

## New Unagusta Plant To Be Larger; More Jobs In Sight; Five-Year Union Contract Is Signed



A FIVE YEAR CONTRACT was signed today between the Unagusta Manufacturing Corporation and officers of Local 335 of the Upholsterers International Union of North America, manifesting mutual confidence and cooperation between labor and management. The union was organized at Unagusta in 1941. Seated, left to right: Ned Moody, union committeeman; Frank Troutman, president of

Local 335; R. L. Prevost, Sr., president of Unagusta; and Ellis Edwards, recording secretary of Local 335. Standing: Bill Prevost, executive vice president of Unagusta; Henry Robinson, vice president, Local 335; Whitener Prevost, vice president, Unagusta; Claude Hill, Jr., union committeeman; Woodrow Troutman, secretary-treasurer, Local 335, and James Grooms, union committeeman. (Mountaineer Photo).

## Ground Broken For Larger And More Modern Plant In Noon Ceremonies

Three major announcements were made shortly after noon today at the formal ground-breaking for the modern new plant of Unagusta Manufacturing Corporation. The officials of the firm announced:

1. A 5-year contract has been signed with Local 335 of the Upholsterers International Union of North America (AFL).
2. The new plant, to be in operation by December 1, will have twice the production space as Plant No. 2, which burned on November 30.
3. An additional line of furniture will be manufactured by the firm, starting with the 1956 Fall Furniture Show.

These announcements, together with the actual start of construction of the modern plant on a 25-acre site in Waynesville, just acquired from Mrs. J. C. Welch, gave an air of optimism here this morning.

Minutes after R. L. Prevost, Sr., president of the firm, and Frank Troutman, president of Local 335, turned their shovels of dirt for the new building, huge dirt-moving machines started leveling the site of 13,000 yards of earth. The building will be 600 feet long, 280 feet deep. About three weeks will be required to level the site.

The building will be parallel to the Southern Railway tracks, on the west side, between the Smoky Mountains Fertilizer Plant and the red Welch barn. The new building is about a half-mile from the site of the burned unit.

The ground-breaking ceremonies were attended by many of the 300 Unagusta employees, Haywood, Waynesville and Hazelwood officials, and businessmen, together with a number of furniture executives from several points in the South.

Mr. Prevost said the signing of the 5-year labor contract was proof of "mutual confidence and cooperation between labor and management."

"Management and labor are dependent upon each other, and by working together, we can achieve the goals for which all of us strive," he continued.

The union was organized at Unagusta in 1941.

Construction of the plant will be pushed as rapidly as possible, it was announced by the president of the firm.

"The new plant must be in production by December 1, of this year," the industrialist said.

"We have plans for showing on October 22 an additional line of furniture at the Furniture Show. We are going to add to our line the manufacture of modern and traditional dining room furniture. We also plan to increase our bedroom lines.

"We are happy to announce that we have obtained a nationally known furniture designer — Edmond J. Spence, of Boca Roton, Fla.

"The expansion of our lines will put us in a position to give employment to more people," Mr. Prevost continued.

Bill Prevost, executive vice president of Unagusta, said a modern plant would be built by Unagusta, with Kegaris Engineering Company, Winston Salem, consulting engineers and specialists in wood-working plants, as supervisors.

"We will not have a general (See Unagusta—Page 6)



GROUND was broken this morning for the modern new Unagusta Plant, as R. L. Prevost, Sr., president of the firm, and Frank Troutman, president of Local 335, spaded up the first dirt for the project. From left to right: Bill Prevost, executive

vice president of Unagusta, R. L. Prevost, Sr., Frank Troutman, Whitener Prevost and Ralph Prevost, both vice presidents of Unagusta, Aaron Prevost, treasurer of the firm was unable to attend. (Mountaineer Photo).

## Stone Cites Steady, Progressive Growth Of Area At C. of C. Dinner

Numerous pictures of the Chamber of Commerce banquet throughout section two; page 4, section one.

The steady growth of Haywood county was portrayed by reports, an address and an elaborately decorated banquet for the annual Chamber of Commerce dinner here Thursday night.

An air of optimism prevailed throughout the meeting, which included a brief statement from R. L. Prevost as to breaking ground for the new Unagusta plant Monday morning. The dinner attended by some 300 persons, was readily acclaimed the best annual banquet ever staged here.

Joe S. Stone, North Carolina general manager for Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co., who was the principal speaker, cited this area as "where communications development has kept pace with outstanding industrial and civic progress."

Along with the industrial good news, and other optimistic reports, the Chamber of Commerce bestowed a special honor upon D. Reeves Noland for his leadership and work for the area in the field of highways. The former highway commissioner was given a special plaque by the organization, and a life-time membership in the Chamber of Commerce, of which he has (See Banquet—Page 4)



STANDING in front of a large map of Haywood, Joe S. Stone, general manager of Southern Bell in North Carolina, addressed the annual C. of C. banquet here Thursday night. (Mountaineer Photo).

### Zeb Alley Writes Story On 'First Whammy' In U. S.

Zeb Alley, a native of Waynesville, and now an Institute of Government executive who is doing research for an article on electronic speed controls turned up recently what appears to be the first "whammy."

It happened in Westchester County, New York in 1902, Alley reports.

Three troopers camouflaged as tree trunks rooted themselves near a heavily traveled road. At the approach of a vehicle the first "tree trunk" would begin timing operation and telephone down to the second officer who would compute the vehicle's speed as it passed. If the speed was excessive he would call to the third "tree trunk" whereupon a pole was dropped across the road in the driver's path.

### Cigarettes Worth \$1300 Stolen Here

Cigarettes valued at more than \$1,300 were stolen from the warehouse of the Haywood Grocery Co., Depot St., Waynesville sometime after 9 o'clock Friday night.

Executives of the wholesale firm said that, as nearly as can be ascertained, 13½ cases were taken by the thieves, who entered the establishment after forcing two side doors.

The theft was not discovered until after noon Saturday since the grocery is not open for business on Saturday mornings.

Chief Orville Noland and Sgt. Arthur Paul Evans of the Waynesville police and SBI Agent P. R. Kitchen investigated the case and found that two outside doors had been forced by a crowbar or similar instrument in much the same manner as was employed to gain entrance into the Haywood Grocery warehouse in another cigarette theft four years ago.

Officers said that the cigarettes probably were hauled away in a car or truck.

The loss was fully insured.

### Haircut Prices To Be Increased To \$1 Thursday

Starting Thursday, March 1, the price of haircuts at all barbershops in Waynesville and at the Carver Barbershop in Hazelwood will be increased from 90 cents to one dollar.

The charge of "flat top" style haircuts is \$1.25.

The price of shaves remains at 75 cents.

### New Restaurant Sanitation Rules To Be Explained Here

Haywood County will be host Wednesday to a meeting of health officers and sanitarians from 16 Western North Carolina counties, scheduled to start at 10 a.m. at the Health Center.

Purpose of the meeting will be to discuss new sanitation regulations for North Carolina restaurants, which will go into effect March 16.

Speakers will be John Andrews of the State Board of Health, Jess Jackson, district sanitarian of Fayetteville, and Bill Broadway, district sanitarian of Asheville.

Twenty-five WNC health officials are expected to attend the session Wednesday, which will last until 4:30 p.m.

Representing Haywood County will be sanitarians Bill Milner and Jack Arrington. Other counties to be represented are Buncombe, Cherokee, Henderson, McDowell, Jackson, Swain, Macon, Yancey, Mitchell, Avery, Graham, Transylvania, Madison, and Polk.

### Iron Duff CDP To Meet Wednesday

The Iron Duff CDP will hold its monthly meeting at the new community house at 7 p.m. Wednesday. Jarvis Caldwell, CDP chairman, will be in charge of the meeting. Women are asked to bring cook-

### 3 Specialists To Speak Today At Poultry School

With three specialists from N. C. State College slated to speak, the county's annual poultry school was due to get under way at 2 p.m. today at the courthouse.

Speakers included Prof. R. S. Dearstyne, C. F. Farris, and W. G. Andrews, who will discuss the production of broilers, commercial eggs and hatching eggs, flock management, disease control, and other aspects of the poultry business.

County Agent Virgil L. Holloway pointed out last week that this year's poultry school is especially important because an effort is being made to increase the production of eggs to take advantage of the sizeable market in Haywood county which is now being filled largely by producers in other counties.

### United Fund Directors Will Meet Tuesday

A meeting of directors of the United Fund has been set for Tuesday night at 8 o'clock in the Commissioner's Room at the Courthouse. Dr. J. E. Fender is chairman.

### 1½-Inch Snow Is Reported On Soco Gap

Approximately one and a half inch of snow fell at Soco Gap early this morning, according to Parkway Ranger Art A. Henderson.

Snow started falling about daylight and turned into rain about two hours later, the ranger said.

Snow and ice on the mountain road was blamed by the State Highway Patrol for two accidents this morning.

A number of signs were blown down by the heavy wind storm which hit here about noon Saturday. Accompanying the rain was one of the heaviest rains in many months.

### Moose Will Show Chamber Film Tonight

"People, Products and Progress," a film produced by the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, will be shown at a meeting of the Waynesville Moose Lodge at 8 p.m. tonight at the Moose home on Auburn Road. The public is invited to see the film.

### Revival Opens Tuesday At Hazelwood Church

The Rev. Otis Mote of Charlotte will conduct revival services for the next two weeks at the Church of God in Hazelwood, starting Tuesday and continuing nightly at 7:30. The Rev. A. L. Gardia is pastor of the Hazelwood Church.

### C. of C. Will Start Drive On Tuesday

The Chamber of Commerce will inaugurate its 1956 membership drive Tuesday with a kickoff breakfast in the Pine Room of the WWNC Restaurant at 7:30 a.m., to be attended by officers and directors of both the Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants Association.

This year for the first time the membership drives of the two organizations will be combined and merchants who join the Chamber of Commerce automatically become members of the Merchants Association.

Following the breakfast, board members will make a "whirlwind" tour of the area to distribute as many pledge cards as possible. A follow-up will be held at a later date.

This year's Chamber membership drive will continue until the 1956 goal of \$19,625 is reached. Last year a total of 189 business establishments and professional (See C. of C.—Page 4)

### Thieves Bring 'Climax' Program To Early Climax

For Houston Swanger, Jr. of Plott Creek the climax of "Climax" last Thursday night came 15 minutes early.

While watching the television program entitled "Climax" over Charlotte, Mr. Swanger saw the story suddenly go off the screen, but said he thought the commercial was coming on.

However, when the screen remained dark for several minutes, Mr. Swanger went outside to investigate and soon located the cause: Thieves had cut a lead-in wire and walked off with his television aerial!

The aerial, valued at \$30, was located on a hill about 300 yards from the Swanger house.

The case is being investigated by Deputy Sheriff Gene Howell.

Aaron Prevost and his daughter, Jo, left today for Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where they will join Mrs. Prevost and another daughter, Dody, for a two weeks' visit with Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Houghland.

### 2 Injured In Weekend Accidents

Two women were injured in two of five weekend accidents investigated by the State Highway Patrol and the Haywood County Sheriff's Department. Two of the mishaps occurred this morning on the Soco Gap road where snow and ice made the pavement dangerously slick.

Mrs. Lenora Estes, 39, of Robbinsville suffered a fractured collar bone at 9 a.m. today when the 1950 Dodge in which she was riding, driven by her daughter, Mrs. Gladys Estes Adams, 22, skidded on a patch of ice and ran off the highway, overturning twice down a bank.

Patrolman Harold Dayton, the investigating officer, said Mrs. Estes was taken to the Aston Park Hospital in Asheville. Mrs. Adams was not hurt.

Damage to the car was estimated at \$400.

Patrolman Dayton said that the Adams accident led to another one when Frederick C. Robie, 48, of Cherokee, driving a 1956 Volkswagon (See 2 Hurt—Page 4)

### Two Groups Highly Pleased With 'The Junaluska Story'

Two local audiences were highly pleased over the weekend as they viewed the 24-minute color film, "The Junaluska Story."

The film was made at Lake Junaluska during the summer season, and 10 prints of the highly interesting picture are booked solidly from now until July, according to J. W. Fowler, Jr., superintendent of the lake.

The audience responses to the film here over the weekend was so favorable that the trustees have ordered three additional prints so that bookings might be increased, and the demand for the film more nearly met.

The picture covers all phases of activities on the Assembly grounds from worship services, study, ves-

per services, and recreation. A large number of local people take prominent parts in the film.

The photography is outstanding, and the scenes from the Cherokee II covering the shoreline is most impressive. The story very appropriately ends with vesper services at the foot of the large lighted cross, as a choir sings.

"The Junaluska Story" will be a hard picture to match for sheer beauty and simplicity. As you see the picture unfold the natural beauties of the lake, one slips into deep meditation.

Those who have seen the film have something to remember forever; those who have not seen it should not miss the first opportunity.

The Weather

MILD

Mild today with showers. Tuesday, generally fair and a little cooler.

Official Waynesville temperature as reported by the State Test Farm.

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
Feb. 23	45	21	—
Feb. 24	53	36	21
Feb. 25	61	46	78
Feb. 26	52	21	—

Highway Record For 1956 In Haywood (TO DATE)

Killed . . . . . 0 (1955 — 0)

Injured . . . . . 19 (1955 — 7)

Accidents . . . . . 42 (1955 — 26)

Loss . . . \$13,664 (1955 — \$10,384)

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