

## Proposal Made To Establish State Park

### Federal Government Would Spend About \$750,000 Within Next Two Years On 2,500-Acre Development

With the passing of the President's work relief bill, there is a possibility that a state park, and a large CCC camp will be established in the section of the county known as "Old Sunburst," according to Mr. Sharp, of the National Forest Service, who went over the proposed site last week in company with several local citizens.

The required 2,000 to 2,500 acres for the park are on the west fork of the Pigeon River, and is now a part of the Sherwood Forest, and is now under option to the National Forest Service for \$3.80 an acre, it was learned. The Federal government will be glad to develop this area into a park, and after two years of developing the area, the park will become a state administered park.

The Federal government in developing the park would spend over the period of two years, between \$500,000 and \$750,000, it was stated officially. The proposed site of the park is of equal distance from Waynesville and Canton, and affords one of the most natural settings for a development of a park in this immediate area. It is 15 miles from Waynesville. The proposal is that local interest purchase the land required, which would mean an expenditure of about \$50,000 to \$100,000. The fact that the amount spent in developing the park is so much larger than the cost would be to local interests, that the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce and others were interested in the matter to the extent of accompanying Mr. Sharp on his inspection tour.

Those making the trip included: W. T. Shelton, Frank W. Miller, Chas. E. Ray, Jr., Waynesville, and Will Smathers, of Asheville.

## Watch Being Made For Forest Fires

Nathan N. Walker, of Clyde, was assigned to duty as watchman for forest fires in the new 40-foot steel tower on Chambers Mountain on last Monday.

Mr. Walker will be on duty until the 15th of May, according to Cody Platt, county game and fire warden.

The entire county can be seen from the top of the tower, and constant watch will be made for fire. Telephone lines enable Mr. Walker to make prompt reports of any fires which he may see from his tower.

## Father And Son Banquet Held At Bethel School

The members of the Bethel Chapter of Young Tar Heel Farmers held their first annual father and son banquet Saturday evening, March 16, in the elementary school building.

The chief address was given by Arthur C. Jackson, TVAC administrator. Mr. Jackson spoke principally to the boys, encouraging them to cooperate, and try experiments with crops and live stock. He traced the history of agriculture down to the present day, and showed how the farmers of the past had made a mess out of the job of farming. He said it was up to the farm boys of today to put agriculture back on a productive and profitable basis, "and they will do it if they are given training in farm operations and management and in the business principles of farming." He asked the boys to do the jobs which are most difficult to do. He said that the word can't should be a challenge to every boy.

Lynn Murray, president of the Bethel chapter, was toastmaster. Other boys who had parts on the program were: Steve Cathey, who gave the address of welcome; "We Future Farmers," by Burton Cathey; Toast to dads, by William Green; Our program of work, T. F. Wells, Jr.; and our accomplishments, by David Edwards. Mr. Carl Edwards responded to the toast to the dads.

Other guests included W. D. Smith, county agent, and agricultural teachers, E. H. Macham, Franklin, F. A. Tapley, Bryson City, A. G. Morrow, Waynesville, and W. L. Fitzgerald, Clyde.

Miss Beulah Byrd and her class of home economic girls prepared and served the meal. The boys furnished the home grown food as far as possible for the dinner. St. Patrick's day colors of green and white were carried out in a most unusual manner.

The banquet was given in honor of fathers of the boys studying vocational agriculture in Bethel high school, for the purpose of bringing about a better feeling of comradeship and cooperation between father and son, and in bringing father and others in closer contact with the school and the agricultural department. All fathers of the boys were present except four.

## Spring Has Arrived

Spring is here, tra-la-la-la-la-la, its spring time again. According to those in authority, spring officially arrived at 8:18 this (Thursday) morning.

Although O.J. Man Winter behaved himself during his reign of the weather for the past three months, he certainly shed some tears before departing until next December. This has been one of the wettest months in years.

## Annual Meeting Of C. Of C. Tentatively Set For April 4th

### Directors Of Organization To Meet Within Few Days And Make Definite Plans

Chas. E. Ray, Jr., president of the local chapter of Commerce announced yesterday that tentative plans were to have the annual meeting of the organization on Thursday night, April fourth.

The board of directors are scheduled to meet in the next day or two and discuss the plans further, and also hear reports from several committees which have met within the past few days.

Mr. Ray reported that the campaign to tear down a number of old buildings in town was going along nicely, and that several were now being torn down and others were scheduled to come down within the next few weeks. Negotiations are being made with owners of other buildings to get them down before the season opens.

The organization is working on several other projects of major importance, he said, but no statement was made concerning them at this time.

## Mrs. Avis Price Passed Away Thurs.

(Contributed.)

Mrs. Avis Price passed away at her home on Fines Creek early Thursday morning, March 14, 1935, at the age of 33 years. She was taken with flu and contracted double pneumonia which caused her death. Mrs. Price's life was one of great usefulness in her home, in her church and in her community. She was thoughtful of others. She believed in doing the right thing and was loved by all who knew her.

She was born and reared in Iron Duff township and spent her early girlhood there. She was married about 15 years ago to Hayden Price of the Fines Creek township. She leaves to mourn her loss besides a host of friends, her husband, two children, Jack, age 14, and Glenn, age 11, her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Chambers, of Iron Duff, and the following brothers and one sister: Mrs. Glee McKinsey, of Orangeburg, S. C.; Merid, of Asheville; Norman, of Buffalo, S. C.; Wil C. of Panama Canal, and Marion Chambers, of Waynesville, Route 2.

Funeral services were held at Fines Creek Baptist church at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, March 15th, with the pastor, Rev. A. L. Royle, officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery nearby.

## MR. C. E. RAY IS ILL

At eight-thirty last night, Mr. C. E. Ray, Sr. was reported to be much better, after suffering from a heart attack about three o'clock Wednesday morning.

Dr. Bernard Smith, of Asheville, was called to Mr. Ray's bedside late Wednesday afternoon.

## WOULD ABOLISH THE ABSENTEE LAW



REPRESENTATIVE J. T. BAILEY

## Bailey And Sentelle Oppose The Beer Bill

The lower House in the general assembly heard plenty from two Haywood "boys" last Friday before the vote was taken on whether or not the legal alcoholic content of beer should be increased from 3.2 to 3.6 per cent.

Representative J. T. Bailey, as always on dry and wet issues, stood out for the present percentage, and siding with him was Representative R. E. Sentelle, now of Southport, but a former Haywood citizen.

The measure, however, passed the house by a vote of 55 to 34.

Mr. Henry Woodmen, member of the faculty of the Asheville School for Boys, spent Sunday as the guest of friends in town.

## Haywood's Seven-Member Board of Commissioners Organized For Business

Haywood county's seven commissioners met for their first session last Monday.

The greater part of the day was spent in getting organized, and presenting to the four new members the status of present conditions, and the business that had been transacted during the past few months, and also all unfinished business.

After the new members had been presented with the facts, the board was divided into six committees. Each committee was given the authority to act on anything coming up under the general routine of business, and all questionable matters are to be investigated by the committee and then presented to the entire board for final action.

This is a method which will simplify the work of the board, will save time of both board and those having business to transact with them, and will also give more time for investigating matters needing attention of the commissioners.

Since the county has been forced to take on a number of relief cases, a greater part of each Monday is consumed in hearing cases, and for the past two months the board has had to continue their sessions as much as three days to transact the business. Under the present plan this will be handled within a day.

The committees as named are as follows:

I. Court house and grounds—J. W. Ray, J. H. Allison, J. E. Henderson.

II. County home and farm—Lee Ferguson, J. E. Henderson, A. J. McCracken.

III. Relief—Lee Ferguson, Edwin Fincher, J. W. Ray.

IV. Tax collector and audit—J. E. Henderson, J. W. Ray, Edwin Fincher.

## Bill Would Repeal Absentee Ballot Law In Haywood

### Friends Here Say That Mr. Bailey Is Determined To See Bill Become Law

Representative J. T. Bailey is determined to abolish the absentee ballot law for Haywood county, it was learned by The Mountaineer from close friends and advisers of Mr. Bailey yesterday here.

A bill has already been introduced which would provide for the doing away with the absentee ballot law, but it is incorporated in the bill which would set up an election commission for the town of Canton. It is understood that the bill was held up until Friday, and if the Canton bill does not pass the General Assembly, it is understood that Mr. Bailey will introduce another bill separate and apart which will abolish the now existing law for this county.

The status of the tax collector's bill, as best as could be learned, will not be changed and is likely to be ratified any day. In the event that it does, it will abolish the office now held by George A. Brown, Sr., who is delinquent tax collector and tax supervisor. This office would be absorbed by D. A. Howell, who is now tax collector.

Another of Mr. Bailey's bills which would provide for the acceptance of par of bonds due or to become due in the fiscal year in payment of taxes and assessments prior to 1935, and authorize a certificate of street improvement bonds, regardless of maturity, for street assessments is now in the senate committee.

The bill which changes the seasons for hunting in the county has passed, and the following dates have been changed: squirrel, September 15 to December 15; rabbit, November 20 to February 1; and foxes, the year around. The bill makes it a misdemeanor to sell squirrels on the market.

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## Thousands of Dollars Are Being Spent Here on Hotel Gordon. 25 Men Get Jobs

### \$2,500 Is Being Spent On The Wayside Lodge By Mrs. R. H. Blackwell

Workmen are busily engaged in installing six complete modern bathrooms in the Wayside Lodge, formerly known as the Bon Air Hotel, and also doing an extensive remodeling job.

The building is now owned and operated by Mrs. R. H. Blackwell.

It was learned yesterday that at least \$2,500 would be spent on the building, before finishing the job.

Jerry Limer has the contract, and has a number of men at work there now.

## Two More Decide To Seek Office In City Election Here

### Walter T. Crawford Is Out For Mayor, and Dr. W. H. Loner Seeking Place On Board

Talk of the city election is gaining in interest each day, as the time narrows down to less than six weeks before the voters will speak at the polls.

The mayor's race will have at least two candidates and probably several more. This week Walter T. Crawford definitely decided to be a candidate, and last week as announced in the paper, J. H. Way, Jr., now alderman, will seek the mayor's place.

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## Jerry Limer Gets Contract To Remodel and Repaint Hotel. Massie To Furnish Furnishings

Twenty-five men will begin work on remodeling and repainting the Hotel Gordon next week, it was learned from Jerry Limer, local contractor, who was awarded the job.

The Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company, owners of the hotel, have contracted to spend several thousand dollars on the furnishing and repainting within the next few weeks. C. J. Reese, local representative stated.

The building in general will be remodeled, and a brand new kitchen added. Modern windows will be used throughout the kitchen, and General Electric steam table, dish washer and a 60-gallon foot refrigerator will be installed by Massie Furniture Company, together with box springs in 12 bedrooms and new window shades.

The contractor has until May 15 to complete the job, and at that time the operator for the season will be named, Mr. Reese said. "I haven't the slightest idea who will operate the hotel this summer. There are already some 15 or 20 applicants for the place. We are, however, working with the Chamber of Commerce in seeing that a competent and wide awake manager is secured for the season."

The lobby of the hotel will be repapered and the woodwork will be varnished. The entire exterior of the building will be painted white. It was learned from Mr. Limer that over 500 gallons of paint will be required for the job. According to an advertisement elsewhere in this paper DeSoto paints and varnishes will be used exclusively on the job.

The contract includes overhauling all bell and light systems, electrical wiring and all plumbing will be put in first class condition.

The Hotel Gordon has sixty bedrooms, and is the largest hotel in Waynesville. It is not unusual during the summer months for the hotel to be filled to capacity.

The owners are making every effort to have the hotel in the best condition that it has been in for a number of years.

## Opportunity Given To Exchange 4th Liberty Loan Bonds

Holders of fourth liberty bonds are being given the opportunity to exchange them for a new series of bonds just issued by the United States treasury, according to a wire received this week by the First National Bank from Henry Montgomery, Jr., secretary of the treasury.

His wire to the bank here reads in part as follows:

"The treasury would again appreciate your help as given on previous occasions in reaching individual holders of the called fourth liberty loan bonds, to advise them of the opportunity to exchange them for a new series of treasury bonds. This offer terminates Wednesday, March 27. The bonds that are eligible for exchange are the fourth liberties with terminal digits five, six and seven. Many holders of bonds in small denominations are unaware of advantages of exchange into the new issue."

The bank officials will be glad to go into detail with anyone wanting to make the exchange.

## Name Speakers For Commencement

Judge Felix E. Alley will be the commencement speaker at the Waynesville Township Schools, and Rev. Broadus E. Jones, pastor of the First Baptist church of Hendersonville will preach the commencement sermon. It was announced by Superintendent M. H. Bowles this week.

Details of the commencement program have almost been completed, and full details will be given later.

## Methodist To Have Sermon In Song

Paul Hardin, Jr., pastor of the Methodist church, has announced an unusual service for 7:00 o'clock Sunday night. It will be a sermon in song service.

The Life of Christ will be given in songs, with duets, solos, quartets, and the entire choir furnishing the music. Before each song the pastor will give briefly a few remarks concerning the part of the life of Christ which the song relates.

Lovers of music will enjoy this unusual service.

## 156 Students in County to Graduate

While the depression has been hard on the teachers whose salaries have been reduced and the pupils have not had the advantages of the necessary supplies and equipment demanded by modern educational methods the school year's record that will soon be finished as tabulated in the office of the County Superintendent of Education is most encouraging.

In 1934 there were 118 graduates from the high schools of the county and in 1935 there will be 156 graduates. From Bethel there will be 35 as against 22 last year, from Waynesville 79 as against 60 of last year, and from Clyde 42 as against 37 of last year. In 1934, and Fines Creek has 9, but last year had 10 graduates. As will be noted these figures do not include the Canton schools as Canton is a special administrative unit, which is not under the supervision of the county office.

As far as any previous records on hand show, the year just passing, marks the highest attendance record during any school year. The large

increase has justified the employment of three additional teachers for the schools after the opening last fall. This is attributed to various reasons by the County Superintendent, Jack Messer.

The major reason given has been the general health conditions in the schools, as the past year has been free from the usual epidemics that have been so prevalent, often closing the smaller schools for a time. Credit for this improved condition is given to the splendid cooperation of the District Health work, with the homes and schools. Preventive measures are being practiced with clinics, lectures, examinations of school children, inoculations and in cases where possible physical disabilities are corrected. Another stimulus to better health has been the establishment of lunch rooms in practically all the county schools. The teachers have observed with gratifying results the difference in the children since the hot lunches have taken the place of a cold sandwich at the noon hour.

Character education has been emphasized in the schools and an attempt made to make the children realize the importance of an education and the advantage of the privilege of attendance. Special attention has been given the unit type of teaching. Several of the county teachers have prepared the units that have been forwarded to the State Department of Public Instruction and will be used in the new course of study which is now under preparation for the state schools.

While the libraries of the schools have greatly suffered and the children have been denied the proper amount of reference books, during the past year several of the schools have had special drives and benefits which have to a certain extent filled this gap in the appropriations.

Along with the increased enrollment of pupils has gone a more thorough co-operation between the parents and the teachers. A better understanding of the problems of each

has been shown in the various activities of the P. T. A.'s throughout the county.

One feature of the year offering serious difficulties has been the transportation of the pupils by the busses. There are at present 23 busses in operation in the county, when to transport the children to and from school on time and without long hours of waiting there should be at least 30. These busses are bought and maintained by the state.

But along with the gratifying results of the 1935 record, it is useless to claim that the schools have been kept up to the high standard outlined by the state department two years ago, with the decrease in financial support this would be impossible. However the record should prove to the legislators, that the people of North Carolina appreciate better educational advantages, and should make them cognizant of this one state obligation that should stand first when the state funds are distributed.