

Macon Representative Sees Pay Increase For Teachers

"Yes sir, there's no doubt about it: Teachers are going to get a raise this time." So said Rep. Guy L. Houk on Monday, before returning to the General Assembly at Raleigh. "And not only the teachers," he added, "all the state employees are going to get a boost." Representative Houk wasn't sure when the legislation would be introduced, but he was certain the pay increase would be forthcoming this session of the assembly.

Macon's representative said he had "no apologies, absolutely none" to make about the 20 per cent salary increase (\$2,000) for members of the Council of State and 12 per cent (\$1,420) for the attorney general. These raises were voted by the assembly on its opening day last week in order to get around a law which prohibits pay increases for them during their terms of office. Passage took place the day before the office holders were sworn in. "Go back as far as 1941," said Representative Houk, "and you'll see that the Council of State has been raised but 27 per cent in salary while state employees' salaries have gone up more than 100 per cent. You've got to pay a good wage to get the caliber of men you want for important jobs like secretary of state (Thad Eure) and attorney general (George B. Patton)." Mrs. Houk drove her husband to Greenville, S. C., Monday to catch a plane for Raleigh. The House and Senate met in joint session that night to hear Governor Hodges present his program.

Youth Faces Charges After Stabbing Dad

Ledford Recovering; Boy Says It Was Self Defense

Charges of assault with a deadly weapon and participating in an affray have been lodged against 18-year-old Lester Bill Ledford in connection with the stabbing Friday night of his father, Paul. Mr. Ledford, 48, is recovering at Angel Clinic. The boy is free on bond, according to the sheriff's department, the law enforcement agency investigating the incident. Sheriff J. Harry Thomas said the stabbing occurred near the home of Benbow Dills, in the Skeenah section, and that the youth said he struck his father with a small pocket knife after his father jabbed him in the chest with "something". The youth claims self defense. Sheriff Thomas said Lester Bill had been living at the Dills place for about a week and a half. The boy told him he went there to stay after his father ordered him to leave and find a new "staying place". The boy related to the officer that his father came to the Dills home and told him he was either going "home or to the graveyard" and took him by the arm and led him away. A short distance down the road the boy said his father jabbed him in the chest and that he fought back by first hitting him with his fist and then by stabbing him with his pocket knife. Lester Bill was arrested about 9:45 p. m. in Franklin, some 45 minutes after the incident.

Chamber Leaders To Plan Banquet And Fund Drive

President Verlon Swafford and board of directors will sit down tonight (Thursday) to plan the Franklin Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet and fund campaign. The planning session, to which all interested persons are invited, is slated for 8 o'clock at the Nantahala Power and Light Company building. Mr. Swafford also will recommend a number of committee appointments for the approval of the directors. The banquet tentatively is slated for March and will serve as the kick-off feature of the fund campaign. Law agencies seek whereabouts of girl missing since Friday. Law enforcement agencies are seeking the whereabouts of Margaret Simonds, 16, of Franklin, who was last seen Friday night at a local drive-in getting into an automobile with a man. The missing girl's description has been broadcast by the highway patrol. She is the daughter of Mrs. Grady Jones.

GUILD TO MEET

The Mary Johnston Allman Wesleyan Guild of the Franklin Methodist Church will meet tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 at the church. Hostesses are Mrs. J. E. Perry, Sr., Mrs. Carl P. Cabe, and Mrs. Grace O'Mohundro. The Rev. E. D. Burnette will be the guest speaker.

CORRECTION

In the news story last week about proposed changes at the county jail, The Press incorrectly said "part of the living space used by the jailer's family is in the basement". That obviously is not true, since the jail has no basement. The jailer's family lives on the ground floor of the building.

Garden Time . . .

By M. E. GARDENER

North Carolina is a most unusual state in many respects. For example, let us briefly consider geography. The state is over six hundred miles from east to west and extends from the surf of the Atlantic to the highest peak east of the Rockies. This means that in this broad expanse of Coastal Plains, Sandhills, and Mountains are to be found varied soil types and climatic conditions which make it possible to grow most of the horticultural crops found in the temperate zone.

I point this out to bring into focus one of the difficulties encountered in writing this column. The growing season is longer in the Coastal Plains than in the Mountains, which means that certain crops can be planted earlier in the east than in the west. Just remember this: that every 1,000 foot rise in elevation accounts for approximately one week to 10 days difference in the seasons.

Last week I suggested that you try two new Irish potato varieties; Plymouth in the eastern section, and Boone in the Piedmont and Mountains. Other hardy crops that may be planted early are radishes, mustard, spinach, turnips, cabbage, onions, lettuce, endive, garden peas, kale, collards and kohlrabi. Although beets, carrots, broccoli and cauliflower like cool weather, they will not survive freezing temperature. They should not be planted quite as early as the first group mentioned. Use white onion sets for green onions and the yellow sets if you want them to mature. The yellow sets store better. Also, try shallots for green onions.

Lettuce will not stand hot weather, but good head lettuce can be produced if planted early enough. Great Lakes is a good heading type and Salad Bowl a good variety of leaf lettuce. Sow the seed in the row and thin plants to about six inches. Cabbage plants should be available. Early Jersey Wakefield, Charleston Wakefield, Copenhagen Market and Early Round Dutch are good varieties. Garden peas should be planted in eastern Carolina now as they are very hardy. Try Frezonla, Laxton's Progress and Wando.

The Meeting Goes To Him . . .

A. B. Slagle, an appraiser and long-time director of Macon Building and Loan Association, hasn't been able to attend board of directors' meetings since November when he broke his leg, so last Friday night the board took its meeting to Mr. Slagle. The meeting was held in Mr. Slagle's room at Angel Hospital. Routine business matters were transacted. Mr. Slagle had a report ready for the directors on a piece of property in which he's interested—the limb he broke. The heavy cast will come off tomorrow (Friday), he informed the directors. Then, it will be decided whether to replace it with a brace or a lighter cast. He has been confined to the hospital since Nov. 24 when he fell from an enslave ladder and broke his leg above the knee.

ESTES IS GRADUATED
Bruce R. Estes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Estes, of Franklin, cruited training Saturday at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Route 5, was graduated from Re-Lakes, Ill., according to the Fleet Home Town News Center.

LIIONS WILL MEET
Members of the American Legion and Auxiliary will meet tomorrow (Friday) at 7:30 p. m. at Slagle Memorial Building. Dick Stott has charge of the program on Americanism.

What Is It?

Muscle Of Days Past

Their fathers used them, children ask what it is, and E. S. Purdom, of Wayah Valley, has one. It's an old-time steam engine which still will raise a head of steam and give a whistle blast to be heard nearly to Franklin. There's hardly a man—and nary a tourist—who can pass the Purdom place without stopping to look at the engine standing near the road. In days past, such engines were the muscle for much farm and city industry. Steam power ran thrashers, wood saws, and other farm equipment and in manufacturing towns ran power tools. Yet, for most of the children who view the old Case engine, it's a lesson in history, Mr. Purdom says. "To them, it's like something out of Disneyland." Brought up in an era of electric engines, gasoline and Diesel motors—and soon, atomic power—children view it as a museum piece, according to Mr. Purdom. "They can't understand what makes it work." That the interesting machine is on the Purdom property is quite by accident. A friend told of seeing the engine on Piesty Branch, near Aquone, and, being a lover of mechanical things, Mr. Purdom rode over one day and looked at it. In the end, he bought the machine from its owner, Mr. W. H. Rowland. Though it needed a paint job, otherwise it was in good condition, for Mr. Rowland kept it under a shed. He had used it to power a saw mill. His father had bought the engine new in 1912. Stoking it to get up a head of steam for work at 7 a. m. meant the fireman had to rise about 5 o'clock and after many years Mr. Rowland switched to a gasoline motor. So, Mr. Purdom brought his engine home. To the Case people, manufacturers of the 18-horsepower engine, he wrote for the original color scheme. To the generous supply of brass fittings on the engine—"there must be a 100 pounds of brass in her"—he applied polish. To the whole project he gave time and the love only a mechanic can have for a piece of metal. She looks quite a dandy, this engine, with her tall stack sitting up front on the boiler and the whole of her striped in red. Mr. Rowland himself, on trips to Franklin, rarely misses a chance to stop and admire his old worker. Mr. Purdom tells of two remarkable things about the engine. A boiler inspector, asked to examine the Case by Mr. Purdom, said he would certify the steam chest on the spot. "There's not a pit or a piece of scale in her," he told the new owner. Mr. Purdom thinks this is because of the pure water which has been used during the engine's life. Neither was the fire box burnt out. The inspector suggested this was because only woods were used

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E. S. Purdom Poses With 'The Muscle'

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America in 1752, and the first one built in the U. S. in 1771. **BAKE SALE**
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