

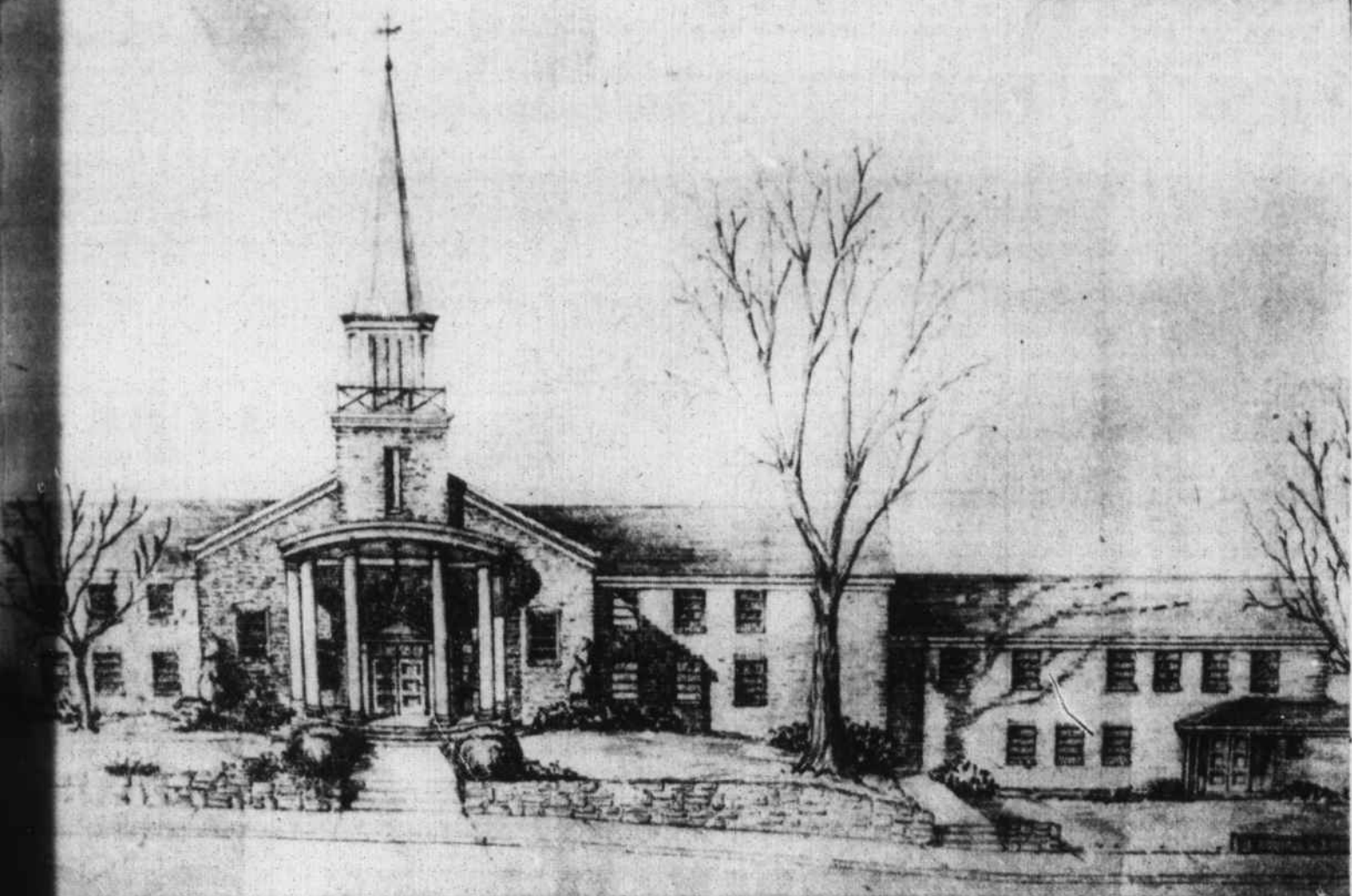
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TODAY'S SMILE
Many people suffer from
too much bone in the head
and not enough in the back.

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ARCHITECT'S DRAWING OF THE Hazelwood Baptist sanctuary and national building, which is scheduled to get under construction this spring on the half-acre lot at the corner of Main Street and Virginia Avenue. Jerry Rogers is chairman of the building committee, and Rev. John I. Kizer is pastor. See details on page one, section two.

Whisenhunt New Head Of Merchants

Harry Whisenhunt has been named president of the Merchants Association, succeeding Joe Cline. The election of officers and five new directors were made Monday night, at the January meeting.

Frank Moore was named vice president, and J. C. Jennings is treasurer, a post held last year by Moore. Mrs. F. H. Marley is secretary.

The ten directors named to serve this year are: Joe Cline, Francis Massie, Bill Cobb, J. W. Ray, Hugh Massie, Euel Taylor, C. D. Ketter, A. D. Harrison, H. P. McCarroll, Hye Sheptowitch, Roy Parkman and Ernest Edwards.

Mr. Whisenhunt said today that the next meeting would be a general meeting of the association, on February 15th, and that he would name committees at that time. The directors will meet the third Monday of each month.

The association will soon stage an extensive membership drive, President Whisenhunt pointed out. In a formal statement, he said:

"On behalf of the Merchants Association, we want to extend a cordial invitation to every business firm in the community, however large or small, to become a member of our organization. Personally, I feel that we have a board of directors who are vitally interested in the welfare of our community, as they are men willing to give of their time, energy, and efforts to see our organization prosper, and benefit the area as a whole.

"However, the progress of our organization will depend upon the unity of its members. And every member should take a keen interest in the activities, and offer helpful and constructive suggestions. We trust within the year to offer many opportunities for group discussions of our program, and needs.

"No doubt, our mailing list does not have some firms listed, and there is a possibility that some have not received our membership applications and letters. If there be such firms, they can obtain these from Mrs. Marley at the Chamber of Commerce office.

"Again, may I urge that every business firm become a member of this organization, so we may work together, enter friendly and frank discussions of our many mutual problems."



FOR HIS OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP as first chairman of the North Carolina Park, Parkway, and Forests Development Commission, Charles E. Ray of Waynesville (left) was presented a plaque by the present commission chairman, Dr. Kelly Bennett of Bryson City, at a luncheon meeting of the group Tuesday afternoon at the Towne House. (Mountaineer Photo.)

Park Group OK's Pisgah TV Tower

A resolution favoring the construction of a television tower on Mt. Pisgah was passed by members of the North Carolina Park, Parkway, and Forests Development Commission, which met here Tuesday in the Masonic Temple offices of the commission.

In the wording of the resolution, the group asserted that "the commission sees no objection" to the erection of the tower on one of Western North Carolina's landmarks.

In another resolution approved by the organization, the commission expressed its appreciation to the National Park Service for their cooperation in putting up a marker in Doughton Park, on the Blue Ridge Parkway, honoring North Carolina's veteran congressman, Robert L. Doughton, who was instrumental in the establishment of the Parkway.

A report on the special ceremonies on the Parkway last October in tribute to Rep. Doughton was made by a member of the Park Commission, Ralph Winkler of Boone.

Mr. Winkler added that plans are being made to renew efforts to obtain additional funds for construction of the Parkway.

Attorney William Medford of Waynesville reported on the trip that he and Dr. Kelly Bennett, commission chairman, made to Washington last fall in an attempt to secure an increase in appropriations for maintenance and development of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Mr. Medford and Dr. Bennett

Park Commission Honors C. E. Ray, Ex-Chairman

Charles E. Ray, of Waynesville, one of the founders and the first chairman of the North Carolina National Park, Parkway, and Forests Development Commission was honored by present members of the commission, who presented him with a plaque at a luncheon Tuesday at the Towne House.

The plaque was presented to Mr. Ray by Dr. Kelly Bennett of Bryson City, present chairman of the Park Commission, for Mr. Ray's work in setting up the special organization to protect and develop the state's scenic attractions.

After being awarded the plaque, the Waynesville merchant told the members of the commission.

"This is one of the few times that I have been almost speechless... my heart is deeply touched."

Mr. Ray asserted that during the years he served as chairman of the commission "it was my good fortune to receive splendid cooperation all up and down the line."

Attorney William Medford, Waynesville's present representative on the commission, told the group: "The primary credit for formation of the Park Commission should go to Charles Ray—for suggesting the establishment of an official body to express the people's sentiments in regard to our federal areas."

Mr. Medford disclosed that the idea was first brought up as he was preparing to go to Raleigh to serve a term as state senator, and throughout his office he worked with Mr. Ray and others in bringing about the formation of the Park Commission.

"This is a fitting tribute to Charles—our No. 1 citizen in Waynesville," Mr. Medford said.

Before presenting the plaque to Mr. Ray, Dr. Bennett read this paper written in honor of the first chairman of the commission:

"As chairman of the North Carolina National Park, Parkway and Forests Development Commission, it is my pleasure at this time to speak in behalf of the commission, in honoring and paying tribute to one of its founders, our immediate past chairman, Charles E. Ray of Waynesville.

"Chairman Ray assisted in drafting the bill which was presented to the North Carolina General Assembly, session of 1947, and which resulted in the establishment of this commission under Senate Bill

Crabtree Folk To Build New Home For Messers

Residents of the Crabtree and Upper Crabtree communities are making plans to build a new home to replace the one occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Welch Messer and their daughter, Doris, which was completely destroyed by fire last Wednesday.

People in the Crabtree area have pledged building materials and labor for the new residence, and already have contributed more than \$1,000 in cash, household furnishings, and clothing for the Messers.

The money was contributed by church groups and individuals at a meeting at Crabtree-Iron Duff High School.

The old Messer home, built more than 50 years ago by Mr. Messer's father, caught fire in an upstairs closet from a defective flue, the family was able to save only a dinette set, cedar chest and a few hams from a smokehouse. The Waynesville Fire Department answered the call to the

Highway
Record For
1954
In Haywood
(TO DATE)
Killed . . . 0
Injured . . . 1
(This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol.)

First Traffic Cases Arise Involving New State Law

Hazelwood Police Court Book Used But Little Now

The Hazelwood mayor's court docket book is destined to last a long, long time.

The reason: It is not being used much these days. In fact, only four times has the book been opened since December first.

Mayor Lawrence C. Davis has tried four cases since December 1. Three cases for traffic violations, and one where the defendant was charged with being drunk.

Jaycees Favor Television Tower On Mt. Pisgah

By a unanimous vote at their meeting Monday night, the Waynesville Jaycees approved a resolution favoring the erection of a television tower on Mt. Pisgah.

Members of the Junior Chamber agreed that the Waynesville area will materially benefit from construction of the proposed tower. Jaycees also selected three Waynesville business firms, which will receive citations for their cooperation with the Junior Chamber's projects during 1953, but their names will not be announced until the organization's Distinguished Service Award banquet on February 1.

One new Jaycee member—Ralph Thurmond—was inducted into the group by Blue Robinson.

U. S. Workers To Aid On Tax Returns

In order to assist county residents in preparing their federal income tax returns, a representative of the Internal Revenue Service will be on the second floor of the Waynesville postoffice Monday through Friday for the remainder of January; February 1st through the 5th, 8th, 15th, 18th and 19th, 23rd through the 27th and March 1st through the 15th, except on Sundays.

No charge will be made for this service. Most taxpayers receive blanks by mail and are requested to save and use them. Extra blanks will be available to those who have not received them.

Taxpayers whose income is from wages and salaries must attach their original Form W-2. Withholding Statement, to their income tax returns.

Individuals in business for themselves who have at least \$400 net earnings are required to file and pay self-employment tax (social security) even though no income tax is due.

Self-employed persons should keep complete records of all purchases inventories and receipts, as well as of expenses of the business and they should bring such records with them when they ask assistance with their returns.

Eight Selected As Candidates For MOD Queen

Eight candidates for the title of March of Dimes Queen were selected by students at Waynesville High School in an election this week.

Representing eight communities in this area, the candidates are:

Peggy Frazier, Waynesville; Dody Prevost, Hazelwood; Arby Jo Jones, Ratcliffe Cove; Kathryn McCracken, Lake Junaluska; Shirley Berry, Allen's Creek; Janie Rich, Maggie-Dellwood-Jonathan Creek; Anne McCracken, Francis Cove, and Jean Rowland, Saunook.

The queen will be selected by fans who attend the March of Dimes basketball tournament at the WTHS gym January 27. An adult ticket will entitle its bearer to 10 votes for the queen, while the holder of a student ticket will get five votes.

Queen candidates also are to be named at Crabtree-Iron Duff and Fines Creek schools.

Past Six Days' Rain Exceeds 4-Month Total

In the past six days the Waynesville area has had more rain than fell here during the total for the four months of August, September, October and November.

Starting last Thursday, the rainfall here has totaled approximately 5.59 inches, whereas it was only 5.02 for the four months specified. A half inch fell last Thursday

Highlanders Set \$2,500 Budget; Plan New Booklet

A budget of \$2,500 for 1954 was adopted by the board of directors of the Haywood County Highlanders at a meeting Wednesday night.

Considerable time at the meeting was devoted to discussing the new tourist accommodation booklets to be issued by the Highlanders some time in April.

From 15,000 to 20,000 of the new booklets will be published—listing accommodations and area scenic attractions and featuring a new map showing the location of tourist facilities and the highways leading to them.

The board of directors of the Highlanders also went on record as favoring the erection of a television tower on Mt. Pisgah.

MOD Benefit Set

Ratcliffe Cove's CDP group will serve lunches Saturday at the Blanton land sale—with all proceeds to go to the community's quota for the March of Dimes, it was announced today.



HARRY WHISENHUNT is the new president of the Merchants Association. (Mountaineer Photo.)

Tax Listers' Schedule Set For Saturday

A special Saturday schedule for tax listers in Haywood County was announced today by Mrs. Mildred Bryson, tax collector and supervisor.

Townships, tax listers, and their stations Saturday will be: Cataloochee—Mack Caldwell, Caldwell's store.

Clyde—William Osborne, Medical Service Station.

Crabtree—Frank Medford, Medford's store.

Try Hill—H. E. Griswold, Griswold residence.

Iron Duff—Mrs. Roy Medford, Iron Duff Bryson residence.

Pigeon—Gaston Burnett, Hart Brownings store.

Fines Creek—Glen McCracken, Glen McCracken's store.

Waynesville—Mrs. R. L. Coin, Coin's store, courthouse, a.m. - 5 p.m. daily.

White Oak—Mrs. Teague Williams, Teague residence.

Beaverdam—Mrs. Wade Rhea, Rhea residence.

Commerce office (9 a.m. - 10 p.m. daily).

Tax listers will be at their residences at other times.

County residents have been reminded by Mrs. Bryson that only days remain in which taxes may be listed. Those who fail to list their 1954 taxes before the end of January will be penalized, Mrs. Bryson said.

Dogs Must Be Listed On Tax Books, Chambers Says

County dog owners were reminded today by Dog Warden Ernest Chambers that their pets must be listed for taxes and urged that

this information be reported by the end of January. A check will be made by the tax office later to see that all dogs in the county are listed on the tax books, Mr. Chambers pointed out.

Dogs also must be vaccinated every 12 months against rabies, the dog warden said—cautioning that owners who fail to have this done may be prosecuted in the courts.

Haywood County already has had 10 cases of rabies since last August, Mr. Chambers observed. To avert further outbreaks, he asked that dog owners refrain from letting their pets out on the highway when their masters wish to get rid of them, and not let female dogs run loose—which is a violation of the state law.

Mr. Chambers urged that county dog owners wishing to dispose of their pets, call him at the Health Department or at his home so that he can attempt to find a new home for the animal, if possible.

He also pointed out that he will attempt to find lost dogs if the owners will call him and describe their lost canines.

The
Weather
COLD
Thursday, light rain, changing to snow, windy and much colder. Day, continued cold.
Official Waynesville temperature compiled by the State Test
ate Max. Min. Rainfall
18 55 23
19 65 42
20 67 41 10
Rainfall is computed at the farm each evening about 5 o'clock. The total precipitation, which began falling Wednesday afternoon, was 2.33 inches.)