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TODAY'S SMILE

Three swift means of communications are telegraph, telephone, and tell-a-woman

Park Head Sees Bright Future For Area



CONRAD L. WIRTH of Washington, Director of the National Park Service, was the principal speaker during dedication ceremonies today of the Heintooga Ridge Road. (Mountaineer Photo.)

State And Federal Groups Here For Program

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"The facilities that we are dedicating here today mean an enlargement of the usefulness of Great Smoky Mountains National Park; and it will be still more enlarged as we are able to proceed with other segments of our development plans," declared National Park Service Director Conrad L. Wirth at this morning's dedication of the Heintooga Ridge Road.

"Any national park is worth getting acquainted with, and that takes time," he pointed out. "We must make it possible for our guests in the parks to see a fair share of what each has to offer them. This park especially offers so much of interest that the visitor is cheating himself who fails to take advantage of that fact."

Mr. Wirth spoke before a crowd of about a hundred assembled on the flank of Heintooga Bald for the ceremony. An occasional cloud filtered the brilliant sunlight, or masked the peaks of Clingman's Dome or Le Conte. "Charlie Ray must have been saying his prayers," observed Francis J. Heazel, co-chairman of the Joint N. C. - Tenn. Committee for promotion of the Great Smokies Park, "because we certainly have perfect weather." The principal speaker himself, Mr. Wirth, asked incredulously just before the dedication, "Do you always have weather like this up here?"

Mr. Wirth was introduced by Charles E. Ray of Waynesville, member of the N. C. Park, Parkway and Forests Development Commission and chairman of the committee on arrangements for the dedication.

The introduction followed a welcome by Dr. Kelley E. Bennett, presiding in his capacity as chairman of the Park and Parkway Commission; and an invocation offered by the Rev. Arsene Thompson of Cherokee.

A number of dignitaries were introduced by Mr. Heazel prior to Mr. Wirth's address. Accepting the road in behalf of the public were Commissioner Harry E. Buchanan of the 14th Division of the N. C. State Highway and Public Works Commission; and Charles McD. Puckette, member of the Joint Committee and secretary for the Tennessee division. They were introduced by W. Ralph Winkler, vice chairman of the Park and Parkway Commission.

Mr. Wirth's address stressed the eventual development of an interpretive program for the Park System. "No part of our work is of much more importance," he said. "I want to see it extended, for I believe that increased understanding is the key to finer enjoyment of this and all of the other parks that the people of the United States possess."

"If the average visitor gets a



OFFICIALS WHO HAD A PART in the dedication this morning at the Heintooga Ridge Road included this group—Park officials and others—who, in either an official or unofficial capacity, were

prominent in securing this spur of the Blue Ridge Parkway. (Mountaineer Photo.)

Sidelights Of The News

Gap ... 5355 Feet
The Heintooga Ridge Road was dedicated this morning with the sign, "Mollie Gap ... 5355 feet", may not have that they would have the glory of seeing the Mollie Gap was named.

Report On Tides

... Boyhood
Waynesville
Frank J. Haight, nationally known oceanographer, who attended Waynesville schools in the early part of the century, will return here after serving more than 20 years in the Division of Oceanography, Coast and Geodetic Survey, under the Department of Commerce in Washington.

Livestock And Home Arts Building Committee Asks Purchase Of Site

The livestock and home arts building project got off to a flying start as the planning committee recommended purchase of acreage for the purpose.

The Board of Commissioners was requested to "purchase adequate property and to make plans for the buildings and over-all layout." The committee also recommended that the commissioners name trustees to hold title to the property, that the trustees be appointed to serve until their successors should be named, and that their terms run concurrently with those of the commissioners.

4-H Club Camp Underway For Its Fourth Season

Camp Schaub, the 4-H Club camp near the Mountain Experiment Station, is now full swing in its summer schedule with clubs from throughout the State arriving each week for the five-day encampment. Opening date was June 2 when 4-H'ers from the mountain areas arrived for a three-day handicraft camp.

In addition, the committee asked that the one-half cent per hundred dollar tax rate authorized by recent State legislation be set up for 1953-1954 as a maintenance fund.

Accompanied by Commission Chairman C. C. Francis, committee members inspected four pieces of property deemed suitable for the project. Their recommendation favored purchase of a 23-acre tract lying on the west side of Highway 19A-23 about three miles east of Waynesville. The land is owned by M. O. Galloway and the price discussed is \$15,000.

The committee asked that Extension Service study the site and make recommendations for development of the property.

Project committee members, named by the commissioners following a meeting Monday, are, Jack Chapman, chairman, and Dave Boyd, Dick Barber, Roy Haynes, Joe Palmer, Dave Felmet, and Dr. J. L. Reeves.

Pisgah Area Use Up 10 Per Cent Over Last Year

Use of recreation facilities in Pisgah National Forest is running 10 per cent ahead of last year's, Ranger Ted Seely reports. Indications are that heavier travel along Highway 276 is bringing more and more people to the area.

Seely has observed cars from practically every state in the Union, but remarks that the section is especially popular with South Carolinians. During weekends, he estimates that probably 50 per cent of the cars have South Carolina tags.

Applications Coming In For Out-Of-State Tour

Applications have already started to the County Agent's office for the 11th Out-of-State Tour announced last week. Planning to go along with the tour from Waynesville and on July 17, the trip will include 11 states and will include 11 states and will include 11 states and will include 11 states.

The director said the schedule follows that of last year except for several changes: there are two guards at the swimming pool for both beginners and advanced swimmers; the handicraft project is a black walnut pinup electric lamp; the electrical program for girls consists of packaging and freezing foods while the boys make a hotbed for heating plants in cold weather and learn how to string an electric fence; and extension service foresters spend two days weekly with the young people showing them various trees, diseases, and principles of reforestation.

Lions To Give Minstrel Show

A minstrel show for the benefit of the Waynesville High School band that is going to Chicago in two weeks will be presented Saturday by the Lions Club.

Fathers Have A Warm Day

Father's Day was a long, hot, and we hope, pleasant Sunday. The longest day of the year, the first official day of summer was also the hottest, according to official records at the Asheville Weather Bureau.

Lions Honored At State Convention

High honors were awarded last week to the Waynesville Lions Club at the State convention at Asheville for its work during the past year.

Two gold cups were presented to the club. The first was for the local Lions' successful white cane drive, and the second cup was presented for the best bulletin in District 31A. A plaque went to Charles Reed for having the best record as a club secretary during the year.

Wayne Franklin Lions President

Officers for 1953-54 will be installed Thursday night by the Waynesville Lions Club with Wayne Franklin to take over as president. He succeeds Lee Davis.

Beech Gap Link Right Of Way Partly Cleared

Nearly half of the right of way on the uncompleted 4-mile stretch of the Blue Ridge Parkway between Wagon Road and Beech Gaps has been cleared and burned, according to Pisgah Forest Ranger Ted Seely. About 40 per cent of the section is ready for the next step. The road has been roughed out as far as Yellowstone Falls, reputed to be one of the most scenic in the area. However, none of the stretch will be open for travel this season.

Waynesville Art Gallery To Open Thursday Night

The first sales of the season at the Waynesville Art Gallery will be at 8 p. m. Thursday, owner Jimmy Mann has announced. This will be the 21st season here for the Art Gallery, located on Main Street near the two theaters. After Thursday there will be two sales daily, the first at 10:30 a. m. and the second at 8 p. m. Inspection nights will be Tuesday and Wednesday when the public will be allowed to visit the gallery from 8 to 10 p. m.

Haywood HDC Wins Ribbon For Publicity

A blue ribbon was recently awarded to the Home Demonstration Club Women of Haywood County for a scrapbook of publicity on the local activities of Home Demonstration Clubs. The ribbon was presented in a state-wide competition with Home Demonstration Clubs from other counties during Farm and Home Week in Raleigh.

This information was received in a letter to the editor of the MOUNTAINEER, reprinted on the editorial page today, and written by Miss Mary Cornwell, Home Agent for Haywood County.



LARGEST TAX BILL in Haywood County was paid last week when Roy S. Wright, manager of the Carolina Power and Light Company, gave a check for \$103,194 to Mrs. Mildred Bryson, tax assessor. Mrs. Bryson said this was the largest tax check ever received in her office and it represented about one-sixth of the total taxes the county will receive this year. Last year Carolina Power and Light Company paid about \$98,000. (Mountaineer Photo.)

MR. FANCHER IN WINSTON HOSPITAL
Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Fancher left last Friday for Winston-Salem where Mr. Fancher has undergone surgery for an injured back at Bowman Gray Hospital.

Highway Record For 1953 In Haywood (To Date)
Injured . . . 23
Killed . . . 2
(This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol.)

Max.	Mn.
82	56
90	54
90	59
92	60