



SOLICITOR THAD D. BRYSON, right, is shown handing H. M. Dulin, foreman of the Grand Jury, part of the bills which the Grand Jury will act upon for this two-week criminal term of Superior Court. Nine new members of the Grand Jury were named today. (Mountaineer Photo).

Dulin Named Foreman Of Grand Jury; Court Opens

Motorist Drives Up Track, Almost Meets Locomotive

A motorist got lost on Highway 19-23 in West Canton Sunday night about 8 o'clock.

The rain and fog contributed to the confusion, and instead of turning onto the four-lane highway, the motorist drove up the Southern Railway tracks for two-tenths of a mile, according to a report today of Patrolman W. R. Wooten, investigating officer.

The driver went as far up the tracks as he could, when his vehicle became jammed in a switch of the tracks.

In an effort to back out of the "squeeze" in the rails, the motorist burned the clutch in his car, and while he was making a desperate effort to move the car, the roaring Diesel locomotive pulling a long string of freight cars bore down over the hill from the west.

The locomotive engineer saw the headlights of the car, and started putting on all the brakes he could, and managed to stop the screaming train a bare 75 feet from the stuck car.

Several men gathered about the car, and the vehicle was pushed out of the rail jam after the air was let out of the tires.

The driver seemed unmoved by the narrow escape he had with the on-coming locomotive, and told Patrolman Wooten: "They need a flagman at this crossing to show a fellow where to go."

The patrolman made no reply, but felt that what was needed more was for people who drink not to take the wheel of their vehicle and try to drive.

The driver of the car was charged with driving drunk, and will be given a trial by Judge Ralph Mease in Canton police court Friday.

Burley Premeasurement Applications Being Taken

Applications for premeasurement of burley tobacco plots on Haywood County farms are now being accepted by the ASC office at the courthouse, according to A. W. Ferguson, ASC county manager.

The deadline for applying for premeasurement is April 1, he added.

Mr. Ferguson explained that premeasurement is not required, but is offered as a service to burley growers to insure that they do not intentionally overplant their allotment and thus lose time and

materials on the surplus.

Premeasurement was made available to tobacco farmers last year for the first time since 1941.

Mr. Ferguson said that farmers applying for premeasurement will be required to deposit \$4 to cover the cost of the work. The premeasured acreage will be accepted as "official" for all ASC purposes unless it is later determined that (1) the crop was not planted within the premeasured area; (2) less than the premeasured area was planted, or (3) there was an obvious error in the premeasurement.

Mr. Ferguson reminded farmers that as soon as they receive notice from the ASC Office of the allotted acreage for their tobacco they should make prompt application for this premeasurement service. The time during which this premeasurement service can be performed is very limited, and the only way a farmer can be sure of obtaining this service is by making early application. All farmers needing premeasurement should go by the local ASC Office to determine when this service will be available and possibly to make application for premeasurement at that time.

Checking of all planted burley acreage, which is mandatory, will be started by the ASC about the middle of June.

The Weather

Rain and cooler today, Tuesday, partly cloudy with little change in temperature.

Official Waynesville temperature as reported by the State Test Farm:

Date	Max.	Min.	Pr.
Feb. 2	55	30	.60
" 3	55	42	.63
" 4	53	38	.68
" 5	61	40	.06

225 Cases On Docket For The Term

Nine new members of the Grand Jury are: P. M. Chase, Ed Potts, S. E. Edwards, Logan Grady, Frank Hannah, Finley Cook, Claude Warren, Wayne Moore and Fred Sutton. The nine members named last July to the Grand Jury, and who will serve this term, include: H. M. Dulin, new foreman; David Smith, W. B. Hawkins, J. V. Underwood, Jr., V. V. Parton, Millard Mills, J. Thomas Smathers, Floyd Grant and Hugh Hoyle.

In explaining the purpose and function of the Grand Jury, Judge Pless reminded the Haywood body of their responsibility to follow-up on any recommendations made by prior Grand Juries which had not been carried out.

Judge Pless said it had been called to his attention this morning of the practice of some persons dumping garbage in the rural areas of the county and especially along the banks of Pigeon River above the Canton watershed intake.

"Such a practice is a menace to health, as open garbage is a breeding place for disease and mosquitoes.

"We trust that any person who knows of anyone dumping garbage out in places not so designated, will call it to the attention of the officers, and give them the names of such persons.

"Dumping trash is a violation of the law, and constitutes a bad situation," the jurist continued.

Judge Pless, in what he termed "preaching" said it was the wrong approach for parents to try and frighten children about the law. The law is something that should

Dayton Folk Give \$2625 For Disaster

Employees of The Dayton Rubber Company have contributed \$2,625.25 to the Haywood Disaster Relief Fund, it was announced today by Paul Davis, chairman.

The Fund was created early in December, after the destruction of Plant No. 2 of Unagusta in Hazelwood.

A special committee was named, headed by Rev. James Y. Perry, Jr., to administer the funds to those needing assistance.

Chairman Davis said that approximately \$6,500 had been contributed to the fund as of this date.

Haywood Countians Losing Over \$400,000 Annually By Failure To Fill Demand For Eggs

Asheville Businessman Says Pigeon Best Route

Dual Charge Against A Canton Man

A double charge of auto theft and attempted breaking and entering has been placed against a Canton man who was apprehended early Saturday morning after a manhunt by law-enforcement officers of two counties.

Sheriff Fred Y. Campbell identified the man as Clarence "Chocolate" Smathers, 33, of Canton, charged with the theft of a 1954 Buick from an Asheville service station Saturday night, and the attempted breaking and entering of the Coffee Shop on the Soco Road early Sunday morning.

The sheriff said that he received a call at 1:30 a.m., Sunday that someone was trying to break into the Soco Road business place and started out to investigate the report. On the way out, he met Cpl. Pritchard H. Smith of the State Highway Patrol, who accompanied the sheriff on the case.

On arrival at the Coffee Shop, the two officers were told by the owner, Mrs. Ernest Edwards, that she heard someone trying to break into her place and screamed, apparently frightening the intruder away.

She then called a neighbor, Norman Bradley, who told the sheriff and corporal that he saw a man boarding an eastbound bus a short time before.

The officers notified Canton police to see if the wanted individual was still on the bus. As it happened, he had gotten off before the police received the sheriff's report, but officers later spotted the man

Lions Are Told Airport Adds To Community

The Waynesville Lion's Club at its regular meeting Thursday night heard two guest speakers discuss the value of an airport in a community.

The speakers were O. L. Andrew, manager of the Greenville, S. C. Municipal Air Port, and W. B. Cox, chairman of the Aviation Division of the Greenville Chamber of Commerce.

Andrew discussed the progress of aviation and noted that 1955 was the first year in history that air travel exceeded pullman travel. He explained instrument flying and landing of commercial planes and told why planes were able to land in Greenville when they were unable to land at other nearby fields on account of high elevations and bad weather.

Cox displayed two large aerial photographs of Greenville and a color film of a Piper Twin flying from northern United States to South Africa.

Cox told the Lions to encourage flying in their community even if

Seed Catalogues Are Here - - Spring Nears

AP Newsfeatures

The postman only has to ring once these days to get quick response to the home of the garden.

It's catalogue time. The pages of gay and colorful pictures and descriptions of seeds, shrubs, trees and varied plantings are the invitation to spring.

You throw another log on the fire, start with page one and go right through the possibilities for the not too far distant growing season. Perhaps you muse about the big things which can be done in this year's garden.

The normal tendency is to check the check book, then sit down with the order blank and go to town. The Mrs. is at full throttle on the suggestions for the annuals to be planted. The

Dr. Smith Heads Local Medical Unit

Dr. H. A. Matthews, immediate past president of the Haywood County Medical Society, will speak on "Rural Health" tomorrow at the monthly meeting of the society at the hospital here, according to Dr. J. E. Fender, publicity chairman of the organization.

Dr. Fender pointed out that the Medical Society meets here the first Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m., and asked that persons who need physicians that day call their doctors early in the afternoon to make the necessary arrangements.

In an emergency, doctors can be reached at the hospital on meeting nights.

New officers of the Haywood County Medical Society for 1956 are Dr. A. H. Smith, president; Dr. W. R. Hudson, vice president; and Dr. J. A. Dickerson, secretary-treasurer.

Dr. A. R. Brown was re-elected as chief of staff at Haywood County Hospital, Dr. V. H. Duckett was named vice chief of staff and Dr. J. B. Britton, secretary.

The election of officers for the medical society and hospital staff was held in early December and reported today.

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Music for the dance will be provided by the Rhythm Kats of Cullowhee. Admission prices will be \$1 per person in advance and \$1.25 at the door.

Reservations can be made by calling GL 6-5422.

Hyatt Creek Home Damaged By Fire

Waynesville firemen saved the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ross on Hyatt Creek late Saturday afternoon, when a blaze started at the kitchen flue of the newly renovated home.

Chief Felix Stovall said the damage was about \$200.

Fireman Clem Fitzgerald, in checking the records, found that the last call answered by the department prior to Saturday was January 4th — a whole month without a run for the department.

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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 Highway Patrol.)