

### ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE HELD AT UNC

WCTC Represented By Four Denominational Groups On Campus

Six representatives from four different denominational groups at WCTC attended the first Ecumenical Student Conference held in North Carolina at Chapel Hill last week-end. The representatives included Mr. Hodges, Disciple; Olive Davis, Episcopal; Davis Whiteside, Methodist; and Al Locke, Baptist. Thirty-six campuses and about eleven denominations were represented.

The theme of the conference was "World Mission of the Church." The purpose of this inter-denominational conference is to draw Christian students together across denominational barriers and create a oneness among denominations. The idea for such a conference was conceived by a group of North Carolina students who attended the first Ecumenical Student Conference in the United States at Lawrence, Kansas, during the Christmas holidays of 1948.

Leonard Morgan, Chairman of the conference Planning Committee, opened the conference by welcoming each Denominational group and then each campus group. Following the welcome, an address on "The Task of the Church in the World Today" was given by Francis P. Miller, former chairman of the World Student Christian Federation. After lunch, students attended discussions in vocational groups. The vocations discussed were medical services, law, political science, government, education, applied sciences, engineering, social work, church vocations, business and commerce, and art and music. In the afternoon, John Deschner, Executive Secretary, United Student Christian Council, spoke on "The Responsibility of the Christian Student." Denominational meetings, followed by supper, were held in the Baptist, Methodist, Episcopal, and Presbyterian churches in Chapel Hill.

### PTA Field Worker Coming For Cullowhee Meeting

Mrs. L. H. Cannon, secretary of Jackson County PTA Council, has announced that there will be a meeting of the County Council at Cullowhee on Wednesday, March 1 beginning at 10 a.m. and continuing until around 2 p.m. The meeting will be held at the high school with Miss Geneva Burton, State Parent-Teacher Field worker in charge of the program, which will be in the nature of a study course. All local Parent-Teacher groups are expected to attend and they can get credit for the course. Local PTA officers and members from all over the county are expected to attend.

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### Cherokee Legion Post To Hear Lt. Col. Kadane

Lt. Col. Victor Kadane, from Czechoslovakia, will talk to the members of the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 at Cherokee Monday, February 20th. Col. Kadane flew with the R.A.F. during World War II, escorting Allied ships across the English Channel.

The ladies of the Auxiliary will serve a pot luck supper for the members and their families.

### Jackson 5th In Area In Payments To Retired Workers Under S. S. Law

Figures just released by the Asheville field office of the Social Security Administration show that Jackson County ranks 5th in average monthly payments to retired workers, age 65 or over, in the 17 Western North Carolina counties which comprise the service area. The average monthly check to such workers in this county is \$21.29.

As of June 30, 1949, a total of 1713 retired workers were on the benefit rolls in the area, of which 63 were in this county. Only workers who have quarters from January 1, 1937, the effective date, to the date they attain age 65, are eligible for benefits upon retirement from covered employment. The average payment to all retired workers in the area is \$21.87 per month.

According to D. W. Lambert, Manager of the Asheville office, benefit payments are lower in this section because many workers are not employed full time in self-employment, and other jobs do not count in figuring benefits. Lower wage rates are also a factor, when compared with other sections of the nation.

Average monthly payments, number of retired workers on the rolls, and rank of payments, by counties, in Western North Carolina are shown in the table below:

County	Average Monthly Residence Payment	Total Persons	Rank
Avery	\$17.50	42	14
Buncombe	22.98	650	4
Cherokee	18.70	66	10
Clay	21.20	10	6
Graham	18.38	13	11
Haywood	25.50	131	2
Henderson	25.10	162	3
Jackson	21.29	63	5
McDowell	18.89	126	9
Macon	20.34	35	7
Madison	17.32	19	15
Mitchell	17.16	51	18
Polk	27.40	50	1
Rutherford	20.25	193	8
Swain	18.23	13	12
Transyl.	17.98	50	13
Yancey	16.54	39	17
17 Counties	21.87	1713	

Meat production under Federal inspection for the week ended January 28 totaled 321 million pounds.

### SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK

By R. J. SCOTT



### GAY NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Cope and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Browning and son, Jackie, motored to Cramerton Sunday night to visit Mr. and Mrs. John Cope and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rollins.

Fred Brown of Greens Creek spent the week-end with his daughter, Mrs. Curmey Webb.

Arthur and Sherman Browning spent Sunday with their aunt, Mrs. Dorsey Wood at Lovania, Ga.

Mr. Charlie Cope of Cramerton spent the week-end here with Mrs. Cope.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Buchanan of Cullowhee were in this county. Mrs. Earl Browning of Franklin has been with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Colvin Wilson, Mrs. David Lee Fox visited

### A. J. Haskett In C. J. Harris Hospital

Mr. A. J. Haskett, manager of Belk's Bargain basement department, who has been in a very serious condition in Harris Community hospital, is said to be improving at this time.

Community visiting friends on Sunday, friends and relatives in Piedmont, S. C., last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rogers have moved to Marietta, Ga., to make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Franks are the parents of a son, born at their home on February 8.

Friends of John Johnson will be glad to know that he is able to be out again after being ill with flu.

### Grade School Teachers Needed

The table that follows gives some indication, on a State-by-State basis, of the nation's acute need for training additional grade school teachers. Data for the school year 1953-54 are shown,

since that is the year when the greatest number of new teachers will have to be recruited in most States. The number of replacements included in the estimated need for teachers is considered conservative.

SELECTED STATES	NUMBER OF TEACHERS TRAINED IN 1949 COMPARED WITH ESTIMATED PEAK NEEDS		
	Estimated number of new teachers needed in 1953-54	Elementary teachers trained in 1949 1/	Teachers Trained in 1949 as a percentage of needs in 1953
U. S. TOTAL	100,000	25,000	25
OHIO	5,000	939	19
WEST VIRGINIA	1,450	336	23
FLORIDA	2,175	564	26
MICHIGAN	4,300	1,189	28
KENTUCKY	1,925	591	31
IDAHO	425	150	35
VERMONT	275	108	39
ARIZONA	475	221	46
IOWA	1,800	854	47
COLORADO	825	415	50
WISCONSIN	1,875	1,214	65

1/ Maul, Ray C., "teacher Supply and Demand in the United States."

Estimates in the table are based on the expected number of pupils for each State. The Bureau of Labor Statistics prepared estimates of public day school enrollments for each State up to 1960. The estimates take into account the number of births through 1948, forecasts of births through 1953, the trend for children to stay in school longer, and interstate migration.

In determining the number of additional teachers needed each year in each State, the increase in enrollments was calculated and then applied a ratio of 30 pupils per teacher in elementary schools and 25 pupils per teacher in high schools. These are the highest ratios educational authorities con-

sider generally acceptable.

Finally, in its computations, BLS considered the number of teachers required to replace those leaving the teaching profession or transferring to other States.

In addition to reporting on the employment outlook, the bulletin gives information on certification requirements and earnings in each State.

The report initially was prepared as a VA pamphlet for use in the advisement and guidance of disabled veterans in the Vocational Rehabilitation and Education programs.

It also has been issued as Bureau of Labor Statistics Bulletin No. 972, designed for use in vocational guidance of high school students, veterans and others interested in choosing a field of work.

It is available to the public, for 35 cents, from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.

A brief summary of the report and a wall chart illustrating the trends of teacher supply and needs may be obtained, free of charge, while the supply lasts, from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor, Washington 25, D. C.

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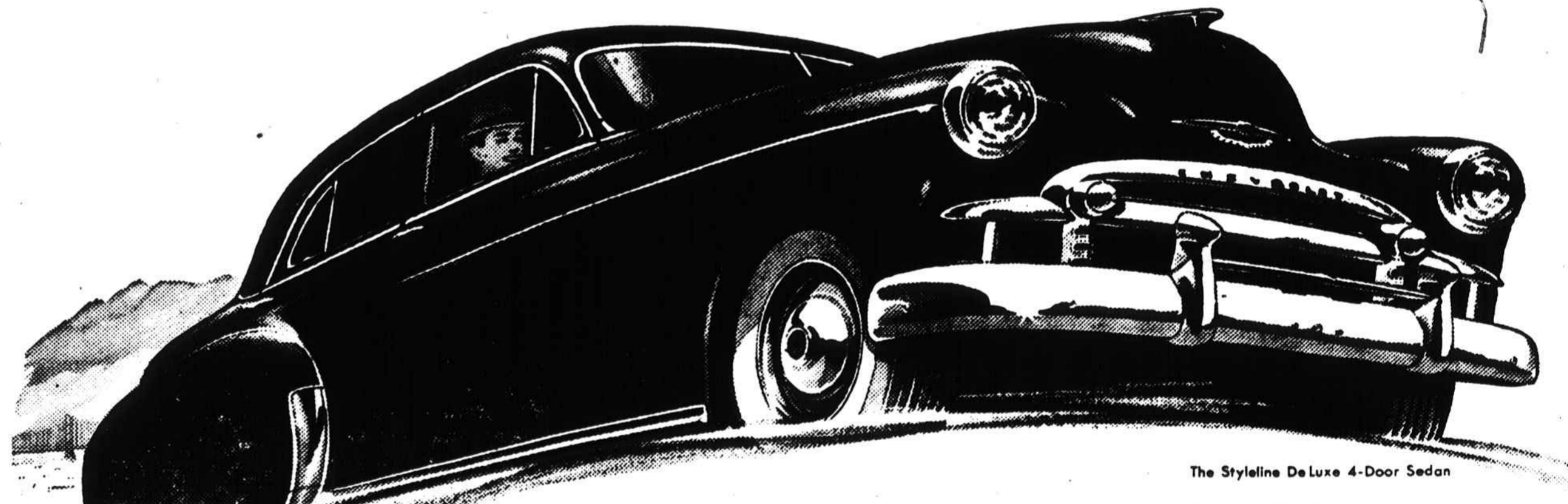
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