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TODAY'S SMILE

Try to be content. Is a horse unhappy because he's not a historian, or a flounder because he can't finger a flute?

## Pigeon River Project Gets Big Financial Boost

### Pisgah Recreation Area Started At Sunburst \$2,200,000 Allocated By Graham



TOWERING TOBACCO for this time of year is this crop of Burley 21 on the land of C. H. Rhinehart in Jones Cove, grown by Mr. Rhinehart (right) and his son-in-law, Ben Mears (left). In some portions of the .75 of an acre, the leaves stand more than six feet high. Mr. Rhinehart said he has not had to spray his Burley 21 at all this year, whereas he had to spray a crop of Burley 16 several times last year. Three hundred pounds of ammonium nitrate and 1,000 pounds of fertilizer have been used on the field. (Mountaineer Photo).

#### Site Is Near Entrance To Sherwood

Work began today on a new recreation area on the West Fork of the Pigeon River in Pisgah National Forest, Ranger Ted Seely announced this morning.

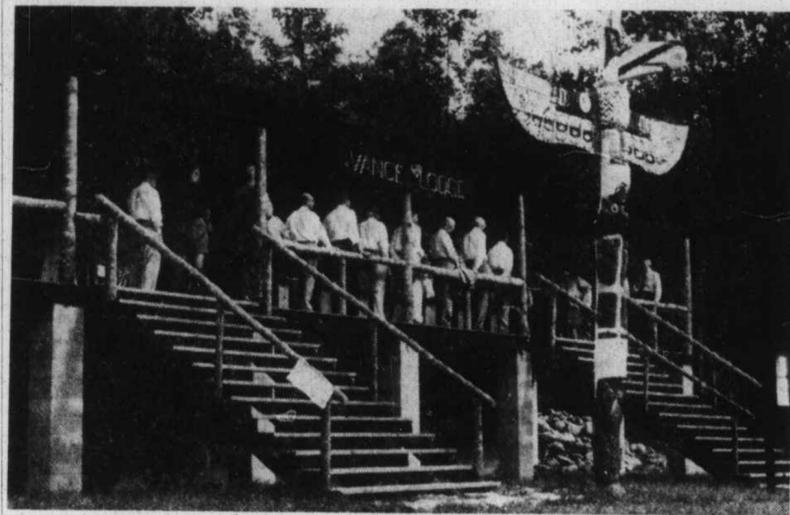
The section chosen is about 3 miles above Lake Logan, at the entrance to the National Forest and just below the Sunburst Game Protector's Station.

Plans call eventually for more than two dozen picnic tables and 18 fireplaces, but Seely said today that funds will not permit full development of the area this year. He expects, however, to have the access road and parking area and some facilities ready for public use by early fall, possibly by Labor Day.

The land lies on the right side of the Beech Gap road and is approximately 700 feet along the road and 400 feet deep. The picnic area will be designed in a half moon with the access road and parking areas separating one group of tables from the other. Parking facilities, it is estimated, could accommodate 100 cars.

In addition to tables and fireplaces, two latrines and a dozen trash cans will be provided.

Seely said that for the past several years the Forest Service has been hoping to get funds for development of a recreation area somewhere along the Sherwood Forest or Pigeon River section. He stated that he had just obtained funds sufficient to make a start on the development, with the whole layout to be completed later. This week the work of grading the parking area was started, and picnic tables are under construction at the service's shop in Biltmore.



DAVID T. VANCE LODGE at Camp Daniel Boone in Pigeon Valley was dedicated at ceremonies Monday night, attended by executives of the Pigeon River District and Daniel Boone Council. The lodge was named for David T. Vance of Plumtree, Scouting benefactor. Construction of the new building was supervised by the Champion Paper and Fibre Company. (Mountaineer Photo).

The third major allocation to the Pigeon River road project—\$2,200,000—was announced yesterday afternoon in Raleigh by A. H. Graham, chairman of the Highway Commission.

Two million dollars of this is Federal money and the \$200,000 is State money, according to Graham's statement in announcing that this fund was for grading, structures, and building a dual lane from Cold Springs Creek to the Walters Dam, a distance of 5.3 miles. This section has three tunnels.

Graham announced that the Pigeon River road was one of 17 projects for the state, totaling \$28,200,000.

The Pigeon River project was the only Western North Carolina project outside of a paving job in Burke County set up for \$1,200,000.

The new appropriation for the 5.3-mile link of the Pigeon road will connect with a 6.59-mile link completed about a year ago from the State line up Pigeon River to Cold Springs. This leaves approximately 7.5 miles from the dam to the mouth of Fines Creek in the White Oak section for funds yet to be allocated.

Commissioner Harry Buchanan of the 14th Division announced some time ago that he hoped to be able to let a contract on this link of the Pigeon River road in August. Commissioner Buchanan was in Raleigh today and could not be contacted, but it is understood that the project is ready for engineers to work out contract specifications.

The first allocation for the Pigeon River road was made by Governor Gregg Cherry, \$450,000, followed by two appropriations from Governor W. Kerr Scott, one for \$500,000 and the other for \$1,000,000.

In making the announcement Chairman Graham said that the \$28.2 million allocation was the largest earmarking of highway funds ever made at one time in the history of the State.

The 1956-57 Interstate highway funds were made available by the new national highway bill together with State funds. Under the new road bill, North Carolina received an additional \$25.5 million for the first year on its portion of the Interstate system. Congress authorized \$100 million for the system. (See Pigeon River—Page 8)

#### Parkway In Soco Area On Schedule

William Wilhelm, landscape engineer of the National Park Service, told members of WNCA Tuesday that the Blue Ridge Parkway from Soco Gap to Smokemont is completely under contract with the exception of the bridge across the Oconalufy River. Wilhelm said he expects the bridge to be put under contract soon in order that it may be completed at the same time as the roadway, which he predicted would be early 1958.

He said that top priority had been given to a new alignment and improvement of Highway 441 from Cherokee to Newfound Gap. This is part of the National Park Mission 66 program.

Wilhelm also told of projects costing about \$400,000 on the North Carolina side of the Park for homes and other facilities for park personnel. This would include five homes for park personnel families, together with maintenance shops and necessary buildings.

#### Liens Placed On Property Of 300 In County

Liens were placed on the property of some 300 Haywood County taxpayers this week for failure to pay 1955 county taxes, Tax Collector Bryan Medford announced today.

Taxes paid during the remainder of July will bear an interest rate of 4 per cent, and will increase one-half of one per cent each month thereafter.

In addition, taxpayers must also pay one dollar apiece to bear the cost of advertising their property.

The liens are in the name of Haywood County.

#### Recreation Fund Pledges Come Due Next Saturday

All pledges to the Waynesville Recreation Fund are due by Saturday, August 4, it has been announced by the Recreation Commission.

Money pledge is urgently needed to pay for the first project at the recreation center, a swimming pool, which is now under construction here.

Joe Davis, cashier at the First National Bank and acting treasurer of the recreation fund, disclosed that approximately \$20,000 has already been paid on pledges, and more than \$30,000 remains to be paid.

Mr. Davis explained that the Recreation Commission has no funds available to send out statements, and urged that all persons who made pledges pay them by August 4th.

He added that the payments should be made to him at the First National Bank.

#### Farm Tour Group Enjoying Three-Day Stay In Canada

By W. C. MEDFORD

(Special to The Mountaineer)

#### Clearance Sales Now Under Way

Today marked the beginning of a community-wide clearance sale, with the merchants offering many unusual bargains, as will be noted in the advertising columns of today's Mountaineer.

This is one of the several community-wide sales events which were scheduled earlier this year by the Merchants Association.

In addition to the thousands of regular copies of The Mountaineer, there are today being published many extra copies for distribution throughout three counties in this area.

#### IRON DUFF SERVICE SET

The Rev. Lonzo Strickland of Marietta, S. C., will preach at the Riverside Baptist Church in Iron Duff community at 2 p.m. Sunday.

After breakfast in Cincinnati (See Farm Tour—Page 2)

#### Haywood 4-H Judging Team Places First In State Meet

Haywood County's 4-H Club livestock-judging team topped a squad from Rowan County by eight points to capture first-place state honors Monday during the annual 4-H Club Week program at Raleigh.

Haywood was first with 1,167 points out of a possible 1,350. Rowan was runner-up with 1,159 points.

Haywood County also took individual honors in the livestock judging as Neal Kelly of Bethel scored 392 points out of a possible 450 to finish in first place in the state. Neal also is vice president of the State 4-H Council.

Other members of the Haywood judging team were Jerry Ferguson of Fines Creek, Verlin Edwards of Maggie, R. E. Cathey of Bethel, and Tommy Boyd of Jonathan Creek. Coach and advisor to the team is Cecil Brown, assistant farm agent, in charge of 4-H work.

As state winners, the Haywood Countians will go to Richmond, Va., in September to compete in the Atlantic Coastal States judging contest.

The team, along with other members of County 4-H clubs, will return from Raleigh Saturday.

#### Friday Deadline For Soil Bank

Friday is the deadline for applying for soil bank payments for 1956, ASC manager A. W. Ferguson reminded farmers today.

The deadline was previously set for Friday, July 20, but was extended until this Friday.

Farmers must make application in person at the ASC office in the courthouse.

#### Pless Family Reunion Is Planned This Sunday

The annual Pless reunion will be held Sunday, July 29, at the home of John Pless at Woodrow.

A picnic dinner will be served at 1 p.m. Relatives and friends of the family are invited.

#### Cataloochee Beef Shoot Wednesday

The shootin' irons will be booming again on Fire Top Mountain next Wednesday.

Starting at 9 a.m. the celebrated Cataloochee Beef Shoot will be held for shooters and fans of the old-time muzzle-loading rifles on the grounds of mile-high Cataloochee Ranch.

From 7 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., the road leading to the ranch will be kept one way by the State Highway Patrol to accommodate the throngs attending the event—expected to number more than the one thousand which showed up last year.

In 1955, there were more than 154 sharpshooters entered in the marksmanship match and a similar group of entries is expected this year.

There'll be five divisions for the shooters: boys through the age of 19, for men aged 20 through 39, for men from 40 through 59, for men 60 and over, and one for women of all ages. (Women will not be required to disclose their age.)

Defending champion in the group of men aged 60 and over is Bill Bradley of Waynesville.

The prize once again will be prize beef and owner Tom Alex. (See Beef Shoot—Page 8)

#### Drilling For Dam Site At Mile-High Balsam Lake Set

Core drilling for a proposed dam site just off the Blue Ridge Parkway near Beech Gap is scheduled for this summer, according to Don Morris, supervisor of Pisgah National Forest, Morris said that the proposed Balsam Lake, often referred to before as "Yellowstone Lake," has been planned under a cooperative program with the Wildlife Commission in the Beech Gap area.

The lake would be fed by streams from the Balsam mountains and would comprise about 100 acres at the mile-high altitude. It could become one of the most popular fishing lakes in eastern America.

Supervisor Morris said that there was no money right at the moment for the project but he was working closely with Walter J. Dantoft, Canton, a member of the Department of Conservation and Development, who had been named to work out details with the forestry service on the project.

#### Man Injured Critically In One Of Seven Accidents

#### Carver Family Reestablished Through Appeal

The generous hearts of neighbors—all over the county—have already provided the Jack Carver family with everything they need to set up housekeeping anew.

The Carver home was totally destroyed by fire early Sunday morning while the family was away. All their possessions were away. (See Carver Family—Page 8)

Three persons have been injured—one critically—in seven traffic accidents reported by the State Highway Patrol. Two of the accidents took place last weekend, but were not reported to The Mountaineer in time for inclusion in Monday's issue.

William Larry Kelley, 44, of Canton, remains in a critical condition at Memorial Mission Hospital, Asheville, as the result of injuries suffered in an accident at 6 p.m. Saturday on N.C. 110 near the J. L. Donaldson residence.

Kelley suffered head and chest injuries when his car overturned after colliding with another car driven by Mrs. Dorothy Waters Greggs, 29, of Route 2, Canton.

Patrolman V. E. Bryson of the Highway Patrol reported that Kelley was driving a 1952 Oldsmobile at "a very high rate of speed." (See Wrecks—Page 2)

#### Entry Deadline For Last Lamb Pool Is This Saturday

Farmers planning to consign animals for the county's third and final lamb pool of the year at the Clyde stockyards next Thursday, August 2, must notify the county agent's office not later than this Saturday Assistant Agent Gene McCall said today.

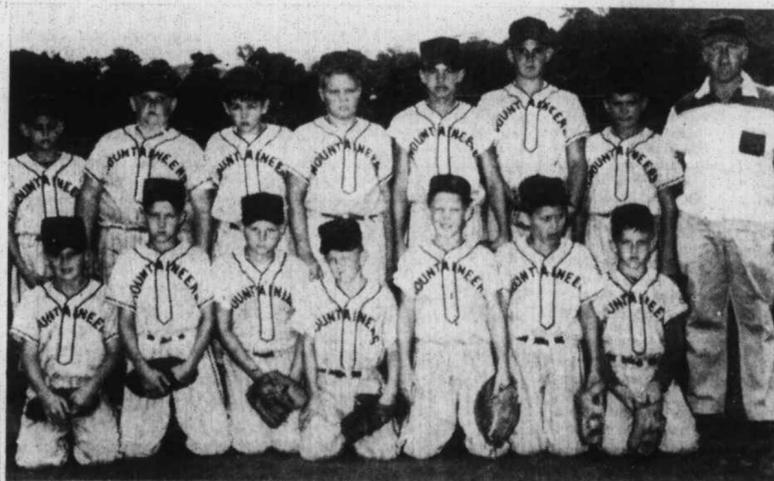
No animals will be accepted for sale unless consigned before the deadline, Mr. McCall pointed out. Lambs will be brought to the stockyards between 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. and all must be in by the latter hour.

#### Cherokee Park Entrance Rates 'Ugh' From WNCAC

Members of Western North Carolina Associated Communities meeting in Cherokee Tuesday termed the condition "becoming intolerable" in reference to getting through Cherokee, and its position as a national park entrance.

Francis Heazel, Asheville, told the group representing some 22 western North Carolina counties, "We need to have an attractive and convenient entrance to the Great Smokies on the North Carolina side. There is urgent need to control the growing trend of Cherokee and the action of the Tribal Council is essential. I feel that WNCAC should offer to tender help and persuade the Tribal Council to adopt a zoning ordinance."

Beckman Huger, president, was requested to name a committee to work with the council.



HAZELWOOD LITTLE LEAGUE ALL STARS were scheduled to meet North Wilkesboro at Forest City at 2 p.m. today in the semi-finals of the district tournament as the result of a 5-1 victory over Canton at Hazelwood Monday. The all star squad includes (first row, from left) Max Marcus, Troy Inman, Larry Holloway, Marty Scruggs, Ray Edwards, Ralph Henry, and Randy Scruggs; (second row) Bill Owens, Joe Bridges, Bruce Bowman, Wally Wiebe, Doug Hill, Weaver Kirkpatrick, Steve Milner, and Manager Rock Powers. (Mountaineer Photo).

#### The Weather

Partly cloudy and continued warm today and Friday. Little change in temperature with scattered afternoon and evening showers and thunderstorms.

Official Waynesville temperature as reported by the State Test Farm:

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
July 23	82	58	.09
July 24	82	58	—
July 25	83	61	.56

### Community - Wide Clearance Sales Now In Progress — With Big Bargains

#### Highway Record For 1956 In Haywood (TO DATE)

Killed . . . . . 2 (1955 — 1)

Injured . . . . . 46 (1955 — 37)

Accidents . . . . . 109 (1955 — 76)

Loss . . . \$35,341 (1955 — \$30,479)

(This information compiled from records of State Highway Patrol)