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## 100 People Be Asked Of Congress Smokies Development

Ray Explains  
Case Of Jan. 22  
Working With  
Legislators

For a budget approx-  
imately \$2,000,000 in the 1949  
for development and  
of the Great Smoky  
National Park will be  
congressional leaders at  
Washington on Janu-  
ary 22, announced this week  
E. Ray, chairman of the  
Parkway and National  
Commission.  
Projects included in the  
budget are \$522,400 to be spent  
on a road from  
to Fontana, \$321,000  
from Black Camp Gap  
to Overlook, and \$125-  
000 on Cades Creek road, the  
Tennessee part of the  
construction of these roads  
much more of the park  
which still is lim-  
ited paved cross route—  
to Gatlinburg—and  
section from Newfound  
man's Dome 17 years  
park was established.  
The budget for the Great  
Smoky Mountains National  
park and improvements, is  
roughly one third of  
asked for in the fiscal  
year ending July 1.  
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## Two Men Fined \$100 In Mayor's Court Trials

Thirteen cases were disposed of  
Monday and Wednesday in Mayor's  
Court, and the trial of two men  
charged with reckless driving after  
their vehicles collided at the in-  
tersection of Walnut street and  
Branner avenue at 12:15 p. m. on  
Tuesday, was postponed until Janu-  
ary 5.

Two men charged with driving  
under the influence of liquor, list-  
ed on the court docket as W. S.  
Soesbee and Alonzo Sweatman,  
were found guilty, fined \$100 and  
\$12.60 costs, and had their li-  
censes revoked one year. Eleven  
defendants were found guilty of  
public drunkenness and released  
on paying court costs.  
Involved in the auto collision  
were Earl Phillips of Cove Creek  
and Robert B. Smathers of Canton.  
Phillips was driving a 1936 Ford  
south on Walnut street, and Smath-  
ers was operating the 1939 Pontiac  
going north on Branner avenue  
at the time of the crash. The Pon-  
tiac was damaged extensively ac-  
cording to Policeman Paul Gough,  
but no one was injured to the ex-  
tent of requiring a doctor.

## Christmas Tree Program Will Be Held On Dec. 23

Plans have been completed for  
the community Christmas tree  
which is sponsored annually by  
the Woman's Club for children in  
the community.

The program which will be given  
in connection with the Christmas  
tree will take place Tuesday after-  
noon, December 23, at 2 o'clock in  
the court room at the Courthouse.  
Following the program gifts of  
toys, nuts, fruits and candies will  
be distributed to the children.  
Co-operating with the Woman's  
Club are the various civic organi-  
zations, business firms, the town,  
and a number of individuals.  
Mrs. Noble Garrett is chairman  
of the committee which is plan-  
ning the event and Mrs. C. F.  
Kirkpatrick is in charge of the  
program.  
The public is invited.

## Lilius Purchases Stock Of Davis - Smith At Auction

E. J. Lilius bought the stock of  
Davis-Smith company Wednesday  
when it was sold at auction by a  
deputy of the U. S. Department of  
Internal Revenue. The stocks of  
the Waynesville and Canton stores  
were sold to apply on claims of  
the government for taxes.  
Dr. C. T. Wells, of Canton, pur-  
chased the stock of the Canton  
store. The sale included all stocks  
and fixtures of the stores.  
Mr. Lilius announced yesterday  
that the stock of the Waynesville  
store will be sold immediately at  
greatly reduced prices.  
The deputy tax collector an-  
nounced at the same time that ar-  
ticles which had been left at the  
store for repair and part payment  
made, are in his possession and  
can be had by applying at his of-  
fice in the Post Office building  
here.

## Polio Drive Plans Are Discussed By Group Wednesday

Plans for the annual polio drive  
in Haywood county were discussed  
at a meeting of chairmen and  
workers Wednesday at the Town  
House, over which David Hyatt,  
co-chairman for the Waynesville  
area, presided.  
Present were Beekman Huger,  
co-chairman for the Canton area;  
Richard Barber, campaign chair-  
man for this area; Mrs. Clifford  
Harrell, Canton; Mrs. W. C. Nor-  
ris, J. E. Massie, Jack Messer and  
Mrs. J. R. McCracken.  
The fund-raising campaign will  
start January 15 under the spon-  
sorship of the Rotary Club.

## TWO FROM HAYWOOD ENLIST IN ARMY

Two young men from Haywood  
county, Robert B. Chapman of  
Waynesville and Arvesta L. Higgs  
of Canton, recently enlisted in the  
U. S. Army at the Greenville, S. C.,  
air base.

## Christmas Edition Will Be Published On Monday

The Christmas edition of  
The Mountaineer will go to  
press Monday and be the only  
issue of the paper next week.  
The office will be closed on  
Thursday and Friday.  
In the Christmas edition  
will be many of the traditional  
stories and news features re-  
lating to the religious holiday,  
and greetings to their friends,  
and industries to their friends.  
The deadline for advertising  
will be noon Saturday. There

## Head Chamber Of Commerce For 1948



JAMES KILPATRICK  
Vice President



WAYNE CORPENING  
President



JAMES H. HOWELL, JR.  
Treasurer

THESE THREE young men, all  
veterans, were named officers of  
the Chamber of Commerce here  
Tuesday night for the coming year.  
Mr. Corpening succeeds C. J. Reece  
as president. Mr. Kilpatrick served  
as treasurer during the past year,  
and is now first vice president.  
James Harden Howell, Jr., has been  
an active director in the organiza-  
tion for some time, and will be the  
treasurer for 1948. The naming  
of a permanent secretary was held  
over until the January meeting.

## Commerce Board Elects Wayne Corpening To Serve As President During '48

James Kilpatrick,  
Dave Felmet and Leo  
Weill Are Vice  
Presidents

Wayne Corpening was elected  
president of the Chamber of Com-  
merce for 1948 at a meeting of the  
new board of directors here Tues-  
day night. Mr. Corpening succeeds  
C. J. Reece, who served for 1947.  
The membership of the organiza-  
tion two weeks ago elected 24 mem-  
bers of the board of directors, and  
the board in turn elects the offi-  
cers for the year.

James Kilpatrick was elected  
first vice president, and Dave Fel-  
met second vice president. Leo  
Weill is the third vice president,  
and James H. Howell, Jr., is treas-  
urer. Mr. Kilpatrick served as  
treasurer last year.  
Mr. Reece presided at the meet-  
ing, which was held by both the  
old and new board. He thanked the  
board for their co-operation dur-  
ing 1947, and pledged to Mr. Cor-  
pening his time and energy during  
his term of office. The directors  
gave him a rising vote of thanks  
for his leadership.  
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## King Of Square Dancers Has Spread Soco Gap Style To Much Of U.S.

By BILL SHARPE  
Sam Queen of Soco Gap danced  
away "a fortune" before he knew  
square dancing was anything more  
than fun. It was a ministerial stu-  
dent who opened the eyes of the  
"King of the Square Dancers"—a  
Davidson college boy who was visit-  
ing at nearby Lake Junaluska.  
The student, now the Rev. Dr.  
Hayes Clark, hired the old Moody  
barn loft, put on a square dance,  
charged 25 cents admission and  
Sam was astonished to see every  
tourist in the hills clamoring at  
the barn door.  
It's a different proposition now.  
Sam recruited his famous Soco  
Gap dance team, now grown into  
a permanent but ever changing  
group, as the old-timers retire from  
participation. It was perhaps the  
first of the Appalachian teams to  
proselyte, and its exhibition and

## Dr. B. Owen Elected Head Medical Body

Dr. V. H. Duckett Is  
Chosen President Of  
County Hospital Staff

Officers to serve in 1948 were  
elected Tuesday evening by the  
Haywood County Medical Society  
and the Haywood County hospital  
staff at a joint meeting in the  
nurses home.

Dr. Boyd Owen was elected pres-  
ident of the medical society, suc-  
ceeding Dr. J. L. Reeves of Can-  
ton. Dr. Mary Michal is the new  
vice president, and Dr. H. A. Mat-  
thews, Canton, is secretary and  
treasurer.

The society named Dr. J. L.  
Reeves as delegate to the State  
Medical Society, with Dr. N. F.  
Lancaster, alternate.

Officers for the hospital include:  
Dr. V. H. Duckett, Canton, presi-  
dent; Dr. R. Stuart Robinson, Haz-  
elwood, vice president; and Dr.  
George Gibbin, Canton, secretary.  
Dr. Thomas Stringfield is the new  
member of the executive commit-  
tee.

## Town Gets Letter Of Appreciation For Memorial Plot

A vote of thanks to the mayor  
and board of aldermen of Waynes-  
ville for making possible the veter-  
ans burial plot in Green Hill  
cemetery was unanimously given  
at the meeting Monday evening of  
Haywood post No. 47, American  
Legion.

In a letter to the town officials,  
Fred Y. Campbell, adjutant for the  
post, stated in part: "We feel that  
it is a generous and noble ges-  
ture on your part and want you to  
know that it is most sincerely ap-  
preciated."

## Miss Sellers Is Prize Winner In Essay Contest

Miss Essie Sellers, teacher in  
the East Waynesville school, won  
third prize in a state-wide essay  
contest sponsored by the Raleigh  
branch, National School Supply  
company, on the subject: "Advant-  
ages of Using Feature Films in  
Schools."

The prize entitled Miss Sellers  
to \$15 worth of visual teaching  
aids, selected by her.  
E. E. Carter, president of the  
firm, in announcing the winners of  
the contest, stated that the three  
judges found all entries were of  
high merit, and that Miss Sellers'  
essay was selected for third prize  
because of the excellent ideas ad-  
vanced and originality of presenta-  
tion.

## Masonic Past Masters Announce Dinner Meet

The Masonic past masters of  
Haywood county will hold their  
annual dinner meeting at 6:30 p. m.  
December 29 in the Champion  
YMCA. All past masters and pres-  
ent Masonic officers and their  
wives are invited to attend and re-  
quested to notify the program  
chairman if possible.

## '47 Postal Business Up

### Post Office Sets Record In Handling Of Yule Mail



FOLLOWING A SPECIAL DISPENSATION from Pope Pius XII, the Rev. Frater Cosmos Meyer (right), a former polio sufferer, is ordained to the Missionary Priesthood of St. Mary's Mission, Techny, Ill., by Bishop Adolph Noser. First polio victim to become a priest, Rev. Meyer spent several months in an iron lung and two years battling the ailment. His twin brother recently became a priest. (International)

1947 Volume Has Al-  
ready Exceeded That  
Of Last Year, Howell  
States

Christmas business at the Way-  
nesville postoffice is setting new  
records, according to Postmaster  
J. H. Howell.

"There is every reason to be-  
lieve we reached the peak of out-  
going mail on Wednesday of this  
week, while the incoming mails  
continue to show an increase," the  
postmaster explained.

On Wednesday the postoffice  
here sent out 17,000 pieces of mail  
and 965 packages. The normal  
load for a day is 6,000 pieces of  
mail and 150 packages.

Wednesday's mail also brought  
in 5 bags of first class mail as com-  
pared with an average of 2 bags.  
The Waynesville office has al-  
ready exceeded the business done  
in 1946, and the present month  
will show a good margin of gain  
over last December, the records  
showed.

Another extra helper will be  
added today, making two for the  
remainder of the season. The car-  
riers on the rural routes work at  
night in order to get every day's  
mail worked before leaving. It was  
explained, thus far the office has  
cleared each day's business with-  
out having any hold-backs.

"The public has certainly given  
us cooperation throughout the  
season. They have mailed early,  
and exercised much patience when  
the lines in front of the windows  
were long," Postmaster Howell  
said. "The spirit this Christmas  
is the finest I have ever seen, and  
the entire postoffice force appre-  
ciates the attitude of the public."

## Local Area Feels Pinch Of Fuel Oil Shortage

Waynesville is sharing with a  
large part of the country in the  
present fuel oil crisis, and one deal-  
er here advises those who heat  
their homes with oil to use as lit-  
tle as possible in order to stretch  
the supply, and "pray for a mild  
winter."

Frank D. Grogan has been rec-  
ommended by Representative Mon-  
roe M. Redden to be appointed by  
the Civil Service Commission as  
permanent mail carrier on rural  
route 1 of Canton.

"There were a large number of  
splendid young men who took this  
examination," stated Rep. Redden  
Monday when he announced the  
recommendation, "most of whom,  
like Frank, were veterans of the  
recent war, and I wish it had been  
possible for me to have given each  
one of them a position of equal im-  
portance. They were all compe-  
tent and deserving, but my recom-  
mendation is limited to one."

## Rhea Named Master Of Canton Masonic Group

Wade H. Rhea, Canton rural mail  
carrier, has been elected master of  
Pigeon River Masonic Lodge, No.  
386, it was announced by Nor-  
man G. Williams, newly elected  
secretary. Other officers include:  
Ned M. Clontz, senior warden; Lo-  
gan White, junior warden; Wil-  
liams, secretary; Gunnar W. Bohns-  
dahl, Charles M. Beall, senior dea-  
con; Harry C. Be, junior deacon;  
Joyce Warren, senior steward;  
Frank Smathers, junior steward;  
L. G. (Bill) Franklin, tyler, and  
W. Taylor Hawkins, chaplain.

The above officers, together  
with those of lodges located at  
Waynesville, Clyde and Sonoma,  
will be installed at a ceremony at  
the local lodge headquarters Tues-  
day evening, December 30.

## Lions Make 100 Children Happy With New Clothing

It was a week before Christ-  
mas, but Thursday was a happy  
preview of the best holiday  
in the year for 100 youngsters  
from the Waynesville school  
district.

They were the ones for  
whom the Lions Club dime  
board is operated, children se-  
lected by their teachers as the  
most deserving of assistance  
from their neighbors.

The children, white and col-  
ored, gathered from their  
schools in small groups at the  
Courthouse and there were  
met by members of the Lions

## Dealers Have Backlog Of Orders And See No Immediate Relief

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large part of the country in the  
present fuel oil crisis, and one deal-  
er here advises those who heat  
their homes with oil to use as lit-  
tle as possible in order to stretch  
the supply, and "pray for a mild  
winter."

"Some of the dealers serving this  
area are out altogether, of both  
fuel oil and kerosene. Only regular  
customers are being supplied—a  
policy which all distributors are  
following, with instructions not to  
take on new consumers until the  
present shortage is relieved.  
When that will be is uncertain.  
Dealers for the local area are  
swamped with orders and receive  
monthly allotments from their  
suppliers.

## 83 Boy Scouts To Gather Today At Camp Boone

The Daniel Boone Boy Scouts  
council will conduct its first win-  
ter campaign period December 19-  
21 at Camp Daniel Boone, near  
Waynesville, with more than 83  
scouts in attendance, according to  
A. W. Allen, scout executive.

Camp leaders will be T. N. Mas-  
sey of Sylva, John Edwards, Dil-  
lard, Ga.; Lewis Edwards, High-  
lands; Harry Ferguson, Sylva, and  
Jim Hauser, Franklin.  
The camp period will begin Fri-  
day morning with registration and  
conclude Sunday with a dinner fol-  
lowing religious services in the  
outdoor chapel. High lights of the  
program will include a mammoth  
campfire Saturday night and a  
hike to Shining Rock Sunday morn-  
ing.

## Haywood Tobacco Runs Average Up

Haywood county tobacco, which  
comprises more than half of the  
three-quarter million pounds of  
burley leaf at Planters Warehouse,  
Asheville, ran the price up to a  
new peak Tuesday with an average  
of \$50.02 per hundred.

Fred Cockfield, manager of the  
house, states that he expects to  
complete sales today or Saturday,  
and will report to The Mountaineer  
on results of the trading.

Highway  
Record For  
1947  
(To Date)  
In Haywood  
Injured --- 50  
Killed ---- 8  
(This information Com-  
piled From Records of  
State Highway Patrol)

## The Weather

(By The United Press)  
Dec. 19—Fair and mild,  
slightly cooler.  
Waynesville temperature  
recorded by the staff of  
Test Farm):  
Rain-  
Max. Min. Fall  
15 --- 57 26 .98  
16 --- 54 31 ---  
17 --- 51 19 ---