

# THE WAYNESVILLE MOUNTAINEER

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TODAY'S SMILE  
Some people don't have much to say but you have to listen so long to find it out.

More People Than  
Are Reading  
Mountaineer

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## Chamber Forms Second Division



CHARLES WAY

### Ways Here Remove Carp

Plans for getting carp  
rough fish from Lake  
was nearing completion  
day. Workmen with nets  
were scheduled to arrive  
afternoon and get every-  
thingness to start netting  
Wednesday.

W. Fowler, Jr., superin-  
Lake Junaluska, said  
indications are that it will  
two weeks to complete

ix representatives of the  
Wildlife and Re-  
Commission are on hand  
with the firm doing the  
the carp.

re to use the lake at  
for keeping some  
while the clearing pro-  
operation.

has been lowered 14  
live carp will be carried  
to northern markets and

Wildlife men are here to  
conditions in Lake Juna-  
help us make it a truly  
paradise," Supt. Fow-

Will Open  
Thursday On  
Fire Truck

Waynesville Board of Alder-  
open bids on Thursday  
for a modern 500-gallon  
fire truck. Two bids will  
be received, one for the equip-  
ment for the truck.

## Way To Head Professional, Business Unit

The Civic and Professional Divi-  
sion of the Chamber of Commerce  
held an organizational meeting at  
the courthouse last week, named  
Charles Way as chairman of the  
new group and adopted a broad  
program of civic projects for the  
year.

Named as vice chairmen were  
David Felmet of Waynesville and  
Mayor Lawrence Davis of Hazel-  
wood.

After presiding at the opening of  
the session, R. L. Bradley, presi-  
dent of the Chamber of Commerce  
turned the meeting over to Mr.  
Way, who presented a program of  
suggested projects. During his  
presentation, members of the Civic  
and Professional Division offered  
comments and recommendations on  
the program.

Dr. Doris Hammett recom-  
mended that the Health Commit-  
tee include in its program mental  
hygiene clinics with outside pro-  
fessional guidance, and the forma-  
tion of a Family Life Council. These  
recommendations were accepted  
and the details will be worked out  
by the Health Committee.

Kurt Gans, jeweler, recom-  
mended that efforts at smoke abate-  
ment be included in the work of  
the Committee on Municipal Im-  
provements.

At the conclusion of the program,  
Charles Ray, Waynesville mer-  
chant, commented that the pro-  
gram is one of the most complete  
that he had seen offered and that  
the program be accepted and the  
projects be undertaken on a pri-  
ority basis.

Mr. Way appointed committees  
to begin work on each of the eight  
major projects of the work pro-  
gram. It was pointed out that these  
committees might enlarge them-  
selves by calling upon any indi-  
vidual or group of individuals that  
they felt would be helpful in car-  
rying out their work.

Mr. Way recommended that the  
committee chairman call his mem-  
bers together as soon as possible  
and be ready to report at another  
meeting to be held within two  
weeks.

Projects recommended were:  
I. Committee on Area Clean-up and  
Beautification  
1. Will Organize the entire  
(See Chamber Commerce—Page 6)



MARGARET TRUMAN

## Miss Truman Invited To Ramp Rally

Miss Margaret Truman has been  
issued a personal invitation to at-  
tend the 26th annual Ramp Con-  
vention at Camp Hope, May 8th.  
The invitation was extended last  
week by Thad Eure, secretary of  
state, and life speaker for the con-  
vention.

Eure told the editor of The  
Mountaineer, in Raleigh Friday,  
"I have high hopes of Miss Truman  
attending the convention. Her  
father is attending the one in  
Cosby, Tennessee, in April, and  
I feel she will do everything she  
can to be with us on May 8th."

When Eure was asked what he  
felt the chances were for her father  
to accompany her to Haywood,  
he said: "I just don't know. We  
would be happy to have the family,  
but just issued the invitation to  
Margaret."

Eure's letter of invitation to Miss  
Truman, read as follows:  
"On behalf of the Board of Di-  
rectors and the entire membership  
(See Miss Truman—Page 6)

Rogers Withdraws  
Vehicle Bill In  
Favor Of Another

Rep. Jerry Rogers has with-  
drawn his bill which he introduced  
in the House calling for a list  
of all motor vehicle registrations  
for each county be supplied the  
county tax collector at the county's  
expense.

"About the time my bill was in-  
troduced in the House, a similar  
bill was presented in the Senate,"  
Rep. Rogers said. "By agreement  
I withdrew mine, since the Senate  
committee had already acted on  
the Senate bill. All indications  
point to passage of the measure,  
which I feel will be the means of  
finding many dollars of taxes  
which are not now being collected  
by the counties.

"With the state list of motor ve-  
hicle registrations available, it will  
be easy to double-check and in-  
clude all vehicles on the county  
tax list," he pointed out.

## State Plans Survey On Balsam Road

Surveying of an 11-mile link of  
Highway 19A-23 from Balsam Gap  
to Sylva will get under way with-  
in the next 30 to 60 days, accord-  
ing to Harry Buchanan, highway  
commissioner of the 14th district.

Commissioner Buchanan told  
The Sylva Herald that plans were  
to re-locate the highway for most  
of the route. The survey will be-  
gin about a mile east of Balsam,  
in Haywood, and continue on to  
the Sylva town limits.

The project is set up for actual  
construction in 1956-57. A sum of  
\$1,260,000 has been allocated for  
the project.

Chief Division Engineer G. G.  
Page said that the new road will  
be 54 feet wide in the cuts, and 44  
feet wide on the fills and level  
sections, with a 24-foot pavement  
and ten-foot shoulders. The pres-  
ent pavement is 22 feet wide. It  
was originally 18 feet but had 4  
feet added some years ago. Mr.  
Page remarked that this is one of  
the most badly needed improve-  
ments in the State system.

In commenting on the re-build-  
ing of 19A-23 Commissioner Buchan-  
an said that he is very much  
gratified to get this project on the  
proposed two-year primary road  
program. He has worked long and  
hard toward this accomplishment.  
It will mean much to Jackson  
County and all this area, tying in  
as it will with the proposed new  
Pigeon River road leading over an  
all water level route into Tennes-  
see and the great industrial cen-  
ters of the northern and middle  
states, and joining up with U. S.  
441 at Dillsboro for a trunk line  
South and Southwest.

The link from East Sylva  
through the town cannot be built  
until certain buildings projecting  
out in the Mill Street right-of-way  
are eliminated. If this isn't done  
so that the road can be built  
through town, it is most likely that  
the next letting will see a Sylva  
by-pass provided for. However, if  
the town officials will see that  
these obstructions are eliminated  
the road can continue without in-  
terruption.

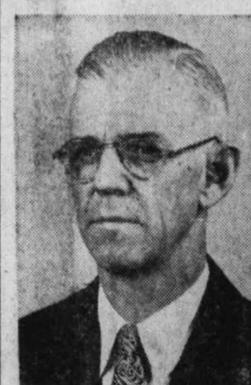
OTHER DIVISION PROJECTS  
Engineer Page announced that a  
contract will be let this month to  
rebuild and relocate a section of  
U. S. 19 west of Bryson City at  
Alarka Creek, eliminating a nar-  
row bridge and dangerous curve.

A new surface treatment for 107  
from Sylva to Ashe Bridge will be  
put down this summer.

The large new sign shop and  
warehouse, under construction at  
Division headquarters, will be  
completed soon, Mr. Page said.

Chamber of Commerce  
Board Meets Tuesday

The board of directors of the  
Chamber of Commerce will meet  
Tuesday night, it was announced  
today by Dick Bradley, president.



HOOPER ALEXANDER

## Heart Attack Is Fatal To Hooper Alexander

Hooper Alexander, Jr., 58, man-  
ager of the parts department of  
Parkway Motors, died in the Hay-  
wood County Hospital Sunday at  
7:40 p.m. following a heart attack.

A native of Atlanta, Alexander  
moved to Waynesville from Montic-  
ello, Florida in 1950. He had also  
lived in Asheville and at one time  
was president of the Asheville  
Kiwanis Club. He represented the  
club at an international conven-  
tion in California in 1948. He was  
a former owner of the Auto Parts  
and Gear Co. in Asheville.

He was a ruling elder in the  
Waynesville Presbyterian Church  
and a director of the Waynesville  
Kiwanis Club. He resided at 104  
Hospital Street here.

Funeral services will be held  
Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Waynes-  
ville Presbyterian Church with  
Adm. W. N. Thomas and the Rev.  
Malcolm Williamson, a former  
pastor, officiating.

Active pallbearers will be Hye  
Sheptowitch, R. L. McKittrick,  
Ray Pleiness, Guy White, Arnold  
Plummer, Norville Byers, Lloyd  
(See H. Alexander—Page 6)

## Governor Hodges Looking After People's Interest

By W. CURTIS RUSS  
HAD ALL THE ANSWERS

Governor Hodges was as calm,  
deliberate at his state-wide news  
conference Friday, as he will be  
blowing out the 57 candles from  
his birthday cake Wednesday  
morning.

The conference slated to be held  
in the House Chambers was trans-  
ferred at the last minute to the  
Senate, because the House was in  
their longest, and hardest session  
in a discussion of the Milk Com-  
mission Bill. The governor an-  
swered every question, and not  
once did he say: "No comment."

## Jehovah's Witnesses To Open Meet

"We are in the age of new  
things," said A. A. Catanzaro, a  
representative of the New York  
world headquarters of Jehovah's  
witnesses, who arrived in Waynes-  
ville today to assist with advance  
preparations for the 3-day con-  
vention of Jehovah's witnesses to  
be held in Waynesville this week-  
end. About 800 delegates are ex-  
pected to attend.

"Mankind today is being united  
into a 'New World Society,'" said  
Mr. Catanzaro. In the Waynesville  
High School Auditorium, Satur-  
day, March 12, beginning at 7 p.m.,  
the public and citizens of Waynes-  
ville will be shown a recent film,  
"The New World Society in Ac-  
tion," produced by the Watchtower  
Bible and Tract Society, Incorporated,  
Brooklyn, New York. The  
showing of the film is one of the  
high-lighted features of the Sat-  
urday sessions of the christian con-  
vention of Jehovah's witnesses.

For one hour and twenty minutes  
this movie will give the people of  
this section of the world an oppor-  
tunity to better acquaint them-  
selves with the activities of the  
New World Society of Jehovah's  
witnesses. The film itself stresses  
christian unity and love as being  
a world-wide necessity.

Mr. Catanzaro said, "We bring  
the film to this community as a  
public service, something that is  
educational, a news feature. There-  
fore, this service is not for com-  
mercial gain, and no admissions  
are charged. We cordially wel-  
come all business, professional and  
religious-minded people to attend  
this showing. The New World So-  
ciety now being formed is non-  
political, non-commercial, yet is  
playing a most important role in  
the promotion of true worship and  
personal study of God's Word."

## Wellco Workers Make Up Fund To Aid Medfords

There's a heart-warming sequel  
to the story that appeared in  
Thursday's issue about the form-  
er Haywood County resident  
who suffered a brain hemor-  
rhage.

The generosity of Mrs. Larry  
Lee Medford's fellow employees  
made it unnecessary for her to  
take advantage of the Red Cross  
offer to pay all the expenses of  
Mr. and Mrs. Medford's emer-  
gency trip to their son's bedside  
at the naval hospital in Jack-  
sonville, Fla.

They raised over \$108 to pay  
for the bus tickets and to help  
defray most of the expenses of  
the Medfords' stay in Jack-  
sonville. The news of the generosity  
of these Wellco employees did  
not reach us in time to be in-  
cluded in the story that appear-  
ed Thursday.

## Womanless Wedding

A womanless wedding will be  
held at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Clyde  
High School, with proceeds to go  
to the Clyde band.

## Commissioners To Hear Taxpayers On Errors Beginning Next Week

### Residential Area Drive Opened By Red Cross

The house-to-house solicitation  
for the 1955 Red Cross drive in  
the Waynesville area will start  
today, according to Leo Leslie,  
general chairman of the cam-  
paign.

Residential area chairmen are  
Mrs. Felix Stovall, Waynesville;  
Mrs. Stuart Roberson, Hazel-  
wood, and Miss Louise Ballard,  
Lake Junaluska.

Goal for the Red Cross drive  
here this year is \$5,000.

## Two Injured, Two Charged In Accidents

Two teen-age boys were injured  
slightly and two drivers were ar-  
rested in two traffic accidents re-  
ported during the weekend by  
State Patrolman W. R. Wooten.

At 6:30 p.m. Thursday, the pa-  
trolman said, Arthur Roger Belt,  
Route 1, Waynesville, turned over  
a 1937 Chevrolet pickup truck on  
the Camp Branch Road.

Injured in the mishap were Wil-  
liam Buchanan and Ralph Norman,  
both of Route 1, who suffered cuts  
and abrasions.

Belt told Patrolman Wooten his  
brakes gave way on the mountain  
road and he lost control of the  
truck. The vehicle was damaged  
"beyond repair," according to the  
patrolman.

At 4 p.m. Saturday on U. S. 19A-  
23, a 1949 Pontiac, driven by  
Charles Monroe Davis of Enka,  
struck the rear of a 1955 Buick,  
driven by Ed Sims of Waynesville,  
as the latter started to make a left  
turn off the highway.

Davis was charged with driving  
under the influence of alcohol, fol-  
lowing too closely, and driving on  
the wrong side of the road. A  
companion, Raymond Frederick  
Wyckoff of West Asheville was  
charged with drunkenness. Both  
were on leave from their armed  
forces stations.

### Board Meets As Equalization And Review 14th to 18th

The Board of Commissioners, in  
session this morning, completed  
plans for sitting at a Board of  
Equalization and Review, begin-  
ning Monday, March 14th. The  
board will meet for five days next  
week to hear tax payers relative  
to tax assessments.

The board will examine and re-  
view the tax list of each township  
for the current year and shall  
hear any taxpayer in respect to  
the valuation of all property and  
correct any errors appearing on  
the tax books.

According to law, this is the  
only time in which the commis-  
sioners have the authority to  
change the valuation of real  
estate.

The schedule is as follows:  
Monday, March 14 — Ivy Hill,  
Jonathan Creek, White Oak, and  
Cataloochee townships.

Tuesday, March 15 — Fines  
Creek, Crabtree, and Iron Duff  
Townships.

Wednesday, March 16 — Pigeon,  
East Fork, Clyde and Cecil Town-  
ships.

Thursday, March 17 — Beaver-  
dam Township.

Friday, March 18 — Waynesville  
Township.

## Barbers' Receipts Tuesday Will Go To Easter Fund

The Easter Fund for crippled  
children in the state will receive  
all the receipts taken in by eight  
barber shops in Waynesville and  
Hazelwood Thursday. It has been  
announced.

The special drive is being spon-  
sored by the Associated Master  
Barbers of North Carolina in co-  
operation with the North Carolina  
Society of Crippled Children and  
Adults.

Hershell Caldwell is chairman  
of the local program, which is be-  
ing conducted by these barber  
shops: Roadway, Queens, Hazel-  
wood, Parkway, Carolina, Depot,  
S. & M., and City.

## Rogers Asking Burley Growers To Conference

Rep. Jerry Rogers announced to-  
day that he is inviting Haywood  
burley growers to a special hearing  
Wednesday, eight o'clock, at the  
Hotel Sir Walter, when the ques-  
tion of warehouses charges will be  
held.

Burley growers and warehouse-  
men will meet and discuss the  
program which has caused some  
criticism this past season because  
of the charges made by ware-  
houses in this state.

"We hope that agreements can  
be worked out without having to  
resort to legislation," Rep. Rogers  
said.

"I am hoping that Haywood will  
be well represented at this meet-  
ing, and that this important mat-  
ter can be settled without having  
to put another law on the books,"  
he continued.

## Clyde To Present Womanless Wedding

A womanless wedding will be  
held at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Clyde  
High School, with proceeds to go  
to the Clyde band.

Members of the Clyde Lions  
Club, merchants, and the school  
faculty will participate.

A beauty contest will follow the  
wedding.

## Highway Record For 1955 In Haywood (TO DATE)

Killed . . . 0  
Injured . . . 9  
Accidents . . . 29  
Loss . . \$11,359

(This information com-  
piled from records of  
State Highway Patrol.)

## School Clinics Open Haywood This Week

A series of pre-school  
clinics will get under way Thurs-  
day, at the Allen's Creek  
at 11 a.m. at Seunook

School. The clinics will continue  
through May.

Their purpose is to examine  
children entering school this fall  
to detect any deficiencies which  
can be corrected and to give pro-  
spective students the immunization  
required by state law.

## Clyde School Open Saturday

Clyde School students tramped  
to classes Saturday morning to  
make up time lost last Tuesday  
when the bursting of a water pipe  
in the basement forced the closing  
of the school for one day.

On the same day, the Canton  
school system ended a series of  
three Saturday sessions to make  
up time lost during the January  
snow.

Other county schools apparently  
will make up the lost time at the  
end of the term this spring.

## 4-Lane Highway From Lake Will Get New Surface

The four-lane highway from  
Lake Junaluska to Canton is due  
for an asphalt surface this sum-  
mer, highway officials have an-  
nounced.

The present surface was put  
down last June and July, and fol-  
lowing an engineering practice  
of the Highway department, the  
final surface is laid about a year  
afterwards.

G. G. Page, chief division en-  
gineer, said plans were complet-  
ed for the re-surfacing project.

## Just Visiting Around Down In Raleigh

By W. CURTIS RUSS  
AGAINST TAX ON FOOD.

Rep. Rogers said there were  
many matters coming up that he  
had not gotten all the facts and  
reached a decision, but "there's one  
thing sure, I am against a sales  
tax on food, feed and fertilizers."

When asked about his stand on  
the proposed tax on cigarettes and  
soft drinks he said: "I'll vote for  
a tax on these rather than go for a  
tax on food. We've been paying  
six cents for soft drinks at home  
for several months, so that would  
not be anything new. As to ciga-  
rettes, it would be better on an  
item like that and would not hurt  
like a food tax."

## HAYWOOD COUNTY DAY

Saturday morning looked like  
Haywood County Day in the Senate  
Chamber. The only "non-Hay-  
wood countian" being Commis-  
sioner of Labor Frank Crane, who  
happened by and stopped to chat  
with the group. Senator William  
Medford, and Rep. Jerry Rogers  
were showing visitors about, after  
the early adjournment. Trying  
out the Senate President's chair  
was Carroll Underwood, while his  
wife, and Mrs. Jerry Rogers looked  
on.

Underwood's only comment was  
"give me 20 years to think about  
running for office."

PAY DAY FOR PAGES  
Jimmy Medford, son of Senator  
and Mrs. Medford was all smiles,  
as usual, because Friday was pay  
day. He flashed his \$5-a-day check,  
and as someone tried to negotiate  
a loan, he said:  
"You know, I'm saving all the  
money I make for my education."  
"That is fine, Jimmy," he was  
told. "I guess then you want the  
(See Down In Raleigh—Page 6)

## AGAINST WITHHOLDING TAX

The governor is definitely  
against a proposed state with-  
holding tax "at this time." The bill  
had been introduced in the Senate  
by Senator David Hall, of Sylva.  
Governor Hodges said the proposal  
is impractical, because so many  
more employees would be needed.  
It would cost the state a quarter  
of a million dollars to collect an  
estimated two millions. He sug-  
gested that an appropriation of  
\$158,000 per year to add more  
deputies to the department of  
revenue would take care of the  
(See Gov. Hodges—Page 6)

## Canton Lions To Hear Jack Justice

Jack Justice of the Canton  
YMCA, will be the speaker at the  
Canton Lions Club Tuesday, seven  
o'clock, at Glenelle's.

Boyd Allen, chairman of the  
boys and girls work committee  
will have charge of the program.

At the last meeting of the Can-  
ton Lions, a musical program was  
presented by Carl Mannie, pre-  
sented four high school girls,  
Evelyn Smith, Pat Smathers, Pat  
Buchanan, Patricia McDowell and  
Paula Hicks.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cathey and  
children, "Becky" and "Bob," have  
returned to their home in Charlotte  
after spending several days here  
with Mr. and Mrs. Joyce Owen, and  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cathey.



FAIR

Clear and cool  
Thursday, mostly fair and  
pleasant.  
Waynesville tempera-  
ture reported by the State Test

Max.	70	Min.	54	Pr.	
	71		54		
	74		61		
	69		36		70