

Unagusta Plant Ground-Breaking Set Monday

Board Of Education Will Soon Erect Large Office And Storage Structure

Lot Back Of Court House To Be Used

Plans are being drawn for a two-and-a-half story building for the Haywood County Board of Education, on the lot just back of the court house.

The concrete, brick and steel structure will be 50 by 80 feet, according to Lawrence Leatherwood, county superintendent of education.

The first floor will be level with the driveway back of the court house, and will be offices for the board and county school staff.

The basement and half of the sub-basement will be devoted to storage space or school supplies, storage space for school supplies, 6,000 square feet, according to Leatherwood.

Plans of the board are to have the structure ready for use in August.

The heat for the new unit will be supplied by the heating plant of the court house, and will connect with the Education annex via a tunnel under the driveway back of the court house.

The board is purchasing some 1,625 square feet of land in order to "square up their lot" from Mrs. Henry Francis. The county lot went back at an angle, and the engineers pointed out the loss of valuable space on that shaped lot. (See School Board—Page 8)

State Patrol Investigates 2 Accidents

Two accidents in Haywood County during the past several days, investigated by the State Highway Patrol, were reported today by the State Highway Patrol.

The Crabtree road (N. C. 209 at the intersection with the Riverside Road) was the scene of a collision Tuesday between a state prison truck from Raleigh and another truck owned by the Louisville Seed Co.

The accident occurred on a curve on the highway as the prison truck was going south and the Kentucky truck north. The prison truck, which also contained three Hazelwood Prison Camp inmates as well as the driver, had been to Spring Creek to pick up a load of seed potatoes for use at the prison camp.

Damage to the prison truck was (See 2 Wrecks—Page 8)

Merchants Adopt 15-Point Program At Annual Dinner

The Merchants Association adopted a 15-point program at their annual meeting Monday night, as they prepared for what A. D. Harrison, president, termed, "a banner year in making this community a truly modern shopping center."

The Merchants Association, which is one of the five divisions of the Chamber of Commerce adopted the following program:

1. Will strive for 100 percent membership and participation by all eligible businesses.

2. Will make new efforts to set up and approve by-laws for the Association.

3. Will apply for membership in the North Carolina Merchants Association.

4. Will establish and regulate store hours and holiday schedules.

5. Will sponsor rural-urban program to increase store trade:
 - a. Support special agricultural projects, dinners, and programs.
 - b. Support dairy calf show.
 - c. Support beef cattle show and sale.
 - d. Support Haywood County Fair.

6. Will sponsor all organized efforts to make possible the above events until they become a reality.

7. Will sponsor a rigid solicitation and advertising control program. Will work with other towns for a uniform program in Haywood County. (A secret committee of 6 is now checking on all plans.)

8. Will develop a program of sales promotion events throughout the year.
 - a. Special sales and trade events in January and February.
 - b. Clean-up, fix-up, paint-up promotion with Clean-Up Week. (See Merchants—Page 8)



UNSETTLED

Increasing cloudiness and a little warmer this afternoon and tonight with occasional light rain or snow. Friday, scattered light showers.

Official Waynesville temperature as reported by the State Test Farm:

Date	Max.	Min.	Pr.
Feb. 20	57	36	.68
Feb. 21	47	19	
Feb. 22	41	23	

Annual C. of C. Banquet Set At WTHS Cafeteria

Early indications today were that some 300 to 350 people would be in attendance at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet at the WTHS cafeteria tonight, 7 p.m. J. S. Stone of Charlotte, general manager for Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, is to be the speaker.

Special music has been arranged, and will be under the direction of Charles Isley, and Mrs. John Sinclair. An electronic organ has been installed and dinner music will be provided during the meal, according to Ned J. Tucker, executive vice president of the organization, and in charge of the banquet.

R. L. Bradley, president, will preside at the banquet, and C. T. McCuiston, local Southern Bell manager will introduce the speaker.

Rev. James Y. Perry, Jr., will give the invocation.

The dinner will be served under the supervision of Mrs. Rufus Siler.

While no specific announcements were made relative to what Mr. Stone would speak about, it was hinted that he might demonstrate some telephone techniques that can be expected in the near future, as he discusses progress in the area and development of communications.

President Bradley will present the board of directors, and a number of special guests from throughout Western North Carolina are expected for the meeting.

The civic clubs of the community are to attend the banquet for their regular weekly meeting.

Polio Foundation Refuses To Use United Fund Money

Money raised for the March of Dimes through the United Fund cannot be accepted by the State group, according to a letter received here this week from Robert L. Jones, state representative, for Western North Carolina.

The letter from Jones was addressed to Dr. J. E. Fender, president of the local United Fund.

Jones in his letter, which is published on the editorial page, explains the policies of the March of Dimes relative to the United Fund gifts.

J. B. Siler, treasurer of the United Fund here, said he had a

Rural Fire Department Set Up In C. Pigeon

The first rural Fire Department to be organized in Haywood County has been set up in the Center Pigeon Community.

Plans for such protection in the rural area have been under consideration for some time, as residents of the community felt the need of some method of combating fires, and protecting property against loss.

The organization has been completed with Doyce Cogburn, chairman; W. M. Farmer, Ed Blalock, Albert Foute, W. C. Parham and W. C. Murray, members. Mrs. Doyce Cogburn has been named secretary, while Doyce Cogburn and W. M. Farmer will serve as treasurers.

Funds are being solicited, and it is hoped some equipment can be purchased soon, the chairman said.

The committee is well pleased with the response given by residents of the area to be served, and the department will be completed as soon as possible, with equipment being purchased as funds are made available.

Two Men Charged With Assault Are Released On Bond

Two young men held on charges of "rape and assault" were released from jail under bond Tuesday.

Bond for Floyd Stevenson was set at \$3,000, and Johnny Henson at \$2,000 by Solicitor Thad D. Bryson, Jr., after consultation with the attorney with the prosecution in the case.

The two were given a hearing before Justice of Peace Johnny Ferguson after a 16-year-old girl told officials of the alleged attack, which the warrant showed to have happened February 15th in the Cove Creek area.

The arrest of the two 20-year-old men was made by the sheriff's department.

Haywood Veteran Hurt 4 Years Ago Still Remains Unconscious

Four years ago Tuesday, Clifford Green suffered injuries in a fall while painting in the Ninevah church. Since that day he has neither spoken nor moved, and remains a patient at Moore General Hospital.

Green has been unconscious, unable to either eat, speak, or move for the past 48 months.

Monday Green's mother, Mrs. Lillie Green, visited her son, as she has done so often during the past 4-year period. She was accompanied by friends who have carried her to the hospital to see her son through the years.

The unconscious veteran's mother said: "He can't talk to me, but sometimes I feel from the expression in his eyes that he knows it is his mother."

Green was a Marine in World War II, is now 50 years old. He fell from the scaffold and suffered a head injury. A half-hour after being admitted to the hospital he became unconscious.

He has never regained consciousness.

Attending physicians says his chances of recovering consciousness "is very unlikely."

Doctors said yesterday there had not been any change in



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In the new area, offices will be provided for the president and general manager of The Dayton Rubber Company; general manager of the Waynesville plant; factory manager of the Waynesville plant and the engineering, purchasing, production scheduling and sales service departments. Clerical workers associated with these several offices will also move into the new area.

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Modern New Structure Expected To Be Ready By The End Of Year

Formal breaking of ground for a complete new plant of Unagusta Manufacturing Co. is tentatively set for 11 a.m. Monday, R. L. Prevost, president, announced this afternoon.

The modern new structure will replace the plant which was destroyed by fire on the afternoon of November 30, when Plant No. 2 went up in flames, for Haywood's worst fire in history. The loss was estimated at \$750,000.

Mr. Prevost this afternoon said officials of the company were practically working around the clock to complete the many, many details necessary for the construction project.

"We have a number of items still out for bids which makes it impossible at this time to determine the cost of the new structure. We feel that it will take the rest of 1956 to build the plant," he said.

"We are working as hard as we can on the details, and hope to announce everything possible in the Monday afternoon issue of The Mountaineer," the industrialist pointed out.

Mr. Prevost said the new plant would be built on a 25-acre site, west of the Southern Railway tracks, between the Smoky Mountains Fertilizer Company and the Welch barn. This site is part of the Welch farm, and was purchased from Mrs. Jule Welch for the new plant site.

No announcement was made today as to plans for the site of the building which burned.

Poultry School Set For Monday

The annual Haywood County poultry school will be held at the courthouse Monday from 2 until 4 p.m., according to County Agent Virgil L. Holloway.

Scheduled to be here as speakers at the poultry school are three specialists from N. C. State College: C. F. Parrish, who will discuss the outlook for the production of broilers, commercial eggs, and hatching eggs; W. G. Andrews, who will speak on egg production and flock management, and Prof. R. S. Dearstyne, whose subject will be "Getting Our Birds To Live", with special emphasis upon disease control.

All broiler producers, hatching egg, and commercial egg producers are invited to attend the school Monday.

Mr. Holloway pointed out that the school is especially important this year because "a recent survey has been made in Haywood County which shows that there are definite possibilities of increasing our commercial egg production program. The results of this survey and the possibilities of commercial egg production will be discussed. There will also be a question-and-answer period at which time farmers will be given an opportunity to obtain information from our specialists in regard (See Poultry School—Page 8)

The Tuesday meeting was presided over by Frank Ferguson, chairman. Mrs. Fred Y. Campbell is secretary.

Dr. Ivan Lee Holt of St. Louis is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Elmer T. Clark at their home at Lake Junaluska.

Haywood Apple Growers Reorganize, Name Officers

The Haywood County Apple Growers Association was reorganized here Wednesday and officers were named for the year.

Herbert Singletary of Saunook was elected president, Robert F. Francis of Francis Cove vice president, and Zack Massey of the Dellwood Road secretary-treasurer.

Directors chosen included C. D. Ketter, Richard Barber, Mrs. Cosby Frady, Robert Boone and Ira Cogburn.

In the near future the directors will hold a meeting to discuss activities to be undertaken by the apple growers this year.

Highway Record For 1956 In Haywood (TO DATE)
Killed 0 (1955 — 0)
Injured 17 (1955 — 7)
Accidents 37 (1955 — 26)
Loss \$12,199 (1955 — \$16,384)
(This information compiled from records of State Highway Patrol.)