

## Tornado Destroys House In Cecil Area

### Empty Home Blown From Foundation

The first instance in history of a house in Haywood County being destroyed by a tornado was reported to The Mountaineer Saturday by Mrs. Alfred Johnson of Cecil community, who said that a "twister" last Monday night destroyed an unoccupied summer dwelling and four buildings on her husband's property on McClure Creek.

The house, located two and a half miles from Mr. Johnson's grocery store on the Lake Logan Road, was lifted from its foundation, twisted around, and hurled against a tree by the force of the wind. Of frame construction with brick siding, it was used by the Johnsons as a weekend retreat in the summertime.

The same twister that demolished the house also destroyed a smokehouse, chicken house, crib and tool house, bowled over 20 beehives, and blew a bedspread and towel from the house into the top of a tree a quarter of a mile away.

The property damage was not noticed until Thursday when a boy in the neighborhood — Ralph Grooms, passed by the house and found it demolished.

Mrs. Johnson said there were two storms in the Cecil area last Monday night and added that she was not sure just when the twister passed through that section.

J. Edgar Burnette, who lives only seven-tenths of a mile from the damaged buildings, said he was awakened during the night by a roar which sounded like a large airplane flying low over the rooftops, and believes now that it was the tornado he heard.

Mrs. Johnson estimated the damage at \$2,000 and said that the property was not insured.

## 2 Specialists To Speak At Dairy School

Two dairy specialists from N. C. State College — F. R. Farnham and George Hyatt — will be here Tuesday night to conduct the annual county dairy school at the courthouse, starting at 7:30 p. m.

The specialists will discuss the new bulk-tank delivery method, feeding dairy cows for maximum production, and growing replacement heifers.

County Agent Virgil L. Holloway urged all dairymen in the county to attend Tuesday night's meeting—especially to hear about the bulk tanks which are coming into use rapidly on dairy farms.

Mr. Holloway said last week that the two major problems of Haywood dairymen are: (1) higher producing cows, and (2) growing silage and hay at home.

## Telephone Men To Receive Safe Driving Awards

Four from the Waynesville office of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company will receive safety awards, because of their excellent driving records. The awards will be sent to C. T. McCuiston, manager, for the formal awarding.

The men to get the awards, include: Jim Chambers, plant foreman, 14 years safety record; John E. Posey, installer, 12 year safety record; W. A. Green, installer, 4 year safety record and J. P. Auglin, three years of safe driving.

The awards are pocket cards which the drivers carry at all times.

## Contract Awarded For Enlarging Of Raccoon Creek

G. H. Bishop of Asheville has been awarded a contract by the State for enlarging, deepening, and straightening Raccoon Creek to provide better drainage where it runs through the Mountain Experiment Station and the farm of John Morrow at Ratcliffe Cove.

Work on the project will start (See Contract—Page 6)

## Haywood County Had 13,905 Vehicles Registered In '55

Haywood County had a total of 13,905 motor vehicles registered during 1955, according to figures disclosed this week by the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles.

With this total, Haywood County ranked second among counties west of Asheville in the number of vehicles registered. Henderson County was first with 14,046. Buncombe was first in the mountain region with 47,558. Mecklenburg County (Charlotte) leads the state's 100 counties with 99,839 motor vehicles registered. At the bottom of the list is Tyrrell County with 1,220.

Totals reported for neighboring Western North Carolina counties were: Jackson, 5,317; Madison, 5,127; Swain, 2,425, and Transylvania, 5,500.

## Duckett Is GOP Head In Haywood

Gudger Duckett, Canton, was named chairman of the Haywood Republican executive committee, as the precinct chairmen met here Saturday afternoon. Duckett, succeeds Elmer "Red" Miller, who has held the post for the past four years.

The precinct chairmen named Miss Janice Smathers, Clyde, as vice chairman.

Delegates to the district convention which meets Friday in Hendersonville, and delegates to the State Convention were also named.

The district convention convenes at 10 a. m. Friday, and a good representation from Haywood are expected to attend.

## 3 Injured In Traffic Accidents

Three persons were injured in two of four traffic accidents investigated during the weekend by the State Highway Patrol.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Howard Carver of Thickety were hurt in the town of Clyde on old U. S. 19-23 at 5:15 p. m. Sunday when the 1949 Chevrolet pickup truck driven by Mr. Carver struck a parked car and overturned in the street.

Mr. Carver suffered lacerations on his nose and knee and bruises, while Mrs. Carver also sustained a cut on her knee. Their two children, riding with them, escaped injury.

The parked car, a 1941 Chevrolet coupe, belonged to Clyde mayor Gerald Fish and was parked in front of his home. Damage to it was estimated at \$100 and to the truck at \$125.

Mr. Carver told Patrolman V. E. Bryson that he took his eye off the road momentarily to speak to his daughter, and struck the parked car before he could stop his truck.

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CARSON C. FOARD

## New Firm Will Open This Week

The firm of T. S. Morrison-Foard, Inc., will open for business at the Depot on Saturday, March 10, it was announced today by Carson C. Foard, co-owner and general manager in charge. The address is 405 Depot Street.

The firm will deal in a general line of hardware, farm equipment, tractors, seeds, feeds and tools, Mr. Foard said. The Allis-Chalmers line of tractors and farm equipment will be featured by the company.

Mr. Foard said construction of a 35 by 75 foot extension to the building had been completed, and renovation of the other building has been finished. The new unit of the building will be used as a tractor shop, and for machines repairing, he announced.

The parent firm, T. S. Morrison, Asheville, has been in business for 65 years, Mr. Foard said, and has considered for some time the opening of a store here.

For the past 14 years Mr. Foard has been with Biltmore Dairies, and was manager when he resigned to open the firm here. Prior to going with Biltmore Dairies he was with the Milk Control Board of Health of Raleigh. He was there 13 years.

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## Officers, Citizens Ready To Work Out Safety Program Here Tuesday Night

### Education Building Plans Are About Ready

Plans for the new Board of Education building, just back of the courthouse will be ready in about a week. Lawrence Leatherwood, county superintendent said today.

The new building will have office space, and storage space for the board and school supplies. About 6,000 square feet of storage space will be provided in the new structure.

Funds for erecting the building will be from the sale of the Old Central Elementary school, which sold at auction for \$67,000.

Leatherwood said the work of converting the old gym at Clyde into shop rooms should be completed in about three weeks.

Two other projects, the addition to the Cruso school, and the new Pigeon Street school have been delayed because of the bad weather, he pointed out.

## 370 Polio Shots Given In 3 Weeks

In the past three weeks a total of 370 polio vaccine shots have been given at the Haywood County Health Center, according to Mrs. Ruby Bryson, public health nurse and acting head of the Health Department.

Of this number, 332 were first doses and the remainder second and third doses.

Children who took their first polio shot recently, should have their second shot within four to six weeks, Mrs. Bryson said. Third shots are given from seven to nine months after the second.

Polio inoculations are given free of charge at the Health Center each Wednesday during regular immunization clinics. Eligible for shots are children from the ages of six months through 19 years, and expectant mothers. The vaccine will continue to be administered until June when the "polio season" starts.

Polio shots also are available from physicians, who charge \$10 for the series of three if privately purchased vaccine is used, but make no charge if government vaccine is utilized.

The Health Center now has on hand approximately 600 cc's of Salk polio vaccine, Mrs. Bryson said, and additional stocks are expected to be sent by the State Board of Health by mid-April.

In May, physician members of the Haywood County Medical Society and Health Department nurses will conduct clinics in county schools to give the final polio shot to children who have had their first two immunizations.

Polio clinics also were held in county schools last spring and this fall.

## Apple Growers To Discuss '56 Program Thursday

Directors of the Haywood County Apple Growers Association will meet at 7:30 p. m. Thursday in the county agent's office to discuss the organization's by-laws and constitution and plans for 1956 activities.

Among projects considered by the apple growers this year are a fall apple show, advertising Haywood County apples, and curbing damage from cedar rust.

Officers of the Apple Growers Association for 1956 are: Herb Singleary, president; Robert F. Francis, vice president; Zack Massey, secretary-treasurer.

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

Mrs. William I. Lee was reported in "good condition" this morning at the Haywood County Hospital where she has been a patient for several days. She became ill while teaching her class in the third grade at Central Elementary School.

Mrs. Lee Improving

HARRISON IN NEW YORK

A. D. Harrison, owner of Stovall's 5c and 10c Store, left yesterday for a week's buying trip in New York. He will attend the American Toy Fair and place orders for the 1956 holiday season.

Harrison is president of the Merchants Association here.



LT. H. C. JOHNSON



SGT. E. W. JONES



CPL. PRITCHARD SMITH



SGT. T. A. SANDLIN

## Lions Will Seek To Raise \$1,000 For WTHS Band Trip

Waynesville Lions voted Thursday night to raise \$1,000 towards sending the WTHS band to the International Lions Convention in Miami June 27-30.

The State organization is appropriating \$1,000 to the fund, and according to Charles Isley, director of the band, the \$2,000 will pay for all travel, with each band member paying for meals and board, which would be about \$40 each.

M. T. Bridges was named chairman of the committee to raise the local fund. He said several projects were in mind, including a band concert, and other phases of entertainment.

E. M. Williams of the Clinchfield Coal Company, discussed the approaching atomic age and its possible effect on industry when the new agency is used for generating heat for power.

Two new members were taken into the club: George Williamson, Bruce Alexander.

Mrs. John Hildenbiddle is visiting relatives in Iowa.

## Three Teen-Agers Cited For Midnight Speeding

Three teen-agers were cited to Police Court on charges of speeding on Waynesville streets shortly after midnight Saturday.

Chief Orville Noland said the police cited three young men, all high school students, to court, after the trio drove at excessive speeds through the residential section of the Maple Street area.

Chief Noland said that in addition to the speeding, the cars going to a high rate of speed, and turning corners sharp, woke up many residents in the section.

The three will be tried by Mayor J. H. Way.

## December Tax Collections In Haywood Up \$8,436.38

Sales tax collections in Haywood County during December, 1955 exceeded those for December, 1954 by more than \$8,000, according to figures cited in the January issue of "The Retailer," published by the North Carolina Merchants Association.

Collections for December, 1955 were reported at \$40,925.53, in contrast to \$32,489.20 for December, 1954.

For the month of November, 1955, collections were higher than those in December — totaling \$43,089.27.

December collections in Haywood County exceeded those in Henderson County by more than \$6,000.

## Meeting Is Set For 8 At Courthouse

Interest in the highway safety mass meeting set for Tuesday night is reaching a high peak.

The meeting is set for 8 p. m. at the courthouse, with Lt. H. C. Johnson of the State Highway Patrol the speaker. Assisting with the meeting will be three other patrolmen of the area; Sgt. T. A. Sandlin, Bryson City; Sgt. E. W. Jones, Asheville, and Cpl. Pritchard Smith, Waynesville.

The meeting is being pushed by the Civic and Professional Division of the Chamber of Commerce, with C. T. McCuiston, chairman, and scores of others in the county participating, including the Ministerial Association, all law enforcement officers, school authorities, several PTA groups, and others.

Plans for the meeting were worked out when a group of officers, school officials, civic leaders, ministers and representatives of the press and radio met and "decided something had to be done to curb speeding and racing on the highways."

Many of Haywood's ministers yesterday stressed from their pulpits the importance of attending the meeting. The ministers are actively behind the movement to curb racing and speeding on the streets and highways.

The radio stations of the county, as well as newspapers of the area have been publicizing the meeting, and the need for "immediate action."

Lt. Johnson here over the weekend said "public sentiment is certainly against this menace on our highways. The citizens of Haywood county are to be congratulated for their actions, and their feelings in this matter of protecting those who walk and ride on the highways and streets."

Edward Scheidt, commissioner of Motor Vehicles of North Carolina, was also warm in his praise of the program which has come to a peak since the wreck of two cars on Highway No. 19-A last Monday night. The patrol report showed both cars were engaged in a race down the highway, starting at Balsam. One car was demolished and the two passengers were painfully injured.

The four patrolmen will speak to some 2,200 high school students of the county Tuesday morning.

The patrolmen will present each student with a duplicate safety pledge card. The student will keep one of the cards with their driver's licenses, and the other card goes into the files of the Highway Patrol.

The pledge card reads: "A Safety Pledge — I hereby pledge that I will, to the best of my ability, abide by all highway safety rules, as a pedestrian or an operator of a motor vehicle."

The speaking schedule is as (See Mass Meeting—Page 6)

## Highway Record For 1956 In Haywood (To Date) Killed . . . . . 0 (1955 — 0) Injured . . . . . 24 (1955 — 9) Accidents . . . . . 47 (1955 — 29) Loss . . . \$14,924 (1955 — \$11,359)

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

### The Weather

Sunny and mild today. Tuesday, partly cloudy with scattered showers.

Date	Max.	Min.	Free.
Mar. 1	50	20	—
Mar. 2	57	35	15
Mar. 3	55	32	38
Mar. 4	61	29	.01