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TODAY'S SMILE

Cannibal chief to son: "How often have I told you not to talk with someone in your mouth?"

State Phone Head Will Address Civic Meeting Thursday



Commerce Dinner Set Thursday

Plans are moving forward for what is expected to be the largest Chamber of Commerce banquet ever held here.

The annual civic dinner will be held Thursday night, 7 p.m. at the WTHS Cafeteria.

An unusual program has been arranged, including some music that "is different—yet so lovely for a dinner," according to Ned J. Tucker, executive vice president of the organization, and chairman of the banquet committee.

Besides the entertainment, there are several other "unusuals" on tap, which cannot be announced until the night of the dinner, Tucker said.

Tucker was elusive in his statement, adding, "It is so good you would hardly believe I was telling the truth if I divulged it ahead of time—which I cannot, because of several angles."

The speaker will be J. S. Stone, manager of Southern Bell for North Carolina.

Stone is rated as an entertaining after-dinner speaker.

He joined Southern Bell in Louisville in 1929, in construction, and later as installer-repairman in Owensboro. Five years later he became plant manager at Paducah, Ky., and remained there until 1937, when he went to Winchester, Ky., in the same capacity. In 1942 he was named plant manager at Asheville, and in 1943 became Miami's plant manager.

Three years later he went to Atlanta as district plant manager and became Georgia plant manager a year later. Six years later he became general plant manager in the company headquarters in Atlanta, and in 1954 was named general manager for North Carolina, a post he still holds.

Richard Bradley, president, said that all civic clubs would attend the banquet, with a number counting the dinner as their regular meeting for the week.

Tucker said the menu would be served by Mrs. Rufus Siler, and would be a typical southern roast beef dinner.

Tickets are available at the town hall, Charlie's Place and from directors of the organization.

Democratic Precinct Chairmen's Meeting Set

A meeting of all Democratic precinct chairmen in Haywood County has been called by Frank D. Ferguson, Jr., chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee, at Glenelle's in Canton Tuesday night.

A dinner will be served at 7 p.m. after which a business session will be held.

Johnson Named President Of Rotary For Next Year

John N. Johnson was elected president of the Waynesville Rotary Club for the coming fiscal year, which begins July 1. Johnson will succeed James L. Kilpatrick, who will serve as vice-president for the coming year.

Charles Way was re-elected secretary-treasurer, a post he has held for the past two years.

The board of directors for the



PATSY MASON OF CLYDE was crowned Basketball Queen at the Haywood County tournament Saturday night after being selected by a panel of judges from Asheville. Other candidates are (left to right) Mary Kay Phillips of Bethel, Barbara Smith of Crabtree-Iron Duff, Margaret Rogers of Fines Creek, Bertha Willis of Canton, and Arabella Turner of Waynesville. (Mountaineer Photo.)

Boy Cut In Back As He Refuses Ride

A 17-year-old Bethel boy was cut twice about the back when he refused to ride with four young men, shortly after 11 p.m. Friday night. The four were arrested and put in jail.

Roy Pitts, 17, was walking along the highway with two 14-year-old companions, when the four young men offered them a ride. The trio refused the ride and kept on walking. The quartet in the car returned, and two jumped out and started to chase the three. The two young boys escaped through the woods, and as Pitts darted up a steep bank, one of the four slashed him twice on the back. He received treatment at the hospital, where 14 stitches were taken, and he returned home.

Sheriff Fred Campbell and Cpl. Pritchard Smith arrested the four about two hours later at Lake Logan, and lodged them in jail, where they remained this morning.

At a hearing, bond was set at \$500 each by Justice of Peace Johnny Ferguson, Jenkins and Bryson have been released under bond.

Greenville, S. C., officers have been in touch with the Sheriff, saying two of the men were wanted in Federal court there. Sheriff Campbell was to confer with the South Carolina officials later to (See Boy Cut—Page 6)

Two Held On Charges Of Rape-Assault

Two 20-year-old men are being held in the Haywood county jail, without bond, charged with rape and assault of a 16-year-old Hemphill girl, according to Sheriff Fred Campbell.

The two defendants were given a hearing Saturday before Justice of Peace J. J. Ferguson and bound over to superior court. The defendants are shown on the warrant as being Floyd Stevenson and Johnny Henson.

The warrant shows that the alleged crime took place the afternoon of February 15th in the Jonathan Creek - Cove Creek area. The arrest of the defendants was made by the sheriff's department on the 19th, the day the warrant was issued.

Buchanan Tells Club Rural Roads Terrible; All Money For Maintenance Is Spent

Two Loans, Total \$650,000, Granted By State To REA

Old Tags Gone, Officers Find

Cpl. Pritchard Smith said that there had not been any arrests made of motorists with 1955 license tags.

The 1955 tags expired last Wednesday at midnight.

"We have not seen an old tag on the highway to date," the officer said at noon today.

Seven Added To C. of C. Board

Seven directors, all representing local clubs or agencies, have been added to the board of the Chamber of Commerce.

Richard Bradley, president, announced the following new board members:

W. L. Turner, Lions Club; Charles Way, Rotary; Elmer Hendrix, Jaycees; Roger Ammons, Kiwanis; Hollis Chase, Hazelwood Lions; Rudolph Carswell, Boosters Club; and James Kirkpatrick, county government.

The Weather

Clearing and colder this afternoon and tonight. Tuesday, partly cloudy and colder.

Official Waynesville temperature as reported by the State Test Farm:

Date	Max.	Min.	Pr.
Feb. 16	58	40	.06
Feb. 17	61	49	1.20
Feb. 18	66	39	.35
Feb. 19	68	36	.08



JOHN N. JOHNSON Rotary president-elect.



CHARLES WAY — Again secretary-treasurer.

Scout Hiking Trail Set Up To Tennessee

The Boy Scouts of America have established a special hiking award in memory of Francis Asbury, pioneer circuit-riding preacher and first American bishop of the Methodist Church.

The "Asbury Trail Award" will be conferred upon Explorer Scouts who hike the old Cataloochee trace between Lake Junaluska and Cosby, Tenn.

First blazed by Cherokee Indians, the 35-mile path traverses rugged wilderness within the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Portions of the old trail now coincide with North Carolina Highway 284 and Tennessee Highway 32.

The new award consists of a gold-plated medal and a certificate. In addition to hiking the trail, Scouts seeking the medal will be required to do certain

Extensive Damage Wrought By Wind, Electrical Storms

Dr. Gudger, Internationally Famous Scientist, Interred

Dr. Eugene W. Gudger, internationally-known ichthyologist and bibliographer and honorary curator emeritus of the American Museum of Natural History, died in a nursing home here Sunday following a lingering illness. He was 89.

A world authority on fishes, he was editor of the American Museum of Natural History's Index Volume of the Bibliography of Fishes and also edited the widely-acclaimed Bashford Dean Memorial Volume on fishes.

Dr. Gudger, a native of Haywood County, devoted almost his entire adult life to the study of fishes, but did not see the ocean until he was 36.

He was a fellow of the American Assn. for the Advancement of Science and the New York Zoological Society and was a life member of the Museum of Natural History. In addition, he was a member of the Society of American Naturalists, American Society of Zoologists, American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists, History of Science Society, Salmon and Trout Assn. of Great Britain and the North Carolina Academy of Science. He was an honorary member of the Zoological Society of London.

He was the first scientist to observe and write about the strange breeding habits of the pike fish. He also was an expert in whales.

Dr. Gudger was educated at Emory and Henry, the University of Nashville, and Johns Hopkins University, where he earned his doctorate.

He was a teacher at the now defunct Asheville Female College and in the Little Rock, Ark., high school, and was for 14 years head of the science department of the Women's College of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Survivors include a brother, David S. Gudger of Waynesville, and three nieces, Mrs. Christopher C. Crittenden of Raleigh, Mrs. George Seaborn of Portsmouth, Va., and Miss Bettsey Lane Quinlan of Waynesville.

Funeral services were held this afternoon in the chapel of Garrett Funeral Home here. Adm. W. N. Thomas, retired Chief of Navy Chaplains, officiated and burial was in Green Hill Cemetery. (See Dr. Gudger—Page 6)

School For Orchardmen Slated Here

The annual Haywood County apple growers' school will be held Wednesday in the courtroom from 10 a.m. until noon, according to County Agent Virgil L. Holloway. Principal speakers will be Melvin H. Kolbe, extension horticulturist, and Howard Garris, pathologist, both from N. C. State College.

Among subjects to be discussed will be orchard management, disease control, fertilization, and the outlook for the apple market this year.

A question-and-answer session also will be held to enable orchardmen to obtain advice on their individual problems.

Mr. Holloway said that prospects for a bumper crop of apples this year is bright — barring another late freeze.

DRIVE-IN THEATRE REOPENS

The Smoky Mountain Drive-In Theatre reopened Saturday night after having been closed for several weeks, according to J. E. Massie, owner.

Shows will begin nightly at 7 p.m.

Clyde Building - Loan Ups Dividend Rate To 3½ Pct.

Authorization for the increase of the Clyde Building and Loan Association's dividend rate from 3¼ to 3½ per cent was given at a meeting of the organization's officers and directors at Clyde last week.

The building and loan officials also voted to change the association's annual dividend period from June 30 - December 31 to March 31 - September 30, and authorized payment of a three-month dividend

1500 Phones Affected By Burned Cable

Telephone repairmen have worked around the clock since noon Friday, trying to restore service to some 1,500 telephones put out of order by Friday's electrical storm, followed by the high winds and more lightning that night.

Power crews cleared up the light damages to their lines in a few hours.

C. T. McCuiston, general manager for Southern Bell here said this morning that lightning burned the lead sleeve covering off a cable on the Dellwood road and for a time put 1,500 phones out of commission. The hard rains knocked other phones out in town Sunday by letting water in damaged cables.

The area served by the Dellwood cable included Dellwood, Maggie, Jonathan Creek, Fines Creek, Iron Duff and Lake Junaluska. The Lovejoy and Cruso areas of the Canton system suffered from falling limbs and lightning, but were soon cleared.

McCuiston said the office was still getting calls this morning of scattered cases of trouble. Most of it, he explained was from wet cables, or a fallen limb across the open wires.

Special crews were brought in to help repair the cables and restore service, the manager said.

Roy Wright, manager of Carolina Power and Light Company, called crewmen out at 4 a.m. Saturday and by noon had all services restored. A two-phase line on Dellwood road went out, cused by lightning, and the street lights of Hazelwood were hit by falling limbs, and a tree on Grimbail Drive hit a line.

"We got out mighty light," Wright said. "We had a lot of trimming done last year, and it paid off during the storm Friday night." Wright said the Canton and Asheville areas suffered from falling limbs and trees.

G. C. Ferguson, town manager, said damage to Waynesville power lines was light. Trees blew across the lines on Dalsey Avenue, Balsam Drive, and Boyd Avenue. Power was restored soon after crews cut away the trees.

"We consider ourselves lucky not to have been hit harder," Ferguson said.

DAR Contest Is Set For Tuesday

The annual declamation contest, sponsored by the Dorcas Bell Love Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, for boys in the Waynesville Township High School has been set for Tuesday at 9:45 a.m.

M. H. Bowles, superintendent (See DAR Contest—Page 6)



DR. EUGENE W. GUDGER, internationally noted scientist, was buried here this afternoon.

6 Accidents Reported; 2 Injured

Two teen-age boys were injured in two of six weekend traffic accidents in Haywood County, investigated by the State Highway Patrol. Reeves Carver, 19, of Lake Junaluska, suffered a broken left elbow and was admitted to Haywood County Hospital when the car in which he was riding, driven by Thomas Leon Henry, 17, of Waynesville, ran off the pavement on old U. S. 19 in West Canton and struck a parked car.

Damage to Henry's car, a 1948 Ford, and the parked car, owned by W. D. Pressley of Canton, was estimated at \$100 each, according to Patrolman W. R. Wooten, the investigating officer.

Kenneth Edward Bradley, 18, Route 2, Waynesville, suffered

(See 6 Accidents—Page 6)

Merchants Group To Discuss '56 Program Tonight

The Merchants Association will hold its annual membership dinner meeting at 7 o'clock tonight at Spaldon's Restaurant to discuss plans for this year.

The business session will include a report on 1955 by Frank Moore, immediate past president of the Merchants Association, and a discussion on solicitations.

A. D. Harrison, association president, will preside.

Pigeon - Canton Anti - Trash Campaign Proving Effective

Mayor Bruce Nanney of Canton told members of the West Pigeon CDP last week at Bethel School that "great progress" is being made in cleaning up the accumulated trash which has been dumped into the Pigeon River and along the highway between Canton and Bethel.

He added that wayside signs offering a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons dumping trash has served as a deterrent to new dumping since the Town of Canton and the Pigeon CDP joined in posting \$100 in reward money.

Mayor Nanney also reported that a marked increase has been noted in the truck loads of garbage received at the Canton incinerator.

Principal speaker at the West

Pigeon CDP meeting Thursday night was Morris L. McGough, executive secretary of the Asheville Agricultural Development Council, who spoke on the Western North Carolina community development program movement and showed slides of improvements — including community houses and picnic areas — made by various WNC groups.

A meeting of West Pigeon CDP committee chairmen will be held Thursday, March 1, to discuss activities for this year.

Highway Record For 1956

(TO DATE)

Killed 0
(1955 — 0)

Injured 17
(1955 — 7)

Accidents 35
(1955 — 26)

Loss . . . \$11,624
(1955 — \$10,384)

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