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## Survey Made For County Development Program

### Haywood Farmers To Tour Other Parts of State

#### Officials And Civic Leaders On The Project

Monroe Redden Spends Two Days Here Consulting With Leaders on Program

Monroe Redden, Democratic nominee for Congress, from this district, spent Wednesday and Thursday in Haywood, making a county-wide survey and study of the area with civic leaders and officials. The purpose of the survey was to get an accurate picture of the needs of Haywood, formulate a general plan for future development, regarding the Park, highways in addition to securing additional information on natural resources.

"I want to have first hand information and facts at my finger tips when I get to Washington. I feel that I can best serve the people by going over the field and gathering the facts and then work with the plans that are already in the making," Mr. Redden said as the party of almost 25 started the thorough survey.

A conference was held Wednesday morning, and a general outline of a development program discussed, with Charles E. Ray acting as chairman of the Haywood group. At noon the party had lunch at the Hotel Gordon, and then started for the first part of a nine-hour motor trip into the northern end of the county, covering Catahochee, Big Creek and Waterville areas.

Frequent stops were made by the party, which was escorted by Patrolman O. R. Roberts, in order that maps and official data on hand could be studied in the field. At Cove Creek Gap, with an elevation of 4,062 feet, the party took time to get a general view of both valleys below and study the "lay of the land."

From there the party in seven cars drove down Catahochee creek to the foot of Big Fork Ridge, where the Park Service plans to build numerous picnic and camping grounds.

After a thorough inspection of the Catahochee area the party went across Mt. Sterling Gap down to Mt. Sterling and then to Waterville for a visit to the hydro-electric plant of the Carolina Power and Light Company, one of the largest privately owned hydro-electric plants east of the Mississippi.

From the power plant, the party, accompanied by Park Ranger Shaver and Mack Caldwell, went to Walnut Bottom, seven miles up Big Creek for a fish fry and picnic supper.

During a conference on Big Creek, Blair Ross, superintendent of the Park, pointed out the plans for developing that entire area under the master plan of the Park.

"Right now it appears that we will have more than a million visitors in the Park over the present highways. That is just about the capacity. This means we will have to develop such areas as Big Creek and Catahochee," Mr. Ross said.

In pointing out the plan of the Park service for developing these and other kindred areas, the question of state highways to these points was brought up. The Big Creek and Catahochee area are right on the eastern edge of the Park. And pointing this out on

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#### Market Reports

The following prices are being offered as of noon Thursday at the Farmers Exchange in East Waynesville, for farm produce for shipment to wholesalers:

Eggs, 40c-45c; fryers, 30c; hens, 20c-23c; beans, 45c-50c; squash, \$2.00; cucumbers, \$2.00.

At the Asheville market the prices reported by the state and federal departments of Agriculture were as follows as of Wednesday:

Eggs, 32c-42c; fryers and broilers, 35c to 37c; heavy hens, 25c-27c; light hens, 20c-25c; snap beans, \$1.50-\$2.00.

Tuesday at Hendersonville apples were being received and the market price ran: Wilson reds, \$2.75-\$3.25; Northern June, \$2.50-\$2.75; snap beans, \$2.00-\$2.60; cabbage (market dull) 50 lb sacks domestic round type 65c-76c; cucumbers, \$2.50-\$3.50; squash, \$1.75-\$3.25.

#### TVA Head Here



DAVID E. LUENTHAL, chairman of the board of directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, is vacationing with his wife at Catahochee Ranch this week. This is his first visit to Haywood county since several summers ago when Mr. Luenthal gave an address at the court house telling of the purpose and work of the TVA. They have been enjoying a rest and some hot-chick cooking at the Catahochee Ranch since arriving July 13th and plan to return to their home in Nolichucky, Tenn., Saturday.

#### Students Not Able to Enter College To Register Soon

All young people eligible to enter college but who have been unable to gain admission to some institution for the coming fall term are being requested to register at selected high schools over North Carolina so that special "on-campus" and "off-campus" centers may be set up to provide freshman year college courses.

The registration will be conducted Monday and Tuesday, July 22-23, at the Waynesville high school, announced Superintendent Jack Messer.

John Williams, area veterans representative, announced that efforts are being made to bring a college center to Waynesville, with housing for students being the primary problem. "Everyone who wants an education can get one if

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#### Gains Made By Clyde Post Office

Receipts at the Clyde Post Office are showing an increase, according to Governor Hayes, postmaster.

"Business has been increasing since the middle of June, and indications are that it will hold up," the Clyde postmaster said.

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#### July Superior Court Holds Long Session; Adjourned Thursday

Large Docket Disposed Of In The Ten Day Period, With 31 Divorces Granted

The Haywood County Superior Court, criminal term, was expected to adjourn Thursday afternoon as The Mountaineer went to press after one of the longest sessions since the prewar days, having lasted through a ten-day period, with Judge Felix E. Alley presiding.

Through yesterday noon a total of 31 divorces had been granted.

Other judgements given since those reported in Tuesday's issue of the paper include the following:

Dr. Furman Angel, prominent surgeon of Franklin, was fined \$1,000 and given a two year suspended sentence over a five year period and ordered to immediately start action to have an attempted marriage to Burr Messer of Haywood county annulled, after he had entered a plea of guilty to charges of fornication and adultery, prostitution, and maintaining a house for prostitution. He was ordered not to have any association either in this state or outside with Miss Messer. Prayer for judgement was continued on a charge of bigamy.

In the case of the State versus Dewey Herschel Harkens, with the defendant charged with larceny of an automobile, the latter was ordered to pay the cost of the court and \$200 to Farady Rathbone.

John Ledford, charged with non-support was ordered to pay his wife \$25 now and \$30 per month hereafter. In the case of Haywood county and the Citizen Bank and Trust Company versus the Haywood Furniture Manufacturing Company, et al the court ordered that Morgan and Ward and J. H. Howell, Jr., attorneys, be allowed the sum of \$300, for legal services furnished the receiver during the years between 1939-46, to be paid by the

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#### Isley Issues Call To High School Band Candidates

Charles Isley, who has returned from the Marines to resume directing the High School Band, announces that he will begin teaching private and group lessons to candidates for this year's band. He plans to begin the lessons Monday, and requests that all musicians interested see Miss Moody at the County Board of Education office in the Court House, and leave information as to what hours they can take lessons, and whether they prefer private or will take group instruction.

The lessons will be free of charge, the cost being borne by the High School. Mr. Isley expects a band membership of 60 in the senior group, and 40 beginners. He plans to continue the summer lessons until school starts so that the Band will be back in top shape for Labor Day and the opening of the football season.

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Help keep the town clean.  
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Our story is about a Singer sewing machine salesman, one whose name is forgotten over the years, who attempted to take his horse and buggy through one of the Jonathan Creek fords about a mile above Dellwood. Like several others before him, his buggy failed to make the grade against the strong current, nose and buggy went under and fought their way out to the safety of the far shore.

However, the spill threw one of his sewing machines out in the creek, and the salesman didn't feel up to getting it out of the water at the time. It lay there through the following years, washing down and burying in the sand of the creek bed.

Last week, Clayton Alexander was dredging sand and gravel from the creek to go into concrete mixing machines. One scoop brought out an odd looking object. Yes, the old sewing machine.

Now rusty and outdated, the little table model machine rests at the Ferguson Dairy where it is a source of interest to those who like oddities. Perhaps one reason it looks so dejected is that it never had the chance to sew a stitch.