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Telephone Service To Balsam Set During May

About 60 residents of the Balsam area will begin getting telephones installed about May 15th, it was learned from Southern Bell officials today.

The cables from Saunook to Balsam have been extended, and present schedules call for installations to begin about the middle of May. The project is estimated to cost about \$30,000.

Telephone engineers are working on the surveys in White Oak and tentative indications point to granting service to the last rural area in Haywood.

"The outlook is extremely bright," an official said.

Present studies of the area show that the lines might go into White Oak area via Panther Creek. Engineers have had requests from citizens of the Panther Creek area wanting service, and the lines could go through that section enroute to White Oak from Fines Creek.

The final decision of the engineers will be known in about 30 days, it was predicted.



CARSON C. FOARD of Waynesville displays samples of uranium (small dark piece), used in making the atomic bomb, and spodumene (large white piece), used in the production of hydrogen bombs. Both came from Western North Carolina, along with a large number of other minerals which Mr. Foard has collected between Avery and Macon

counties in the past three years. Many of his specimens are now on display at the T. S. Morrison-Foard farm equipment store at 405 Depot St. In his right hand, Mr. Foard holds a prospector's pick which he uses to dig semi-precious stones and commercial minerals.

(Mountaineer Photo)

Sale County Home, 140-Acre Farm Set

The 140-acre Haywood county farm, and 18-room former county home, will be offered at auction Wednesday, April 4. The property goes on the auction block after being the subject of several court hearings and injunctions last fall and earlier this year.

West and Gossett are the auctioneers and the sale will begin at 9:30. The commissioners are offering all the farm which has been divided into small tracts, with the exception of a small cemetery plot. This plot figured prominently in the court case last fall.

The date of the first sale last September was postponed when surveyors were unable to carry on their work because of the tall corn crop. The new date for the sale was set, and a few days prior to the sale a group of eight citizens obtained a court injunction and stopped the sale.

Later Judge Dan K. Moore dissolved the injunction and the board of commissioners set into motion plans for a new date and set the sale date. Just a few hours prior to the scheduled sale, papers were served before dawn on the commissioners, as a second injunction was obtained upon a request of 108 plaintiffs.

This hearing in December was before Judge George B. Patton, who ruled that the case, by consent, be continued to the January term of court before Judge J. Will Pless.

The continuance was based in part on the fact that the commissioners had started a \$25,000 damage suit against the plaintiffs. The consolidation of the cases went before Judge Pless and he granted the board the right to sell the property. By consent the board agreed not to offer the property for sale prior to April 1, and to also drop the damage suit.

The farm has been termed one (See County Home—Page 2)



R. B. BELK

R. B. Belk Heads Local Ford Agency

R. B. Belk, formerly of Charlotte, has assumed the presidency of Parkway Motors, Inc., 202 Haywood St., Waynesville's Ford Agency. Before coming here, Mr. Belk was associated for six years with the Carolina Ford Tractor Co. in Charlotte, last serving with that as dealer development manager.

Prior to going to Charlotte, the new president of Parkway Motors, resided in Dillon, S. C., where he was a tire distributor for nine years and a DeSoto-Plymouth-GMC dealer for five years.

While in Dillon, Mr. Belk served as a city councilman, after having been elected by write-in vote; and was a member of the Masons, Shriners, and the Rotary Club.

Mr. Belk, who is a native of Monroe, N. C., is married and has four children: a son, 19, now attending the University of North Carolina; a daughter, 17, now a junior at Charlotte East High School; a son, 14, in junior high school, and a daughter, 7, in elementary school.

Mr. Belk's family will join him here in Waynesville after the close of school this spring.

Haywood ASC Group To Attend State Conference

The Haywood ASC County Committee, Manager A. W. Ferguson, and the ASC office staff will attend the state conference of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation organization at Asheville next week.

Among the speakers will be Dean D. W. Colvard, dean of the School of Agriculture, North Carolina State College, and L. Y. Balentine, state commissioner of agriculture.

Registration of delegates will be held at the George Vanderbilt Hotel from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 3. The first general session will begin in the Asheville City Auditorium at 2 p.m. Tuesday. Wednesdays will be devoted to four committee sessions and a banquet at 7 p.m. The final general session will be held on Thursday morning, with adjournment expected at noon.

LEDBETTER IMPROVING

A. P. Ledbetter was reported today as improving, following an operation at St. Joseph's hospital, Asheville.

Highway Record For 1956 In Haywood (TO DATE)

Killed 1 (1955 — 0)

Injured 28 (1955 — 11)

Accidents 58 (1955 — 40)

Loss . . . \$21,639 (1955 — \$15,079)

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

STANDING before a display of flags from over the world, John L. Stickle, (center) president-elect of Lions International, chatted for a minute prior to the banquet here Thursday with Ernest Edwards, left, president of the local club, and Lawrence Leatherwood, right, district governor. (Mountaineer Photo.)

World Looking To America For Ideals Of Life, Some 350 Lions Told By Leader

"People around the world are hungry for the American way of life," John L. Stickle, Charlotte, president-elect of Lions International, told 350 Lions and guests of Western North Carolina here Thursday night.

Stickle was the speaker at a banquet honoring Lawrence Leatherwood district governor of District 31-A at a banquet at the High School cafeteria.

Leatherwood gave an optimistic progress report covering the first eight months of activities of the district, with Stickle following in a similar optimistic vein as to the international program of the organization.

Stickle, who will be elevated from first vice president to president at the Miami convention in June, told of his visits around the globe, and the particular importance of the continuance of the Crusade for Freedom program.

"It is vital that we continue to send messages of friendship, love and freedom to the five captive nations," he said, as he described watching the balloons carry packages of educational leaflets behind the Iron Curtain.

"In China, India, Europe, and other parts of the globe, I have found people hungry to get information about the American ideals which are designed to create a better way of life," the speaker said.

"Things that are taken for granted here in North Carolina are anxiously sought elsewhere." (Continued to Page 1, Section 2)

Lieut. Governor Candidate Visits Haywood County

Alonzo C. Edwards of Hookerton, candidate for lieutenant governor of North Carolina, visited Haywood County today, accompanied by Oral L. Yates of Iron Duff, former state representative.

Edwards said that he is stressing the "downright necessity of raising the per capita income in North Carolina."

"We stand 43rd among the 48 states in average cash income," Edwards said, "primarily because of the low average income among the one-third of our people who live on the farms. Much of the farm problem will have to be settled in Washington, of course, but I contend that we can do a lot about it here at home. For one thing, we need to build food processing plants throughout the State. Another thing that would help is the promotion of new sources of farm income, such as an increase in our chicken and egg production. And of course we need small industries in our rural areas to provide full-time and part-time jobs for people who have been doing farm work only."

The Melodyaires Quartet from the WNOX Barn Dance in Knoxville will appear on the WTHS stage Friday night under a sponsorship of the Waynesville Kiwanis Club.

Others on the program will be the Scrubb Brothers, Volunteer Quartet, Ray "Duck" Atkins, Red Rector, Fred Smith, and Jimmy Haynie.

Advance-sale tickets will be 25 cents and 75 cents, while admission at the door will be 35 cents and one dollar.

SHOWERS

Date	Max.	Min.	Pr.
March 29	66	45	.70
March 30	60	31	
March 31	60	24	
April 1	71	30	

Continued mild, partly cloudy with showers. Official Waynesville temperature as reported by the State Test Farm:

Road Safety Program Is Formulated

A long-range, comprehensive county-wide safety program was formulated here Friday morning by the 11-member advisory committee of the newly organized Haywood Traffic Safety Council.

The program, in detail, will be formally presented to the directors of the council at an early date, according to C. C. Poindexter, chairman. The board of directors will be made up of representatives from every organization in the county, including all civic groups, garden clubs, patriotic organizations, each school, CDP, fraternal and business groups, Poindexter said.

On the advisory committee is a young man from each of the six high schools in the county, plus Woody Robertson, Canton, Larry Cagle, Clyde, and Cpl. Pritchard Smith, Waynesville, with Ned Tucker, secretary.

Among the proposals is the staging of a rodeo for each of the schools and then having a county contest between school winners. The rodeo would be staged by the Highway Patrol, and would be the same program as that used in training patrolmen.

Another point was an essay writing contest for English classes in all high schools; speaking contest for high school students, also poster contests.

A slogan contest would be open to adults and students, in two different contests, with limitation to 10 words for each slogan.

A driver's code would be made available to all drivers to sign, and special recognition given to each student upon receiving their drivers license.

Encouragement would be given to organize safety clubs in each school, with a continuous safety education program being carried (See Road Safety—Page 2)

Country Music Program Coming To WTHS Friday

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\$55,000 Raised For New Episcopal Church Building

Pledges and cash for the \$75,000 building project of Grace Episcopal church had reached \$55,000 this morning, according to Rev. James Y. Perry, Jr., rector of the church.

Rev. Mr. Perry said those in charge of the campaign predicted the fund would total \$60,000 by this weekend. Of the total, there is \$10,000 in cash, the report showed, and indications point to a cash fund of

Johnnie Ferguson, 38, Killed In Florida Wreck

Johnnie Ferguson, 38, a native of Waynesville, was killed in an automobile wreck last night near Tavares, Fla.

He was driving alone, and the burned car was found in a ditch along the highway. He had crawled away from the wreckage, it was learned from Mrs. Alvin Ames, a sister, also a winter resident of Florida.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete, but will be held in Waynesville, it was announced here this morning.

The deceased was a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ferguson of Main Street, Waynesville.

He was working at a candy factory, and had a new home about half completed.

He is survived by his widow, and four children, Joan, John Emmett, Charles Woodrow and Cary; one sister, Mrs. Ames; two brothers, Bill Ferguson, Asheville, and Bob Ferguson, Knoxville.

Officers Destroy 70-Gallon Still In Hemphill Area

A 70-gallon copper still in the Hemphill section was destroyed by Deputy Sheriff Gene Howell, state Alcoholic Control Board and federal Alcoholic Tax Unit agents from Asheville Friday night.

The officers found seven barrels of whiskey mash on the site of the still.

The operators of the still, however, did not appear while the officers were on the scene.

Carolina Grange Master To Speak At Fines Creek

Harry Caldwell, North Carolina state Grange master, will be the principal speaker at a joint meeting of the Fines Creek and Crabtree Granges at Fines Creek School Wednesday, April 4.

Refreshments will be served starting at 7 p.m. and the meeting will get under way at 7:30.

The meeting is open to the public, and has been announced as "very important" for all farmers.

Miss Ann Coman Crawford, a student at Woman's College at Greensboro is spending her Easter holiday with her aunt, Mrs. William I. Lee. She will return to Greensboro Tuesday.

Paving Of Pisgah Motor Road Provided In Plans

The old Pisgah Motor Road from the end of N. C. 112 to Wagon Road Gap will be paved, Don J. Morriss, supervisor of Pisgah National Forest, said.

Morriss announced plans to pave the present road along with three other projects in Western North Carolina, the total cost of which will be \$1,250,000.

He said bids would be let in Raleigh by the State Highway Department for the Pisgah and other road projects.

Other projects announced include: Reconstruction of N. C. 129 from two miles north of Topton nine miles north to Robbinsville.

Paving the remaining five and three-tenths section of the Nantahala Road west of Franklin across Wayah Gap to Kyle.

Grading of a 15-mile new road from Rosman to the end of a Blue Ridge Parkway section at Beech Gap.

The eight-mile Pisgah stretch will join N. C. 112 with N. C. 276. Cost of the project will be shared equally between Forest Service and State Highway Department.

The Pisgah Motor Road was built by the late George Vanderbilt as part of the road system on his estate. Long popular as a short scenic route, the road in recent years had fallen into disuse and down to bed-rock making it difficult to maintain with gravel.

It connects Pisgah Lodge with (See Paving Road—Page 2)

Building Loan Stockholders Get Dividends

Dividends totaling \$42,000 are being paid stockholders of the Haywood Home Building and Loan Association, it was announced today by L. N. Davis, secretary-treasurer of the 37-year-old organization.

The dividends will be shared by about 1,500 persons, and is the largest semi-annual dividend paid during the organization's history. The dividend period is from last October to April 1, and is figured at the rate of 3 1/2 per cent.

The dividend just prior to the current one amounted to about \$35,000.

March Rainfall Was 4.13 Inches

Rainfall for the month of March totaled 4.13 inches, according to figures reported to The Mountaineer from precipitation at the Mountain Experiment Station.

The heaviest rain during the month fell on March 14, when the downpour totalled 1.18 inches.

In February, the total was 7.81 inches—the wettest February in this area in the past 12 years.

Cherokee Boy Finds Catching Rattlers A Profitable Hobby

By MRS. T. G. HIGHFILL
Menich Catoelster, a smart and enterprising Cherokee boy, is finding his hobby profitable, and the field of competition is not crowded.

Menich catches snakes for sale. He claims his hobby is easy. The young Indian catches rattlesnakes, copperheads, cottonmouth moccasins and some others that are not quite as dangerous to handle.

The secret to catching a snake, says Menich, is "never be afraid of them. As for that, never be afraid of animals."

He feeds his best hunting ground is in and around the rock cliffs of Soco Mountain.

He describes his work as very easy. Pointing out that you just "pin the snake to the ground with a forked stick—putting the stick just back of the head; tie a cord around the snake's neck, and toss your catch into a sack."

"Rattlesnakes always warn you before they strike, by rattling the rattles on their tails. You just look and listen," the snake catcher pointed out. Menich said: "The copperhead

Foard Finds Prospecting Intriguing

By BOB CONWAY

Mention prospecting and the average person around here is likely to think either of an old desert rat and his burro in their endless quest for gold, or else a modern-day Forty-Niner with his Geiger counter searching for uranium.

However, it's not necessary to go out west to hit paydirt; you'll find most of this country's valuable minerals right here in Western North Carolina — a number of them in Haywood County itself.

Just last week it was reported that a rich vein of ore — containing gold, silver, copper, and iron — has been discovered on a 6000-acre tract of land in the Balsam area, owned by Tom Lee of Waynesville. Tests are now being made to determine the size of the vein of ore and its potentialities for mining.

Two other residents of Waynesville who realize the richness of Western North Carolina minerals are Carson C. Foard and Otis Lugar, both members of the Southern Appalachian Mineral Society, the latter being chairman of the organization's trip-planning committee.

Mr. Foard, who has been collecting minerals for only three years, nevertheless has an extensive collection of semi-precious stones and a number of valuable commercial minerals — including those used in the manufacture of both the atomic and hydrogen bomb.

Displaying a part of his collection in his new farm equipment store on Depot St., Mr. Foard pointed out that most of the specimens came from the area of Western North Carolina lying between Avery and Macon counties.

Among his collection is uranium (used in the A-bomb) and three ores from Mitchell, and spodumene (used in the H-bomb) from Cleveland County.

Despite its great value at present (See Foard Finds—Page 2)

213 Dogwood Trees Delivered Here Saturday

A total of 213 dogwood trees were delivered here Saturday to persons who placed orders through the Chamber of Commerce.

Of that number, 133 were pink dogwood, and 80 were white. The trees, bagged in burlap, were distributed to purchasers at the First Baptist Church parking lot.

Specialist Gives Advice On Growing Strawberries

Advice on the production of strawberries was given to 75 Haywood residents last week by H. M. Covington, extension horticulturist from N. C. State College.

The special meeting on growing strawberries was held in conjunction with the distribution of 90,000 strawberry plants to 125 county residents last week. The plants were purchased through the county agent's office for \$7.50 per 1,000

Saunook Girl Is Injured In Collision

Miss Doris Burgess, 21, of Saunook suffered a fractured right leg and lacerations of the head when the car in which she was riding, driven by Mrs. Louise Mace Burleson, 21, of Waynesville, struck the rear end of another car driven by Edwin Theodore Ford, 24, of Sunset Park, Canton, on the Haywood-Buncombe line at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Highway Patrolman V. E. Bryson said that Mrs. Burleson's car, a 1954 Chevrolet, struck Ford's car, a 1949 Ford, when the latter stopped suddenly in the highway without giving a signal.

Miss Burgess was admitted to the Haywood County Hospital. Mrs. Burleson was treated at the hospital for bruises on her right cheek, and then dismissed. Ford was not injured.

Patrolman Bryson charged Ford with failing to give a hand signal and Mrs. Burleson with following too closely.

Damage to Ford's car was estimated at \$300 and to Mrs. Burleson's at \$500.

In another county accident, both drivers were arrested when two cars sideswiped on Highway 19A-23 at Balsam at 8:15 p.m. Friday.

Cpl. Pritchard H. Smith reported that Wayne Eulan Ward, 21, of Sylva, was driving his 1951 Dodge four feet over the center line when it collided on a curve with a 1953 Chevrolet pickup truck, driven by Donald Dean Smith, 19, of Ratcliffe Cove.

Ward was charged with reckless driving and failure to report an accident. Smith also was charged with failure to report an accident and driving without an operator's license.

Damage was estimated at \$200 to the passenger car and at \$60 to the pickup truck.