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TODAY'S SMILE
Customer: "Do you have anything for gray hair?"
Conscientious Druggist: "Nothing, sir, but the greatest respect."

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\$3.50 In Advance In Haywood and Jackson Counties

REA Gets \$600,000 Loan; To Add 450 Members

Economic Travel Survey Planned For Area



Two-State Project Is Scheduled

Members of the North Carolina Park Commission will meet here Wednesday with Mr. Burch, head of the State Highway Survey and Statistics Division, to formulate plans for an economic travel survey of the North Carolina-Tennessee Park area.

Burch is coming through the efforts of Park Commission Chairman William Medford, who requested the cooperation of State Highway Commission Chairman A. H. Graham.

Medford pointed out that this will not be merely a traffic count, but a survey to determine how much travelers spend, where they spend it, how long they remain in the area and where they come from.

"The program," he said, "will be similar to that made of the Grand Canyon area by the State of Colorado and published in booklet form for the benefit of those promoting the development of the area."

Chairman Medford pointed out that such a survey would be of much value to the area, and would give a factual economic picture of the entire Smoky Mountain area.

Plans call for two-state cooperation between North Carolina and Tennessee, and Burch will meet with Tennessee officials Tuesday before coming here.

Death Takes Jarvis Coman Of Junaluska

Jarvis T. Coman, 76, of Lake Junaluska died at 5:30 p.m. yesterday in the Haywood County Hospital following a short illness.

He was the son of the late James and Laura McCracken Coman of Haywood County. His wife, Mrs. Grace Howell Coman, died in 1945.

The funeral service will be conducted in Long's Chapel Methodist Church at Lake Junaluska Tuesday at 3 p.m. The Rev. Don Payne, pastor of the church, will officiate and burial will be in Green Hill Cemetery.

Active pallbearers will be Felix Stovall, Grayden Ferguson, Jack Messer, George Bischoff, Paul Launer, and Millard Gaddis.

Honorary pallbearers will be Hardy Limer, Harry Lee Limer, Sr., Jerry Limer, Grady Yarborough, R. L. Threlkeld, Dr. R. S. Robertson, Ed Potts, Sam Queen, R. L. Cohn, J. C. Patrick, and Claude Medford.

The body will remain at Crawford Funeral Home until the hour of the service.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Newton Cook of Arlington, Va. and Mrs. Charles Ferguson of Philadelphia, Pa.; one son, James Coman of Asheville; one sister, Mrs. Margaret Jones of Texas; and one grandchild.

4-H Contest Winners Are Selected

Members of 4-H Clubs from Hazelwood, Lake Junaluska, Canton, and Pines Creek will represent Haywood County this week in district 4-H talent and public speaking contests at Asheville this Saturday.

At the annual county talent contest at Hazelwood School Thursday night, top winners were Ann Hill of Hazelwood, vocal solo; Jimmy Cunningham of Lake Junaluska, dance; Ann Cathey of the Canton Senior Club, vocal solo; and Lynn Goodson of the Canton Junior Club, piano solo.

Winner of the public speaking contest held Saturday during the April meeting of the 4-H County Council at the REA building was Joretta Clark of Pines Creek, whose subject was: "4-H—A Reality, Not A Dream."

Tied for second place were the other two participants in the speaking contest: Patricia Muse of the Waynesville Junior Club, who spoke on "How 4-H Club Work Contributes To Good Citizenship,"

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Too Early To Predict Apple Damage



SCORES of parents and well-wishers met the WTHS Band Saturday afternoon as they returned from successful participation in the annual State Music Contest. The band was awarded the highest rating—"Superior"—in Grade Six, which is the highest grade music in the contest. The 80 musicians were met at the Haywood-Buncombe line by about 30 cars, and came to Waynesville in a noisy motorcade. (Photo by Ben Sloan for The Mountaineer.)

WTHS Band Gets Rating Of Superior In Grade 6, Annual State Music Contest

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The Waynesville High School Senior Band with its directors, Charles Isley and Robert Campbell, came home victorious from the 35th annual Music Festival held in Greensboro last week. The musicians, playing in Grade 6, most difficult in the contest, won a superior rating to add to their long list of honors.

The band, 80 pieces strong, was one of five bands in the State playing in Grade 6. The other four were from Greensboro, Raleigh, Lenoir, and Cherryville, and all, with the exception of Cherryville, were given superior ratings. Each of the three contest judges gave the Waynesville band the top grade.

This is the sixth time an Isley-Campbell directed WTHS band has played in Grade 6 and the fifth superior rating won in the same grade. It is the first time the Waynesville band has had more than 50 pieces.

If the young musicians and their directors had any doubt as to their place of honor in the community, this doubt should have been dispelled Saturday afternoon when they arrived at the Buncombe-Haywood County line. As the two buses came into view they were greeted with loud blasts from horns of about thirty cars driven by proud parents and citizens.

From the county line on to the high school the buses were escorted by a State Highway patrol car and Waynesville Fire Chief Felix Stovall. As they passed through Waynesville and Hazelwood fire sirens screamed a welcome and crowds gathered along the streets to wave and cheer.

According to Mr. Isley, the students themselves were consumed with excitement Friday night after seeing their rating posted. A number of former WTHS students were on hand to join in the celebration.

Now, with the contest in the past, the band will concentrate on its next big event—a trip to Miami, Fla. in June to play for the Lions International Convention.

The group will be presented in a Costume Concert, sponsored by the Waynesville Lions for the benefit of the trip on Thursday night, May 3, at 8 o'clock.

The Rev. Calvin Theilman, pastor of the Waynesville Presbyterian Church, left Friday for a vacation in Sebring, Fla.

Quality Ham Project Topic Here Tonight

The production and curing of top quality hams by Western North Carolina producers will be the topic tonight of John A. Christian at a meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Art Shepard's Restaurant (formerly Spaldon's).

Mr. Christian is a meat specialist of N. C. State College and comes at the request of Haywood County Agent Virgil Holloway and the Western North Carolina Associated Communities.

Developing a ham specialty for the area is a project of the WNCAC, and members are expected from the entire western part of the state. The meeting is open to the public.

Two Arrested By Town Police In Burglary Cases

The probable solution of five burglary cases has been announced by Waynesville Police Chief O. L. Noland with the arrest Thursday of two 16-year-old boys.

Following a hearing Friday in Police Court, they were bound over to Superior Court, with bond set at \$1,000 each.

Chief Noland said that the boys were arrested after investigation by the Waynesville police of information received. They admitted entering, either separately or together, either separately or together.

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Weatherby And Bowles Honored At FFA Banquet

Honorary memberships in the Future Farmers of America were conferred Superintendent M. H. Bowles and Principal C. E. Weatherby at Friday's banquet of the Waynesville High School chapter of the FFA.

The occasion was the annual Father and Son dinner of the organization held at the school cafeteria.

Mr. Bowles and Mr. Weatherby were presented with certificates and pins in the surprise ceremony.

The program included humorous comment by Gene Wike of Asheville, a talk by Mac Noland and an invocation by the Rev. T. E. Robinson. Others on the program were Jack Farmer, Doug Christopher, Superintendent of Schools Lawrence Leatherwood, John H. Nesbitt and various chapter officers.

Dinner was served by members of the Waynesville High chapter of Future Homemakers of America.

Mrs. W. C. Allen, Jr. Dies In Raleigh

Word has been received here of the death of Mrs. William C. Allen, Jr. which occurred unexpectedly at her home in Raleigh yesterday afternoon. Her husband, formerly of Waynesville, is the son of the late Prof. and Mrs. W. C. Allen.

No further details were available this morning.

Town Of Clyde Installs 3,587 Feet Of Water Line

The installation of 3,587 feet of water line in the Town of Clyde was completed last week, according to J. W. Morgan, town water superintendent.

Mr. Morgan said that the work done included 1,600 feet of six-inch line and 387 feet of four-inch line laid along the old highway, and 1,600 feet of two-inch line laid on the new four-lane highway.

Installation of the new water lines and two six-inch fire hydrants resulted in the improvement of

Scattered Frost Seen For Section

Orchardmen were cautious this morning in their predictions of the extent of damage done the apple crop by continued cold, with a noon weather report predicting scattered frost tonight, with low temperature, 30-34. Earlier varieties already in full bloom, were expected to have been badly injured, with R. H. Boone fearing that they were all ruined.

Z. L. Massey, however, voiced the hope that "if we don't have any more cold weather, we ought to have a fairly good crop."

Agreeing with him was Cosby Frady, who said, "If nothing happens any worse than what's already happened, we'll still have a good crop." He reported quite a bit of damage in the lower part of his orchard, with the upper section all right thus far.

County Agent Virgil Holloway stated that there is apparently some damage but "we hope it is not too extensive. However, it will take several days to ascertain the damage fully."

Other apple growers were not available for comment at noon today.

Temperatures recently have been lower than usual, with a low Saturday night of 21 degrees and low Thursday, Friday and Sunday in the low 30's. Temperatures at the same dates last year ranged from a high of 82 to a low of 43.

Girl, Man Are Hospitalized In Four Weekend Accidents

A 16-year-old girl and a 30-year-old man were hospitalized Saturday night in one of four traffic accidents investigated by the State Highway Patrol and Waynesville police during the weekend.

Donna Sue Sutton, 16, of Canton suffered fractures of the leg, pelvis, and bruises when the 1946 Pontiac in which she was riding overturned down an embankment on the Lake Logan Road at 8 p.m. Saturday.

Patrolman V. E. Bryson reported that the driver of the car, Roy Lee Scott, 18, of Beaverdam, failed to make a long right curve on the highway, causing his vehicle to skid 100 feet along the left shoulder and then turn end over end 47 feet down an embankment near the Robert Gibson residence.

Scott was not hurt, but his car was demolished—with the loss estimated at \$200. He was charged with exceeding a safe speed, and driving on the wrong side of the highway.

Louie Marvin Nichols, about 30, of Plott Creek suffered lacerations of the head at 3 a.m. Sunday when his 1950 Ford struck a pole on Main St. in Waynesville near the M. D. Watkins home.

The pole, which contained both telephone and power lines, was broken in two places, but service was not disrupted.

Nichols was admitted to Haywood County Hospital and dismissed this morning. He was charged with reckless driving and property damage, estimated at between \$75 and \$100. His car was badly damaged.

The State Patrol is still searching for the driver of a 1941 Chevrolet pickup truck, which sideswiped a 1950 Chevrolet, driven by Brenda Brendall and occupied by three other teen-aged Waynesville girls, at 7:55 p.m. Saturday in front of the Barberville Church on the Dellwood Road. The truck also struck a power pole, causing electric power to be off far more than an hour.

Patrolman Harold Dayton said that the driver of the truck jumped and ran after the accident and is still being sought. Damages were put at \$75 to the truck and at \$150 to the passenger car.

The wreck is still being investigated. (See Accidents—Page 8)

Shuford Announces Loan Grant

Work is expected to begin as soon as contracts can be let on a \$600,000 expansion program of the Haywood Electric Membership Corporation, it was announced today by R. C. Sheffield, manager. Granting of the \$600,000 loan to the organization by the REA was announced simultaneously by Sen. Sam J. Ervin and Representative George A. Shuford.

The grant will enable the HEMC to connect up 450 new members, as well as to improve service to 270 who are already members.

In Haywood County alone, plans call for addition of 12.3 miles of 66,000-volt transmission lines, one 66,000-volt substation of 1500 kilowatt capacity at Jonathan Creek and another at Bethel.

Conversion of 32 miles of single-phase to 3-phase lines in Haywood and Buncombe counties will bring increased capacity for the 270 old members. In addition, there will be a 12,470-volt regulating station at Candler.

Eight miles of transmission line and the Jonathan Creek substation will be put in this year, with the other 4.3 miles and the Bethel substation planned for next year.

A total of 65 miles of new line will be necessary to serve the 450 prospective members throughout the area, which includes parts of Haywood, Buncombe, Jackson, Macon and Transylvania counties, Rabun County, Ga., and Oconee County, S. C.

Included in this year's projects are 32 miles of system-wide improvements and the regulating station at Candler. The 450 new connections are expected to take place over a two-year period to include newly constructed buildings.

Roy Medford, president of the cooperative, pointed out that the program will represent almost a 10 per cent expansion of service. Membership is now 4780, served by 910 miles of lines. The grant will make it possible to serve 5230 members via 987 miles of lines.



R. C. SHEFFIELD
HEMC General Manager



ROY MEDFORD
HEMC President

Leaders Will Discuss Road Beautification

Haywood County leaders and representatives of the State Highway Department will meet in the courthouse at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday to discuss plans for beautifying the roadbanks and roadsides of the county.

Stated for primary attention at the meeting, called by the county's Soil Conservation District supervisors, will be bare, eroded roadbanks, which are under fire from the SCS as "unsightly" and responsible for a large part of the silt carried into streams during heavy rains.

The Soil Conservation District seeks to plant suitable grasses and legumes on open roadbanks, and encourage planting of flowers, shrubs, and other growth to improve the appearance of the county's highways.

Roy R. Beck, unit soil conservationist in Haywood County, said the state has informed the SCS here that the Highway Department does not have enough funds to furnish stock for seeding roadbanks, but will, in some instances, cooperate with organizations in promotion of "sample miles" to demonstrate what can be accomplished in the way of roadside beautification.

In "sample miles", Mr. Beck explained, not only are road banks and shoulders improved, but also all land within sight of the highway—to include the removal—when possible—of unsightly structures and signs.

Van C. Wells, chairman of the Haywood Soil Conservation District, has written to organization leaders in the county: "I urge you to look closely at eroded, unsightly highway banks in your neighborhood... then meet with us Tuesday afternoon, full of ideas and enthusiasm for solving their problem."

Leading the Highway Department group here will be F. H. Brant, state highway landscape engineer and member of the national Research Council's committee on roadside development. He will be accompanied by D. R. McMichael of the Winston-Salem highway office; C. W. Lee, 14th Division highway engineer, and H. (See Beautification—Page 8)

AAA Travel Experts Plan Visit To Area

Approximately 50 American Automobile Association travel consultants from all parts of the United States will visit Mile High on May 2 during a week's tour of the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Great Smoky Mountains.

Following a tour of the Vanderbilt Mansion, they are expected to arrive at Mile High at 11:40 a.m. and to leave at 12:05 p.m. in time for lunch at Sunset Farms near Cherokee.

The tour is being conducted to give the AAA travel experts first-hand knowledge of the many attractions, travel conditions and accommodations, under the sponsorship of the Carolina Motor Club and the East Tennessee Automobile Club. The trip begins and ends in Knoxville.

Registration books To Open April 28 For May Primary

John Carver, chairman of the Haywood County Board of Elections, announced this morning that registration books for the May 26 primaries will open Saturday, April 28 and will close May 12.

Persons who have not previously registered for county elections will have to register to be able to vote in the coming primaries.

Registrars will be on duty in each precinct each Saturday from 9 p.m. until sunset. Any person unable to register on Saturday may contact his precinct registrar at home during the week.

Challenge day will be May 19.

Delegates Leave For Methodist Conference

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Massie left Sunday for Minneapolis, Minn., to attend the general quadrennial conference of the Methodist Church. Mr. Massie is one of twelve lay delegates elected from the Western North Carolina Conference to attend the general meeting.

The Massies went by car accompanied by Dr. Lee Tuttle of Charlotte, ministerial delegate, and Mrs. Tuttle.

The Rev. J. W. Fowler of Lake Junaluska also left Sunday afternoon to attend the conference. He went by car with the Rev. Frank Jordan, the Rev. J. W. Huneycutt, and the Rev. Ed Bailey all of the Charlotte District.

The Weather
COOLER

Windy and cool today, turning colder tonight with scattered frost and a low of 30 to 34.

Official Waynesville temperature as reported by the State Test Farm:

Date	Max.	Min.	Pr.
Apr. 19	58	33	
Apr. 20	55	33	
Apr. 21	65	21	
Apr. 22	64	24	

Highway Record For 1956 In Haywood (TO DATE)
Killed 1 (1955 - 0)
Injured 28 (1955 - 15)
Accidents... 64 (1955 - 45)
Loss ... \$23,134 (1955 - \$17,954)
(This information compiled from records of State Highway Patrol.)