

Legislative Report

To the people of Watauga County:

Senatorial Redistricting continues to have a major portion of the spotlight as the North Carolina Legislature enters the third month of the 1963 session. Several new bills have been introduced, the latest of which would add Wilkes County to our present Senatorial District. Another recent proposal would reduce the membership in the House of Representatives to 100, with one representative from each county, and increase the membership in the Senate to 80. This, of course, would require a Constitutional Amendment. This proposal would add Avery, Mitchell, Yancey and Madison Counties to our district and have two senators from the new district. Veteran observers indicate that the problem of Senatorial Redistricting may be a road block which will keep the Legislature from adjourning by June 1.

Legislative efforts in regard to highway safety were given an additional boost by Governor Sanford in an address to the Legislature on Monday night. It is expected that the current Legislature will be asked to approve more highway safety legislation than has been requested of any Assembly in recent years. A bill which would require seat belts in all new cars has passed the House and is on the floor of the Senate. The bill has run into serious difficulty in the Senate, however, and may have been killed by the time this letter goes to press. The Legislature is also studying proposals concerning restriction of drivers licenses for teen-agers and the authorizing of the use of scientific tests by highway patrolmen in drunk driving cases. A recent measure calling for a vote of the people on the issuance of state bonds for a large road-building project throughout the State appears to be near collapse, following Governor Sanford's statement in opposition last week-end. Another bond issue for construction of schools remains on the legislative calendar. There is considerable local

interest in the proposed legislation concerning absentee ballots, and while the bill remains in a subcommittee, it is expected to receive action within the next few days.

Another bill which will be of considerable interest in Watauga County would tighten the criminal law in regard to stealing of plants. Our county is one of the areas in which this has become a serious problem, especially during the Christmas season.

The Legislature has killed a bill calling for a state-wide referendum on ABC stores. The Assembly is expected to consider other state-wide bills on this question.

Rep. McMillan of Wake County has introduced the much-publicized "billboard bill", which would restrict the advertising signs on interstate highways. This bill has been enthusiastically endorsed by many of the garden clubs in Watauga County, as well as other garden clubs throughout the State. The measure has been sent to the Roads Committee and should get action in the next several weeks.

I deeply appreciate the many letters I have received thus far from the citizens of Watauga County, and am interested in hearing from all of you in regard to proposed legislation.

Sincerely yours,
Jim Holshouser

Dr. Smith To Speak At Meet Pomona Grange

Dr. Wiley Smith, professor of Psychology at Appalachian College, will be in charge of a program on mental health for the April meeting of the Watauga Pomona Grange, to be held in the Cove Creek High School cafeteria on Monday, April 8, at 7:30 p. m.

Dr. Smith is well qualified in the field of mental health and grange members feel very fortunate to secure him. As this is to be an open meeting, all interested persons are invited to attend.

College Artifacts Being Displayed During April

Appalachian State Teachers College artifacts, dating back to 1903, will be on exhibit in the college library during the month of April, it was disclosed this week by H. R. Eggers, registrar. The artifacts will include annuals, pictures, college catalogues, old equipment and other things relating to the college in

the past sixty years. People in Watauga and surrounding counties having such items are invited to display them in the college library. William Eury, college librarian, will be in charge of the exhibit. For additional information call the college library at Boone.

Policemen Needed In Washington

The Metropolitan Police Department of Washington, D. C., is in need of qualified men and women to fill vacancies within their ranks.

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