

WNC's Top Communities To Be Named Saturday

Top communities in the 1956 Western North Carolina Rural Community Development Program will be named at an awards luncheon in the Asheville City Auditorium on Saturday, December 1. Several hundred rural, business and civic leaders from over Western North Carolina will gather for the presentation of the awards and to recognize the accomplishments of the organized community clubs participating in this rural improvement program.

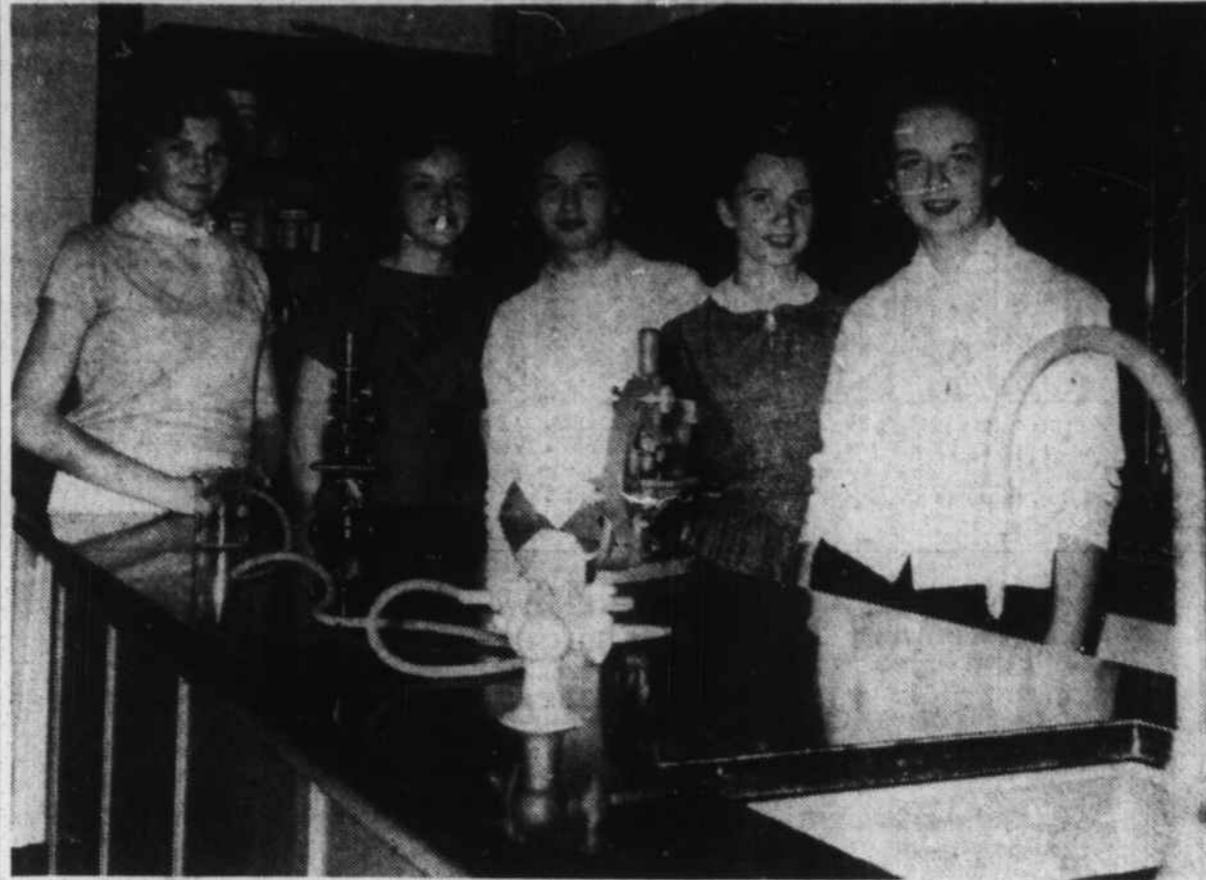
A total of 105 communities in 16 counties have taken part in the program this year. Judges visited the "Thicketty" community, winner in Iredell county, two weeks ago in final judging to select the winners.

Cash awards exceeding \$2,000.00 will go to the communities judged to have made the most outstanding progress in community, home and farm improvement during the

year. These awards are in addition to approximately \$10,000 which has already been presented by local sponsors in the various counties of the area.

According to George H. V. Cecil, President of the Asheville Agricultural Council, sponsors of the area contest, "There has been tremendous interest and enthusiasm in the community development program over Western North Carolina this year. The progress made by the organized communities in improving their communities, their homes, in developing extra income and in bettering rural life in general has been remarkable. Their achievements show what can be done when rural people, towns people and the agricultural agencies form a real partnership for progress."

Principal speaker will be Dr.



SCIENCE CLUB OFFICERS at Fines Creek High School this term are (from left) Barbara Ferguson, vice president; Patricia Kirkpatrick, reporter; Novella Rector, treasurer; Margaret Rogers, president; and Joretta Clark, secretary. (Mountaineer Photo).

Paul A. Reed of Raleigh, former president of Western Carolina College at Cullowhee and now Assistant Director of the State Board of Higher Education.

Attending the awards program will be representatives of all of the organized communities, city and county officials of the area, representatives of the public agricultural agencies, and county and area sponsors.

The community development program has played a significant part in the rural life of this area in recent years. Community buildings have been erected. Churches have been improved. Cemeteries have been cleaned off and landscaped. The roadsides have been made neater and more attractive. Garbage disposal programs, testing of water, garden and yard contests, cutting right-of-ways for electricity and telephones, helping neighbors in distress, all these are but only a few of the projects that most of the communities have worked on.

"The goal for 1957 is to get still more communities working on an organized program," says Mr. Cecil. "Town and country alike have a real stake in this work. The community development program presents a great opportunity for the entire area."

Auto retail sales in the United States now amount to more than \$43 billion annually.

Canton High Campus Cuffnotes

By JIMMY HEGLAR



The Canton Black Bears triumphed over Charlotte Harding in a thrilling game last Friday night by a score of 30-7.

The Bears gained more yardage, held the ball longer, and played probably the best game of the season. A rarity in high school football was accomplished when Charles Duke kicked a field goal from the 23 yards out. All in all, the boys performed very well and really gained a victory, and as Charlotte believes, an upset.

The hometown folks outnumbered Charlotte's fans by a large number and they gave the support needed to keep the Bears fighting.

This victory makes them eligible to compete with Washington for the state championship in a game to be played on Canton's field this Friday night.

The Christian Youth Organization met last Monday for the ring ceremony. These rings serve as constant reminders to members of the Christian club to uphold its standards.

The Dramatics Class presented a Thanksgiving play in assembly. The cast included: Emily Stone, Mary Welte, Ginger Campbell, Jerry Raxter, and Perry Haney. This play was enjoyed by everyone.

Postal Services Expanded For 1956 Christmas Mail

Postal patrons this coming Christmas season can speed the processing and assure quicker delivery of their Christmas parcels and cards by availing themselves of various postal services and free postal information pamphlets, Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield announced today.

The services mentioned by the Postmaster General include:

1. This year, for the first time, sealed parcels may be mailed at the third- or fourth-class postage rates without labels, notations, endorsements, or hieroglyphics of any kind authorizing the opening of the parcels for postal inspection. Packages sealed with modern sealing materials or even with just plain Christmas seals should carry better in the mail than unsealed ones. Strong cord should also be used.

2. Combination Mail, which was used for the first time during last Christmas season, and which permits a mailer to enclose a letter or message inside a gift parcel and pay the appropriate postage on it plus the postage for the package itself.

3. Certified Mail, also used for the first time in the 1955 season, which permits mailers to have proof of delivery of Christmas letters, cards or parcels having no intrinsic value for a postal fee of 15 cents plus first-class postage.

4. Registered mail which provides greater security protection to letters and parcels carrying items of real financial value.

5. Special Delivery mail which is given immediate delivery at the office of address during prescribed hours.

6. Airmail and air parcel post which provides quick delivery of cards and parcels to all sections of the country.

The free postal pamphlets—available at all post offices—are entitled

"Packaging and Wrapping Parcels for Mailing" and "Domestic Postage Rates and Fees". Used together, these pamphlets should answer practically all questions any Christmas mailer might have on fees, rates, special services and protection of Christmas parcels in transit.

The Postmaster General emphasized the importance of separating local and out-of-town mail. Free labels for that purpose are available at post offices.

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General Eichelberger To Address Rotarians

General Robert L. Eichelberger, Asheville, will address the Rotary Club Friday on the "Midwest Situation". The noted general will be presented by Admiral W. N. Thomas, according to Henry Foy, who is program chairman.

Coming And Going

MILWAUKEE (AP)—The latest housing bulletin put out by a local industrial firm not only listed eight homes that were for sale by employes, but two cemetery lots as well.

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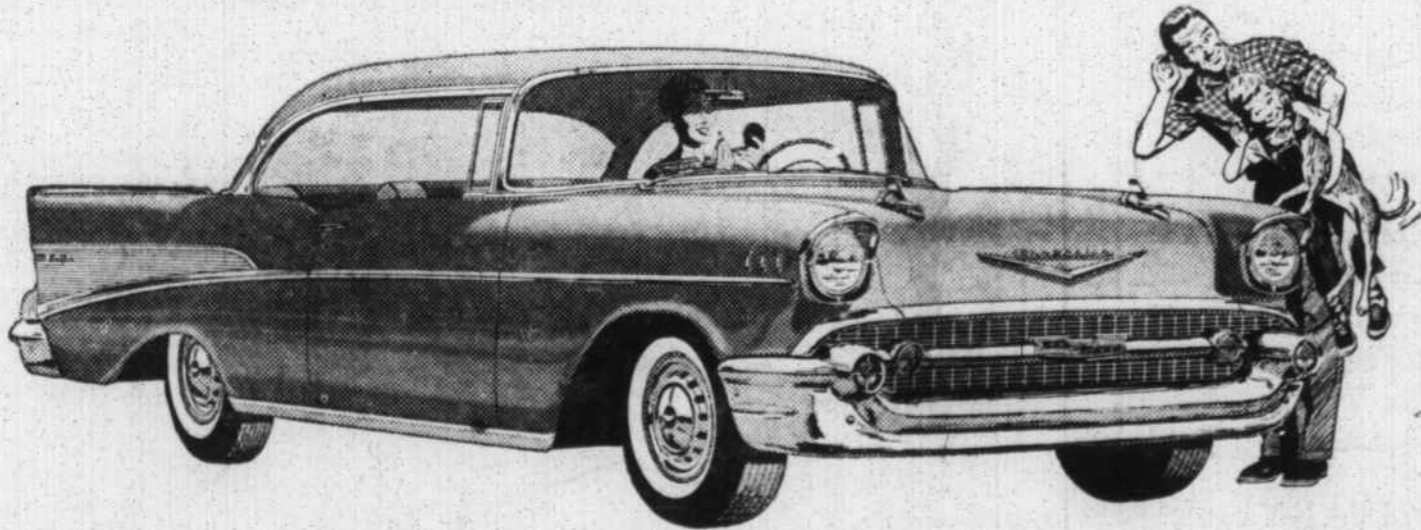
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