

# THE WAYNESVILLE MOUNTAINEER

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TODAY'S SMILE

Reputation is character  
minus what you've been  
caught doing.

## Merchants Adopt 12-Point Program

### Frank Moore Named President Of Chamber Unit

Frank Moore was named president of the Merchants Association, and a 12-point program of activities adopted, as the group met Monday night for a dinner meeting at Spaldon's. The Association is a division of the Chamber of Commerce.

The group adopted a resolution opposing Senate Bill 350 which would impose a 3 per cent tax on advertising in newspapers and on radio and TV. Copies of the resolution were delivered Tuesday to members of the General Assembly by a delegation from here.

J. C. Jennings was named vice president; Ernest Edwards is the treasurer. Moore succeeds Harry Whisenhunt as president of the organization.

The membership will vote this week on six members of the board to be added to the six which are being carried over from last year. The six carry-overs are: H. P. McCobb, Euel Taylor, J. W. Ray and Hugh Massee.

Ballots for the election of others are being mailed the membership this week. One member each is to be voted from each of the six groups, which are:

Wearing apparel—C. J. Reece, W. L. Turner, A. D. Harrison, Hye Sheptowitz.

Furniture—C. N. Allen, Homer Justice, Francis Massie, Henry Clayton, Bob Brannon.

Hardware—C. D. Ketter, Roy Parkman, Harvey Dulin, Horace Green.

Services—Clifford Harrell, Paul Davis, Ed Potts, Howard Kaiser.

Grocery and drugs — Tommy Curtis, Ralph Summerrow, George Williamson and Bob Wilson.

Jewelry—Jesse Soloman, Kurt Gans, Boyd Edwards.

Richard Bradley, president of the Chamber of Commerce, outlined a program which had been previously discussed and prepared by the board of directors. The program of activities for the association is as follows:

1. Will strive for 100 per cent membership and participation by all eligible businesses.
2. Will establish and regulate store hours and holiday schedules. (See Merchants—Page 8)

## Toggery To Open 'Budget Shop' On Saturday Morning

The Toggery, 148 Main St., Waynesville, will open its new "Budget Shop," situated in the basement of the clothing store Saturday morning, according to owner Hugh Massee.

The new unit will have 4,000 square feet of space, tile floor, and fluorescent lights. A general line of shoes and clothing will be carried.

Entrance to the recently remodeled basement is on the ground floor of the Toggery.

## Majority Of Plant Beds Have Survived Freeze

Present indications, the majority of burley tobacco beds probably will survive a severe freeze, County Commissioner L. Holloway said today.

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The county's commercial apple crop appears to be virtually a total loss, the county agent said. Complete destruction of their crops were reported by orchardmen Bolling Hall, Herbert Singletary and Zack Massey, while Dick Barber remarked: "We won't have enough left to fool with." R. H. Boone said: "We'll have a few apples, but very few."

Apple growers also fear their trees may suffer permanent damage from the freeze, but the extent of any such damage cannot be determined for some time, Mr. Holloway explained.

Pastures also suffered severe damage, but will recover with warm weather, the county agent added.



EXECUTIVES OF THE WNCAC meeting here Wednesday night mapped a program of projects covering 11 counties to present to the quarterly conference of the organization in Andrews in April. Seated, left to right: Beekman Huger, vice president; Dr. M. B. Morrill, Cullowhee; standing Dick Wood, Asheville, and C. M. Douglas, Brevard. Also attending as a member of the executive committee was W. Curtis Russ, Waynesville. (Mountaineer Photo).

## Six More Candidates File For Offices In Two Towns

### Dam Whirlpool Bewilders Duck

There's a bewildered white duck in the area of Lake Junaluska.

The duck was enjoying the calm and placid waters of the Lake, when suddenly the fowl was swept into the whirlpool of the water being drawn through the flood gates of the dam.

The duck came out alive below the dam, but a somewhat bewildered, battered, shocked and shaggy looking fowl.

A bystander remarked that it must have been a Baptist duck, seeking more than just shallow water.

## Highway Paving Project Set For Next Thirty Days

A low bid for finish surfacing the 11.33 miles between Dellwood and Canton of Highway 19, was received by the Highway Commission in Raleigh on Tuesday from Dickerson, Inc., Monroe.

The bid was for \$123,782.40.

G. G. Page, district highway engineer said the work would probably begin in 30 days.

The 4-lane highway from Lake Junaluska to Canton was completed last June.

## Firemen Attend Demonstration At Brevard College

Six firemen from Waynesville, four from Hazelwood, and ten from Clyde attended a meeting of the Western North Carolina Firemen's Association at Brevard Tuesday afternoon to watch the burning of a building on the Brevard College campus.

The college had been planning to raze the structure, but instead donated it to the WNC firemen to conduct a demonstration of new fire-fighting techniques and equipment.

From Waynesville were Felix Stovall, fire chief; John Boyd, Bill Frady, Freddie Sheehan, Sam Kelly, Montgomery Queen, G. C. Ferguson, town manager; T. Henry Gaddy and Henry Miller, aldermen; Orville Noland, police chief, and Dill Howell.

From Hazelwood were George Bishoff, fire chief; Roy Stephens, police chief; Wilbur Wright, and Howell Bryson.

From Clyde were Larry Cagle, fire chief; J. B. Martin, assistant chief; G. C. Starr, Jr., chaplain; Glenn Allen, Troy Stamey, Fred Medford, Lawrence Carver, Elmer Goodson, Lemuel Mackey, and Lester Ward.

## Business Shows Increase Here

Business in Haywood in February was much better than a year ago, according to a report on sales tax collections to the state.

Last year the sales tax for February was \$26,967, while this year the total was \$29,770. This shows that a total retail business on taxable items totaled more than \$100,000 above that of the same month in 1954.

The total sales tax collection in the state for the month was \$4,327,696.

## Stump Is Removed From Center Gate Of Junaluska Dam

Workmen have removed a large stump which washed into the center gate of the Junaluska dam and kept the gate from closing.

A wrecker was used in pulling the lodged stump from the framework of the gate. When the stump was removed all flow of water from the Lake was stopped. The fish in the area below the dam flourished around in the mud and small pools.

Some residents who were standing on the banks watching the operation gathered up some of the fish — perhaps for re-stocking in private ponds.

## Bloodmobile To Be At Prison Camp

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will pay a visit to the Hazelwood Prison Camp from 9:30 until 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

Although the majority of contributions are expected to be made by prisoners at the camp, the public is also invited to donate blood on Saturday morning.

## \$15,000 Parsonage Of The Dutch Cove Baptists Is Complete; Open House Set

Open house will be held Sunday afternoon from 1 to 5 o'clock at the new parsonage of the Dutch Cove Baptist Church.

The parsonage was completed this week at an approximate cost of \$15,000. The brick home has four bedrooms, kitchen, living room, dining room, study, bath and full size basement, and is located directly across street from church on Dutch Cove Road.

Construction of the parsonage was started in October with part of the work under contract and much of the labor by men of the church.

## Pvt. James Parton Seriously Ill At Alaska Army Base

Pvt. James R. Parton is seriously ill according to a message received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parton, yesterday from John A. Klein, Major General of the U. S. Army.

The wife to his parents is as follows: "The secretary of the Army has asked me to express his deep regret that your son Pvt. James R. Parton has been seriously ill in Alaska since 29 March 1955 as result of a brain abscess prognosis questionable, and the Alaskan Commander deems the presence of Roy C. Parton, father, necessary. Travel instructions will follow. Address mail to him as follows: 'Rank, Name, Service number, 5001st U. S. Air Force Hospital, A.P.O. 731, Seattle, Washington.'"

Pvt. Parton entered the service October 12 and received his basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C. The first of this year he was transferred to Fort Bliss, Texas, for anti-aircraft artillery training. He left Fort Bliss February 26th for Seattle, Washington, and arrived at the Edson Air Force Base in Alaska on March 13th.

Prior to entering the service he was a student at Mars Hill College.

Mr. Parton said this morning that he is completing plans to leave as soon as he can make reservations to fly to his son's bedside in Alaska. Mr. Parton is owner of Parton's Feed Store here.

## Boy Escapes Serious Injury In Fall From Car

Ian Ferguson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Ferguson, Route 1, Waynesville, escaped serious injury when he fell from his father's car last week at the intersection of Highway 19A-23 and the Allens Creek road.

The boy fell from the front seat of the car as the vehicle turned from the main highway into the Allens Creek road. His only injuries were contusions of the scalp and left elbow.

## Larger 'Hen Fruit' Is Much In Evidence

The sad plight of the fruit crop being lost, is partially offset by an increase in the size of "hen fruit" if the egg brought in by Mrs. B. H. Holland is any trend.

The egg weighs 6½ ounces, has a circumference of 6½ inches, and measured from end to end is 9½ inches.

The egg is perfectly shaped and real white.

## To Present Senior Play

The Clyde High School senior play, "Aunt Abby Answers An Ad," will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the school auditorium.

Directors are Mrs. C. E. Brown, Jr. and Miss Bette Hannah.

## State Agrees To Replant 18 Memorial Trees On 19A-23

### Chemicals Put In Lake To Rid Waters Of Rough Fish

Chemicals were put into Lake Junaluska Tuesday in the last step of a program to rid the lake of rough fish.

The chemicals were put in by Mr. Ratledge, Biologist of the State Wildlife and Resources Commission. He explained that the chemical is harmless to all humans, animals and fowls. It affects only fish.

The restocking of the Lake with bream and bass has been programmed for the next few weeks. The bream and bass taken from the lake during a recent seining program will be put back into the lake within a few days.

The lake will not be open for spring fishing, but will be ready for fall fishing, it was announced.

"We have completed the first major step in our program for making the lake a fisherman's paradise," J. W. Fowler, Jr., superintendent said. "We are pleased over the prospects of this becoming a fisherman's ideal fishing spot."

## April Fool's Day Will Usher Out Unpopular March

Tomorrow will be open season on all gullible individuals whose friends tell them their shoe laces are untied, or those who stoop to pick up what appears to be a lost billfold on the sidewalk—only to find a string attached.

In the event the date has caught you unawares, it'll be April Fool's Day — beloved by practical jokers.

To most of us, however, it will mark the end of the very disagreeable month of March, the hope for real spring weather, and the nearing of the Easter season.

## Cancer Fund Drive Opens Here Friday

The annual Cancer Crusade in the Waynesville area will open Friday and continue through the month of April, according to Mrs. Rebekah Murray, chairman of the Business and Professional Women's health and safety committee.

The campaign will be sponsored here by the B&PW and in the Canton area by the Happy Homemakers Home Demonstration Club.

The county's budget for the Cancer Crusade is \$2,423. If this budget is reached, Mrs. Murray explained, from 40 to 60 per cent of the funds raised will remain in Haywood County to be used for cancer detection work and to assist indigent patients.

Cancer clinics in this area are held at Memorial Mission Hospital Asheville, Wednesday morning, and at the C. J. Harris Community Hospital, Sylva, Friday morning.

Other members of the B&PW committee for the drive are: Miss Mary Cornwell, home demonstration clubs; Mrs. Kurt Gans, treasurer; Mrs. George Craig and Mrs. R. G. Coffee, coin boxes and posters; Mrs. Ken Fry, radio; Miss Frances Rose, letters to businessmen; Mrs. Grace Stamey, schools; Mrs. Ruby Bryson, theatre publicity; Mrs. Clara Ripette, and Mrs. Lois Gentry, special events.

## \$32,225 Is Being Paid In Dividends By Building Loan

Friday will be April Fool's day to a lot of people, but to some 1,200 to 1,500 shareholders of the Haywood Building and Loan Association, it will be dividend day.

L. N. Davis, secretary and general manager, said that \$32,225 was being distributed in the semi-annual dividends. Many of the shareholders will receive checks, while others will have the dividends added to their accounts.

## Dogwood Being Planted On Super-Highway At Clyde

A quantity of pink dogwoods have been planted along both sides of a three-block stretch of the new highway in Clyde as a part of the town's "Finer Carolina" civic beautification program.

To be planted when warmer weather comes will be white dogwood and marigolds. The white dogwoods will be furnished by Roy McKinnish of Clyde from his farm at Candler. The pink dogwoods were purchased from the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce.

The planting of the seedlings was carried out by members of the Clyde School 4-H Club. The project itself is sponsored by the Clyde Women's Club.

Planned for later this spring is the setting up of picnic tables near the site of the old depot for use by tourists. The area will be enclosed by a fence and the fountain at that point painted.

On May 7 members of the Clyde

## N. C. Highway Executive Admits Department's Error

Eighteen suitable memorial trees will be replanted on Highway 19A-23 between Waynesville and Lake Junaluska in the near future.

The 18 white oak trees were cut down by highway forces a year or so ago, and a constant campaign has been staged for replacing the trees, led by Mrs. J. H. Howell, Sr.

This week, Mrs. Howell received a letter from A. H. Graham, chairman of the state highway commission, saying the department would plant the trees. His letter, in part said:

"After going into your file carefully, I wish to express my sincere regret that one of our foremen, who was instructed to cut two trees, took it upon himself to cut several other trees and thereby caused the damage and destruction mentioned in your letter."

"I am requesting our landscape department to select and plant satisfactory trees as replacements for the trees destroyed, to the end that there may be eighteen trees along this stretch of road. It may be advisable to consider changing somewhat the exact spots where the new trees are to be planted, but this is a matter which can best be determined on the site by your club representatives and our landscape personnel."

"We will give continued attention to these trees so that same may be protected and nourished in order to perpetuate the memorial as originally intended for the eighteen young men of Haywood County who gave their lives in World War I."

F. H. Brantl is the landscape engineer of the department.

The members of the club, as well as many other civic groups, protested when the trees were removed.

## Businessmen In Protest Against Advertising Tax

Resolutions from businessmen in Haywood protesting a new business tax were taken to the General Assembly Tuesday, and personally handed members from this area.

The protests were carried to Raleigh by W. Curtis Russ, Ken Fry, Waynesville, and Harley E. Wright, Canton. They were accompanied by J. A. Gray, Sylva, Don Gilmore, Hendersonville, and Ed M. Anderson, Brevard.

A hearing was held before the joint finance committee Tuesday, in which every section of North Carolina was represented as more than 300 protesters gathered to point out to the Legislators the dangers of a proposed new tax, which would put a 3 per cent tax on all advertising in newspapers, on radio and TV.

The tax was protested along with the one on machine parts, and raw materials for manufacture, which would "curb the addition of new industries" in the state, spokesmen pointed out. The statement was the outgrowth of a proposed 3 per cent tax on newspaper.

Spokesmen for the press and radio associations in the state made a vigorous protest before the Joint Finance Committee.

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Loss . . \$14,424

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## Weather

Waynesville temperature  
by the State Test Farm:

Max. Min. Pr.  
45 16  
49 26  
60 15