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\$3.50 In Advance In Haywood and Jackson Counties

## Season's Travel In Haywood Shows 25% Gain

## County's Apple Crop Estimated At \$500,000

### Survey Is Completed In County

A survey just made here shows that travel business in the Haywood county area showed an increase of 25 per cent this summer. The figure was determined after L. E. DeVous, president of the Haywood County Chapter of the Highlanders made a personal survey of the tourist places over the county. The figure was also given by Ned Tucker, executive vice president of the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce, after making a study of the season's activities.

Both men felt optimistic over the fall season, pointing to a number of reservations for the coloring season in October.

The season got off to a fairly good start early, with business in May and June termed "good"; July weak because of excessive rains, and for August it was a "bumper crop." The first half of September has been termed as fine.

DeVous said he found some exceptional cases — some which showed an increase of 100 per cent over last year; others 50 per cent; and others who felt it had not been up to last July.

The survey revealed that the several large conferences at the Lake — Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference and the World Methodist Conference, had contributed largely to the large gains over last year.

DeVous said he already had reservations for many of the conference folk for next year. This was the first visit to Western North Carolina for many of them, and they are "already sold on coming back," DeVous explained.

"And they were such nice folk to work with," he added.

Tucker said he heard fewer complaints this year than ever, and felt it by far the best season this area had ever enjoyed.

"Our correspondence shows there is a lot of interest in the color season, and I feel there will be an unusual amount of travel for that period."

As Tucker talked, a man from Wilmington came in, asked for a city map, explaining he was coming back in October, and was suggesting that his son bring his family to the area.

Tucker said he had had an unusually large number of requests for the farm type facilities, and had found many people wanting

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### Official Vote Count Notes No Changes

The official canvass of the Saturday election made by the Board of Elections Tuesday showed that the unofficial tabulation as compiled by John R. Carver, chairman and Mrs. Raymond Caldwell, clerk, Saturday night in The Mountaineer office was the same as the unofficial canvass, with one slight exception of two votes on one amendment.

The official canvass is as follows:

- School amendment . . . For 4101; Against 862.
  - Legislative compensation . . . For 3130; Against 1144.
  - Legislative date change . . . For 3416; Against 755.
  - Wife's power of attorney . . . For 3403; Against 837.
- There were three absentee ballots cast in Saturday's election, according to Carver.

**Highway Record For 1956 In Haywood (TO DATE)**

**Killed . . . . 4**  
(1955 — 1)

**Injured . . . . 71**  
(1955 — 69)

**Accidents . . 141**  
(1955 — 137)

**Loss . . . \$45,000**  
(1955 — \$54,226)

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

## Jones Maintains That Junaluska Is Ideal World Headquarters Site



(Associated Press)

New arguments for making Lake Junaluska a world headquarters for the Methodist Church were brought up yesterday, disputing claims that Negroes might not have normal access to it.

Edwin L. Jones, chairman of the board of trustees for this 2,500-acre assembly grounds, said criticisms implying racial restrictions here were largely "mistaken and . . . quite wounding."

In a memorandum to the World Methodist Council at the close of a 12-day conference Jones maintained that the location and facilities of this retreat met the full needs of a world headquarters.

Jones, a wealthy Charlotte contractor, added: "Our negro brethren when on the business of the World Methodist Council are as welcome as any other members. Sincere research students among them would find no hindrance to their studies."

The conference just concluding, bringing some 2,000 white and colored delegates from 44 nations, has been held on a non-segregated basis, with participants sharing housing and eating accommodations.

Officials have hailed it as the largest such meeting ever held in the South.

The question of making it a general administrative center came up in the presentation to the council of a new \$100,000 building, financed largely by Jones and other Southern churchmen.

After Charles Parlin, a New York attorney, and some other delegates questioned whether Negroes regularly could use facilities here, the council voted to accept the building now only to house archives and as a temporary U. S. office.

A decision of whether to make it a permanent central headquarters, correlating the council's world-wide functions, was referred to an executive committee for action. It meets a year from now in Rome.

Jones, in detailed replies to Parlin's questions, said this lakeside retreat offered transportation, communication and other links essential to council business as adequate.

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DR. ELMER T. CLARK was re-elected secretary of the World Methodist Conference. He will maintain his headquarters at Lake Junaluska, as in the past.



EDWIN L. JONES, president of the Lake Junaluska trustees, was re-elected treasurer of the World Methodist Conference in a business session Wednesday.

### Dr. Clark Re-Elected Secretary

The 12-day Ninth World Methodist Conference ended at Lake Junaluska Wednesday night with the election of a president and a 300-member Council and the adoption of a statement of Methodist principles in this contemporary world.

Dr. Harold Roberts of Surrey, England, college president, was elected president, succeeding Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of St. Louis, Mo. Dr. Elmer T. Clark was re-elected secretary.

Among Western North Carolinians named to the Council were the Rev. Dr. Embree H. Blackard, pastor of Central Methodist Church, Asheville; Dr. Elmer T. Clark and the Rev. James W. Fowler, Jr., of Lake Junaluska; Bishop Nolan B. Harmon and Edwin L. Jones of Charlotte.

The executive committee will meet in Rome, Italy, next year; the Council will not meet again for five years.

In colorful academic ceremonies, honorary doctorate degrees Wednesday were conferred on 15

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INDICATIVE of the fine crop of apples in Haywood is this limb of Stayman Winesaps, hanging from a tree in a local orchard. (Mountaineer Photo).

### Picking Of Excellent Crop Begins

Recent rains stimulated the growth of apples in Haywood, Virgil Holloway, county agent, said today, as orchardmen began picking a crop estimated to bring about a half million dollars this year.

The current crop is about 20 per cent larger than the 1954 crop, Holloway said, which was set at 287,000 bushels.

Picking is under way in most of the orchards, and several truck loads have been sent to market.

One orchardman said picking would continue for the next nine or ten weeks.

"I hope we are finished by then — if not, we'll be picking snowballs," the orchard owner said.

New types of packing are also being used in some Haywood apple houses. Some orchardmen are packing 5-pound bags for super market trade.

Mrs. Cosby Frady is using two new packs for the fruit from the Frady Orchards, in Francis Cove. She is using the Western hard box, in which each apple is wrapped in a sheet of blue waxed tissue. This style packing brings \$1.25 more per bushel.

Another pack is the tray pack, in which each apple is placed in a small cup-like tray in a cardboard container. The bushel cartons are marked mountain apples.

The Frady orchard, oldest commercial orchard in the county, has some 10,000 trees, and is the second largest in the county. Mrs. Frady said she was finding the double and the triple Red Delicious the best marketing apple, and that hundreds of trees of this

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### Dry Weather Is Cutting Down Burley Poundage

(By the Associated Press)

"Considerable deterioration" of burley tobacco was announced by the Federal State Crop Reporting Service out of Raleigh yesterday. The service says prolonged dry weather in the burley belt was the cause of the reduction in burley.

Based on Sept. 1 conditions an average field of 1,800 pounds per acre was forecast, a drop of 150 pounds under the Aug. 1 estimate.

This would bring the state's burley production down to 17,640,000 pounds, or 5.3 per cent under the 1955 production of 18,620,000 pounds.

Early predictions here had placed the average yield per acre for Haywood at slightly under the 1,875 pound figure for last year. The continued dry weather is likely to make the Haywood average nearer the state average of 1,800 pounds, it was hinted today.

### Tentative Plans Made For Tobacco And Apple Festival

A committee of the Merchants Association and County Agents staff will meet soon to discuss tentative plans for a "Tobacco and Apple Harvest Festival".

The combination of two of Haywood's cash crops will be utilized this year instead of having just the Tobacco festival, it was pointed out.

The Home Arts show which in the past has been a part of the Tobacco Festival will be held at a different time this fall.

The Merchants' committee is (See Tobacco-Apple—Page 6)

### United Fund Board Meets Tonight At 8

The directors of the United Fund will meet at 8 o'clock Thursday night in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse, according to an announcement by Russell Fultz, president of the organization.

The budget committee, headed by Paul Davis, will make their formal report and recommendations to the directors for the coming year.

Charlie Woodard, campaign director, is expected to name co-workers and outline plans for the campaign, which will be staged within a few weeks.

Fultz said that much interest is being shown in the second year of the United Fund here in Waynesville, and that details will be completed tonight and announced to the public in the next issue of The Mountaineer.

### \$225 DAMAGES

Two 22 bullets in the telephone cable at Saunook last Saturday caused damages of \$225, according to E. R. Rawson, local manager of Southern Bell.

### 4-H To Inaugurate Annual Livestock Show Saturday

A new event in the history of Haywood County 4-H Clubs—a livestock show—will be held Saturday on the parking lot of the courthouse from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Beef and dairy cattle, swine, and sheep will be shown and judged; poultry will be shown and also sold. To assist beef exhibitors, James Patterson, N. C. State College livestock specialist, will be here to give pointers on a showmanship.

Beef will be shown by both 4-H Club and FFA members, and dairy calves by the 4-H alone. Other livestock show events include a poultry exhibit and sales, with prize money to be donated by the Waynesville Farmers Federation, and a pig chain, sponsored by Sears-Roebuck and Co.

All judging at the show will be under the Danish system, in which blue, red, and white ribbons are awarded to first-, second-, and third-place contestants.

### Two Accidents Investigated On County Highways

Two vehicles, a 1952 Dodge and a 1951 Chevrolet half-ton truck, were involved in an accident at Retreat Wednesday about 6:45 p.m.

Patrolman V. E. Bryson, who investigated, said Boyd McCoy Shipman, 19, of Route 3, Canton, backed his Dodge from the driveway across the highway into the path of the truck driven by Roy Lee Carver, 35, also of Route 3.

There were no injuries, the patrolman said, and damages to the vehicles involved were slight.

Shipman was charged with failure to yield the right-of-way.

Another traffic accident which took place last Saturday, but was not reported for several days, involved five teen-age boys riding in a 1950 Pontiac driven by John Douglas Price, 16, of Canton, which overturned in front of A. J. Trantham's residence in the Thicket section. All five of the boys escaped with minor cuts and bruises.

Price was charged with exceeding a safe speed.

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### Escapee From Prison Camp Recaptured In 3 1-2 Hours

A Negro honor-grade prisoner at the Hazelwood Prison Camp escaped at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday and then accosted but did not harm two Hazelwood women, before being recaptured at 10 o'clock last night by a searching party of law-enforcement officials near the Dayton Rubber plant.

In the search party were a team of bloodhounds from the prison camp, prison officials, Hazelwood and Waynesville police, sheriff's deputies, and highway patrolmen.

Jerry Rogers, prison camp superintendent, identified the escapee as Russell Williams, 44, of Asheville, who made his break by prying open a secondary gate and then climbing a pile of tile to get over the main fence.

Mr. Rogers said Williams had been a good inmate previously, but somehow got hold of an intoxicant and then decided to make a break for freedom.

During the three-and-a-half hours he was at large, Williams first entered a room at the old

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### Towns Asked To Get Engineers To Check Sewer

The Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night recommended to the boards of Aldermen of Waynesville and Hazelwood that they get engineers to come check the sewer line near the head of Lake Junaluska to determine if there is a sag in the line which causes an overflow in some areas after heavy rains.

The directors, after hearing a review of the sewer line project and a letter from J. W. Fowler, Jr., superintendent of Lake Junaluska, felt there must be "an obstruction or sag in the line which causes the line to overflow periodically."

Mayor Lawrence Davis of Hazelwood and G. C. Ferguson, Waynesville town manager, were at the meeting and were in agreement with the recommendations of the directors.

### Sylva Highway Contracts To Be Let This Month

Contracts for relocating US 19A-23 from Sylva to Willets are to be let the latter part of September, according to officials of the 14th State Highway Division.

The part of the project from Balsam to the fish hatchery is scheduled to be let next year, Commissioner Harry E. Buchanan said.

The contract to be let the end of this month was originally scheduled for letting on August 28, but the commissioner said that more local funds were needed before Federal aid could be received.

Buchanan also said that there would be no detour during the entire construction period of the Sylva-Balsam highway.

### County Sales Tax Shows Increase Of Nearly \$11,000

Sales tax collections in Haywood County for the month of July this year were up nearly \$11,000 over July of 1955, according to figures published in "The Retailer," issued by the North Carolina Merchants Association.

Collections for July, 1956 were listed as \$51,276.61 as compared with \$40,845.94 for July, 1955.

In June the sales taxes in the county totaled \$44,511.70.

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project going so it can be in use by the time the Pigeon River Road is opened," Buchanan continued.

Buchanan was bitter in his denunciation of the railway officials, saying that "in their opinion, cooperation was a one-way street."

"The highway officials have helped get three major industrial plants into this area that will mean untold millions in revenue to Southern, and yet when we want some cooperation from them, we do not get it," the highway official continued.

**The Weather**

FAIR

Mostly sunny and warm today and Friday. High temperatures 80-86.

Official Waynesville temperature as recorded by the State Test Farm:

Date	Max.	Min.	Pr.
Sept. 10	70	40	.02
Sept. 11	76	45	.01
Sept. 12	73	47	