



TELEPHONE EXECUTIVES at the C. of C. meeting include, left to right: Nick Posey, plant foreman; R. A. Pinnes, plant manager, Asheville; J. Lovell Smith, district manager, and C. T. McCuiston, Waynesville group manager. (Mountaineer Photo)



TOURIST TRAVEL was of much interest to these three—Senator William Medford, chairman of the N. C. Park Commission; Carrol White, manager of "Unto These Hills" and Edward Hummell, superintendent of the Great Smokies, talked over prospects for the year at the C. of C. banquet. (Mountaineer Photo)



VICE PRESIDENT C. G. THOMPSON of the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce gives three Asheville executives a few facts about this area at the C. of C. banquet. Left to right: Julian Stepp, general manager of Carolina Power & Light Co., Myron C. Peterson, president, Asheville C. of C., Mr. Thompson, and Richard K. Degenhardt, executive secretary, Asheville C. of C. (Mountaineer Photo)

## Expired Front License Plate Must Come Off

With the bulk of the 1956 license plates distributed Motor Vehicles Department officials were confronted today with a new problem. Old tags: how to get them off the front bumper. Reports from many sections of the state indicate some car owners are reluctant to part with the front facing '55 tag. The vehicle agency promptly pointed out such display is illegal.

## Fertilization And Spraying Stressed At Apple School

Special emphasis was placed on fertilization and spraying by N. C. State College specialists at Haywood County's annual apple school last week. Dr. C. L. Clayton, pathologist, pointed out that a good spray program is particularly important this year because very little spraying was done by orchardmen last year because of the March freeze. He said that predictions are that apple scab may give more trouble this year since it has at any time since 1946, and recommended the use of a dormant spray to control scab. Three fungicide sprays should be applied before the trees are in bloom, he added. Dr. Clayton recommended the use of one dormant spray as soon as possible, utilizing lime sulphur; a second spray of lime sulphur two weeks later, and a third spray of wettable sulphur and fermetate in equal amounts when trees are in the pink stage. The speaker said that captan can be used as well as the above materials, but it is somewhat more expensive. Melvin H. Kolbe, extension horticulturist, said that research has shown that best results have been obtained in the fertilization of apple trees with the use of nitrogen and boron. Mr. Kolbe recommended the use of 1 1/4 pound of actual nitrogen on bearing trees. This, he said, will give results similar to those obtained by use of four pounds of ammonium nitrate or eight pounds of nitrate of soda. Nitrogen should be applied, he explained, one month before tree buds swell, which is the latter part of February or the first of March in this area. Mr. Kolbe asserted that prospects are good this year for a bumper apple crop and urged orchardmen

## Parkway Ranger Will Give Lecture At Canton Library

The Canton Public Library will sponsor a lecture on Wildlife by Robert Howe, Blue Ridge Parkway ranger, at the library clubroom Thursday evening at 7:30. The Garden Clubs will serve as co-sponsors for the program and the public is invited to attend. Mr. Howe will illustrate his talk with colored slides of animal and plant life in the mountains of this area. To fertilize their trees properly and follow through with a good spray program. Dr. M. S. Williams, farm-management specialist, discussed the proper handling, packing, and marketing of apples and showed color slides to illustrate his talk. Other speakers on the program were George Jones, entomologist, who spoke on insect control, and George Turnipseed, horticulturist, who discussed additional aspects of fertilization. A hydroelectric power plant is under construction near the junction of the Orinoco and Caroni rivers in Venezuela. It will utilize the lower falls of the Caroni.

## Proposed Legislation To Increase Old Age Benefits

By BILL WHITLEY  
**AID FOR AGED.** There are about 52,000 people in North Carolina who now receive old age assistance payments under the state welfare program, which is supported to a large extent by Federal funds through the Social Security Act. The average payment to the Tar Heels receiving old age assistance is \$31.21 per month. The national average is \$51.90 per month. Only three states—Alabama, Mississippi and West Virginia—have average monthly payments less than those in North Carolina. Under present law, the Federal government puts up the first \$20 to match the first \$5 put up by the state. In addition, the Federal government matches dollar for dollar up to \$55 per month. **AMENDMENT.** Senators George of Georgia and Long of Louisiana have offered an amendment to the law that would increase the Federal government's participation. Under the amendment, the Federal government would put up \$25 to match the first \$5 put up by the state, and then match dollar for dollar up to \$65. Among the senators co-sponsoring the proposed amendment is Senator Scott of North Carolina. "The amendment would mean an automatic increase of \$5 a month for all those receiving old age benefits in the state without any additional state funds allocated," Scott said. "It would also give the state an opportunity to materially increase its old age benefit payments on a matching basis if it so desired."

**FARMERS.** A lot is being said these days about farm income. All sorts of statistics and survey reports are being pumped to the public about this trend or that situation. Senator Langer of North Dakota last week summed up the situation in a few words on the Senate floor. He said that quite a number of farmers have been writing him about low farm prices. Two said they were selling eggs for six cents a dozen, and another wrote that dressed chickens were bringing seven cents a pound. Enough said. **HAIRCUTS.** There's a sign in the ladies' beauty salon in the Senate Office Building that reads as follows: "Haircut, \$1.25; Haircut and thin, \$1.50; Short Haircut, \$1.50; Long Haircut, \$2.00." Apparently, there's no such thing as getting a simple haircut. And certainly, the days of a shave and haircut are over.

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