

## Men Now At Work In Unagusta Plant No. 1

### Engineers Drawing Plans For Modern Plant; Program Of Financing Discussed

An air of determination prevailed throughout the Unagusta Manufacturing Company's offices this morning. The feeling was justified, because:

- there were more than 90 men at work in Plant No. 1;
- engineers are at work on blue prints for a modern building to replace burned Plant No. 2;
- financiers have given the owners of Unagusta much encouragement for financing the cost of a modern plant;
- it is possible that actual construction on the new plant can begin by February first;
- Plant No. 1 is getting materials from a large number of suppliers, as other furniture manufacturers and suppliers all over the state are "leaning over backwards" to get materials to Unagusta in order that production at Plant No. 1 continue.

These are part of the things that created an atmosphere of determination this morning around the Unagusta offices.

The owners, in the one short week since the disastrous fire of December 1, have traveled over a large part of several states, talking to hundreds of firms over the phone, and gotten the wheels turning for an early replacement of the plant which burned in Haywood's worst fire, doing some \$750,000 damages.

A close inspection of the machinery in the burned plant has verified what the owners expected—a total loss. The terrific heat, and more than a million gallons of water poured onto the blaze made the thousands of dollars worth of equipment now worth just junk prices.

Workmen had to use hose to wet down several spots in the heap of ashes Monday, and Tuesday noon, as smoke was oozing up from a number of places.

R. L. Prevost, Sr., president of the firm, said the plans for the new plant call for a one-story building, fireproof, all concrete floor, and the machinery arranged for stream-lined production.

Tentative plans are for a building of concrete blocks; steel window sash, and a fireproof roof.

When questioned about the (See Unagusta—Page 8)



FUNERAL SERVICES will be held Friday afternoon for Rev. R. P. McCracken, 82, well known Baptist preacher of this section of North Carolina.

### Funeral For McCracken Set Friday

The Rev. Robert Pinckney McCracken, of Lake Junaluska, well-known and beloved retired Baptist minister, died early Wednesday morning in a Waynesville nursing home after a lingering illness.

A member of one of Haywood's pioneer families, Mr. McCracken has served as pastor of numerous churches in Macon, Madison, and Haywood Counties, until his retirement a year ago. His last active pastorate was at the Hazelwood Baptist Church.

Mr. McCracken was born in 1873, the son of the late J. M. La and Sophia Penland McCracken of Crabtree. He attended grammar school under the late R. A. Sentele and went two years to the old A. and M. College in Raleigh, now N. C. State College. During summer vacations, he worked at the college as a carpenter, helping to construct some of the present buildings on the campus.

A devoted church member from (See McCracken—Page 8)

### Singing Convention To Meet Here Sunday

The Haywood County Singing Convention will be held at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the courthouse.

Ray Parker of Canton, president, will be in charge.

A number of vocal groups is expected to participate in the program.

**Highway Record For 1955**  
(TO DATE)  
**Killed . . . 3**  
(1954 — 3)  
**Injured . . . 85**  
(1954 — 66)  
**Accidents 172**  
**Loss . . \$78,920**

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



R. L. PREVOST, SR., president of Unagusta Manufacturing Company, shows Rep. George A. Shuford, center, and Henry Gordon, Small Business Administration appraiser, the complete loss of the \$750,000 Plant No. 2 as the group discussed the procedure necessary for a government loan with which to rebuild the plant. (Mountaineer Photo).

### Disaster Fund Reaches \$3,500 At Noon Today

The Haywood Disaster Fund was slightly over \$3,500 at noon today, Paul Davis, chairman announced.

Several sizeable contributions have been indicated, and are expected to be turned in shortly, Chairman Davis said.

Among the sizeable contributions was the Grace Episcopal church, with a contribution of \$200. The church has 100 members.

Chairman Davis said he had received some checks from out-of-town people who are interested in the fund.

The special committee for the disaster fund is slated to meet this afternoon and discuss several matters, Davis said.

Tentative plans are to operate the dime boards in both Waynesville and Hazelwood Friday and Saturday. The decision as to their operation beyond Saturday will be determined late today.

The funds raised will be administered through the United Fund, via a special committee working with several agencies in the area.

Employees of Wellco Shoe Corporation were making out pledges this afternoon, it was learned. The total will be known later this week, according to Grady Crawford, president of the Wellco Union, who is heading the campaign there.

Heinz Rollman, president of Wellco, said that on his travels all over the world he has never come across such spontaneous generosity (See Disaster—Page 7)

### Pre-Christmas Schedule Set At Postoffice

The Waynesville post office will be open all day Saturday, December 17, and Saturday, December 24 and also on Wednesday, December 14 and Wednesday, December 21, Postmaster Enos Boyd announced today.

The post office windows are customarily closed at noon on Saturday and in recent weeks have started closing at noon on Wednesday.

The special hours will continue through Christmas, Mr. Boyd added.

### \$216,755 Alloted Haywood From State School Fund

Haywood County will receive \$216,755.98 in the final distribution of North Carolina's \$50,000,000 school fund, the State Board of Education reported Wednesday.

Western North Carolina counties have been allotted \$3,470,796, the report said, which is based on the need, ability, and effort to meet local school needs.

In Haywood County the funds will be divided between county system schools and those in the Canton district with Canton likely to receive about 30 per cent of the total.

Some plans have reportedly been made in the county concerning intended use of the state funds, but Superintendent of Schools Lawrence Leatherwood was out of town today and not available for comment.

The winner will replace Herschell Rogers, whose present term expires December 31 of this year.

All persons eligible to vote in a general election are eligible to vote in the Soil Conservation District election.

Other members of the three-man soil conservation board are Van C. Wells of West Pigeon and D. J. Boyd of Jonathan Creek.

Ballot boxes for the voting this week will be at:

Farmer's Federation in Canton; Robert Messer's Store at Cecil, Pigeon Valley Store in Pigeon; Poston's Store at Cruso, Burgin's Store at Dellwood, Mark Ferguson's Store at Fines Creek, Ralph Boyd's Store at Jonathan Creek, Sam Ledford's Store at White Oak, Suttles Store at Clyde, Duckett's Store at Crabtree, and the county farm agent's office at the Haywood Courthouse.

### Wellco Paying \$30,000 In Profit-Sharing On 15th

Next Thursday, some \$30,000 in cash will go to Wellco Shoe Company employees as the second half of the firm's profit-sharing plan is paid.

The other \$30,000 was paid in August. The announcement was made today by Heinz Rollman, president of the firm, which employs about 350 people.

Besides the extra cash to be paid on the 15th, each Wellco employee will get a 5-pound turkey as a gift from the firm for Christmas.

The profit-sharing plan was inaugurated several years ago by Mr. Rollman in the firm here, which means an additional average of \$5,000 per month paid to the employees.

### TVA Recommends Changes In Maggie Development

Changes in development plans for Maggie Valley is advised by the Tennessee Valley Authority in light of flood possibility.

A TVA flood study made public last night said a major flood, which "can be reasonably expected" at some time in the future, would inundate the entire valley floor from the western end to Dellwood.

The information contained in the study of floods on Jonathan Creek, which runs through the valley, was explained at a meeting of the Maggie Kiwanis Club by James E. Goddard, chief of TVA's local flood relations branch.

In declaring a need for the establishment of a Maggie Floodway District, however, the report says the prohibition of structures within the district would not render the land valueless.

It suggests the land could be utilized for activities which would suffer only slight damage in the event of a flood: farming, grazing, stockyards, golf courses, golf driving ranges, playgrounds, public parks, quarries, parking lots and transient amusements such as circuses and carnivals.

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### Six Going Down Monday To Attend Industrial Meet

Six representatives of the Chamber of Commerce will leave Sunday for Raleigh to attend a meeting which was called to bring about closer coordination of agencies and groups working for further industrial development in the state.

Those planning to attend from here include: Richard Bradley, president; Ned Tucker, executive vice president; C. N. Allen, president of the 30 Club; G. C. Ferguson, town manager; Senator William Medford, and H. P. McCarron, chairman of the industrial committee.

The conference is being sponsored by the Department of Conservation and Development's commerce and industry division. To it have been invited some 600 mayors, Chambers of Commerce executives, and representatives of industrial development groups throughout the State, Dallas Daily, chief of the C&D Department's commerce and industry division, said.

Robert M. Hanes of Winston-Salem, chairman of the commerce and industry committee of the State Board of Conservation and Development, will preside.

### Home Destroyed By Fire, Gibsons Find New Dwelling

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gibson and their six small children, who were made homeless by a fire which gutted the interior of their home on Hill St. last Friday morning, have now moved into a new home and other needs of the family have now been taken care of.

This was disclosed Tuesday by county welfare workers, who said that the Gibsons are now living in a home off East St., formerly occupied by Mrs. Eugene Wright.

Since they lost all their possessions last Friday, the Gibsons have been given large stocks of food and clothing, mattresses and bed clothes, coal stoves and a heater, kitchen utensils, and other household utensils.

The family also was given money to buy additional groceries and their light and water bills were paid.

According to an investigation made by a welfare worker this week, the Gibsons need nothing further.

### Burley Farmers Will Meet Monday

Haywood farmers will hear details of the new burley referendum at a meeting here Monday, December 12, at 2:30, it was announced today by A. W. Ferguson, manager for the ASC in Haywood county. The meeting will be held in the courthouse.

Ferguson said representatives of the state and federal Department of Agriculture would be the speakers for the meeting, and would discuss the problems concerning the production and marketing of burley tobacco.

All burley producers, together with businessmen, agricultural leaders, and all other interested persons are invited to attend, Ferguson said.

The county ASC manager said that the Secretary of Agriculture has proclaimed Marketing Quotas on the 1956 crop of burley tobacco and has announced that the referendum for marketing quotas for

### Present All Set For Employees Of Unagusta Co.

Here's a little Christmas present secret for every employee of Unagusta Manufacturing Company.

Shortly before Christmas there will be a three-pound fruit cake for you — a Christmas present.

The presents have already been bought and being prepared for you.

"Oh, who is it from?" you ask. Since the secret has been let out this far, the rest might as well be told.

The gift is from Wellco Shoe Corporation, Heinz W. Rollman, president.

### Sheriff Campbell Will Be Moved Back To County

Sheriff Fred Y. Campbell of Haywood County has continued to show improvement in his recovery from injuries suffered Friday morning in a prison truck wreck in West Asheville and will be moved from Memorial Mission Hospital today to the home of his sister, Mrs. Grace Plott, at Maggie.

The sheriff, the prison truck driver, and eight prisoners were hurt when their vehicle, bound for Central Prison at Raleigh, skidded on an icy highway in West Asheville and overturned.

### 39 To Attend Luncheon For CDP Awards

Thirty-nine Haywood County residents—including a delegation of 23 from Ratcliffe Cove and the chairmen of the other 11 organized communities in the county—will attend a luncheon at the Battery Park Hotel at noon Saturday when the awards in the annual Western North Carolina CDP contest will be announced.

Principal speaker on the program will be Dr. Paul Sanders of Richmond, Va., editor of "The Southern Planter".

Sixteen WNC communities are competing for a total of 10 prizes. Haywood County's representative is Ratcliffe Cove, winner in the county contest as announced at the Tobacco Festival.

Ratcliffe Cove was judged for the district contest November 16.

### Soil Conservation Election Balloting Ends Saturday

Voting for a new Haywood County Soil Conservation District supervisor will end Saturday at 11 polling places in the county.

Voters will select one of two candidates for the soil conservation post — Joe S. Davis of White Oak or Mrs. Carl Medford of Lake Junaluska.

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LOCAL STORES TO REMAIN OPEN THIS FRIDAY NIGHT UNTIL 9 P.M.



JAMES Y. PERRY, JR., elected president of the Waynesville Ministerial Association.

### Ministers Discuss Segregation

Waynesville Ministerial Association elected officers at the meeting held Monday.

A panel discussion on segregation was held at the Methodist Church, Rev. Earl Brendall, in charge.

The business session a resolution was made for the members to contribute liberally to the Disaster Fund.

James Y. Perry, Jr., Grace Episcopal Church, Waynesville, president; Dr. L. B. McCall, Methodist Church, Waynesville; Rev. J. G. McCall, Baptist Church, Waynesville.

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### Ministers To Meet Tonight

Rev. Ted Stackpole, Minister of Justice are the scheduled speakers at a meeting of the Toastmasters Club at 7:30 p.m. Monday night, starting with Dr. C. R. Border as an alternate speaker.

Speakers will be the toastmaster, Elms will give the invocation, and Charles Underwood.

There will be table topics and a table of topics. Speakers will be Dr. Jack Dickerson and Al Hunt master.

For the three speeches Walter Francis, Wayne and Robert Hall.

### Meeting Delayed On Request Milk Price Increase

The Milk Commission yesterday action on a request for an increase in the wholesale price of milk following a hearing at the courthouse in Asheville.

The dairy farmers, reproducers in milk market No. 8, appeared before the commission to call for a "fair" retail milk sales.

Farmers pointed to production costs to support their request.

A hearing was called to receive testimony and information on the petition filed with the commission on Oct. 13 by 25 producers in the Asheville and Buncombe County area asking that the nine-member commission consider an increase in prices paid to the producer.

The present price paid producers for Class I milk is \$6.25 per hundred pounds throughout the state. The commission recently granted a temporary boost to \$6.50 in a number of eastern counties. (See Milk—Page 7)

### Help Fight TB

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS 1955  
Christmas Seals

UNSETTLED

cloudy and warm with a few light rains today, fair and colder.

Waynesville temperature by the State Test Farm.

Max.	60	29	.01
Min.	53	27	
	50	24	