

## Hazelwood's Heartbeat Reflects The Tempo Of Church And Industry

7 Churches Thriving In Hazelwood

## Hazelwood Been Active In F.C. Program 5 Years

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You can tell the time of day in Hazelwood by its church bells and its factory whistles. Most of the employed population is working at one of the dozen industries which are the backbone of the town's economy—and they, with their wives and their children and maybe grannie or a visiting uncle, turn out for regular attendance at one of Hazelwood's seven churches.

With a population of about 2200 the town's seven churches boast a combined membership of 925. Many more residents attend services outside the town limits. "Come go to church with me," is a popular salutation. Church members take a friendly interest in the services at other churches and visiting back and forth is frequent.

A dozen industries provide the vitamins for Hazelwood's Jack-and-the-beanstalk growth—and the industries are doing considerable growing themselves. Some of the newest comers are elbowing some of the most deeply rooted for the position of making the greatest contribution to Hazelwood's economic life.

Industrial life centers around the Southern Railway, B and P Motor Lines, A. C. Lawrence Leather, Royle and Pilkington, Unagusta Manufacturing, Smoky Mountains Fertilizer, Allison and Duncan Tire and Oil companies, Welleo Shoe and Welleo Research, Carolina Power and Light, Southern Bell Telephone and the Liner Company. Not to be ignored, even though it lies just outside the town limits, is the Dayton Rubber plant, which has a large number of Hazelwood employees.

Hazelwood folk do not spend all their time, however, at work or at church. Important in the life of the town are a number of civic organizations. Active among these are the Boosters, the Boosterettes, the Lions, the Parent-Teacher Association, the American Legion and Boy and Girl Scout troops.

### NOTICE

The 11 pages in this edition is being presented by the Hazelwood 'Finer Carolina' Committee in the interest of a better community project. Feeling that the full presentation of facts about the community would be something every citizen would need, appreciate, and derive a distinct benefit, is the reason for this special section of The Mountaineer today. The Committee



**KEEPING HAZELWOOD Clean** is one of the major projects of the Finer Carolina committee working with town officials. Weeds are cut from vacant lots; streets are washed, and garbage collected on a systematic schedule throughout the town.

### Improvements Of Community Seen From F.C. Program

Hazelwood citizens have used the Finer Carolina Program for the past five years, with prideful progress toward making their town "The Finest in the Carolinas". Twice they have been awarded cash prizes for outstanding achievement.

Residents are generally familiar with the major phases of this year's Hazelwood Finer Carolina projects, but for a picture of how the Hazelwood program fits in with the overall philosophy of the competition, the sponsoring Carolina Power & Light Company offers the following explanation:

"Upon the economic wellbeing of the 2,000,000 people who inhabit the 30,000 square miles of service area in the two Carolinas, hangs the future of the (Continued on page 3)



**FINER CAROLINA COMMITTEE** have had a busy time this year, in that there has been a number of projects completed, and an active campaign going all year. From left to right: Mayor Lawrence Davis; A. P. Ledbetter; Mrs. Clyde Fisher; Carl Ratcliffe; and C. N. Allen. Dr. Stuart Roberson was absent when the picture was made.

## Hazelwood Has Four Major 'Finer Carolina' Projects

Four major projects are being sponsored by four organizations this year as part of Hazelwood's Finer Carolina Program, but their subdivisions are legion.

The Hazelwood Boosters Club, the Boosterettes, the Parent-Teacher Association and the Hazelwood Lions have each outlined a program which they are doing their best to bring to completion.

The Boosters are well along in their plan of securing land and building a community clubhouse. They have purchased the land, thanks to their rolling up their shirt sleeves in sponsoring a county-wide 4th of July celebration, which, with their other fund-raising activities, put them over the top.

The Boosterettes' goal is town improvements. They started the ball rolling toward having the entire town zoned. The local zoning commission has completed its work and final approval is expected any day.

The Boosterettes also decided to get more people to attend church, and it is a fact that every Hazelwood church has reported an increase in membership during the past year.

Hazelwood's new street markers were another project of the Boosterettes. Thanks to their efforts, every corner is now clearly marked by a concrete post painted with the names of the intersecting streets.

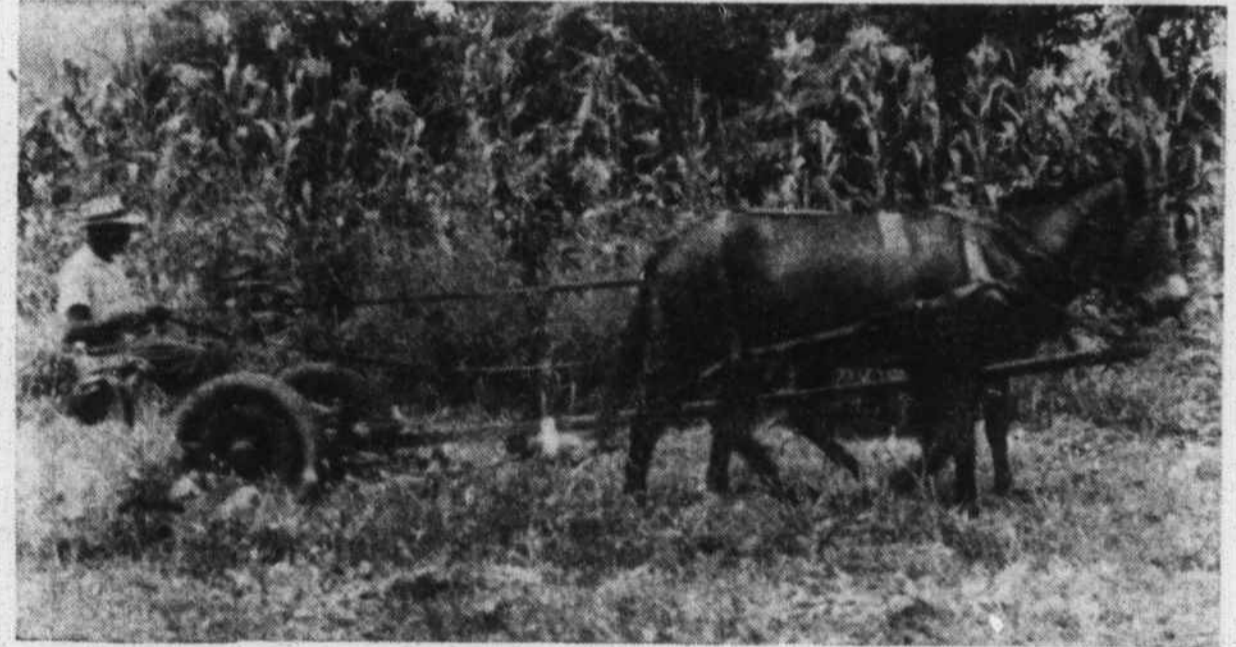
Finally, the Boosterettes are devoting themselves to the improvement and maintenance of the Scout Hut. Located in the recreation area around the school, it is designed as a meeting place for Boy and Girl Scout troops or for any other young people's group.

The Parent-Teacher Association, as is natural, is chiefly concerned with better facilities and greater safety in the school area. They pushed to completion the paving of the play area on the school grounds, giving youngsters an all-weather surface for basketball, tennis and other activities.

In addition, they initiated a number of changes in loading and unloading children at the school. Unloading is now per-

mitted only on the school side of the street, so that no child will have to dodge traffic as he runs at the sound of the last bell. The opposite side of the street now has signs posted: "No Unloading." A new road has been constructed to swing around behind the school. All school buses must use this lane for loading and unloading, thus relieving congestion in the street and, as in the other project, permitting the children to reach their classrooms without going through traffic.

The Hazelwood Lions Club gains most of its fame from its sponsorship of a youngsters' base- (Continued on page 6)



**MULE-POWER SUPPLEMENTS MANPOWER** as vacant lot. Keeping Hazelwood clean is one of several projects of the town this year.



**MANY HOURS** of fun are being derived from this piece of playground equipment on the new Hazelwood playground, one of the Finer Carolina projects.



**STREET MARKERS SPROUT** at every Hazelwood corner. Here a town workman puts the final touches to a newly erected marker. (Town of Hazelwood Photo).

**EVERY FAMILY IN HAZELWOOD HAS EYES AND HEARTS SET ON BEING A PART OF THE FINEST TOWN IN CAROLINA!**

WISHING, WITHOUT WORKING, WILL NOT MAKE IT SO. EVERY PERSON MUST COMBINE EFFORTS, TIME AND TALENTS IN ORDER TO COMPLETE EACH PROJECT AND WIN

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