

## Two-State Group To Discuss Park

## Interest In Turkish Leaf On Increase

Roy Crouse, Turkish tobacco specialist for the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service, will be in Haywood County Tuesday to talk with farmers interested in growing Turkish (aromatic) tobacco this year.

County Agent Virgil Holloway said that 15 farmers already have expressed a desire to grow Turkish tobacco this year if their soil is suitable.

Unlike burley tobacco, the Turkish tobacco grows best in poor, thin soil, he added.

Mr. Holloway said that aromatic tobacco requires more labor than burley, but brings growers an average of from \$700 to \$1,000, and is not under acreage allotments.

Last year some 311 pounds of Turkish leaf grown on the A.F. Freedlander farm at Allens Creek brought nearly a dollar a pound when sold at the Waynesville Farmers Federation.

The statewide average on Turkish tobacco also was almost a dollar a pound.

Other farmers who are interested in going into the production of aromatic tobacco are asked to contact the county agent's office before Tuesday.

In his stay here, Mr. Crouse will visit farms and help owners with the selection of land for growing Turkish tobacco.

## Merchants Name Nine Directors For This Year

Nine directors have just been elected by the Merchants Association, a division of the Chamber of Commerce.

The nine new directors, together with the six carried over from the last board, will meet soon and name officers. The officers will be chosen from the membership of the board.

Those just elected are: Hye Sheptowitz, Francis Massie, Roy Parkman, Charles Balentine, Wilford Ray, A. D. Harrison, Charlie Woodard, Stanley Henry and Max Rogers.

The six who will serve from last year's board include: Euel Taylor, W. L. Turner, Cecil Jennings, Frank Moore, Hugh Massie and Tommy Curtis.

Ned Tucker is executive secretary of the association, as well as the Chamber of Commerce.

## Division Heads Of C. of C. Were Appointed Today

Heads of the divisions of the Chamber of Commerce were announced today by Richard Bradley, president of the organization.

John Carver heads agriculture; Charles T. McCulston is chairman of the civic and professional group; Russell Fultz heads the Industrial committee and Charlie Woodard the tourist division.

President Bradley said that the head of the fifth group of the organization would be the president of the Merchants Association, due to be elected at an early meeting of the newly elected board of directors.

The heads of the various groups, together with the general board of directors will work out details for the organization's program for the coming year.

**The Weather**



PARTLY CLOUDY

Partly cloudy and cold today and tomorrow with temperatures moderating slightly Friday.

Official Waynesville temperature as reported by the State Test Farm:

Date	Max.	Min.	Pr.
Jan. 23	40	32	60
Jan. 24	40	26	23
Jan. 25	42	27	

## Meeting Slated For Mid-February Between Groups

A joint meeting of the North Carolina Park Commission and the Tennessee Commission is slated for mid-February to make plans for appearing before the House sub-committee on appropriations in behalf of the Great Smokies and Blue Ridge Parkway.

William Medford, chairman of the N. C. Park, Parkway and Forests Development Commission, said the Park Committee of the N. C. Commission would represent the state at the joint committee meeting. Medford is chairman of the Park committee.

Chairman Medford said the commission in their quarterly meeting here, voted to support the Budget Bureau request for funds for the fiscal year for the Park and Parkway.

Whether the two-state group will ask for additional funds for the development of the two projects will be determined at the mid-February meeting. Chairman Medford said. The time and place of the meeting will be announced soon, pending a conference with the Tennessee group.

The North Carolina group, meeting here, discussed at length the many phases of development needed in the Smokies, as well as the Parkway. They also studied the proposed program of the National Park Service of having every park completed by 1966.

Those on the Park committee besides chairman Medford are: John Archer, Franklin; W. R. Winkler, Boone; Robert I. Pressley, Asheville; Frank Brown, Cullowhee, and Dr. Kelly Bennett, Bryson City.

## Truck Driver Suffers Injury At Lake Logan

Floyd Brown of Little East Fork, a Champion employee, suffered a hand injury while driving a truck at a construction project above Lake Logan last week.

Brown reportedly was standing on the running board of his truck, backing up to unload material, when the vehicle suddenly started to turn over.

Brown leaped from the truck, but the door knocked him off balance and threw him back towards the bed of the vehicle. A portion of the bed struck his left hand, breaking all five fingers and also mashing the little finger.

He was taken to the Champion dispensary for treatment and then was taken to the Memorial Mission Hospital, where he is still confined.

## Driver Charged With Failure To Report Accident

A Canton man has been charged with failure to report an accident, Cpl. Richard Smith said today.

A 1947 Chevrolet, said by Cpl. Smith, to have been driven by Clyde John Gibson, Canton, skidded about 8:30 Monday on U.S. 19, east of Canton, and rammed into a bank. The vehicle was damaged about \$150, the report shows. There were no injuries.

Gibson lost control of the car on the slick road, the officer said.

## Opening Of New Water Line Will Affect Water Heaters

Owners of water heaters in the Allens Creek area and on Highway 19A-23, from Browning Branch to the Dayton Rubber Co. have been advised that water pressure into their homes will be increased, starting at 8 a.m. February 1, by the opening of a new water line.

G. C. Ferguson, Waynesville town manager, said that settings will have to be increased on heater-water release valves because water pressure in the Allens Creek area will be increased to 125 or 135 pounds per square inch.



A FAMILIAR SCENE on the Lake Junaluska Assembly grounds — the old bell tower near the auditorium — presented an unfamiliar appearance (to summer visitors) beneath three inches of snow Tuesday morning. In the background is the lake, which has been frozen over for nearly two weeks now. (Mountaineer Photo by Conway)

## Study Slated To Increase Haywood Egg Production

## 'Attendance Crusade' Of Methodists Shows Increase

The "Church Attendance Crusade" is showing results in the churches in the Waynesville District. Rev. F. C. Smathers, district superintendent, announced this morning.

The first report from the churches showed an increase over the previous averages. Rev. Mr. Smathers said the next report is expected to reveal a greater increase.

The Central church of Clyde led the district in the Crusade, which began January 15. The church had had a 66 per cent attendance for church school, and a 79 per cent attendance for worship services.

Other churches with high averages included the Dellwood circuit, with a 63 and 61 per cent; Canton Central 59 and 59 per cent, with Morning Star and Crabtree charges showing 55 per cent each.

The largest attendance at Sunday evening youth meetings were made by Clyde, Canton Central, Cullowhee, Dellwood, Franklin circuit, Sylva First and Andrews.

The attendance crusade is based on enrollment, and covers attendance at church school, worship services, prayer meeting and Methodist Youth Fellowship.

## Stamey Now Serving As DAV Commissioner

Charles Hugh Stamey, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Stamey, of the Dellwood Road, is now serving as commissioner of the 11th District of the Disabled American Veterans organization in California.

He is also chairman of the DAV departmental newspaper committee.

A graduate of Waynesville Township High School, he is living at Ventura, Calif., and working at a nearby guided-missile plant.

## Property Owners Hurry In To List Property For Tax

"The tax listing office was doing a rushing business this morning as tax payers hurried in to list their taxes. The deadline for listing property for taxes is January 31. A penalty is added when a person fails to list on time.

## 11 WNC Men On State Travel Council Board

Eleven Western North Carolina men have been named directors of the new State Travel Council. In addition to the ten directors, Beekman Huger, Canton, is a vice president.

The 11 men who will serve on the board of 50 directors, includes: W. Curtis Russ, Waynesville; Dr. Kelly Bennett, Bryson City; Charles M. Douglas, Brevard; John Parris, Cherokee; Ralph Winkler, Boone.

O. A. Fitch, Fontana Dam, Norman Gerig, Chimney Rock, Harry Buchanan, Hendersonville, Maurice Puckett and W. Douglas Kouns, Asheville.

The council was formed at the recommendation of Governor Hodges.

The president is E. L. Washburn, Rocky Mount.

## Chest X-Ray Survey Planned For June

Another chest X-ray survey to detect tuberculosis will be held in Haywood County again this June and once each year between now and 1959.

Formerly surveys were held only once each several years, but are now being held yearly because of the high incidence of TB in the county. Last year there were 31 new cases of tuberculosis in Haywood reported to the Health Department.

Plans for the X-ray survey were discussed Wednesday at the Health Center at a joint meeting of the Canton, Waynesville and Clyde TB committees.

Tentative plans call for Canton and Waynesville each to contribute \$400 toward expenses for the survey and another \$200 apiece for films for "follow-up" work after the survey. Clyde will give \$100 for expenses.

Two units will be in Haywood County to take the free chest X-rays.

Funds to be used will be those raised in the county during the annual sale of Christmas seals.

## Board Pushing Three School Projects; Clyde Job Ready

## Jaycees To Sell Business Development Stock Of N.C.

## Canton Boy In Critical Condition

Six-year-old Ronnie Medford was in a critical condition, and still unconscious at noon today, suffering from a severe head injury which he sustained late Wednesday near his home in Canton. Ronnie was struck by a truck about 4 p.m.

Ronnie is a patient at the Mission Hospital, where he was sent to a brain specialist, after receiving first aid from Dr. Roy Moore.

The accident happened on Pisgah Drive near the intersection of Wesley Street, according to the police report.

Chief W. N. Stroup said no charges have been made against Paul Sorrels, of the Thickety section, alleged driver of the vehicle, pending the outcome of the lad's injuries.

Policemen George Rogers and Homer Thompson made the investigation.

Besides the severe cut on the left side of the head, Ronnie lost the end of his third finger on the left hand in the accident.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Medford, of Wesley Street.

## Clyde Now Putting Up Street Signs

Work is now under way on the erection of 16 street markers in Clyde. It was announced today.

Double markers will be erected at Mulberry and Depot, Mulberry and Maple, Charles and Maple, and Main and Maple.

Single markers will be put up at three places on Main, Charles, and Mulberry streets and on single locations on Morgan, Levi, and Brookside streets.

The signs are seven feet high, constructed of metal with black letters on a white background. Posts will be set in concrete.

The marking of streets will cost about \$200. Funds for the project were obtained from fines and costs assessed in Clyde's police court.

## Doors, Desks Of Post Office In Canton Whittled

Whittlers have been trying out their knives on the new post office doors at Canton, and also the desks in the lobby, it was pointed out by acting Postmaster C. W. Burrell.

The postmaster cited that damage to post office property is a violation of postal laws.

Postmaster Burrell also said that unless the practice is stopped, the lobby will likely be locked from 6:30 p.m. until 6:30 a.m. He hates to be forced to take this drastic step, because of inconvenience to holders of boxes, he said.

## GOING TO NEW YORK

Mr. and Mrs. Hye Sheptowitz are leaving Friday for New York where they will purchase spring and summer merchandise for Sheppe's of Waynesville.

## Clyde Baptists To Open New Building This Sunday

On Sunday the congregation of the First Baptist Church of Clyde, will use for the first time their new educational building. Constructed at a cost of \$65,000.00, the one story brick structure is complete except for some finish work. The building has some 40 rooms, including complete departments and facilities for all age groups.

The building fund campaign began on November 7, 1954. On that Sunday \$6,384.50 in cash was raised, and up to the present the congregation has given a total of nearly \$28,000 for the building and equipment, over and above the regular budget of the church, Ground-breaking for the building was on April 24, 1955.

An expanded organization for the Sunday School and Training Union has been set up to go with the larger facilities offered. The Sunday School has increased from 18 classes and 24 officers and teachers to nine departments and 25 classes, under the leadership of 56 officers and teachers.

In keeping with the design of the new building, the front of the present auditorium is scheduled for immediate renovation. The church grounds will be landscaped in the early Spring.

Stock in the North Carolina Business Development Corporation will go on sale here Friday according to an announcement made by Elmer Hendrix, president of the local Junior Chamber of Commerce. Funds derived from the sale of stock will help develop new industry in the State of North Carolina.

Adopted by the North Carolina Jaycee Executive Board last week in High Point, the Jaycees throughout the State have agreed to sell some \$200,000 of stock in the Corporation. To date, more than \$800,000 of the \$1,000,000 of stock authorized by the state charter has been sold by Governor Hodges and his staff. Capus Waynick of High Point is overall head of the plan.

Hendrix said plans were to sell at least 50 shares in the county at \$10 per share. Several citizens here have already purchased 20 shares or more, Hendrix explained.

Among those already making purchases include: J. A. Prevost, Senator William Medford, Charles E. Ray, N. J. Tucker and Jonathan Woody.

According to W. R. Henderson, past state Jaycee President and (See Jaycees—Page 8)

## Employment Benefits Law Is Explained

Twenty area employers with between four and seven persons on their payroll attended a meeting at the Town Hall Tuesday to hear an explanation of the new amendment to state law which broadens the coverage of the unemployment compensation act.

The meeting was sponsored by the Waynesville office of the N. C. Employment Security Commission. Principal speakers were Steve Carlisle of Hendersonville, field representative for the ESC, who discussed the new law, and Maurice Williams of Waynesville, claims deputy, who explained claims procedures.

To conform with a previously passed federal law, North Carolina (See Employment—Page 8)

## WTHS Musicians To Play In All-State Groups

Six members of the Waynesville Township High School orchestra accompanied by Director Charles Isley, left this morning for Eastern Carolina College at Greenville where they will perform with the 124-piece North Carolina All-State Orchestra.

A second group of fifteen WTHS musicians will leave tomorrow morning for Western Carolina College at Cullowhee accompanied by Robert Campbell, assistant music director. Of this group, ten previously selected students will play with the western section of the North Carolina All-State Band and the other six will play with a workshop band.

Making the trip to Greenville were Agnes Jane Roberson, Dale Rogers, Bette Liner, and Janet Miller, violins; and Phyllis Ruff and Beverly Teague, viola.

The All-State Orchestra, composed of musicians from 14 state high schools, will rehearse Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, and will give a concert Sunday afternoon. Guest conductor will be Nathan Gottschalk, professor of music at Oberlin College in Ohio.

Performing in the All-State Band will be Eddie Damour and Betty Barber, flute; Mary Ann Fisher and Gary Evans, saxophone; Joe Jack McEvoy, oboe; Bruce Clark and Leon Turner, trumpet; Ben Sloan, Jr., cornet; Sam Lane, bass horn; and Phyllis Davis, percussion.

This group will rehearse with musicians from other western North Carolina schools and will give a performance at Hoyer Auditorium at Cullowhee, Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock, Paul Bryan, (See Band—Page 8)

Construction work of converting the old Clyde gym into a vocational shop and classrooms is expected to begin within a few days. Lawrence Leatherwood, county superintendent of Education said today.

The bids were submitted by contractors at the time expansion projects for East Waynesville and Hazelwood were put up for bids. The board did not have the money for the Clyde project until the recent allocation of state funds, which were approved for the conversion work.

Supt. Leatherwood said the conversion of the old gym, plus equipment, would cost slightly over \$23,000. Jerry Liner has the general contract; Martin Electric the electrical work, Dover Plumbing Company the plumbing and Harry Hyatt, heating.

The formal contracts are now in the hands of the bidders for their signatures, Supt. Leatherwood said. Work on two other projects are moving along; the school official announced.

Plans for the addition to the Cruso school are being completed, and Supt. Leatherwood said he hoped that actual construction could begin by April 1. This would depend upon favorable weather, he pointed out.

Henry Foy, architect, is completing the plans which call for the addition of a cafeteria, new kitchen and new heating plant. The cost of (See Schooling—Page 8)

## 3 Waynesville Men To Attend Lions Conference

Three members of the Waynesville Lions Club will attend a mid-winter conference of Districts 31-A and 31-B of North Carolina Lions at Hickory Saturday.

Going from here will be Lawrence B. Leatherwood, district governor of 31-A; Ernest Edwards, president of the Waynesville Lions Club, and Harry Whisenant, district secretary.

Among the speakers will be Jack Stieckley of Charlotte, first vice president of Lions International.

The conference will open with registration at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Hickory Community Center and continue through the day, ending with a hickory barbecue Saturday evening.

Category	Count
Killed	0
Injured	6
Accidents	22
Loss	\$7,780

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

Category	Count
Highway Record For 1956	In Haywood
(TO DATE)	Killed . . . . . 0
(1955 — 0)	Injured . . . . . 6
(1955 — 5)	Accidents . . . . . 22
(1955 — 16)	Loss . . . . . \$7,780
(1955 — \$8,199)	

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