

\$50,000 Will Be Sought For Recreation Center

Civil Court Term Ended Wednesday

The May Term of Superior Court adjourned Wednesday with about three-fourths of the trial docket disposed of. Judge J. Will Pless of Marion was presiding judge.

Divorces were granted in the following cases: Hobert Gibson vs. Mabel Gibson, Beulah C. Paxton vs. Wallace Paxton, Effie C. Ledford vs. Riley Ledford, Sue C. Bryson vs. Grady Bryson, Fagg T. Sawyer vs. Georgia B. Sawyer.

In other cases judgments were entered as follows: Beulah Shelton by next friend James Shelton vs. Patton Ledford and Mable Ledford—plaintiff awarded \$2250.

James Shelton vs. Patton Ledford and Mable Ledford—plaintiff awarded \$200.

Elizabeth Shelton vs. Patton Ledford and Mable Ledford—plaintiff awarded \$850.

R. N. Barber, Jr., J. E. Massie, T. G. Massie, F. E. Massie, C. J. Reece and A. T. Ward vs. N. C. State Highway and Public Works Commission—remanded to Clerk of Superior Court.

Francis Crowder, administratrix of Bobby Jean Crowder, deceased, vs. Dewey Forrest Bryson and Fred Rhodes, Jr. (two cases)—plaintiff awarded \$1500 from each defendant.

Eula Jo Stamey by next friend Clifford Stamey vs. DeRoy Ford and wife Dorothy Smith Ford—plaintiff awarded \$750.

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Special Health Conference Set Tuesday Morning

A special health conference, sponsored by the Haywood County Health Department in cooperation with the County Medical Society, the State Board of Health and Home Demonstration Clubs of the county, will be held at the County Health Center Tuesday, beginning at 9 a.m.

Representatives of the State Board of Health and the County Medical Society are expected to attend, and discuss with health leaders of the various Home Demonstration Clubs, plans for conducting health surveys in the fight against tuberculosis.

Volunteer workers from these organizations have been assisting in the chest X-ray program in the county, and they will be called upon when the units are again set up.

Challenge Day For Registration Set Saturday

All registrars of Haywood County's 29 precincts will be at their posts Saturday for Challenge Day. It is on this day that any voter may challenge the registration of any other person. Challenge Day hours will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., according to John M. Carver, chairman of the Board of Elections.

The Democratic primary will be held on Saturday, May 26.

TVA Group Will Visit Jule Boyd Farm Tuesday

Agricultural experts from 20 states will tour TVA demonstration farms and projects in Western North Carolina Monday and Tuesday — including a trip to the Jule Boyd beef cattle farm at Jonathan Creek.

W. M. Landess of the TVA's division of agricultural relations announced yesterday that 100 land-grant college administrators, county agents, and TVA specialists also will visit the Parker Branch watershed project near Asheville, the Louis Roper dairy farm in Henderson County, the Dillard Stiles dairy farm in Cherokee County, and the Holly Springs community in Macon County.

The North Carolina portion of the tour begins officially Monday at 8:30 a.m. in the George Vanderbilt assembly room, Asheville.

There, Dr. L. G. Allbaugh, director of agricultural relations, TVA, will describe the TVA agricultural activities; W. B. Collins, district agent for the State College Agricultural Extension Service, will speak on "The Influence of Test-Demonstration on North Carolina Agriculture"; and Dr. A. J. Coutt, State College agricultural economist, will discuss the Parker Branch project.

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The Weather



Fair and a little warmer today. Friday partly cloudy and warmer.

Date	Max.	Min.	Pr.
May 14	84	58	...
" 15	83	56	...
May 16	77	52	...



AN EYESORE is this wrecked car, which has set for an unknown length of time in a field just a half block off Main St. in Waynesville's business section. The current cleanup drive is the first step in a permanent beautification program here. (Mountaineer Photo). (See other picture and story—Page 6).

Maggie Leaders To Elect Board

Business and civic leaders of Maggie Valley will meet at the school Tuesday, May 22, at 8 p.m. to elect a board of directors for the new Maggie Valley Chamber of Commerce.

A group of citizens of the valley met last Tuesday night and discussed the general program for the new organization, the budget and the organizational set-up.

The board of directors to be elected will represent the various interests of the valley, a spokesman said this morning. The board will elect a president, vice president and secretary-treasurer soon after the meeting Tuesday night.

Carl Henry is the temporary president; Hoxie Griswald is vice president and Ross Caldwell, treasurer. An office has been established in the building next to the Platt Grill.

April Employment In Area Shows A Marked Increase

Construction Of New Water Line To Lake Finished

The construction of a 6-inch water line out Dellwood Road to Lake Junaluska and into the Assembly grounds has been completed.

This gives Lake Junaluska two water mains from Waynesville and assures a constant water supply in the case of a break in either main. The new line also provides more water pressure to the Assembly grounds.

The project cost over \$12,000 and was paid for by the Town, the Assembly and property owners on the Dellwood Road between Waynesville and the Lake.

County Population Numbers 1 In 16 Over 65 Years Old

One person in about sixteen in Haywood County is 65 years old or over, according to a recent University of North Carolina News Letter. The exact figure is 6.1 per cent, based on the 1950 census.

In this Haywood stands in about the same bracket as its neighboring counties. Jackson County's proportion is an even 7 per cent; Buncombe's, 7.1; Henderson averages a little older with 8.6 per cent at least 65; and Transylvania has a larger percentage of younger people, with an over-65 percentage of 5.7.

The survey points out that with such forces as better medical care, public health measures and better nutrition, more people are living to riper years. On an average, it states, one fifth of all the men who now reach 65 years of age will live to be 85 years of age; one half of the 65-year-old women will reach 80 and one fifth will reach 88 years.

A sharp gain in employment in the Waynesville area during the month of April was reported Tuesday by Miss Debrayda Fisher, manager of the local office of the Employment Security Commission.

At the same time, however, Miss Fisher said, claims for unemployment compensation last month were double those of several months previous.

The ESC office manager said that 72 persons were employed in this area during April alone, in contrast to the first three months when "very little" hiring was done.

She explained that some hiring is now being done in rubber goods and textile plants, and added that the former particularly needs young women of the approximate height and weight of 5-5 and 125.

Miss Fisher said that 119 persons were referred to job openings, and 60 were given various aptitude and proficiency tests.

She reported that the Waynesville ESC office processed 224 new claims for unemployment compensation and had 897 weekly claims during the month.

Miss Fisher disclosed that her office now has 460 job applications in the "current" file. She pointed out, however, that this figure does (See Employment—Page 3)

898 Polio Shots Given In 2½ Days

A total of 898 polio shots were given to Haywood County students during the first two and a half days of inoculation clinics conducted this week by the Health Department and the Medical Society.

The final figure is expected to approach the 1,500 mark since four schedules were still to be held as the first report was made — today at Bethel school; at 9 a.m., Friday (See Polio—Page 3)

Various Groups Studying Plans For Recreational Program This Summer

State Head Comes Here For Meeting

Further study of a recreation center was made at a series of meetings this week, with several groups now at work on various phases of study and research for the proposed program.

Highlighting the study program was the conference here with Ralph Andrews, chairman of the State Recreation Commission, who came here and consulted with a group on a general program. Chairman Andrews was warm in his praise of the 17-acre site which was acquired last week. The new survey by a civil engineer revealed the site had 17 acres, although it was previously announced as being about 16 acres.

"I see real good potentials for developing the site into a very fine recreational center, and you have an excellent proposed program under study," Chairman Andrews said.

From a map of the site, Mr. Andrews pointed out the best places for the proposed pool, recreational building, parking lots, and other features of a modern recreational center.

The recreational building should be on the edge of the site, he said, and suggested a multi-purpose concrete area for skating, tennis and other net games. He said the concrete platform could be poured and utilized now and used as the floor of the recreational building later.

He suggested the lot be near the entrance, and protected from the heavy flow of traffic. All parking would be close to facilities. He said 200 cars could be parked on (See Recreation—Page 3)

'Rodeo' Set At WTHS, Bethel High

"Rodeo" driving contests for Haywood County high school students were scheduled today and Friday at Waynesville and Bethel, respectively.

The rodeo at Waynesville Township High School today will be for students of Waynesville, Crabtree-Iron Duff, and Fines Creek high schools. The time for the contest here had not yet been set at the noon news deadline today.

Friday at 1 p.m. on the paved area in front of the Bethel gymnasium, students from Bethel, Canton, and Clyde will compete in the contest designed to test skill and reaction times of drivers.

Contestants in the two rodeo events must have driver's licenses and must furnish their own vehicles.

Winners of the two contests at Waynesville and Bethel will meet later to determine county champions.

The rodeos are conducted by the State Highway Patrol under sponsorship of the Haywood County Traffic Safety Council, according to C. C. Poindexter of Bethel, chairman.

Winter Hurries Back After 5-Day Summer

Thermometers are jumping off the wall lately in an attempt to keep up with the temperature changes around here. As far as summer is concerned, it looks sadly like the Red Queen's jam in "Alice in Wonderland," "jam yesterday and jam tomorrow" (and naturally no jam today).

After what was described in polite language as a "late spring," the weatherman last weekend took a notion to plunge everybody into midsummer. High temperatures Friday through Tuesday were 84 and 85—but this morning the thermometer was



MAP OF HORSE SHOW SITE is studied by the executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce and Ralph Andrews, chairman of the State Recreation Commission. Chairman Andrews said the site was well suited for a fine recreational center.

No Ramp Meet This Year— Next Year, Maybe

This year's ramps will have to remain unstarted, apparently, as far as the annual Ramp Convention is concerned. Convention officials have been unable to find a sponsor and a location for the event, which had been tentatively scheduled for Sunday.

Plans are already being made to make the 1957 convention the "biggest of all time," according to Bill Palmer, long-time advocate of bigger and better ramp conventions. He states that letters have been received from all over the country inquiring when the convention was to be held or regretting that this, the 28th meeting, had to be canceled.

Orchardmen Plan Meeting Here Tuesday

The first organizational meeting of the reorganized Haywood County Apple Producers Association will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the East Waynesville School cafeteria, according to H. J. Singletary, association president.

Mr. Singletary announced: "At this meeting we will approve our by-laws, and plan the year's advertising and promotional work. Since we had no crop last year, apples from other areas are coming into this—and to compete with this, we must do a lot of advertising."

Mr. Singletary invited all persons interested in the county's apple industry to attend the meeting Tuesday.

Lake Official Sees Need For Recreation Center; Lake Policies Explained

Commencement Program At WTHS Is Announced

Graduation exercises at Waynesville Township High School will be held May 26-28, according to Carleton E. Weatherly, school principal.

The Rev. Calvin Thielman, pastor of the Waynesville Presbyterian Church, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon in the school auditorium, Sunday night, May 27.

Presentation of diplomas and class orations will be on the program for Monday night, May 28. Junior high school commencement and presentation of certificates will be held Tuesday morning, May 29.

The high school seniors will hold their annual banquet at Mount Valley Inn, Saturday night, May 26.

Two Street Jobs Near Completion

Workmen are expected to complete the widening of Montgomery Street from Church to Miller within a week or ten days, according to G. C. Ferguson, town manager.

This is one of two street-widening projects now under construction. Work began several weeks ago on widening Church Street from Montgomery to Haywood—194 feet long—by building a rock wall 8 feet high. Work on the 20-foot fill-in will begin immediately, Ferguson added.

Six Highway Projects In Haywood Finished In April

Six highway projects were completed in Haywood during April, according to a report of the State Highway Commission, Commissioner Harry E. Buchanan of Hendersonville listed the six Haywood projects as follows:

The following county roads and their lengths, varying in width from 12 to 16 feet, were strengthened with additional stone: Martin Creek Road, 0.1 mile; Messer Road, 0.2 mile; Medford Farm Road, 0.2 mile; Beech Gap Road, 0.4 mile; Wilkens Creek Road, 0.3 mile; and Hemphill Road, 0.3 mile. With division headquarters in

J. W. Fowler, Jr., superintendent of Lake Junaluska, this morning was warm in his praise of the steps taken here for a proposed recreation center. At the same time, Supt. Fowler set out the policies under which the Lake pool will operate.

The pool at the Lake has steadily grown in popularity, and with increasing attendance at the Lake, the point was made that at times the Lake pool might not have the capacity to accommodate those other than registered guests at the Lake.

Supt. Fowler's formal statement this morning was as follows: "Lake Junaluska Assembly wishes to congratulate the citizens of this community upon their splendid plans for the early establishment of adequate recreational facilities.

"It is apparent that there is a great need for additional playground and swimming pool equipment in this area.

"The Assembly is the private property of the Southeastern Jur-

(See Lake Junaluska—Page 3)

Kerley Recuperating From Fall Aboard Ship

Harry F. Kerley, son of Mrs. Edna Kerley of Dolan Road, Waynesville, has been taken off the critical list and is reported improving from an injury suffered from aboard the Navy ship, U.S.S. Grand Canyon.

Kerley, a graduate of St. John's High School, fell from one deck to another while unloading supplies aboard ship. When first injured, he was visited for several days by his brother, Warrant Officer William G. Kerley.

Kerley is now recuperating at the naval hospital at Newport, R. I.

Committee Sets Week Of June 11 For Drive

A six-man committee today completed plans for a week's campaign here to sell \$50,000 in stock for the proposed Recreation Center.

Jonathan Woody, chairman, announced five co-chairmen for the campaign which will be the week of June 11. The co-chairmen are: Harry Whisenand, Charlie Woodard, Richard Barber, John Hildenbiddle, and Elmer Hendrix.

Plans were also made for establishing headquarters for the campaign in the J. E. Massie building, next to the Park Theatre, where a corps of volunteer workers will work.

Woody said about 240 workers would be enlisted in the community-wide drive, and that all six men on the committee have agreed to devote their entire time for the campaign week in selling shares of stock at \$10 each for the Recreation Center. The first \$18,000 will be used for the paying for the land, Woody said, and then a modern swimming pool.

Another committee is at work on construction details of the pool.

Woody said every family in the area will be contacted and offered an opportunity to buy stock in the Recreation Development Corporation. One phase of the program completed this morning was in addition to making all sales during the week of June 11, that the shares would be paid for by August first.

"Everywhere we go we find much enthusiasm on the program, and we are confident that the public will respond readily in the purchase of shares when the campaign opens June 11," Woody continued.

Joe Davis has been named treasurer for the commission, and work is going forward of getting corporation papers.

Car Started By Girl, 5½, Strikes Pole

While her mother started for a store to get her a nickel pack of chewing gum, a 5½-year-old Clyde girl started the family car and caused it to crash against a telephone pole, resulting in damage in excess of \$300.

Mrs. S. L. Rogers said she left her daughter, Belinda, sitting in the front seat of their 1954 Buick to get some chewing gum for the little girl, about 3:15 p.m. Tuesday.

Although the key was taken out, the car was left in reverse gear and could be started by stepping on the starter on the floorboard. When the girl started the car into motion, it shot backward across Main St. and crashed into a telephone pole near the Larry Cagle residence. The vehicle had been parked on Depot St. near the Haywood County Bank.

Mrs. Rogers said that when the car started moving, Belinda lay down in the seat and thus saved herself from possible injury.

Damaged in the accident were the car's windshield, fender, and tie rods.

Mr. and Mrs. Willoughby Cox of Florida, summer residents of Waynesville, are spending this month at the Country Club.

Highway Record For 1956 In Haywood (TO DATE)

Killed	1
(1955 — 1)	
Injured	35
(1955 — 30)	
Accidents	81
(1955 — 65)	
Loss	\$27,869
(1955 — \$26,129)	

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