

## Swimming Pool Fund Is Growing

The Pool Committee has \$18,500 in cash and pledges, about 40% of the \$30,000 required to build Murphy's new swimming pool. Joe E. Ray, chairman of the committee, said that the contract for the pool will be let during the month of February, provided the goal is reached by that date. The pool will be heated and the water filtered with a wading pool for the smaller children. Dressing rooms and toilet facilities will also be included in the plans. "All persons solicited have responded well," Mr. Ray said, "but there are many more to be seen."

Largest contributors to the project thus far are: Peyton G. Iyie, \$300; Harry Bishop, \$200; C. E. Hyde, \$200; Arbor Autel, \$250; and Junior Woman's Club, \$300. Anyone desiring to contribute to

## Nantahala Power Co. Establishes First Safety Record

Employees of the Nantahala Power and Light Company have just completed the first year in the Company's history without a disabling work injury, according to J. M. Archer, President of the Company.

From January 1, 1956 to January 1, 1957 the 140 Company employees worked a total of nearly 300,000 man hours without a lost time injury and only had eleven minor injuries that required medical attention. During the previous five years an average of 3.4 disabling injuries and 4.2 minor injuries were caused by work accidents each year, said Mr. Archer.

Mr. Archer stated that the Company is continually trying to eliminate accident hazards and to encourage all employees to consider safety as the first requisite of performing a job. This program of inspections and safety education has helped to eliminate needless injuries, but most of the credit for this record must go to the employees for their excellent cooperation in making the safety program effective, he said.

## Carl Story Presents Show At Unaka Auditorium

Carl Story and his Rambling Mountaineers will appear in person Tuesday night, January 15 at the Unaka School Auditorium at 7:30.

A talent contest made up of local talent will be held and the winners will be taken by Carl Story to appear on his radio and television programs WIVK and WATE. All singers, quartets, musicians, string bands, etc. are invited to enter.

## Cherokee Lodge No. 146 To Hold Call Meeting

Charles E. Johnson, Worshipful Master, has called a meeting of Cherokee Lodge No. 146, AF and AM for Friday night at 7:30 p. m. for First Degree work.

## District Health Officer Urges Wider Use Of Polio Vaccine

By ANNETTA BUNCH  
Now is the time to have your family protected against the ever present polio virus. This year hundreds of people will be struck down by polio because they failed to receive inoculations. The Salk vaccine is available. It is our duty to ourselves and our neighbors to take advantage of it. Dr. Robert R. King, District Health Officer, is mailing this week letters to parents of school children in Cherokee, Clay and Graham Counties urging them to start their protection now, or if they have only partial protection to finish their series. National Health authorities believe that a comprehensive vaccination program can eliminate epidemic polio from the scene. The local health department has vaccine available for those up to 20 years of age and for all pregnant women, which represents the most susceptible group. It is recommended that those up to 40 years of age receive the vaccine through the family doctor. Dr. King stated that only approximately 20% of the children in this district have been completely immunized. Some have had one shot of the series and some two, but protection is not complete unless three are received. According to a report from the North Carolina State Board of Health, there were 20 reported

cases of polio on record from the first of January through October 1956 in North Carolina. Of these cases 83.6% had no vaccine. Of this 83.6% more than half were who had at least one dose the percentage was 18.4%, and only one of the paralytic type. Among those fourth of these had paralysis; and a half as many cases had only one dose as those who had two doses. None of these receiving three doses had paralytic polio! Therefore, the time to act is now. Even now is late to start protection for the approaching polio season. The recommended schedule is two shots given two to six weeks apart, with the third given at least seven months after the second.

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## N. C. Industrial Development Report For 1956

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Preliminary figures for 1956 show there were 147 new manufacturing plants announced for North Carolina as compared with 122 for 1955. The new firms have announced investments of \$50,364,000 compared with \$48,808,000 in 1955. Plant expansions totaling 154 announced in 1956 represent investments of \$97,365,500 against \$66,512,000 announced for 207 expansions during 1955. Total investments for the 301 new plants and expansions in 1956 were \$148,229,500 against \$115,320,000 for 329 new plants and expansions announced in 1955.

The new plants announced in 1956 are expected to provide 9,804 new jobs, with an estimated annual payroll of \$25,455,000. The expansions in 1956 are slated to provide 6,107 new jobs, with the estimated annual payroll being \$18,957,300. New plants announced in 1955 provided a potential of 8,691 new jobs, with an estimated annual payroll of \$24,199,000, while the expansions provided 10,657 new jobs, with an annual payroll of \$27,742,000.

## DISTRIBUTION

The 147 new and proposed industries for 1956 are distributed over North Carolina as follows: Piedmont—84; Coastal Plain—37; and Mountains—26. By industries textiles led in the Mountains and Piedmont areas with ten new firms being added in this classification in the Mountains and 17 in the Piedmont. Also announced for the Piedmont section were 13 new networking firms and nine new chemical firms. In the Coastal Plain, food and kindred products were first in the number of new concerns with nine, followed by apparel and lumber plants with six each.

## PREDICTIONS

Year-end predictions by outstanding industrialist and economists clearly indicate a big majority have an optimistic view for business development in 1957. The U. S. Chamber of Commerce, for example, surveyed a number of firms throughout the nation as to their 1957 plans and of those questioned 92 percent replied they had expansion plans for 1957. Industries listed for sizable expansions in 1957 include chemicals, metalworking, food products, textiles, automobiles and aircraft manufactures.

## N. C. Traffic Deaths Total 1096 In 1956 Injuries Over 17,000

Tar Heel traffic deaths last year came to a tentative figure of 1096 Motor Vehicle Department officials said today. Injuries exceeded 17,000.

Last year's highway death toll was well under the near record-breaking toll for 1955, officials pointed out. Mishaps that year killed 1165 persons, the second bloodiest year in state motoring history. Delayed deaths—persons injured in 1956 and who die this year—must be included in the year's total, officials said. This will boost the final death toll upward somewhat. They estimated perhaps eight or ten additional fatality reports before the final figure goes into the record book.

Assistant Motor Vehicles Commissioner Joe W. Garrett termed the year "not too disappointing." He called attention to increases of three per cent in licensed drivers, five per cent in vehicle registrations, and a jump of 10 per cent in vehicle travel mileage. "Considering these facts," Garrett said, "we are probably fortunate not to have had any more fatalities than we did. Still, the slaughter of this many people in a single year is a shameful record we're certainly not satisfied with."

In looking forward to 1957 Garrett said he was hopeful that life saving proposals to be presented to the forthcoming General Assembly would be approved. Heading the vehicle agency's list of safety recommendations are the establishment of chemical tests for intoxication, a "commonsense" mechanical inspection act, the return of unmarked patrol cars to the highways, and making highway racing a felony instead of a misdemeanor as it now is.

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## Martins Creek To Hold Special Grange Meeting

Martins Creek Subordinate grange No. 1159 will call a special meeting Saturday evening, January 12, at 7:30.

This meeting is being called to give the people a last opportunity to attain the Blue Cross and Blue Shield group insurance.

The meeting will be an open meeting, and everyone is invited to come and get information on policy insurance.

## Kenneth Crawford Confesses To Shotgun Slaying Of Father

### BLAST AIMED AT RIVAL KILLS FATHER

Kenneth Crawford, 25, of Andrews, confessed early Tuesday to firing the shotgun blast that killed his father Pearl Crawford, 60 around 5 a. m. Monday at the home of a brother, according to Cherokee County Sheriff Claude Anderson.

He said that he was shooting at another man but hit his father instead.

The shooting climaxed what Sheriff Anderson called "a drunken party," in the one-room home of Lionel Crawford near Andrews.

Four other persons being held for bond and as witnesses are Lionel Crawford, 27, a son of the victim at whose home the shooting occurred, Mrs. Mary Stewart, 23, who is separated from her husband; Bob White, 23, and Walter Hicks all of the Andrews area.

Kenneth Crawford is being held in the county jail in Murphy on a first degree murder charge without bond. The four others who were at the party are being held without charge for a recorder's court session Monday morning.

Crawford, according to Sheriff Anderson, had thrust a shotgun through the window and fired at White. The charge hit Crawford's father, who was putting wood in the stove about four or five feet from a sofa where White was sitting.

Crawford was reported to have left the party about 4 a. m. to get his gun to kill White because he was angered over White's attentions to Mary Stewart.

The body is at Townson Funeral Home and funeral arrangements are incomplete.

## Whiskey Stills Found By Local Officers

Two whiskey stills were found near Topton on December 23, one a 40 gallon still and the other about a 20 gallon. The stills were not in operation at the time, however there was around 100 gallons of beer and seven gallons of whiskey found in the vicinity. Officers finding these stills were Charles White, Jack McMillian and Lawson West.

Also, another 35 gallon still was found on Martins Creek. These stills have been taken to the county jail where they will later be chopped up and put out of operating order and then sold for scrap.

## N. C. Publisher Authors First Novel

What's new in fiction? One of the newest books is the new novel, just published by Vantage Press, New York City, by Gene D. Robinson of Robbinsville, N. C.

This is Mr. Robinson's first published novel; the first he has written. He has a second novel completed and is writing a third.

The author publishes the Graham Star, Robbinsville, N. C., and the Clay County Progress, Hayesville, N. C. For twenty five years he has been publishing weekly papers. Previous to entering the weekly field he worked on daily papers in San Antonio, New Orleans, Jacksonville, Cleveland, Knoxville Asheville and other cities.

The title, "The Adventures of Cousin Clemmy."

Nobody ever accused Clemmy of overworking, but neither was he ever accused of being a fool. His motto for worrying was, "never worry until it happens; then it is too late to worry."



BENNY PIPES AND ALVIN CRISP

## Meat Cutting Demonstration Given At Cherokee County Fair Grounds

On Friday, December 14, Mr. John Christian, Extension Animal Husbandry Specialist from State College gave a meat cutting demonstration in conjunction with the Cherokee County ham project which was started this year, with 12 Yorkshire and one Hampshire pigs which were placed with 4-H and FFA boys and girls.

The hogs were slaughtered on December 13, and the boys and girls brought the carcasses into the Cherokee County Fairgrounds where the demonstration was held. Mr. Christian gave each boy the opportunity to cut one-half of his hog and ask questions about the cutting and trimming of each carcass. It was a very interesting thing to see boys 10 and 12 years old cutting up these hogs.

The following boys and girls participated in this project: Harold Johnson, Murphy, Rt. 2; Lyle Martin, Murphy, Rt. 3; Mike Abernathy, Murphy, Rt. 3; Kenneth Radford, Murphy, Rt. 3; Lavonne Thompson, Culberson, Rt. 1; Alvin Crisp, Murphy, Rt. 2; Robert Eugene Pullium, Andrews; Harold Murphy, Andrews; Edward Bryson, Andrews; T. J. Logan, Jr. Murphy, Rt. 2; Jimmy Carringer, Murphy, Rt. 2; Benny Pipes, Marble, Rt. 1; and Ronnie and Jerry Chambers, Murphy Rt. 3.

## Regular PTA Meet Be Held January 14

The Murphy PTA will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday, January 14 at 7:30 p. m.

Mrs. W. T. Brown will be in charge of a panel discussion. The topic will be, "What Is a Father's Responsibility To His Children?"

## Cherokee County Forks By Annetta Bunch

A native Cherokee Countian, Mark Elliott was born in the old William's Hotel in Andrews, where a modern Texaco station now stands, across from the Citizens Bank & Trust Company.

Mr. Elliott owns and manages Elliott's Hardware Store on Main Street in Andrews. A civic-minded citizen, he can be counted on to support any progressive movement in his town or community. He is a past president of the Andrews Lion's Club.

Mark is married and has one step-son, Jake Abernathy. Mrs. Elliott teaches in the Andrews Elementary School.

They are members of the First Baptist Church, where Mark is a regular member of the choir. (It is interesting to know that Mark is the uncle of Walter Carringer, a well-known tenor who is now on a concert tour through the southern states. Outdoor sports are interesting to

## DISTRICT LIONS PLAN WINTER MEET

Plans for the midwinter convention of Western North Carolina Lions Clubs in Charlotte on January 26 were completed at the winter quarterly meeting of the District 31-A Lions Club cabinet on Sunday January 6, in the home of W. Mike Brown, Zone 1 Chairman, in Robbinsville.

Three deputy district governors presenting reports included: R. W. Easley Jr. of Murphy, Region 1; F. E. Shull of Canton, Region 2; and Eugene M. Jones of Tryon, Region 3. Cabinet officers representing 35 Lions Clubs with some 1,500 members in 12 western mountain counties also discussed plans for the 1957 state Lions Club convention to be held in Asheville June 9-11.

W. E. (Ed) Michael Jr. of West Asheville, District 31-A Governor, presided at the session devoted to a review of progress reports on blind aid programs on the state, county, and district levels.

Activities reports were submitted by these five zones chairman: Joe U. Crum of Cullowhee, Zone 2; A. Roland Leatherwood of Clyde, Zone 3; G. Henry Ramsey of West Asheville, Zone 4; T. Kendall O' Barr of Asheville; Zone 5; and Edwin C. Eeland of Saluda, Zone 6.

Judge William A. Hart of Weaverville, WNC director of the White Came drive, gave a report. Alan A. Taylor of Hendersonville reported for the state-wide promotion committee.

Nine past District 31-A Governors now serving as international counsellors participated in the discussions. They are Wesley W. Brown and Hugh Monteith of Asheville; Jennings A. Bryson of Sylva; Herbert W. Sanders and Roy A. Taylor of Black Mountain; Hieronymus Bueck of Murphy; Robert R. Barnes of Candler; Alston B. Broom of Hendersonville and Lawrence B. Leatherwood of Waynesville.

The Grange will hold its regular meetings every first and third Mondays of each month.

## Sermon Topics Given By Rev. R. A. Potter

"Idols Along the Way" is the second in the series of sermon topics from the Ten Commandments announced by the Rev. Robert A. Potter for his sermon next Sunday. The session of the church will meet Friday night to receive members.

## Local Ladies To Attend UN Tour

Mrs. Paschal Hughes, Ranger, and Mrs. Carl West, Andrews, will leave Friday for Raleigh to join delegates from other counties throughout the state for New York where they will take part in the fourth annual North Carolina Home Demonstration United Nations tour. Miss Thelma Wheeler, home demonstration agent announced.

The purpose of the tour is to see the UN in action and study its purpose, organization and policies, first hand. The tour is designed to teach home demonstration club women about the United Nations so that they may help others to become actively interested in supporting it and to help build strong, well informed citizens in their respective counties.

In addition to the UN sessions the agenda includes dining in foreign restaurants, seeing some of the Broadway plays, a radio city music hall performance and a visit to the Statue of Liberty.

Highlights of the UN session will include speeches by Dr. Frank Graham, member of the trusteeship council of the U. N., and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt. A tour of the UN building; special lectures; a concert by the United Nations Glee Club.

The delegates will be accompanied by Mrs. Walter H. Hartsfield, who has chartered a bus for the tour. The bus will stay at the Raleigh Hotel.