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TODAY'S SMILE

Hard work is an accumulation of easy things you didn't do when you should have done them.

## Flash Flood Heavily Damages Cove Creek Area

### Waynesville Keeps \$1.40 Tax Rate As Record High Budget Is Adopted By Town Officials

#### New Budget Is Set For \$469,000

The tax rate for Waynesville will remain at \$1.40 per \$100 valuation, just as it has since 1943, although the budget is the largest in the history of the town. The budget is just \$31,000 under a half million dollars, and is \$26,936 more than last year.

The budget calls for \$81,825 to be raised by taxes, and the remainder of the \$469,136 budget through other sources—water and lights—or \$391,241 from sources other than taxes.

The general fund, including capital outlay, calls for \$190,463 with \$65,841 allocated for streets, \$120,867 for lights and \$42,795 for water, and \$49,170 for debt service.

Of the debt service needs, a sum of \$17,710 will come from funds not derived from taxes, the budget break-down shows.

The valuation of the town is set at \$5,800,000, which is up about \$150,000 over last year. The budget also estimates that the town will receive \$624 from poll taxes.

The records show that the present rate of \$1.40 became effective in 1943 and has not changed since that time, although the budget has more than doubled in the same period, as expenses increased.

Mayor J. H. Way said he was proud of the report, and in comparison with many other towns, said: "Our finances are far better than any town I know of, either in this state or elsewhere."

G. C. Ferguson, town manager, said that when it was found that the current budget would be about \$27,000 above last year, that it first appeared that the tax rate might have to be increased, but by careful economizing, it was discovered the rate of 13 years could be maintained.

#### Miss Cornwell Attends Meeting In Washington

Home Demonstration Agent Mary Cornwell returned here Saturday after a week in Washington, D. C., attending the national meeting of the American Home Economics Association.

Miss Cornwell attended the meeting as a delegate in her official capacity as president of the North Carolina Home Agents Association.

At the meeting in the national capital were more than 5,000 home agents, home economics teachers, and home economists—including 200 from North Carolina.

#### Man Drowns Swimming With Son On Shoulders

Hilliard E. Moody, 41, drowned Sunday afternoon while swimming across Pigeon River with his 12-year-old son on his shoulders. The son was rescued.

Coroner J. Frank Pate said he empaneled a jury which returned a verdict that Moody's death was

the result of "accidental drowning."

Dr. Pate said the drowning took place at an old swimming hole four miles from Canton and near the Osborne Farm Bridge. He said it was the fourth drowning at the same spot which he had attended in an official capacity in the last 15 years. The coroner added that swimming was prohibited at the spot because this portion of the river provides Canton's water supply.

Dr. Pate said Cecil Cogburn, a first cousin of Moody, told him Moody had swum across the river several times when his son, Larry, asked to be taken across on his shoulders. It was while swimming with the boy that Moody disappeared. The boy called for help and was rescued by Lewis Dotson of Hazelwood and others. It was Dotson who recovered Moody's body at 3 p.m., an hour after the man had disappeared. The coroner said the body was pinned by the current at the bottom.

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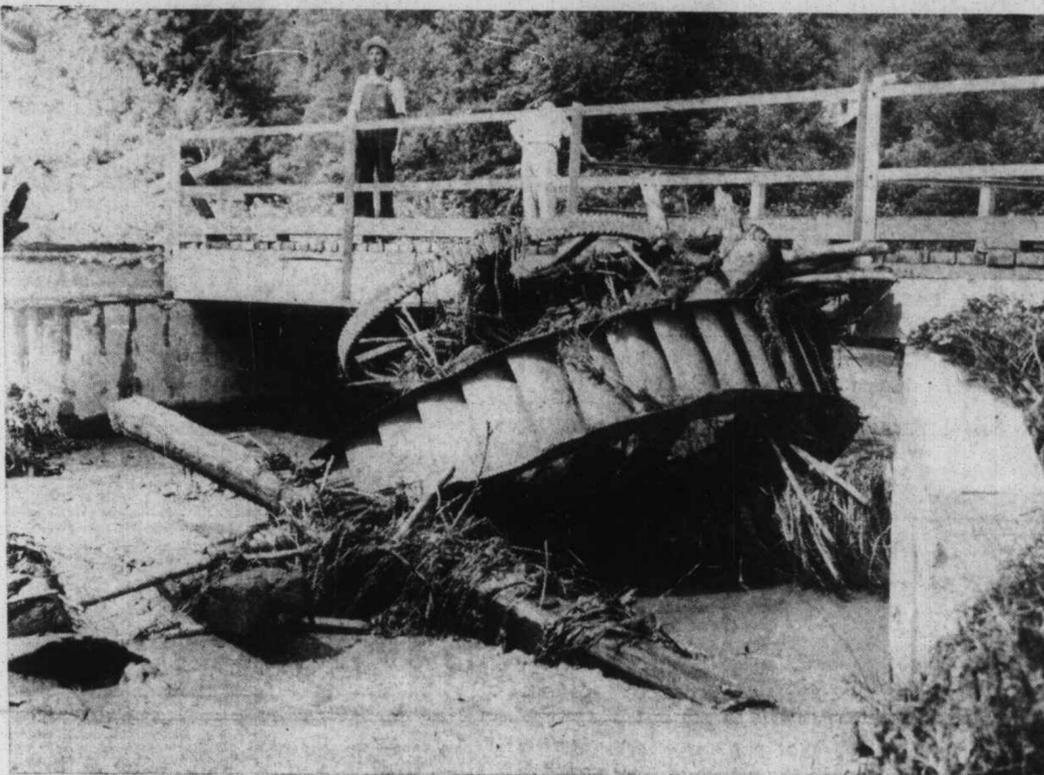
#### The Weather



Partly cloudy and hot Monday and Tuesday with widely scattered afternoon and evening thundershowers.

Official Waynesville temperature as reported by the State Test Farm:

Date	Max.	Min.	P.r.
June 28	84	51	
June 29	85	55	.33
June 30	83	57	.89
July 1	84	59	.08



THE FLASH FLOOD on Cove Creek Saturday pushed the White Oak bridge across Cove Creek six feet off the foundation (note arrow). The steel waterwheel from the nearby Cove Creek mill

was torn away and lodged against the bridge. The water at the bridge was eight feet above normal.

(Mountaineer Photo by Bob Winchester)

### Varied Program Planned For Section July Fourth

#### Lake Junaluska Plans Number Of Events Wednesday

By CLIFTON B. METCALF

July 4th promises to be an eventful day at Lake Junaluska with a sermon, field events, swimming contests, concert, and a fireworks display all on the program.

Dr. Conway Boatman, president of Union College, Barbourville, Kentucky, will conclude a series of four addresses as platform speaker in the main auditorium when he speaks at 11 a.m. "Blunders in American Policies in the Middle East and Resulting Threats to World Peace" will be his topic. He is a former educational missionary to India and spent four months traveling in Europe and

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#### Chamber Urges Listing Of Rooms For This Weekend

Because of the anticipated capacity crowd of tourists in the Waynesville area over the Fourth of July weekend, persons with rooms to rent in their homes are asked to list them with the Chamber of Commerce.

During holidays, regular tourist accommodations in this area are usually filled up, and many travelers have to be put up in private homes temporarily.

Ned Tucker, executive vice president of the Chamber of Commerce, said that tourist travel in the vicinity during the first part of the vacation season has been "far ahead" of the similar period last year.

#### Boosters Club Has Big, Varied Program All Set

The Fourth of July on Wednesday will be observed as a general holiday in the Waynesville area with industrial plants, stores, and offices scheduled to be closed all day.

The closing involves town, county, state, and federal offices; banks, postoffices, the Haywood County public library.

As has been the custom for the past several years, the Fourth of July celebration in the Waynesville area will center around Hazelwood and Lake Junaluska where full programs of activities have been scheduled. One event, however, has

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#### Highlights Of Flood

By W. C. MEDFORD

Marion Messer, after the flood subsided, found a large, addled copperhead snake on a sand drift. It could have been washed from the mountains. Needless to say, Marion finished off the snake.

The Highway Department was on the job cleaning up shortly after the flood and by Sunday afternoon cars were able to travel nearly to the head of the creek. Bobby Davis with the big scrape worked unceasingly.

Perhaps 600 to 700 people visited the scene of the flood, with the cars so thick on Sunday afternoon that traffic jams occurred in several places.

Norman Hannah, operator of the Cove Creek mill, said he didn't much fear the mill would be taken away because he thought it was too strongly built. He has his liv-

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#### Buildings, Crops, Roads Are Damaged

By W. C. MEDFORD

What is described as one of the worst flash floods ever to hit Haywood County swept down Cove Creek valley Saturday afternoon, taking no lives but causing thousands of dollars in damages to homes and other buildings, roads, bridges, gardens and crops.

A cloudburst struck about 3 o'clock on Big Laurel Branch at the head of Cove Creek. Within 45 minutes it had swept away trees, two bridges, a rock wall, a barn, a garage and a large part of the old grist mill, as well as carrying down corn, tobacco and other crops and tons of valuable topsoil.

Forced to spend Saturday night with friends were Mrs. Arzilla Chambers and her three children, as muddy flood waters washed over a foot deep into her rooms. She was able to start cleaning the house Sunday morning.

The deluge started in the deep Big Laurel Cove, not far from the home of Pearson Sutton. It picked up Sutton's garage and part of a barn, forcing the family to flee from the home. The dwelling, however, was not harmed.

The water wheel of the old Cove Creek grist mill was torn away, together with the drive wheel, shaft, cogs and most of the race. The wreckage washed against the highway bridge just below, tearing the latter some 6 to 8 feet off its abutments.

Mrs. Chambers, a widow, saw her garden entirely washed away. She said that the flood waters came 10 feet up on the lower side of her house. She hurried her children to safety and returned to the house to try to save some of her possessions. A neighbor, Norman Hannah, heard her screams and arrived in time to help her as she waded out.

Marion Messer saw an acre of his bottom land washed away, down to the rocky base. He lost corn and tobacco. He stated that he "never saw such a sight. It was 4

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#### Waynesville To Receive AAA Safety Award

Waynesville will receive another award this month from the American Automobile Association for going through 1955 without a pedestrian fatality, Chief of Police Orville Noland announced today.

Waynesville will be one of 15 North Carolina towns to receive the AAA awards made to municipalities with records of three or more years without a pedestrian death.

Chief Noland said that Waynesville ranks fourth in the entire state with a safety record of six years, Chapel Hill is first with a 14-year record, Morehead City is second with a 13-year record, and Thomasville is third with a nine-year mark.



RICHARD BRADLEY



C. G. THOMPSON

### Bradley Heads Recreation Commission; Thompson To Take Over C. of C. Reins

#### United Fund Mails Funds To Agencies

Checks totaling \$7,350 will be distributed today by J. B. Siler, treasurer of the United Fund here to 13 agencies participating in the fund.

Checks for \$19,845 were mailed out earlier this year to the 13 agencies making a total of \$27,195 allocated out of the budget which called for \$28,241 to the 13 participants.

The first figure shows the amount of the new checks, while the figures in the brackets show the amount of the checks mailed earlier.

- Boy Scouts \$672 (\$1,683)
- Girl Scouts \$672 (\$1,683)
- Orthopedic Hospital, Polio, \$2,197 (\$5,500)
- Red Cross \$1,359 (\$3,620)
- Clothes Closet \$41 (\$103)
- WTHS Band \$328 (\$2,077)
- Waynesville Lions cheer fund \$713 (\$1,786)
- Cripple Children \$206 (\$515)
- Women's Club Christmas Tree fund \$41 (\$103)
- Cerebral Palsy \$274 (\$687)
- Hazelwood Lions cheer fund \$206 (\$515)
- Carolinas United \$487 (\$1,219)
- Physically Handicapped \$150 (\$350)

The above distributions, according to the audit of Frank P. Riggs, represents 96 per cent of the budget has been paid the participating agencies of the United Fund here.

#### Johnson Heads Rotary Club Here

John N. Johnson assumed the presidency of the 60-member Waynesville Rotary Club Friday, as the gavel was turned over by James Kilpatrick, retiring president who will serve as vice president for

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Richard Bradley was named president of the Waynesville Recreation Development Commission as the seven-member board of directors elected officers for the year.

Mrs. Harry Whisenhunt was elected vice-president; Mrs. Howard Liner, secretary, and Euel Taylor, treasurer.

The other directors include: John Carver, Ned Tucker, Charlie Woodard, Mrs. William Prevost and W. I. Dooley.

Mrs. Whisenhunt, Bradley and Tucker were named in the charter to serve one-year terms; Woodard, Mrs. Liner and Dooley, 2-year terms, and Taylor, Carver and Mrs. Prevost for three years.

The board decided to have an advisory committee, composed of representatives of civic groups, town officials, schools and others, as a general planning board for the recreation program.

Bradley announced he will tender his resignation as president of the Chamber of Commerce at the July 10th meeting of the board of directors. At that time C. G. Thompson, president of the Smoky Mountain Fertilizer Company, will assume the post of president of the civic group.

Both men said today they would have formal statements to make on July 10th relative to their new offices.

Bradley has served as president of the Chamber of Commerce since January 1955.

#### Haywood County Sales Taxes Up In May \$5,416

Sales tax collections in Haywood County during May of this year exceeded the total for May, 1955 by \$5,416, according to figures reported in "The Retailer," published by the North Carolina Merchants Association.

Collections for May, 1956 were placed at \$41,846, in contrast to \$36,430.69.

Sales tax receipts in the county were even higher in April—\$42,604.36.

#### TB Survey Ends; Total Falls Below '55 Figure

The 1956 chest X-ray survey ended in Haywood County Saturday with the final total of those examined at 9,917—just 11 under last year's figure of 9,928.

During the survey which extended through the month of June, the unit at Waynesville and Hazelwood made 5,087 X-rays and the one at Canton and Clyde made 4,830.

The survey opened in the county this year when one unit spent two days at Clyde and another three days at Hazelwood. One unit then moved to the courthouse parking lot in Waynesville and the other to the Canton postoffice.

The actual cost of operations of the two mobile X-ray units has been financed by the State Board of Health, but TB committees in Canton, Waynesville, and Clyde have paid the cost of clerical help, and for postage to notify county residents of the results of their X-rays.

Haywood County Home Demonstration Clubs also have lent their assistance by providing volunteer workers at the sites of the mobile

units to urge the public to have X-rays made.

Highway Record For 1956 In Haywood (TO DATE)

Killed . . . . . 2  
(1955 — 1)  
Injured . . . . . 42  
(1955 — 37)  
Accidents . . . . . 98  
(1955 — 76)  
Loss . . . \$31,996  
(1955 — \$30,479)

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



MRS. M. L. SADLER has been named president of the Maggie Valley Chamber of Commerce, with H. C. Griswold, left, vice president, and Tom Campbell, right, treasurer. Mrs. Leta Smathers is secretary and office manager. The board of directors

includes the officers and Ross Caldwell, Norville Rogers, Claude Medford, Tom Rhinehart, Carl Henry, Harry Stewart and Sam McCrary. The officers and board were named for one year.

(Mountaineer Photo)