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TRYING THEIR CATCH in the cold, muddy waters of Lake Junaluska Tuesday at noon these three seining specialists from Maple, N. C., who netted more than a hundred pounds of carp, bream, and crappie in a "trial run" near the east end of the lake. (Mountaineer Photo.)

## Encouraging Reports Are Presented

Directors of the Chamber of Commerce heard a number of encouraging project reports at their monthly meeting here Tuesday night.

Richard Bradley, president, pointed out he had received such enthusiasm over a program as was displayed at two of the group meetings held last week—the agriculture group, and civic and professional group.

John Carver, chairman of the agriculture group, and Charles Way, chairman of the civic and professional group, gave brief reports on phases of their group programs which are already under way.

The directors went on record opposing the proposed three per cent tax on hotel, and motel room rentals. A resolution and letter on this is being sent to various members of the General Assembly.

Ned Tucker, executive vice president, reported on the revision of by-laws, with a few changes made at the direction at the January meeting.

The group discussed general pending legislation in the General Assembly, and its effect on this area.

The new highway program, which will mean the expenditure of over \$3,300,000 in this area came up for a report, as well as a brief report of activities of the industrial committee.

## Commissioners To Conduct Annual Review Of Taxes

County tax assessments will be reviewed for five days next week by the county commissioners, sitting as a board of equalization and review.

From Monday through Friday the board will examine and review the tax list of each township for the current year and hear any taxpayer in respect to the valuation of all property and the correction of any errors on the tax books.

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

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

Wednesday, March 16 — Pigeon, East Fork, Clyde and Cecil townships.

Thursday, March 17 — Beavertown Township.

Friday, March 18 — Waynesville Township.

## Board To Open Fire Truck Bids

Bids on a new fire truck for Waynesville will be opened by the Board of Aldermen this afternoon to provide the town with modern 500-gallon pumper unit.

Two bids will be received—one for the truck, another for the equipment.

Fire Chief Felix Stovall estimated that the total cost on the fire-fighting material will be about \$12,000—with probable delivery about July 1.



LOOKING IN VAIN for his master, Hooper Alexander, is "Icky" who has been pacing the business section restlessly in his search, refusing to eat or to stay at home on Hospital St. The little terrier seems to sense that something is wrong but—like a human being—cannot fully realize his best friend is gone.

(Mountaineer Photo.)

## 'Icky' Paces Streets Searching For Master

By BOB CONWAY

What happens when one of man's best friends—a dog—loses his best friend?

All this week a small rat terrier named "Ickabod"—and called "Icky" for short—has been searching the business section around the postoffice for his master.

As people enter and leave the postoffice, Icky looks inquiringly and sniffs the air for the familiar scent of his owner. Sometimes he crosses the street and paces up and down by the town hall or pads down Church St. toward the Parkway Motor Co.

At home at 111 Hospital St., the little dog lies by his owner's favorite chair or looks into the brown Ford in which he has ridden so many times. For several days now, he has refused to eat anything.

This time, however, Icky's persistence in looking for his master will not be rewarded with an affectionate pat on the head, a nice bone, or a ride in the country in the car.

Last Sunday his owner, Hooper Alexander, prominent civic leader, died in Haywood County Hospital following a heart attack.

## Tennessee Ramp Event To Feature N. C. Ramps

By BOB CONWAY

### Clyde Firemen Answer Alarm In Canton Area

The Clyde Fire Department traveled a total of approximately 14 miles Tuesday afternoon to answer an alarm in the Fiberville community on the outskirts of Canton.

Fire Chief Larry Cagle said that approximately \$60 damage to a wall in the home of Hack Smathers was caused by a fire, which resulted from defective wiring. The living room of the one-story frame structure was the scene of the blaze.

The Canton Fire Department is not permitted to answer alarms outside the town limits. Firemen in Waynesville and Hazelwood, as well as Clyde, makes runs to rural areas on agreement with the county commissioners.

Tennessee will have another ramp convention of its own this year—featuring ramps from North Carolina—dug by North Carolinians.

Apparently not bothered by the fact that they don't have enough ramps of their own, a group of persons at Cosby, Tenn.—across the line from Mt. Sterling community in Haywood County—are planning their own festival this spring and have invited former president Harry Truman to be on hand for the function.

To make up for the scarcity of ramps on their side of the mountain, the Tennesseans have applied for permission from Pisgah Forest officials to dig ramps on Big East Fork—only about a mile from where Haywood County's renowned Ramp Convention is held at Camp Hope.

And—realizing the preeminence of Tar Heels in the ramp field—(See Ramps—Page 6)

## Decision Is Sought On Canton Viaduct

### Highway Board Asking Town To Give An Answer By April First

The State Highway Department is asking for a definite decision from Canton officials relative to the proposed 800-foot viaduct in Canton by April first.

Harry Buchanan, commissioner of the 14th district, told The Mountaineer at noon today, that he had heard from the Canton board of aldermen in answer to his letter, that they would write him in a few days. He said the Canton officials gave no indication as to what their answer would be.

Mayor J. W. Stone told this newspaper a few days ago that the Town officials were of the same opinion as they were last fall, when they went on record that they would not fight the construction of the viaduct, but did not feel obligated to put any money into the project.

Commissioner Buchanan said he would meet with the board anywhere, anytime, to further discuss the matter. Two meetings have already been held.

The State Highway Commission maintains it is mandatory that the town pay one-third of the right-of-way costs, with the state and federal government paying the other two-thirds. The Town of Canton takes the position that since it is through travel that is bottle-necking the streets, that the town should not be obligated for any of the right-of-way costs, which are estimated at near a half million dollars.

Of the \$1,550,000 now allocated for the project, \$1,100,000 came from state plus highway funds and was designated for the project by the late Governor William B. Umstead. The other \$450,000 came from a district allocation.

Commissioner Buchanan said that under regulations of the Highway Commission, that should the proposed viaduct project be abandoned, that the \$450,000 would definitely remain in the district, with the other \$1,100,000 reverting back into the highway surplus fund to be re-allocated by the governor at his discretion.

Commissioner Buchanan said that if everything is cleared at once for going ahead with the project that it would take six to eight months to get the project ready for a contract, and perhaps 18 months for actual construction. "This means about two years before the viaduct could be put into use, and with the steady increase in traffic, that will make it rather late in bringing about a better situation in Canton," he continued.

### Book Sale Is Planned For Library Building

The Waynesville Woman's Club will hold a book sale Friday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the First National Bank.

Proceeds from the sale will go to the building fund of the Haywood County Library.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Alexander, who recently visited Miami, Fla., were members of a fishing party which sailed from Rusty's Fishing Camp to fish for snapper and gouper.

## Waynesville Bands, Chorus To Enter District Contest

The Waynesville Township High School marching band, the junior band, and the chorus will participate in the annual Western District music contest at Western Carolina College Friday and Saturday.

The junior band will compete in the Class 2 music division, while the marching band will be in Class 3, according to Charles F. Isley, director of music at WTHS.

The concert band, which usually enters the Class 6 music contest, will not participate in the competition this year, Mr. Isley added.

Students at Waynesville High were to hear a concert by the Brevard High School band at 2:15 today in the high school auditorium. Last week, the Lee Edwards band appeared here.

Waynesville's band gave concerts at both Brevard and Lee Edwards in February.



TED ROGERS

## Ted Rogers Wins Morehead Scholarship

Ted Rogers, Waynesville High School senior, has been awarded a Morehead Scholarship for study at the University of North Carolina. He returned last night after a final interview in Chapel Hill yesterday.

The scholarship is valued at \$5,000 and is awarded on a basis of scholarship, leadership, and character.

The winners were announced by John Motley Morehead of New York, UNC graduate of 1891, industrialist and former minister to Sweden, who established the scholarship fund of the Morehead Foundation.

Twenty-five scholarships were awarded in the state, five of which went to Western North Carolina high school students. In addition to Rogers, other WNC winners were Clifton Metcalf, Brevard; Charles Reed, Sylva; Mike Sumner, Rutherfordton; and Jimmy Buchanan, Hickory.

Young Rogers, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Rogers of Waynesville, is valedictorian of his class. (See Ted Rogers—Page 6)

## Waynesville High Orchestra Concert Set Next Friday

The Waynesville Township High School orchestra will present a concert next Friday night featuring the music the group will play in New Orleans later this month.

The WTHS chorus and concert band also will present several numbers on the program.

The proceeds will be used to finance the band's transportation to New Orleans to play before the bi-annual Southern Music Educators Conference March 24-28.

Charles F. Isley will direct the orchestra and the chorus next Friday night, while Robert Campbell will direct the concert band.

## Charles B. McCrary Attending Burley Meeting In Capital

Charles B. McCrary of Fines Creek is in Washington attending a meeting with the U. S. Department of Agriculture on the burley situation.

McCrary was named by Haywood growers several weeks ago to represent this county at a meeting in Lexington, Ky., and Washington.

Highway Record For 1955 In Haywood (TO DATE)

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

(This information compiled from records of State Highway Patrol.)

## Highlander Directors Meet Here

MEETING: A six-member committee headed by Paul Hyatt of Waynesville and including Frank of Highlands, Mrs. John Brevard, Robert I. Pres-Asheville, Wade Beck of and Maj. O. A. Fetch of was appointed at a meeting of Western North Highlanders, Inc. here Friday to plan a management conference for the tourist early this spring.

Parris, Highlanders president, said that the conference would cover, courtesy, educational information.

He said that there is "a big gap" in Western North Carolina to know more of the at this region has to offer. He said that many natives are unacquainted with the wide varying heights the mountains have.

For the publication of a "Vacation Map" were discussed and an April 1 set for all copy for the accommodations folder.

Richardson Address Hazelwood PTA (Picture Pg. 1, Sec. 3) Frank Howard Richardson, chairman of Asheville and Black Mt., will be the guest speaker at the meeting of the Hazelwood PTA at 7:30 o'clock in the auditorium.

Richardson's subject will be "Juvenile Delinquency" which will be followed by discussion of childhood delinquency.

Richardson is known as a specialist in juvenile delinquency. (Page 6)

## 2,000 Easter Seal Letters Mailed In Haywood

2,000 letters containing Easter Seals will be mailed this week to Haywood County residents.

to raise money in behalf of the county's crippled children, according to Dr. Thomas Stringfield, chairman.

The Easter Seal drive, sponsored this year by the Waynesville Rotary Club started Tuesday when eight barber shops in this area contributed all their receipts for the day to the fund.

The Easter Seal letters, written by Dr. Stringfield, point out: "When you buy Easter Seals you help the handicapped children in Haywood County in their search for—a chance to go to school—a chance to get well—a chance to play—and a chance to lead a useful life.

## Lake Level At Four Feet; Seining Work Continues

### 255 Dogwoods Set Out In Hazelwood

(See story, Page 1, Section 3)

All the digging in Hazelwood Monday and Tuesday was not for fish bait. It was citizens setting out 255 dogwood trees in a community-wide beautification program, sponsored by the "Fines Carolina Committee."

Mrs. Frank Worthington, chairman, said the 255 trees were planted in every area of town.

Much interest is being shown in the project, and several people from a wide area have called to place orders for additional trees. Due to the scope of the program, the beautification committee of the Chamber of Commerce are taking orders for additional trees this week and until noon Wednesday.

Further information will be found on page one, section three.

## Election In Hazelwood Set May 3rd

The aldermen of Hazelwood have set the date of the municipal election for Tuesday, May 3.

The filing date deadline for candidates has been set for April 23 at 6 o'clock, the formal notice pointed out.

There are four offices to be filled at the town election—a mayor, and three aldermen.

The board also named Mrs. Raymond Crawford, registrar, and Mrs. Carroll Whitner and Joe N. Tate as judges.

The registration books will open at 9 o'clock on the morning of Saturday, May 16, and remain open until 9 o'clock the night of Saturday, 23. The 23rd will also be challenge day.

The last town election in Hazelwood showed 835 voters eligible to vote, according to a checkup of the registration books.

Officials elected on May 3 will be named for a four-year term.

Present officials are: Lawrence Davis, mayor, and the three aldermen are Howell Bryson, John Blacklock, and Frank Underwood.

(See Other Pictures Pg. 1, Sec. 2)

With the lake lowered to a depth of about four feet, seining operations to remove carp and catfish from Lake Junaluska got underway Tuesday after a test run Monday.

Because of heavy silt and stumps on the bottom of the lake, professional fishermen from Maple, N. C. had to cut down the size of their nets to seine out the so-called "rough fish" to provide improved conditions for the game fish such as bass, bream, and crappie.

J. W. Fowler, Jr., superintendent of the Lake Junaluska Methodist Assembly, asserted recently that the assembly is doing everything possible to make the picturesque lake "a fisherman's paradise."

The Maple fishermen said their catches at Junaluska have included large carp and crappies, nice big bass, and plenty of bream.

Although most of the carp and catfish caught are destined for sale on Northern markets, at least some will stay in Western North Carolina.

J. Douglas Hipps, owner of a commercial fishing lake at Starnes Cove in Buncombe County, told The Mountaineer by telephone this morning that he has contracted to buy "up to a carload" of the rough fish.

The game fish caught in nets are returned to the lake.

## New Fishing Bill Becomes Effective In State March 28

RALEIGH (AP)—A bill making it a little cheaper for a non-resident to fish in North Carolina passed the Senate without opposition Tuesday.

The measure already had passed the House and will become law upon House approval of a Senate amendment which makes the new short term fishing permits effective within 20 days, 10 days sooner than the original bill provided. The period was shortened so the short term permits will be legal when trout fishing begins April 5.

Under the bill, a non-resident (See Fishing—Page 6)

## Meeting Bringing 800 From 3 States

H. H. Curtiss and the Waynesville congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses will be host this weekend to more than 800 Jehovah's Witnesses from the two Carolinas and Georgia who will be here for the semi-annual circuit assembly. The meeting will be in the Waynesville Township High School Auditorium.

Mr. Curtiss, the local minister and representative of the Watchtower Society, will head the welcoming committee for the incoming delegates. He has been in Waynesville and Haywood County for the past two years.

Guest speakers for the assembly will be A. A. Catanzaro and W. J. Sims, from the New York Watchtower headquarters.

The services of the assembly and visiting ministers are as follows:

**Friday**  
7 p.m. convention opens with songs and prayer, led by J. C. Grubbs of Blue Ridge, Ga.

W. J. Sims will deliver the address of welcome.

Mr. Sims will also head a panel of speakers giving short six- to eight-minute Bible readings and speaking assignments. The speakers



HEADING THE ASSEMBLY of Jehovah's Witnesses meeting here this weekend at the high school are H. H. Curtiss of the local congregation, and A. A. Catanzaro, of New York, principal speaker of the 3-day event, starting Friday night.



consist of Mr. R. G. Decelles, Anderson, S. C.; 9-year-old R. Bryson of Asheville, and R. W. Murdoch, Spartanburg.

8:05 Mr. Catanzaro will head a panel of speakers whose subjects will deal with the ministerial work of Jehovah's Witnesses. Assisting Mr. Catanzaro will be Mr. Sims, W. A. Thompson, Athens, Ga., and P. R. Bryan, Asheville.

9:30 announcements, song and prayer.

**Saturday**  
9 a.m. program opens with a Bible discourse by M. D. Winchester, Hartwell, Ga., entitled "Skilled Preachers of the Word".

Baptismal services from 1:30 p.m. to 2:05 p.m., by Mr. Catanzaro, and the evening showing of the film, "The New World Society in Action," beginning at about 7 p.m.

2:05 p.m. O. L. Snyder, Clarksville, Ga., speaks on the subject, "Sharing in the Shepherding Work".

6:45 p.m., songs and experiences by W. J. Sims.

7 p.m., Mr. Catanzaro will discuss the New World Society.

9:10 p.m., activities end with prayer.

**Sunday**  
Highlight of the three-day gathering will be at 3 p.m., with Mr. (See Assembly—Page 6)

Max.	Min.	Pr.
46	22	
53	19	
66	34	