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## Unified Community Program Adopted, Campaign Starts 16

### Directors Of Chamber Of Commerce See Distinct Advantages Of Single Budget

It is a wonderful place to be going to bring it to our people more forcefully by staging a Community Campaign, starting May 16," Bill Prevost, president of the Chamber of Commerce said this week.

The program which President Prevost and the board of directors are launching, is far-reaching, in that they have made plans to touch every phase of community life in the town.

They have taken the three groups of the community—tourists, industrial and agricultural divisions—and mapped their program equally to each without partiality to either.

The program takes in all events of the separate divisions have had and now these have been put into one general program, with one budget.

Before the industrial group or less been the sponsor of the Labor Day program, and the same carried on with the live show, while the tourists division to the community advertising and recreational features.

The unified budget plan program, all divisions will participate equally in each phase of general activities. President Prevost explained that under the program the community will be knit together, bring about a better understanding, and at less cost under the "separate system" has been used here in the past.

The plan is that everything that money will be lumped into one budget, and one canvass sufficient to care for all the of community-wide projects.

The budget calls for promoting stock show in the fall; for city advertising, support of school band, entertainment, dental and Masonic conventions, and general Labor Day operation of the Chamber of Commerce office, sponsorship of dramatic representation of Florida, and maintenance of community center and host-

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## More Men Are Added to Complete State Guard

### Captain Howell High In Honor Of Waynesville Company

With Carolina State Guard only four men to meet required number of fifty, according to Captain J. Harden.

While more than the number have volunteered, number could not pass the tests.

Work with the local state one of the most encouraging satisfactory I have ever witnessed," said Captain Harden yesterday in speaking of the guard.

The company meets each Tuesday in the Armory for drill instructions, and according to Captain Howell are taking their duties very seriously.

Officers for the group have been appointed and are expected to start this week.

Uniforms are also expected near future. They are to wear an overseas cap in olive color, with which they wear black shoes, black ties, and white shirts. On the shoulder the uniforms will be a red with the letters "N. C. S. G.," (North Carolina State Guard.)

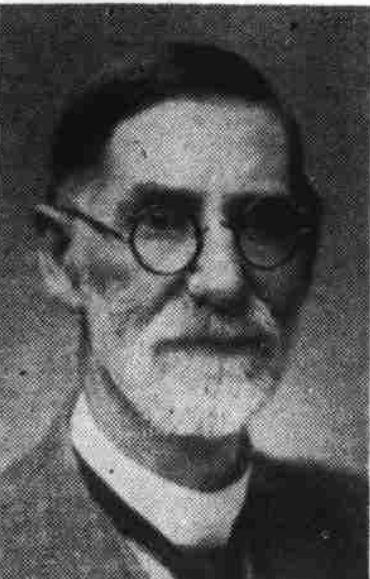
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## Claimed by Death



CLYDE H. RAY, was buried here Tuesday afternoon. He had been in ill health for some time.

## Clyde H. Ray, Local Business And Civic Leader Dies

### Was Identified With Affairs Here For More Than Fifty Years

Last rites were conducted at 2 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon at the residence here for Clyde H. Ray, 76, prominent civic and business leader, who died at his home on Sunday afternoon at four o'clock. The Rev. R. E. MacBlain, rector of Grace Episcopal church officiated. Burial was in Green Hill cemetery.

Out of respect to his passing all business firms were closed during the hour of his funeral on Tuesday, and on Monday afternoon the civil court in session this week adjourned as a courtesy to Mr. Ray and to the late Frank W. Miller, also a well known civic leader.

Serving as active pallbearers were: Dr. N. M. Medford, W. T. (Continued on page 8)

## Meeting Of Red Cross Chapter Is Set For Monday

### Election Of Officers And Annual Report Will Be Presented

A special meeting of the local chapter of the American Red Cross is being called for Monday night, the 12th in the court house at 8 o'clock by L. N. Davis, president.

The purpose of the meeting are to elect officers present the annual reports of the various groups and officers and also the urgent calls that are being made on all Red Cross chapters at this time.

There are approximately 700 paid up members of the Haywood chapter of the Red Cross and president Davis is urging a large attendance at the meeting on Monday night.

All quotas made upon the chapter from national headquarters during the past year and a large amount of local work has been accomplished, all of which will be presented in the annual reports to be given at the meeting.

## J. R. Morgan Tells Lions Of Growth Of Town Since 1910

J. R. Morgan, local attorney, was the guest speaker on Thursday night of the Lions Club at their regular supper meeting.

Mr. Morgan discussed "The Growth of Waynesville" during the past thirty-five years. He told of the many improvements in the streets, in the water system, in the extensive building program and the vast change in the appearance of Main street.

Tap dance numbers were presented by Evelyn Craig and Mary Ellen Boone, with Miss Eva Leatherwood serving as accompanist.

Announcement was made during the evening that four children had been taken to Asheville during the week for eye treatment of their eyes.

## First Day In Court Here Resembles Scene In Reno, Nev.

A casual visitor dropping into the court room here on Monday morning on the first day of the May term of civil court might have been misled into thinking they were in Reno, Nevada, instead of Waynesville, North Carolina. In less than two hours, eleven divorces, all parties residents of Haywood county, were granted.

Court house attaches and a number of lawyers stated that the "like of such" had never been known in this vicinity before. There have been eleven divorces granted during one term of court, but never eleven in one day.

## All Evidence In Fincher Case On Wed. Afternoon

### May Term Of Civil Court Which Convened Monday May Last Through Friday

Despite a light docket it was thought yesterday afternoon by court attaches that the May term of civil court which convened here Monday would last through Friday.

Judge Zeb Nettles, of Asheville, is presiding, having made an exchange with Judge Frank M. Armstrong, of Monroe, who was scheduled to preside.

The outstanding case on the docket is the suit for \$15,000 which T. J. Fincher, of Lake Junaluska, is bringing against the Smoky Mountain Stages, Inc., and the Old North State Breweries, Inc. The fight is between the breweries and the bus company as to which party was negligent.

The case grew out of injuries received by Mr. Fincher to his elbow while riding on a bus of the Smoky Mountain Stages, Inc., in July of 1939.

The bus, according to testimony in which Mr. Fincher was riding, collided with a delivery truck belonging to the Old North State Breweries. The evidence brought out the fact that Mr. Fincher's left elbow projected from the window sill of the bus at the time of the accident and was injured by a mirror on the truck which was delivering beer.

After the accident, the testimony further showed that Mr. Fincher was taken to Sylva, about two miles distant and was given treatment for his injuries.

All evidence for all contesting parties was in when court adjourned yesterday, the testimony having taken up Tuesday and Wednesday.

On opening morning of the court eleven divorces were tried and granted. Upon resolution of W. T. Crawford, the court adjourned for the afternoon session in respect to the passing of two well known local citizens, Frank W. (Continued on page 8)

## Bradley Improves Hazelwood Store

The exterior of the store of W. A. Bradley, Hazelwood, has been completely renovated, by adding a coating of cement to the brick.

Plans are to block off the coating and give the building the appearance of being built of limestone blocks.

## Way, Fisher, Bailey, Smathers Elected Mayors County Towns

The four towns in Haywood county elected municipal officials on Tuesday in non-partisan contests with J. H. Way, Jr., re-elected as mayor of Waynesville; Clyde Fisher, as mayor of Hazelwood; Walter G. Smathers, re-elected mayor of Clyde; and J. T. Bailey, mayor of Canton.

The local election is reported by political leaders to have been one of the "mildest" ever held in the town. There were approximately 1,200 registered, but only 735 exercised their privilege of the ballot.

The incumbent board of aldermen, T. L. Bramlett, Hugh Massie, and L. M. Killian were re-elected. They were opposed by R. R. Campbell and J. C. Patrick.

The vote was as follows: J. H. Way, Jr., 645; L. M. Killian, 607; T. L. Bramlett, 535; Hugh Massie, 526; R. R. Campbell, 210; J. C. Patrick, 221.

## Clerk of Court



HUGH LEATHERWOOD was named clerk of court here to succeed W. G. Byers. The appointment was made by Judge Felix E. Alley.

## Retires



W. G. BYERS was forced by ill health to retire as clerk of court, after serving Haywood County for eleven years in that capacity.

## Byers Resigns Post Of Clerk Of Superior Court

### Hugh Leatherwood Appointed By Judge F. E. Alley To Fill Unexpired Term

Hugh Leatherwood took over his duties as clerk of the Superior Court of Haywood County Monday morning, having been appointed by Judge F. E. Alley to fill the unexpired term of W. G. Byers, who resigned from the post on April the 25th, due to ill health.

Mr. Leatherwood has been prominently identified with politics in the county and the state for the past ten years. He was with the State Highway Commission from 1931 to 1937. In the latter year he was appointed assistant Sergeant of Arms in the North Carolina Assembly.

In July, 1937 he was appointed State Gasoline and Oil Inspector with the State Department of Revenue. From this position he resigned during the past week to accept the office of Clerk of the Superior Court of Haywood County made (Continued on page 8)

## Shoe Company To Train 30 Women, Starting June 1

### Sixty Others Will Be Employed When Plant Opens For Production About July 15

Thirty women will begin training on June first on special machines which will be used in the Welco Shoe Corporation.

Officers of the company were here last week, and completed plans for installing a battery of machines in the vocational building at the high school where the machines will put into use until the plant of the Dayton Rubber Manufacturing Company is completed on July 15th. At that time, the machines will be moved into the department now being specially built for the shoe company, and the company will start production of shoes.

The 45-days of training of the 30 women is a measure to save time when the plant is opened, officials pointed out.

When the plant is in operation, about sixty additional girls will be employed.

The company has all the applications needed for those who will take the training course, it was said. No applications are being received until nearer the time for the plant to open.

Construction of the plant near Hazelwood has been moving along satisfactorily, it was pointed out, and will be ready for occupancy by the date set—July 15th.

## Cruso REA Lines Will Be Extended To Jackson County

A survey of approximately 30 miles in the Caney Fork section of Jackson county is getting underway under the supervision of the Cruso Electric Membership Corporation, which will bring in about 200 new subscribers in the company.

Other lines are also under consideration that will extend into other counties which will be announced at a later date, according to James Moore, superintendent of the company.

George O. Moore, chief REA auditor of region number one, extending from Maine through North Carolina, is spending several days here this week working with the Cruso corporation.

Chas. Besner, field auditor from the REA administration in Washington, is spending two or three weeks here assisting the company.

Application has been made to the government for a \$25,000 plumbing and wiring loan. This amount when granted will be made in \$5,000 installments. Plans are to start the plumbing program in the near future.

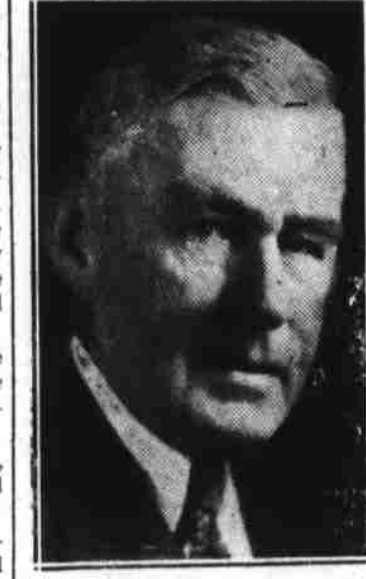
## Donald Dunham Arrives From Florida For Summer Season Here

Donald Dunham, owner and manager of the Dunham House, popular summer hotel here, has arrived for the season and will open his place in the near future.

Mr. Dunham spent the winter in St. Petersburg, where he was associated in the management of a hotel. While the Florida season was not quite up to former years according to Mr. Dunham, he feels hopeful of a good season here.

## New Owners of Hotel Gordon Start Work On Improvements

### Passes Away



FRANK W. MILLER, prominent in civic affairs, passed away last Friday.

## Last Rites Held For F. W. Miller Local Civic Leader

### Was Former Member Of State Highway And Public Works Commission

Frank W. Miller, 68, well known citizen of this section and a former member of the State Highway and Public Works commission, died last Friday at 5 o'clock in the morning at the Haywood County Hospital following an illness of several days.

Funeral services were conducted at the First Methodist church at 3 o'clock on Sunday afternoon. The Rev. J. G. Huggin, Jr., pastor of the church and Dr. W. L. Hutchins, superintendent of the Waynesville district of the Western Carolina conference officiated. Burial was in Green Hill cemetery.

Serving as active pallbearers were: Frank Jacobs, and H. G. Starkey, of Canton, Byron Marsh, of Bryson City, J. H. Howell, Charles Ray, Arthur Connell, W. C. Garrison, Jr., of Enka, and W. Roy Francis.

Honorary pallbearers included: George H. Ward, Asheville, Dr. Tom Stringfield, Jefferson Reeves, L. M. Killian, J. Wilford Ray, Geo. A. (Continued on page 8)

## Enthusiasm Marks Livestock Show Meeting Here

### Claude T. Francis Is Re-Elected As President To Promote Show

Interest ran high in the meeting on Saturday afternoon at the court house of 60 or more of the leading farmers and business men of the county held for the purpose of electing officers and formulating plans for the second annual livestock show which will take place on September the 19th and 20th.

Claude T. Francis was re-elected president of the group. Others who will serve with Mr. Francis include: first vice president, Jarvis L. Palmer; second vice president, W. A. Bradley; third vice president, (in charge of women's department), Mrs. Paul Hyatt, of Bethel; secretary W. A. Medford, Jr.; and treasurer, J. R. Boyd.

The Waynesville Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the show. The group on Saturday voted unanimously to ask some financial assistance from the county board of commissioners.

The officers will meet in the near future with the county farm agents and appoint three directors in each township in the county who will work with them for the staging of the show.

The group voted to include the handicrafts of the women in the show this year. This department will be sponsored by the home demonstration clubs of the county but any woman residing in Haywood county whether in the rural sections or in town is eligible to enter her work in the exhibits.

A large number of cash prizes with a substantial increase over the amount of the show of last year will no doubt stimulate interest with the exhibitors.

## General Renovation Program Started By New Owners From West Palm Beach

The owners of the Hotel Gordon have arrived, and work has already started on the general improvement program, which calls for renovation, and the addition of some furniture and carpets.

The 60-room hotel was bought from Mrs. L. E. Phillips, of Black Mountain by Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Gauden and G. L. Martin, all of West Palm Beach.

Mr. Martin will be manager of the hotel. Since his arrival here Monday he has been in consultation with plumbers, painters, paper-hangers and others regarding the renovation of the building. Work has already started in some departments.

Mrs. Gauden will arrive today, while Mr. Gauden is expected soon. Mr. and Mrs. Quinby Kipp have managed the hotel for the past four years.

The new owners said there would be no changes in the management of the dining room, which is under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. McGraw.

Mr. and Mrs. Gauden own and operate the Alhambra Hotel in West Palm Beach, and Mr. Martin has been manager for them for the past five years. Mr. Martin does not have an interest in the Florida hotel, but does own an interest in the Gordon.

## New Presbyterian Minister Assumes Pastorate Duties

### Rev. M. R. Williamson And Family Arrived From Chattanooga During Week

The Rev. Malcolm Russell Williamson, who was called last month to the pastorate of the Waynesville Presbyterian church arrived during the week and delivered his first sermon on last Sunday morning.

The Rev. Mr. Williamson is a native of Lancaster, S. C., and comes here from the Signal Mountain Presbyterian church of Chattanooga.

He is a graduate of the Presbyterian College of South Carolina and of the Columbia Theological Seminary, now located in Atlanta, Georgia.

He served first as assistant pastor in the Independent Presbyterian church, of Savannah, Ga. From there he was called to Griffin, Ga., where he was pastor for five years.

From Griffin he went to Signal Mountain church where he has served as pastor for 11 years. He came to the local Presbyterian church some weeks ago and filled the pulpit one Sunday morning, following which he was called here by the congregation.

Rev. Mr. Williamson and his wife and three young sons, Malcolm, Jr., age seven, Stanley, age five, and George, age two, are occupying the manse on Walnut street.

Rev. Mr. Williamson enters his pastorate here with keen interest in his work both in the church and in the community.

The church here has been without a pastor since December, when the Rev. R. P. Walker resigned, accepting a call to a church near Charlotte.

## CCC Camp Will Be Hosts Friday

Friday will be observed as "Get Acquainted Day" at CCC Camp No. 415 at Cataloochee.

Business and professional men of the county have been invited to have a meal with the camp in the afternoon and inspect some of the projects which have been underway for sometime.

The camp has about 110 men, and is equipped to handle 200.

## E. K. Herman Recovering After Serious Operation

E. K. Herman, who is a patient in Mt. Alto Hospital, Washington, D. C., is reported to be improving following a serious operation on his throat. Mrs. Herman, who has been spending sometime with her husband, has returned home.