

# Development Of State's Natural Resources Now Major Part Of Progress

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Conservation and development of the state's natural resources, North Carolina is making notable progress. The state is paying more attention to the profitable use of its resources. A department of Conservation Development survey is being made to bring about a better balance between agriculture and industry. More payrolls of a year's work are being provided for the industrial expansion that is receiving so much attention during the present State session.

Known for its leadership in types of industry, North Carolina is gaining recognition as a state in which many diversified industries are manufactured for the benefit of the nation and the state. The state's products, textiles, furniture, food and chemicals.

pleased with the progress being made, but we must not be satisfied. C&D Director Ben E. We still have much to do to boost the per capita income of our citizens.

Electrical and electronics industry is the newest growing in the state. It is attracting to the state the most respected industry. Before World War II, the state was practically a blank slate. Now, 40 such plants with more than 100,000 employees engaged in the production of electrical and electronic equipment and supplies.

**7,500 Plants**  
In 1953 there were about 7,500 manufacturing operations in the state. They employed some 464,000 persons and had a total income of about \$1,802,000,000. These plants have won wide acclaim for their productivity from the state industrialists located in North Carolina. Products manufactured from the state's forests in 1953 had a combined value of \$797,000,000. An indication of the state's growing industry is seen in comparison with the value of products manufactured in 1939. They were valued at \$300,000,000. There are now

about 3,500 more manufacturing plants in the state than there were in 1945.

The approximate 1,100 textile plants in the state employed some 234,000 workers in 1953. They had gross earnings of about \$944,000,000, and they turned out products valued at \$2,819,000,000. Textile products manufactured in the state in 1939 had a value of \$550,000,000.

**More Diversification**  
The state's textile industry is becoming more and more diversified within itself. It produces a wide variety of synthetic and woolen textiles in addition to cotton. More than 40 per cent of America's hosiery is produced in North Carolina.

Although textiles and tobacco account for more than half the dollar value in production, healthy diversification of the state's industrial development is shown.

Other examples of the state's growing industrial diversification are the manufacturing of boilers and other metal products, cigarette paper, cellophane, electric equipment, automatic typewriters, aluminum windows and jalousies, electric blankets, smoking pipes, wooden screws, firearms, pottery, hydroelectric needles, fish nets, silverware, and a variety of lesser known items.

**National Leader**  
North Carolina is proud of its national leadership in the manufacture of textiles, tobacco, and wooden furniture.

Its approximate 100 tobacco plants in 1953 employed 39,000 persons, who had gross earnings of \$161,000,000. They produced products valued at \$1,661,000,000 as compared with an output valued at \$539,000,000 in 1939. The state's approximate 400 furniture plants employed 35,000 persons in 1953. They had gross earnings of \$125,000,000 and produced goods valued at \$332,000,000. Value of furniture manufactured in the state in 1939 was \$59,000,000.

Approximately 58 per cent of the state's total land area of 49,142 square miles is in woodlands. Products manufactured from the state's forests in 1953 had a combined value of \$797,000,000.

**Attracts Tourists**  
The state is becoming more and more attractive to tourists. Its



A YMCA PROGRAM was the topic for discussion at the Lions Club here Thursday night, as George Simmonds, inter-state general secretary addressed the club. Shown here left to right: Ralph Goforth, Canton "Y" director; Simmonds, Bruce Nanne, Canton "Y" director; Dr. Boyd Owen, chairman local recreation commission; Walter Holton, Canton "Y" Director; Jack Justice, Canton "Y" manager, and Tom Reeves, president of the Canton "Y" who introduced the speaker. (Mountaineer Photo).

scenic and other attractions, plus a systematic advertising program, brings hundreds of thousands of people into the state annually. The tourist industry in the state is estimated to be worth \$325,000,000 a year. The state has 16 public parks, which provide recreation for hundreds of thousands of persons annually.

Commercial fisheries is another expanding industry in the state. During the past biennium it had a total overall value of \$19,577,478 as compared with \$16,367,632 for the previous two-year period. The commercial fishing industry provides livelihood for more than 25,000 people living in the state's coastal areas.

With many industries depending upon North Carolina minerals, the development in this field is progressing. Systematic studies in this field include detailed surveying, mapping and evaluating of mineral deposits. There are more than 300 kinds of rock and minerals occurring in the state with 70 being commercially valuable.

The state also aids in development of its navigable waters for their use by commercial as well as pleasure boats. It carries on a continuing program of cooperation with the U. S. Geological Survey in obtaining and studying data re-

## Library Notes



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### LOST IN ATTICS?

"What do you have on Waynesville? Haywood County? The early schools? Newspapers? Churches? Clubs? Industries? Railroads? The people?"

Hardly a day or week passes that we are not asked for such information. Sometimes it is a student, others a tourist and still others, an adult struggling to find adequate information to present a true picture of the history of our

community. Prof. W. C. Allen's "Annals of Haywood County" and "The Centennial Edition" are in constant use, but they are not enough! What worries us is the lack of adequate information in printed form. We are thankful for the interest stirred and the information available through the newspaper article written by Mr. H. C. Wilburn and Mr. W. C. Medford. At the same time we have felt a part of all their searching and their heartaches of trying to find material. Still more needs to be done to help in getting facts together. Are we assuming that the early history, legends and stories are common knowledge and doing nothing about preserving our local history?

For ten years the County Library has been trying to build up its collection of books and pamphlets on Western North Carolina history—particularly Haywood County. Also an effort has been made to collect writings of local people, but it is a slow process for very little on Haywood County is available. Where are these records—the old newspapers, mass diaries, letters, old telephone directories, pictures, prints, photographs, Church histories, etc.? Some of the early records were sent to Raleigh to the Department of Archives and History, but surely there are others. Could they be lost in attics or have they already all been destroyed?

The past years have seen some of our older families pass away and their homes dismantled and attics cleaned out—sometimes material was burned or thrown away. Valuable material has been lost—not in the money sense, but for the historian in the interpretation of the way of life and the effects on our county today. What a project of lasting value this could be for some of our local clubs! With hard work and cooperation of the community it has unlimited possibilities. Every community needs to have a local history collection in their library—one of which they would be proud!

U. S. women, on the average, outlive men by six years.

## WTHS Teacher Instructs Special Training Class

Yates F. Burgess, instructor of electronics at Waynesville Township High School, participated in a job instruction training program at Lee Edwards High School, Asheville, supervised by the vocational Division of The North Carolina State Board of Education, Thursday night.

Purpose of the program was to develop efficient training designed to prepare students to meet industrial requirements for employment.

Mr. Burgess gave a demonstration of classroom procedure to the group of teachers and supervisors Thursday.

A card and certificate for the completion of this special supervisory program was issued to the participants at the close of the session by the State Board of Education.

## Wrong Celebration

STAMBAUGH, Mich. (AP)—Vernon Carlson was released from the hospital after five weeks treatment of acid burns suffered in an accident at an iron mine. To celebrate he decided to go hunting. While he was loading his gun, his dog jumped on him. The gun discharged and shattered a bone in his leg.

He was returned to the hospital the same day he was released.

## Hot Spiced Grape Juice Is Good Holiday Beverage

It's time now to begin thinking in terms of what you'll serve when friends drop in during the holiday season.

Russian tea is always a good cold weather beverage, but for the sake of variety, try this hot spiced grape juice. It's a recipe taken from the files of Ruth Current, state home demonstration agent.

### HOT SPICED GRAPE JUICE

- Juice of 1 lemon
- 1 quart of grape juice (canned or frozen)
- 2 cups boiling water
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 nutmegs (cracked)
- 1 1/2 sticks cinnamon
- 4 pieces orange rind

Cut the orange rind into small pieces (free from white inner skin). Heat all ingredients together and simmer for about 10 minutes. Strain. Serve hot.

Serve with the hot grape juice cheese straws or several kinds of your favorite Christmas cookies.

For a festive holiday touch, float a lemon slice in each cup of punch and top it with a red cherry and a small leaf of holly. This deep red punch is unique in its flavor and will keep conversation flowing smoothly as the guests try to name its unusual ingredient combination.

## Speeding Topped Traffic Arrests

Speeding topped a November summary of traffic violations the Motor Vehicles Department has announced.

Last month 5,518 persons were arrested by state troopers for exceeding the state's maximum speed limit . . . 55 miles an hour. Driving without an operator's license with 975 arrests and reckless driving with 668 arrests followed.

None of the offenses require the surrender of driving privileges on the first count, the agency said.

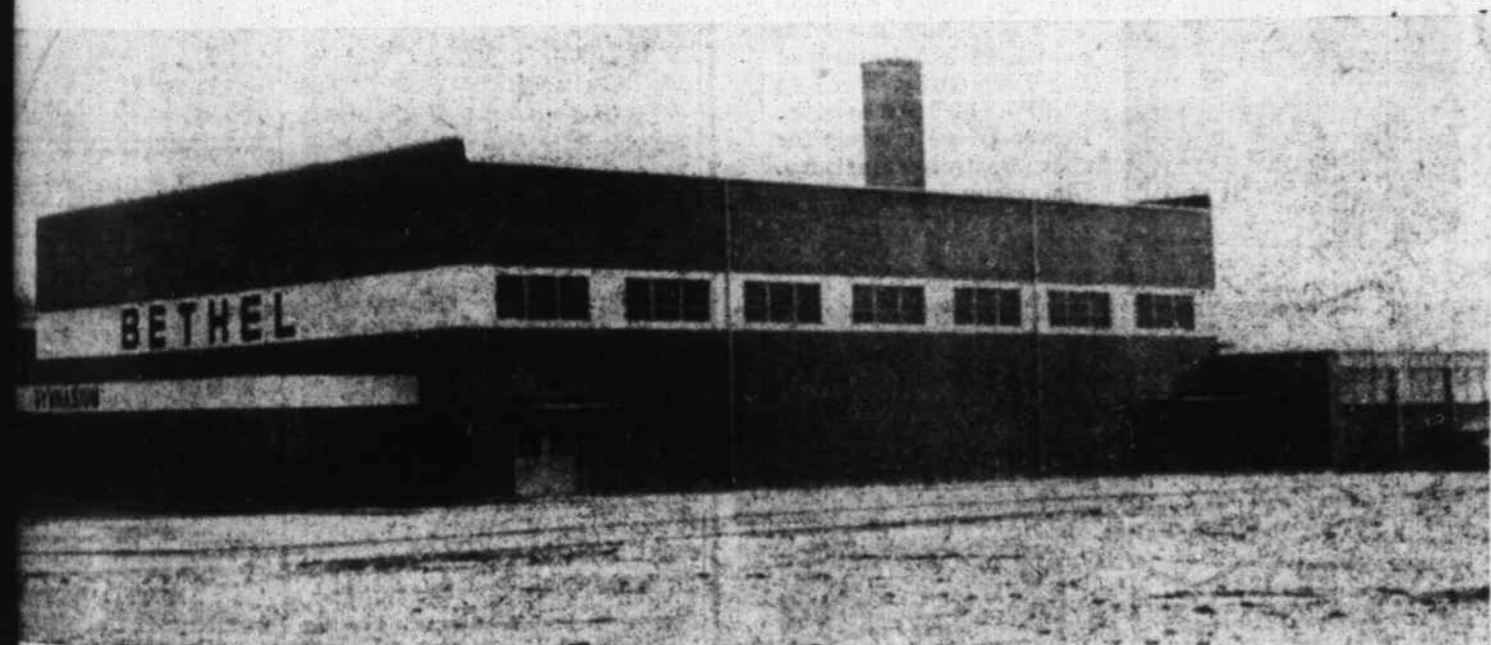
Other violations reported for the month included failing to stop for a stop sign 718, faulty equipment 513, improper lights 362, improper passing 309, and falling to the right of way 195.

The month's total of violations came to 10,084 . . . all Tar Heels. Out-of-staters added another 3,047 to the list.

## 1,646 Have Driver's License Revoked

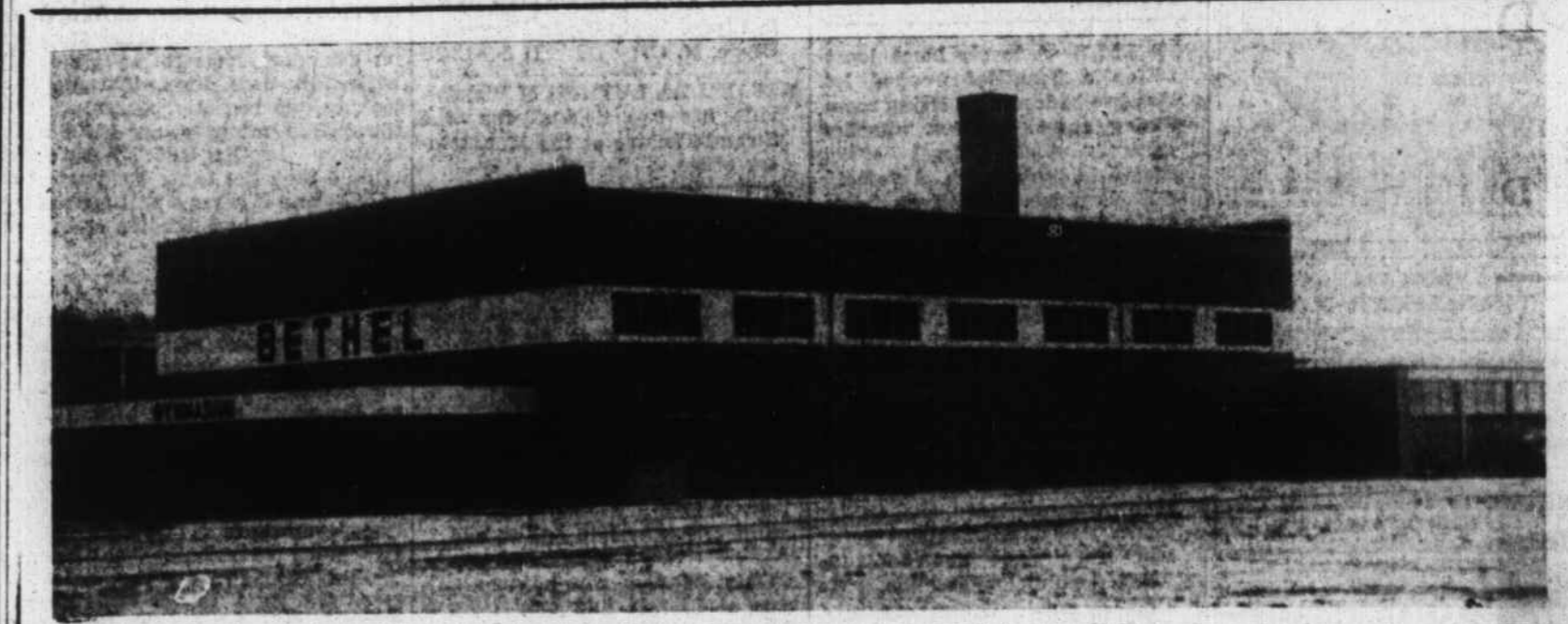
The Motor Vehicles Department reported the following November traffic convictions, all of which require the temporary withdrawal of driving privileges:

Drunk driving 688, speeding over 75 mph 579, two offenses of speeding over 55 mph 172, driving after license suspended (further penalties) 94, habitual violator 67, and transporting intoxicants 46.



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