

# Legislative Report

To the people of Watauga County:

This is expected to be the week of decision in the General Assembly concerning Senatorial Redistricting. Both the Senate and the House have had this problem before them since the first day of this session, and both have now come forward with different approaches to the problem. Pending in the Senate is a double-barrel approach, combining the "Currie Bill" with the Humber Bill which calls for a Constitutional Amendment to enlarge the Senate to sixty members. Meanwhile the House has only the Currie Bill before it. The problem remains one which the Legislature is finding both difficult and painful, and it will be impossible to satisfy everyone.

Another disagreement has developed concerning the Minimum Wage Law. In the House, the majority has finally indicated that the rise should be to 85c per hour (the present rate is 75c per hour). Fierce debate surrounded the fight, and an amendment to increase the figure to \$1.00 per hour beginning in 1965 lost by only three votes. The \$1.00 figure has been adopted by the Senate, and thus the battle will continue.

In the Public Utilities Committees, the struggle between the private power companies and the electric membership cooperatives is continuing, and unless the present situation improves, this promises to be the most bloody battle of the 1963 General Assembly. Thus far, compromise appears impossible, and it may reach the point that a do-or-die fight cannot be avoided. At this time, the problem stands out as the one least close to solution, and the rush for adjournment is beginning to move.

The Appropriations Bill is set for debate in the Senate and probably in the House this week. The much-publicized effort to obtain a 10% increase in pay for Highway employees and State employees other than teachers is expected to continue on the House floor, where Rep. Sam Whitehurst of Craven County is leading the fight. When this proposal was offered in the Appropriations Committee, no cut in appropriations elsewhere in the budget was suggested, and without a sound fiscal basis to stand on, the proposal failed. The failure of the Sanford administration to support the pay increase has also been a stumbling block in the path of those urging the

raise. Court reform proposals are now in the House and Senate, and again, a different approach has been taken by each branch. The two bodies agree in principle that a drafting commission should be appointed to prepare legislation to be introduced in the 1965 General Assembly. The House committee has recommended, however, that this vital Commission be appointed jointly by the Governor, the Speaker of the House, and the President of the Senate. The Senate committee has recommended that the Commission be appointed by a 9-man committee composed primarily of members of the Legislature. While this difference may not be settled easily, I am confident that it will be settled and that this Legislature will thus take the first big step in the job of implementing the Constitutional Amendment passed by the people last November.

Turning to the local scene, our Watauga legislation continues to move. The bill authorizing the County Commissioners to increase the salaries of the Sheriff and Deputies has now passed both houses. I wish to correct an erroneous report circulated in several papers, to the effect that the measure authorized two additional deputies. The bill affected only the discretionary authority of the commissioners concerning salaries.

The bill introduced by Rep. Clyde Harriss of Rowan, directing Watauga County Democrats to return to the Convention system, is now in a Senate Committee, where another hearing was scheduled this week.

I recently received a letter from the Grand Jury which served at Watauga's April Term of Superior Court, to the effect that the fees paid to jurors in our county remain low and that mileage for jurors is now paid for only one trip, even though jurors must come to Boone each day that Court is in session. The grand jury recommended that some adjustments be made to improve this situation. The jury fees are deter-

mined by the county Commissioners, of course, within certain bounds. I have discussed the matter with the Commissioners, and they have indicated that the schedule of fees will be reviewed for possible revision. They have also indicated their interest in having jurors reimbursed for their travel expense each day, and since this a legislative matter, your representative is now preparing a bill to allow travel compensation each day to those of you who will from time to time be called on to serve on our Superior Court juries. This will not involve any tax money but will be paid for out of court costs. As always, I urge those of you who are interested in this matter to contact your representative in Raleigh.

Sincerely yours,  
Jim Holshouser

# Hospital News

Patients list from May 26 through May 28:

Finley Bingham, Ruby Ester Day, Cora L. Holder, Snow B. Hooper, Patricia Jones Greene, Launa Faye Miller, George W. Triplett, Bess M. Wilson, Janice Marie Hand, Martha Ann Phillips, Eva Nell Miller, Ora Jessup, Mettie B. Norris, Katy F. Greene, Blanche Hendrix, Essie Leona Winkler, Marietta Odell Yates, Jimmy M. Reece, Karen Sue Cornett, James E. Lawrence, Bina McGuire, Texie Mae Hodges, Shirley Main, Reona Hodges, Cleo Cook, Kathleen Barker, D. B. Ragan, Callie Ward, Juanita Miller, Raymond E. Hendrix, Helen Holtzclaw, Tommy E. Isaacs, Bina Tester, Agnes A. Coffey, Earlene Woodring.

**Births**  
Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hough, boy.  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mullett, girl.  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scruggs, girl.  
Mr. and Mrs. James Blake, girl.  
Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Harmon, girl.

# Chamber Of Commerce News

By HERMAN W. WILCOX  
President

County's largest industry—Can you guess what it is?—Try without looking at the answer. Try to determine how it came about.

It's our State's second largest industry—well, guess I will have to tell most of you. Our county's largest industry is "Our Tourist Business."

It did not just happen. It took a lot to bring this about. The question is will we maintain it? That depends on you, it's impossible at the rate we are going now, at the rate of cooperation your Chamber of Commerce is now receiving financially or otherwise. Too many people are unconcerned whether they become members or not. From over one hundred invitations we mailed to people who should be members, we have not heard from one of them.

In 1962 this industry meant at least \$12,000,000 to our economy. It can mean more this year.

**New Tourist Guide Out**  
We have just published one of the nicest Tourist Guides

listing all business and professional members, emergency numbers, entertainment, churches and a map of the streets. Through the fine cooperation of our college, we have arranged to distribute 3500 of these to the students who will attend the summer sessions this year. Others are available at our office. **To Be Revised Soon**

The guide will be revised from time to time as business places join, and your firm name, address and phone number listed.

**Over Million Folders Sent**  
Did you realize that Boone, Blowing Rock and Linville last year sent out over 1,000,000 promotional brochures? The number will exceed this in 1963. We are now contacting over 25,000 elementary school children with a special invitation to attend our drives this summer. We have joined with Tweetsie, The Rock and Grandfather Mountain in mailing a special letter to cover 2000 travel agents, setting up a special arrangement for them to represent our attractions, and sell admission to them.

Over 2000 news medias throughout a four state area have been sent special promotional material on "Horn in the West." This includes daily and weekly newspapers, radio and television stations.

Many other methods of contacts are being used this year that adds up to our greatest promotional effort in history. Our current plans on our Carolina Charter Tercentenary celebration has already attracted national and international attention.

**Special Request**  
Every home that will have an extra room to spare during the week end of June 27, 28, and 29, please register it with the Chamber office for possible use for the overflow crowds expected.

**Members Paying Dues**  
Smith Esso Service Station, J. E. Holshouser, Sr., Carolina Pharmacy, Home Finance Group, Inc., Joe Maples, O. R. Sutton, Clyde Townsend, Contractor.

**NATO will name commander for nuclear force.**

# 4-H Talent Show Held At Cove Creek High

The annual 4-H Talent Show was held Friday night, May 17, in the Cove Creek High School. A total of twelve groups of talent representing several schools were presented. Blue ribbon winners will participate in the Western District Talent Show in Asheville on June 12. Those going from the county include Joe Shores from Valle Crucis, with a piano solo; Lula Hicks and Marthanna Presnell, also from Valle Crucis, playing "Cripple Creek" on their dulcimers; Donna Townsend from Cove Creek and Donna Townsend doing the Charleston in colorful costumes; and a vocal group from Bethel. This group includes Janice Tester, Nancy Love, Sharon Love, Linda Farthing, and Elizabeth Cornett.

Four other groups took home white ribbons. These included a group from Cove Creek which presented a skit entitled "The Exploring Operation", Larry Shipp from Valle Crucis who did a pantomime; Freddie Hatley from Valle Crucis who did a reading "Midnight News Report"; and another group from Cove Creek who sang a popular song.

Judges for the event were Miss Doris Perkins, a student at ASTC; L. C. Broyhill and Nick Jenkins, both teachers from Wilkes County.

**ON WOMEN'S PAY**  
The Senate Labor Committee has given unanimous approval to a bill to bar discrimination in pay for women because of their sex. Sponsored by Senator McNamara (D., Mich.), the measure would set up machinery under the Minimum Wage Act to accomplish this end.

*Our home*

*That great vacation*

*Dad's Greenhouse*

*Bud's room at State*

*The "extra" car*

*Weekend*

*Big Day for Su*

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- 3-THREE ROOM COTTAGE with bath (furnished) near Boone—\$3,250.00; also 5 acres of land adjoining—\$1,000.00.
- 4-7 ACRES OF LAND, good spring and branch near Parkway. Has road leading to property—\$1,800.
- 5-90 ACRES GOOD TIMBER LAND—\$47.50 per acre.
- 6-7 ROOM HOUSE and 5 acres of land, located on good road at Foscoe—\$6,950.
- 7-17 ACRES—Several acres of pasture land, has good spring and branch—\$350.00 per acre.
- 8-6 ACRES on Blowing Rock Road. Good motel site.
- 9-200 ACRES located near Parkway on good road. \$25.00 per acre.
- 10-111 ACRES 8 miles from Boone. Will sell in 5 acre tracts.
- 11-FURNISHED COTTAGE 2 1/2 miles from Boone, conveniently located near highway 105—\$3,950.00.
- 12-37 ACRES 2 1/2 miles west of Boone. Lots of farm land. Has beautiful view, branch and several springs. Has tobacco base.
- 13-HOUSE AND 2 ACRES of land with spring and branch—\$3,500.00.
- 14-We have good buys in several motels and hotels.
- 15-65 ACRES on Parkway. Plenty of water. Small lake, mostly covered in white pines. Will trade for property in or near Boone.
- 17-MOTEL AND BUSINESS SITE on main highway near Winston-Salem. Down payment \$15,000. Will take Boone property as down payment.
- 18-A REAL PIECE OF BUSINESS PROPERTY near Black Mountain. One of the best buys to be found anywhere.
- 19-9 ROOM HOUSE.—34 acre lot. Located on main highway. Has gravity water. \$2,750.00.
- 20-22 ACRES overlooking Hwy. 105 5 miles from Boone, beautiful view, has good flowing creek. \$300.00 per acre.

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