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Caterpillars are considerate enough never to come between a woodpecker and his work.

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## Waynesville Canton Get Awards For Safety Work

The fifth safety award for Waynesville was presented to the Town by Captain C. G. Lewis, of the State Highway Patrol, Monday night, with Mayor J. H. Way accepting the award in behalf of the town. All the police force was on hand to witness the formal awarding of the plaque.

Waynesville has gone since September 1949 without a pedestrian fatality and since February 1951 without an automobile death.

Captain Lewis told the town officials and police that: "In my opinion there is no other way to keep down accidents other than to rigidly enforce the laws. It is the only way to save lives. This award is the result of enforcement of the laws, and the officers being ever alert."

Captain Lewis was accompanied by Sgt. T. A. Sandlin and Cpl. Pritchard Smith.

A similar Safety plaque was awarded to officials of Canton, also on Monday night. Mayor Bruce Nanne and Chief of Police W. N. Stroup accepted the plaque on behalf of city officials.

Canton has won several such awards in recent years.



CAPTAIN C. G. LEWIS, (left) of the Highway Patrol, presents to Mayor J. H. Way, another safety plaque for the town, covering 1955 without a fatal traffic accident. This is the fifth such award received. Looking on is Chief Orville Noland, second from left and Assistant Chief A. P. Evans, second from right. (Mountaineer Photo.)

## Doctors Urge Polio Shots Taken Now

Plans were announced today for the emergency polio vaccine program in Haywood County.

Dr. Heyward Smith, president of the Haywood County Medical Society, announced appointment of Dr. James Fender as chairman of the society's polio vaccine committee to supervise the program to bring the polio vaccine to all children and young people through 19 years and to expectant mothers.

The immunization program will be two-fold, the committee chairman said:

1. Physicians will continue to inoculate patients in their own offices.
2. Free public clinics using vaccine provided by the State Board of Health will be established at strategic locations in the county.

"Many children, young people and expectant mothers in Haywood County are as yet unprotected against paralytic polio," Dr. Smith declared.

"We are now approaching the season of greatest polio incidence, and it is imperative that as many Haywood County residents as possible receive the vaccine immediately."

The vaccinations are necessary for protection in the polio season, Dr. Smith pointed out. In the emergency program this summer, the shots will be given two weeks (See Polio—Page 8)

## County Sales Tax Collections Show \$13,824 Increase

Sales tax collections in Haywood County for June, 1956, showed an increase of \$13,824.32 over the total for June, 1955—the sharpest such gain in several years—according to figures published in "The Retailer," a publication of the North Carolina Merchants Association.

Collections for June, 1955 were only \$30,687.38, according to "The Retailer."

Also reported were collections of \$41,846.32 for May of this year.



BERNARD FERGUSON

## Haywood Schools To Open On Tuesday, August 28

Haywood county schools will open Tuesday, August 28th, it was announced today by Lawrence Leatherwood, county superintendent of education, following formal approval of the Board last night.

The holiday schedule for the current term includes: Monday, Sept. 3, Labor Day; Tuesday, Nov. 6, election day; two days for Thanksgiving and for Christmas holidays the schools will close December 19th and reopen January 3rd.

## Outstanding Speakers On Lake Program This Week

Two high government officials and three internationally-known clergymen will top next week's program at the Lake Junaluska Methodist Assembly.

Sunday services in the main auditorium will have as guest speakers Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of St. Louis, Mo., president of the World Methodist Council, at 11 a.m. and Vice President Richard M. Nixon and Evangelist Billy Graham at 8 p.m.

An eminent British churchman, the Rev. Mr. Russell Shearer of Birmingham, England, will be the speaker at 11 a.m., Monday through Thursday.

Monday night at 8 o'clock the guest speaker will be Dr. Arthur S. Fleming of Washington, D. C. As Director of the Office of Defense Mobilization, Dr. Fleming is a member of President Eisenhower's cabinet.

Bishop Holt is visiting Lake Junaluska to confer with Dr. Elmer T. Clark about the program of the World Methodist Conference, Sept. 1-12. As council president, Bishop Holt is in charge of the conference.

Vice President Nixon's appearance Sunday night at Lake Junaluska will conclude his day-long visit to church assemblies in this area. Earlier in the day he is due to speak at Montreat and Ridgecrest. Nixon will be the guest of Dr. Graham, who will accompany him to Lake Junaluska.

The vice president has indicated that his subject will be "semi-religious" rather than of a political nature. He is expected to arrive in this vicinity Saturday to visit Dr. Graham and other friends.

Mrs. Nixon and Mrs. Graham probably will be in the official party of the vice president at Lake Junaluska. His address will be open to the public.

## Bernard Ferguson Named To State 4-H Honor Club

Bernard W. Ferguson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ferguson of Fines Creek, has been named to the North Carolina 4-H "Honor Club"—becoming the first Haywood County boy to be named to the honorary organization, highest in 4-H Club work.

Betty Felmet of Ratcliffe Cove has been the only other Haywood County 4-H member ever to be named to the state Honor Club.

In 4-H Club work for eight years, Bernard completed 32 different projects. He was state winner in burley tobacco in 1953, and became the first and only burley tobacco winner ever to attend a 4-H Club congress. He also was a member of the county 4-H tobacco-judging team for two years.

He is currently president of the 4-H Club County council, and a member of the Beta Club at Fines (See Ferguson—Page 8)

## Swim Pool Ahead Of Schedule

The 'ol swimmin' hole she ain't what she used to be — and ain't what she's going to be pretty quick either.

Work is progressing "way ahead of schedule" on the swimming pool on the recreation center grounds, and it is hoped that it will be completed in time for use this year.

Only a matter of short weeks ago, the land just acquired from the Horse Show Association would have made a nice pasture for a contented cow. Then came the \$50,000 fund-raising campaign, and its success sent the 'dozers to gouging huge bites out of bossy's lunchroom.

Then the 'ol swimmin' hole did become a mud hole in good earnest. Daily rains made mire of the excavation. If a pump had not kept the dry land above ground, so to speak, Noah's ark would have stranded.

This week the digging is to be done for the diving well while the final stages of the main body of the pool are well on their way toward completion. Thick concrete bottoms and walls, heavily reinforced with steel, give promise of being brimful some day soon of splashing pure mountain water.

Suppliers of the concrete mix estimate that nearly 300 cubic yards of the aggregate will be used by the time the plan is carried out. And that, if you like a heavy thought for a hot day, weighs 1 1/4 million pounds, or more than 600 tons.

When that 618 tons of concrete is filled with water, there'll be enough water to keep the average family in baths and spotless clothes for a good many years—nearly a quarter of a million gallons. Depth of the pool will vary from a safe three feet for waders and beginning swimmers to an equally safe 11 feet for high diving.

Placed as it is in the middle of a sizeable plot, the pool looks smaller than it is. Its 45 by 125-foot dimensions would crowd the (See Swimming Pool—Page 8)

## Two Hearings Postponed On Arson Charges

Two hearings on charges of arson, set for Tuesday morning before Justice of the Peace J. J. Ferguson, have been continued.

One was continued because the defendant — Hack Arnold Smathers of Canton — failed to appear and a capias was issued for his arrest. He has been under \$1,500 bond.

The other case—involving Tommy Conrad of Plott Creek — was continued until 10 a.m. Friday, with the defendant under \$500 bond.



SCHOOLTEACHER SHARPSHOOTER at the Cataloochee Beef Shoot Wednesday was Mrs. Ruth Henry, teacher at Maggie School. Looking on at right is Rufe Sutton. The annual event attracted 139 shooters and "well over a thousand" spectators. (Mountaineer Photo.)

## FBI, And Others, Seek Custody Of Bad-Check Passer

Sheriff Fred Y. Campbell said that FBI agents were here Wednesday to check into the case of Peter M. Edward, now being held in Haywood County jail on charges of passing seven worthless checks in Maggie Valley.

Because he had identified himself as a former naval officer, Edward may face charges of impersonating a federal officer. The FBI agents asked that he be placed under a \$5,000 bond if he is released from jail here.

Sheriff Campbell said that Edward is currently being held here for trial on charges of passing bogus checks for a total of \$421.

Several other cities in the South also want Edward on charges of passing checks.

After investigating the case, Sheriff Campbell found that Edward—far from being a former naval officer—actually used to be employed as a carnival Barker.

## Health Center Scene Of Third Traffic Accident

Highway 19A-23 near the Health Center was the scene of the third accident within a week at 4:45 p.m. when two cars were badly damaged when a third made a sudden left turn into a driveway.

Patrolman W. R. Wooten reported that Andrews Pickens Miller, Sr., 50, of Leesburg, Fla., driving a 1955 Mercury, made a left turn into a driveway.

To avoid hitting the station wagon, Robert McKinley Hawkins, 32, of Route 1, Clyde, driving a 1954 Ford pickup truck, cut to the left and struck a 1954 Dodge ton truck driven by Mack William Hall, 51 of Sylva.

Damage to the Hawkins truck was placed at \$500 and to the Hall truck at \$400.

Miller was charged with failure to yield the right of way and improper turn.

## Graham Workers Set Services At Presbyterian Ch.

Two members of the Billy Graham evangelistic team will direct a week of evangelistic services at the Waynesville Presbyterian Church August 5-12, it has been announced by the Rev. Calvin Thielman, pastor. Soloist will be nationally known radio singer Joe Emerson Rose, now a local resident and a Ruling Elder in the Church.

The services will be held each evening at 8 o'clock. Mr. Thielman said, as he extended a cordial invitation to the public to attend.

The speaker for the week's service will be the Rev. Leighton Ford, associate evangelist of the Billy Graham team. Mr. Ford is recognized as one of the leading young evangelists of the nation today. He is a brother-in-law of evangelist Billy Graham and makes his home in Charlotte.

Song leaders for the series will be Jack Ward, a recent college graduate who has devoted much time to church music.

Mr. Ford did considerable evangelistic and pastoral work during (See Presbyterians—Page 8)

## 'Hawg Rifles' Echo Again At Cataloochee Beef Shoot

The peaks of Old Smoky echoed yesterday to the crack of ancient rifles, as the acrid tang of gun smoke floated across the annual Beef Shoot at Cataloochee Ranch on Fie Top mountain.

All day long, from early morning till mid-afternoon, the marksmen lined up to take a shot at a target 60 yards away. Between shots they melted lead and poured it into a bullet mold, or painstakingly cleaned the 4-foot barrels of their muzzle-loaders, or just visited around and compared the fine points of their guns.

Eventual winners among the 139 men, women and youngsters who lined up included a teen-age girl who outshot 27 others in the under-20 age group, three members of one family, and several previous winners.

Mercedith Shook of Bryson City was the 17-year-old who won herself a quarter of beef instead of the silver bowl awarded to competitors in the ladies' group. It is said that she "never did any shootin'" to amount to until about three weeks ago!

Becky Harper of Hendersonville also shot in the under-20 group, placing third. However, she elected to have her target judged in the ladies' group, where she was first-prize winner.

Clint Hall and H. S. Hall, brothers, placed first in the 40-59 and over-60 age groups, respectively, and H. S. Hall's daughter Margaret Coman placed third in the women's group. (See Beef Shoot—Page 8)

## 74 Members Of 4-H Clubs Now At Camp

Seventy-four Haywood County 4-H members and five adult leaders opened a week of camping activities at Camp Schaub this week.

Boys in the group are: Andy Boyd, James Messer, Ronald Rollins, William Clark, Miles Kirkpatrick, Donald Davis, John Charles Duckett, Larry McCracken, Charles Steven Reeves, Richard Sayles, Jerry Henderson, Charles Stevenson, Darrell Fore, Gary Fore, Clifton Shook, Johnny James, Jimmy Haynes, Powell McElroy, Tommy Leopard, Richard Jones, Jerry Ferguson, Mark Morgan, Harold Shook, Curtis Green, Neal Allison, Jimmy Cunningham, and Bobby Case.

Girls in the group are: Marion Ann Messer, Terry Pless, Rebecca Chapman, Naomi Grant, Carolyn Justice, Shirley Smart, Siery Jones, Carolyn Henson, Andrea Rogers, Nancy Sale, Vicki Roveano, Jean Stephenson, Frances Jaynes, Joyce Chambers, Nancy Clark, Imogene Hooper, Jo Ann Haynes, Nancy Campbell, Iris Cathey, Linda Moore, Pola Harrell. (See 4-H Club—Page 8)

## 10-Day Mission Starts Sunday At St. John's Church

The Rev. John Schultz of The Congregation of The Most Holy Redeemer will open a ten-day Mission at St. John's Church, Waynesville, on Sunday, August 5th.

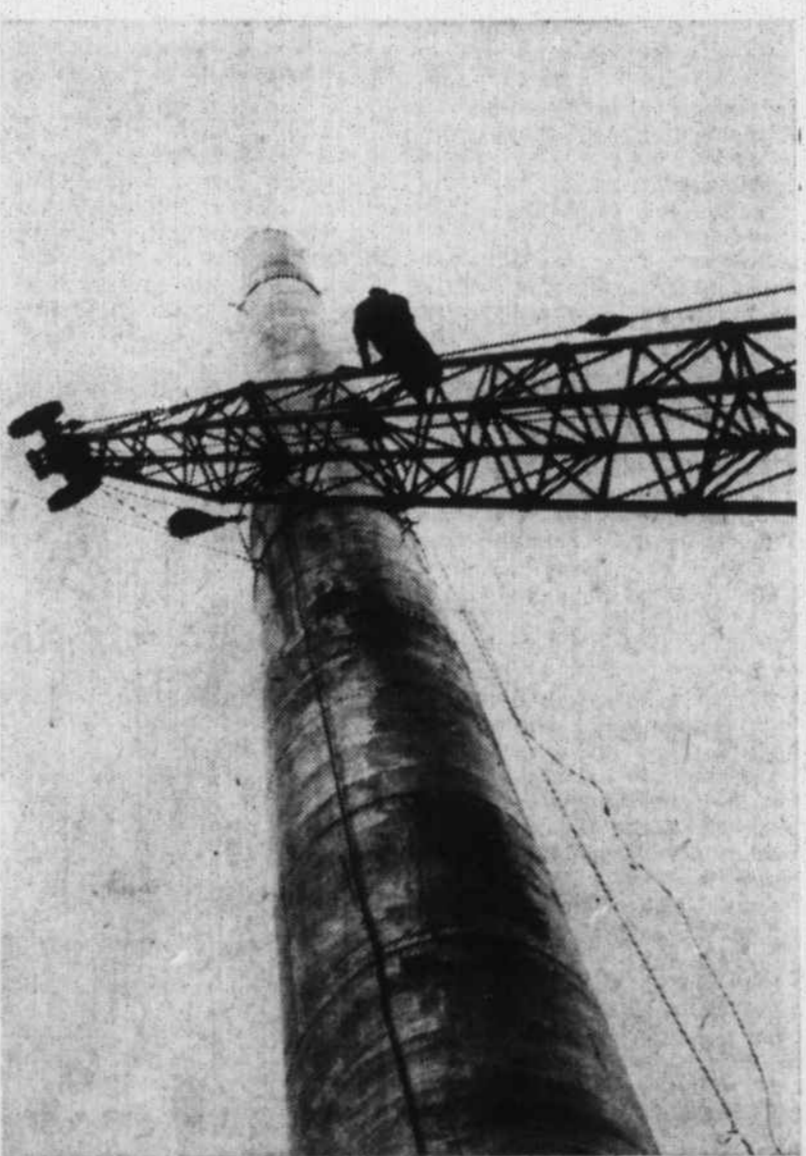
Father Schultz is an eloquent preacher, known far and wide for his great successes — his chosen field of Mission preaching, and for the beauty, strength and attractiveness of his masterly presentation.

Father Schultz won an exceptional reputation as an Army Chaplain in the second World War and was even commended for heroism on the beach-heads of Normandy as he ministered to men of all faiths under heavy and constant artillery fire.

The Mission services are held (See St. John's—Page 8)



REV. LEIGHTON FORD



A WORKMAN does some last-minute adjusting to the 125-foot stack at Unagusta. The workman is working from the crane which lifted the 15,000-pound stack into place. (Mountaineer Photo.)

**The Weather**

Partly cloudy and sultry with widely scattered afternoon thundershowers today and Friday.

Official Waynesville temperature as reported by the State Test Farm:

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
July 30	82	52	—
July 31	81	65	.02
Aug. 1	85	60	.02

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

**Killed . . . . . 2**  
(1955 — 1)

**Injured . . . . . 46**  
(1955 — 37)

**Accidents . . 110**  
(1955 — 76)

**Loss . . . \$35,741**  
(1955 — \$30,479)

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