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Hazelwood.

He said the conversion of the Canton - Hazelwood transmission line should take care of any further development in consumer population that would occur during the next few years.

Mr. Burleson added that the line already has been insulated for 66,000 volts.

This will mark the second time that the power line for Hazelwood has been expanded.

That area got its first big power boost about three years ago when a larger transformer was installed.

J. B. Stepp, the company's western district manager at Asheville, reported that the November billings showed that the firm was serving 6,334 customers in Haywood county alone at that time—nearly ten per cent more than at the same time last year.

These customers include the towns of Canton, Clyde, Hazelwood and Waynesville.

Waynesville, in turn, which is considered only one customer, redistributes the power to more than 1,200 more.

Another customer of the firm in Haywood is the Rural Electrification Authority.

The expansion work in Haywood county is one of several that was launched during 1949 in the western district which also includes Buncombe, Yancey, Avery, and Mitchell counties, and parts of Henderson and Madison. In all, the company has spent \$1,000,000 in the expansion of its substations and transmission line facilities.

These new improvements in this district include the new \$415,000 Asheville substation which was built near the West Asheville bridge, the 66,000-volt "trap" and substation for the Cranston Print and Dye Works at Fletcher, this project totalling \$1,348,000, and the expansion of the Canton-Hazelwood line and the substations concerned.

Besides these, the company also spent \$617,304 in 1949 on the improvement and expansion of its distribution facilities in the district, added 2,368 customers to its existing lines.

Of these new customers, 784 were in rural areas.

Reviewing the situation for the company's entire consumer territory which covers both North Carolina and South Carolina, Mr. Burleson said the system's total number of customers during 1949 reached above 240,000—a new record.

These connections alone, he added, serve an estimated 1,000,000 people in both states.

The latest estimates made by the magazine, "Electrical Merchandizing," he pointed out, show that there are 861,000 electrical customers of all classes in North Carolina alone.

With an estimated population of 3,900,000, he said, "this indicates that residential connections are serving all but about a half million of North Carolina's population."

About half of this population have electricity available but are not using it.

In both states, Mr. Burleson continued, more than 5,000,000 persons, however, have the benefit of electric power and this number is rising steadily. The United States as a whole has 43,000,000 electric customers.

The work being done in Haywood County is just one of the jobs of expanding that the company completed or launched during 1949.

For instance, Carolina Power

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## President's Aide



Charles S. Murphy (above), has been appointed by President Truman to succeed Clark Clifford as his \$20,000 a year special counsel.

Murphy, a native of Wallace, N. C., is now one of the president's administrative assistants. The appointment will become effective Feb. 1, Clifford says he plans to leave the presidential post to go into private law practice. AP Wirephoto.

MORE ABOUT Christmas

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crimes of violence, or thefts, either.

Waynesville policemen picked up only 11 drunks and one reckless driver between Friday evening and Monday evening.

Canton did even better than that.

During all of Christmas week, Canton police Chief W. N. Stroupe reported, officers made only 23 arrests of all types.

Of these, only 12 were drunks. Six others were arrested for drunk driving, and one for reckless driving in the Canton city limits.

The week before, Canton officers had arrested 14 people for one thing or another.

Over the Christmas weekend, the officers received no reports of any type of violence.

The town was free of theft, robbery, and any serious crime in general, while on the streets the town couldn't show so much as a dented fender in the way of a traffic accident.

"It was the quietest Christmas weekend I've seen since I've been here," said Chief Stroupe, who has served 12 years on the Canton Police force.

The weekend rains kept much of the traffic off the town's streets and the highways between them.

That would account for part of the peace, but not all of it.

"I can't account for it," said Chief Stroupe.

"We were just lucky," said Waynesville Police Chief Orville Noland.

Over the rest of the nation, 611 people lost their lives by traffic accident, and other forms of violence between 6 p.m. Friday and midnight Monday.

MORE ABOUT New Plant

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the Gas Fertilizer and Ginning Companies four years ago.

He was vice-president and general manager of the Louisville firm when he left to launch the new plant here.

Mr. Harwell is with Carbide and Carbons Chemical Co. of Oak Ridge, Tenn., and will remain with that firm.

Shortly after the preliminary details concerning the establishment of the plant were completed, Mr. Thompson and his family moved to the Ninevah community.

A charter of incorporation for the new firm was issued by Secretary of State Thad. Eure at Raleigh early this month.

Since the location of the new plant definitely was established, a plant executive has been conferring with State Agriculture Department officials and the Haywood County farm agent's office to determine the nature of such analyses.

It was announced earlier that the plant would start operating in time to supply farmers with materials for their 1950 spring planting.

The new factory will serve farmers throughout the area from

opened a 120,000 horse-power steam electric generating plant at Lumberton, and broke ground for another large unit at Goldsboro.

With other facilities, this will add 2,000,000 kilowatt hours of power annually to the firm's power resources.

Carolina Power obtained \$9,000,000 from investors to finance these and other improvements, and additional financing is anticipated in 1950.

The increase in electrical sales in the Carolinas is attributed partly to the extension of distribution lines to farms and rural areas, partly to new construction, and to the installation of more electrical appliances by residential and commercial customers.

## MORE ABOUT Lions Club

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Owen.

The generosity of the people and organizations permitted the Lions to buy slightly more than \$15 worth of gifts of warm clothing and other essentials for each of 83 needy school children.

The rest of the funds were contributed directly by organizations and individuals to the Dime Board which the Lions operated in front of the old Citizens Bank Building on Main Street.

Club President Richard Bradley and Dr. Owen expressed the club's heartfelt gratitude to the people who made it possible for the children to have a really Merry Christmas.

They extend their appreciation particularly to those civic organizations like the Waynesville Elks Lodge, the Waynesville Junior Chamber of Commerce, Beta Sigma Phi, and the Tally-Ho Club for their generous contributions.

The people's generosity made the 1949 Christmas Cheer campaign the most successful one of many a year.

As one club official put it, "It left us with more intake than outgoing for the first time in several years."

In one season, the Lions had to dig into their own pockets for \$350 to cover expenses.

This season's campaign was forced into a walk during the first week by bad weather, but ended with a strong rally that reached its peak Christmas Eve.

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the plump man in the red suit stepped into the room.

His little brother and his two sisters were happy, too, over this premature visit. They had come with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lewis, and their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Early of Lee St., to see Norman.

Don and Santa opened his presents, one by one, since he was too weak to do it himself, though he was feeling a little better because of the transfusion he had received that morning.

Nurses, doctors, and just about everybody who worked on the first floor where his room is came in to help him celebrate Christmas.

Norman first became ill about seven months ago. His condition grew worse about seven weeks ago, however, and he had to start having transfusions regularly.

The one he had had a few hours before Santa had arrived had been his eighth.

Matney's campaign to assure Norman of an early, Merry Christmas had started about two weeks before when he first learned of the boy's serious condition.

His mother had written, asking him to play one record for Norman on each of his daily "Hill-Billy Roundup" broadcasts.

Don got the idea of asking the public for help in giving the boy a generous Christmas.

He made his appeal during the first 15 minutes of his regular broadcasts, after first arranging with Norman's mother to make sure the boy himself didn't hear those portions of the program.

The presents started coming in the day after he first told the story, from men, women, and children throughout Haywood County.

Reclaimed Lake Bed Reverts To Nature

NEW HOLLAND, N. C. (UP)—The roars of wings and of shotguns are echoing across the waters of Lake Mattamuskeet, which covered the remains of a 23-room hotel, houses, barns, highways and bridges to become instead a home for wildfowl.

Twenty years ago the "New Holland" in the bed of the lake was a rich man's dream. A total of \$17,000,000 was spent to reclaim 50,000 acres of rich farm land and establish the settlement below sea level.

But what was then the world's largest pumping station succumbed to the relentless sea. Even a pumping capacity of 1,250,000 gallons per minute could not keep up with the seepage. Water finally covered crops and stood in the lobby of the hotel.

The lake reclaimed its own and was made a federal migratory wild fowl refuge, the home of thousands of ducks and wild geese, as well as bass and other fish.

The former world's largest pumping station has become a hunting lodge.

Scientists are working with temperatures so low they'd make a home refrigerator seem like a furnace. In a new Westinghouse "push-button" laboratory, the researchers can reach down to 459.6 degrees below zero Fahrenheit—within one-tenth of a degree of absolute zero.

Black Mountain to the northwest Georgia state line.

During normal production periods, it will provide employment for 18 to 20 people. During rush periods, it will employ up to 50 workers.

The new unit measures 80 by 160 feet in area, and is to be a one-story structure 30 feet high built of steel and masonry.

## Waynesville Men Catch 16 Bass In Single Day

For everybody else last Monday, it rained cats and dogs.

For Wayne Rogers and Delmos Caldwell, however, it rained large and small-mouthed bass.

In the seven hours they fished at Fontana Lake in the heavy downpour, the two men between them caught 16 bass—a reported record for the lake.

It might have been even better, but that's all the law allows—a bag limit of eight per man in a single day's fishing.

During the course of the successful trip, they caught three more, but threw them back in hopes of getting something better, which they did.

Lumped together, the 16 fish weighed a total of slightly more than 32 pounds.

The largest of the catches tipped the scales at four pounds, and the smallest weighed a pound and a half.

None of them were as small as the legal minimum of ten inches. Most of them measured better than 12 inches from tail to nose, and two of them were 19 inches long.

Rogers said they caught some of them by trolling, but most by casting, using plugs ("Whopper Stoppers" and "Head and River Runt") at the end of their 12½-pound test lines.

He used a Statesman line, while Delmos fished with an Ashway.

It was Wayne's brother, Max Rogers, who landed the record-breaking 14-pound seven-ounce rainbow trout last March while fishing in Glenville Lake.

Priest Becomes Beagle Expert In Spare Time

COMBINED LOCKS, Wis. (UP)—Father John de Wild is the Catholic parish priest in this small Wisconsin town, but on his free time he's known as one of the best hunters in the area.

He likes to tell about the time that hunting made him bungle into the beagle business.

He had a parish in Wautoma, right in the hunting country, so he decided to get a dog. After experimenting with a few pups that scared away the game, he bought and trained a female beagle that never dropped a scent.

In fact, the beagle's hunting abilities became so well-known that a neighbor prevailed upon him to fix it so the neighbor could get a pup from the female.

The beagle was delivered of a little more than Father John bargained for, six males and two females. The hunting priest had no trouble giving away the males, but he couldn't get rid of the females.

So he advertised them for sale in the National Sportsman Magazine. The trouble was that he forgot to say he had only two dogs, and letters and checks poured in.

Father John sent the money back and apologized. He told the letter writers to wait awhile, and he started pup raising in earnest.

Next time the original beagle had a litter he carted the females around to local farmers and made a deal. He told the farmers he'd do the advertising and selling on a split-profit basis if they would raise the dogs.

It wasn't long till Father John and the farmers were in the beagle business on a large scale.

By Their Watches Ye Shall Know Them

NEW YORK (UP)—Pierre Bohy likes to look at women. He looks at their watches.

Bohy, who is a vice president of the Eterna Watch Company, says he can look at a woman's watch and tell what country she is from.

Or a man, for that matter.

"The French like extreme, but not gaudy, watches," he explained. "They like them encrusted with jewels."

The British like round watches. They won't buy square ones.

Siam, which buys many watches, imports large quantities of timepieces with blue dials, green numbers, red sweep second hands with flecks of yellow. The Siamese like steel watches, not gold.

The Chinese have small hands and Chinese men wear women's watches, Bohy said.

"People in the Middle East are small and like small watches," he continued. "South Americans like pink gold watches. The average Russian hasn't seen a new watch since the Bolshevik revolution in 1917, so there is no way of telling what they would prefer."

The trend in America is away from small, "jewelry watches," for women to larger, accurate timepieces, he said.

If Santa Can't Gamble, He Can Give It Away

OXFORD, Neb. (UP)—Chamber of commerce officials found that Nebraska anti-gambling laws prevented their usual custom of giving away money by lottery during the Christmas season.

So they said a Santa Claus will just throw it away instead.

They decided there was no law against anybody, even Santa, standing on a street corner tossing bills in the wind.

## Highway Accident Takes A Life



A young college student lost his life last week when this truck went out of control on a sharp curve a mile south of Cruso, turned over on its side and crashed into the dead stump in the foreground. The tragedy occurred near the East Fork Baptist Church. (Staff Photo)

## Einstein's New Theory May Throw Light On Universe

Albert Einstein, internationally famed physicist, this week announced he has completed work on a new theory which may eventually reveal how the universe works.

The 70-year-old scientist's theory of relativity was one of the major steps that made it possible for man to release the energy of the atom.

His newest theory is called the "generalized theory of gravitation."

It is a single series of equations setting forth the laws controlling gravitation and electromagnetism, which scientists regard as the two fundamental forces of the universe.

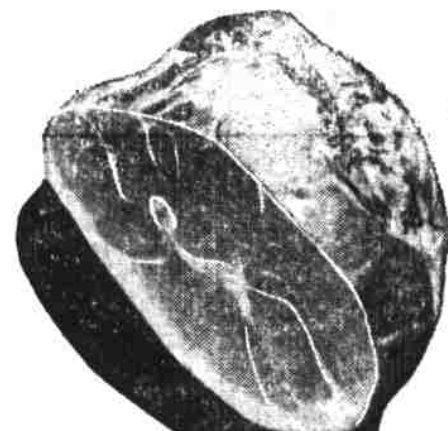
A major goal of physicists throughout the world has been to establish a formula which would make these forces understandable and which would decide what it is that is behind them.

Einstein designed his generalized theory of gravitation in an effort

to gather all known laws under a single formula. Read the Waynesville Mountaineer.

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