction Co. of Franklin on the construction of a new Blue Ridge Parkway link was termed the low one. The bids on the 2.82-mile sec-

tion were opened at the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads office at Gatlinburg. The new link will connect the 1.836-mile North Carolina terminal section and the parkway stretch running from Wolf Lau-

Macon Construction Co. was

one of five firms to submit bids

rel Gap.

grading and laying a crushed stone base course and construction of three tunnels. The new link will be built in the northern section of the Cherokee Res-The bids are subject to review

by the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads office at Arlington, Va. before contracts are let. Low bidder on the terminal link, which will tie into the Great

Co., Inc., of Salem, Va., for \$359,666. The bids were opened on January 13. Letting of the contract on this project hasn't been announced.

The work on both projects will be under way simultaneously, and is expected to take two construction seasons-1956 and 1957. The bids on both did not include Also to be built is a bridge

spanning the Oconalufty River Smoky Mountains National Park on the terminal section near Ranear Ravensford, N. C., on U. S. vensford.

completed, the parkway will offer a driving surface, though most of it unpaved, for about 11 miles from Soco Gap to U. S. 441. The two miles of the parkway linking Soco Gap on U. S. Highway 19 and Wolf Laurel Gap are paved, From Wolf Laurel Gap on Into

the Cherokee Reservation, the parkway still is in the roughgraded shape it was when construction crews got that far with it early in 1942,