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A Happy New Year For All in '72

Considering Legislative Program

Legislative Commission North Carolina Association of Educators is considering a new legislative program which would call for additional state appropriations of at least \$200 million, Dr. A.C. Dawson, NCAE executive secretary, said today in Durham.

Dr. Dawson said the Commission is putting the finishing touches on the program and will

Receive Checks

Checks totaling \$280,000 have been mailed to retired Methodist ministers and widows and dependent orphaned children of deceased ministers in North Carolina as a result of an appropriation by The Duke Endowment.

In announcing the distribution of funds, Dr. M. Wilson Nesbitt explained that the amount each beneficiary receives is based on the years of service by the retired or deceased minister. Dr. Nesbitt is Director of Rural Church Affairs for The Duke Endowment.

The largest check for \$877.97 went to a minister with 48 1/2 years of service. The amount received by ministers amounted to \$159,280. Widows received \$97,075 and children, \$3,638.

The checks have been mailed to be received by each beneficiary before Christmas. For the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, they represented 5,043 years of service; for the Western North Carolina Conference, 9,330 years.

Trustees of The Endowment appropriate funds each year to assist in the support of ministers who have retired from the North Carolina or Western North Carolina Conferences of the United Methodist Church and of dependent families of those who were serving in one of these Conferences at the time of death. The appropriation is a part of The Endowment's philanthropy in the area of religion, which includes assistance in building, maintaining, and operating rural United Methodist churches in North Carolina and a variety of special services to help make the programs of these churches more effective.

In addition to its Rural Church philanthropy, The Endowment provides financial assistance and services to nonprofit hospitals and child-caring institutions in the Carolinas and to four institutions of higher learning—Duke, Furman, and Johnson C. Smith Universities and Davidson College.

W.S.C.S. Annual Call To Prayer

The Women's Society of Christian Service and The Wesleyan Service Guilds of the Hertford United Methodist Church will observe their annual call to prayer and self-denial Monday night, January 3 at 8:00 at the church.

Themes for the program this year is OPEN UP YOUR LIFE. The women of the church are challenged to engage in prayer and to reflect upon stewardship as they respond to specific needs of the mission program of the church through study, prayer and giving. One half of the special offering is designated for mission projects and programs in the United States and the other half for mission involvement of the church around the world. Every woman in the church is invited to attend this meeting.

release it to the NCAE membership in early January for member reaction. Speaking to the Annual Winter Meeting of the NCAE Division of Superintendents, Dr. Dawson said the new program will stress extended term for teachers, salary increases, reduction and control of class size, and an expanded kindergarten program.

He added that a major feature of the salary increase request will be for incentive steps designed to hold young teachers in the profession and for longevity steps to reward career teachers.

The NCAE official said the Association will seek to improve the fringe benefit program for educators and will also vigorously seek a professional negotiations act.

Dr. Dawson said the NCAE will take a new approach to its legislative goals in 1973 by ranking its requests in order of priority. He said current thinking is that extended term and salary increases will rank top priorities.

He said the Association expects to request 10 months of employment for teachers and 12 months for supervisors and all principals. The 1971 General Assembly approved 12 months of employment for principals in schools with 15 or more teachers, added two weeks to the employment term of supervisors, and added two days to the employment term of teachers.

Dr. Dawson said the NCAE request will specify that the employment term for teachers is to include 200 work days on a five day week basis. He said the Legislative Commission is thinking in terms of requesting a salary increase of at least five per cent for 1973-74 and an additional 10 per cent for 1974-75 for all professional personnel. This request could be revised if economic conditions change and if wage-price controls are lifted, the NCAE executive secretary said.

Elaborating on the proposals,

Dr. Dawson said the state has reached the point where it absolutely "must give more incentive to teachers to remain in the classroom," and he noted that the NCAE feels the one best way to accomplish this purpose is "to adequately compensate our career teachers."

Turning to the request for extended term, Dr. Dawson said there is almost unanimous agreement among the state's professional educators that a longer work year will do more to benefit children and improve classroom instruction than any other single change. Teachers will have more time for planning and will be able to devote full time to classroom instruction when children are present, he said.

Another major step to aid instruction is involved in the Association's reduced class size request, Dr. Dawson said. He said the Legislative Commission has discussed the possibility of asking the 1973 General Assembly to adopt a statutory limit on the number of children in any one class.

He said the state now allots enough instructional personnel to provide for average classes no larger than 25, but he noted that the assignment of teachers to non-classroom duties has left some classes more than 50 students. He said average class size is far above the one to 25 ratio.

"A blanket allotment of teachers for reduced class size has failed in many instances to eliminate large classes, and we have to get at the problem by a different route," Dr. Dawson added.

On kindergartens, Dr. Dawson said the NCAE Legislative Commission is distressed that such a successful program of early childhood education has not received more priority in the past. He said NCAE will ask for greatly increased funds for kindergartens and will ask the General Assembly to accelerate the establishment of a statewide system.

Researchers at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine have come up with preliminary evidence suggesting that vitamin C may be involved in stimulating white blood cells to kill invading bacteria, including the germs responsible for strep

throat and staphylococcus infections. The three-man research team said that although it is not absolutely proven, the evidence is strong that vitamin C is one of the agents used by white cells to kill bacteria.

Members of the team are Dr. Charles E. McCall, associate professor of medicine; Dr. M. Robert Cooper, associate professor of medicine; and Dr. Lawrence R. DeChatelet, assistant professor of biochemistry.

They began their work two years ago in an attempt to determine what role vitamin C plays in the function of white cells, the body's first line of defense against infection.

They know that vitamin C ordinarily is found in large quantities in white cells. They also know that vitamin C, by itself, is deadly to bacteria.

The researchers have found no evidence, however, to support Dr. Linus Pauling's controversial theory that large doses of vitamin C can prevent the common cold. Colds are caused by viruses and the effect of vitamin C on viruses remains unknown.

The Bowman Gray scientists have been working with human white cells in laboratory studies thus far. Experiments with vitamin C in animals are just beginning.

Dr. McCall said it is still possible that the research will prove there is no significant role for vitamin C in killing bacteria. Experiments with human patients are still a long way off. No therapy involving human infections and vitamin C is being done now.

Dr. McCall described one hopeful sign. A white cell ingests a bacterium and in the process produces a chemical, hydrogen peroxide. Hydrogen peroxide will combine with vitamin C to produce a substance that is very deadly to bacteria, he said.

Weekly Medical News

Three Supervisory Employees Named By Commission

W.E. (Sam) Early, Executive Director of the N.C. State Commission for the Blind, has announced the appointment of three new supervisory employees in the Commission's Division of Social Service. Two will serve in the state office and one in the Fayetteville District Office, according to Early and Deputy Director of Social Service (cq) Blackburn.

New State Supervisor of Social Service Programs is Harry Lee Wicker, 33, of Lee County. Wicker was serving as Lee County Director of Social Service, State Department of Social Service, until his appointment by the Commission for the Blind. He is a graduate of East Carolina University and received a master's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He began his career as a social worker in Harnett County. Wicker is married to the former Mary Alice Morgan of Monroe and they have two children, Mary Ann, 4 and Harry Lee Wicker Jr., eight months.

Named as State Supervisor of

Anniversary Reception

A Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary Reception will be held at the First Christian Church in Edenton, N.C. on January 9th, 1972 for Mr. and Mrs. William R. Manning from 2 until 4 o'clock. Family and friends are invited.

Income Maintenance was W. Edward Matthews, 27, a former social worker for the blind in Bertie, Martin and Washington counties and also former Wilmington District Social Service Field Representative for the Commission. Matthews, a graduate of and a candidate for a M.S. degree from East Carolina University, joined the staff of the Commission for the Blind in 1966. He is a native of Perquimans County, and is married to the former Aliene Crocker of Selma. They have two children, Anna, five and Jon, four months.

New Social Service Field Representative for the Commission's Fayetteville District is Fayetteville native Fletcher C. Hubbard, 47. Hubbard has served for several years as a county director for the State Department of Social Service in Harnett County. He has also worked as a quality control analyst for the State Department of Social Service. Hubbard is a graduate of Wake Forest University. He and his wife, the former Peggy Barnes of Fayetteville, have three sons, Marc, 25, David, 23 and Kenneth, 21.

ECU Medical Report

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The access to complete health care, including all the advances and achievements of modern medical science, is now a basic right of all our people. It no longer will be limited only to those who can afford it nor only to those who were in the right place to have access to it. Complete health care is now the fifth of our basic rights.

However, it is one thing to guarantee a right and quite another to provide the means to meet and fulfill this new right.

At the present time most people are agreed that the system of delivery of health care in this country is inadequate to meet the level of the present demands made upon it. It is obvious that the system will be ever more inadequate to meet the demands of increased numbers of people who expect complete health care.

January Calendar For Women's Society

January 3 at 7:15 p.m. - Executive Board meets.
8:00 p.m. - General Meeting. The program and social hour will be in charge of the Wesleyan Service Guild.
January 4 at 9:45 a.m. - Minnie Wilson Circle will meet with Mrs. Henry Sullivan.
January 10 at 8 p.m. - Bella Shamburger Circle will meet with Mrs. Francis Nixon.
Helen Bame Circle will meet with Mrs. Thurman Whedbee.
Wesleyan Service Guild will meet with Miss Mary Sumner.
January 12 at 3 p.m. - Mary Towe Circle will meet with Mrs. Marion Riddick.

There are approximately 310,000 physicians in the United States. Of these, 278,000 are involved in patient care, and only 60 per cent of all doctors are office-based and are tending to the daily medical needs of more than 200 million Americans.

The most recent estimates from the National Institutes of Health show that there is a yearly attrition rate among physicians of 15,000. In June of 1971 there were only 9,000 graduates from all American medical schools. This is a yearly shortage of 6,000 doctors!

In North Carolina this deficit is keenly felt in all areas of our state even though, up to this year, we had three good medical schools which produced physicians that rank in training and experience with the best in the world. Despite their best efforts, North Carolina has continually had to import physicians to meet its need. For example, in the 10-year period between 1957 and 1968, the population of the state increased 12 per cent, but the number of doctors in private practice decreased 5 per cent. Although the problem is serious all over our state, the problem has reached crisis proportions in eastern North Carolina.

Eastern North Carolina has 25 per cent of our state's population, but it has only 16 per cent of the state's doctors. Of those in our area, 40 per cent are over 54 years old and 22 per cent are over 70. Certainly this is a serious portent for the future.

In addition to having too few

Holiday Highway Toll For 78 Hours

As Father Time boots a worn-out 1971 down the drain and hopefully welcomes the infant 1972, the N.C. State Motor Club calls on all motorists to start out the New Year by dodging the 1,000 traffic accidents which it estimates could cost 19 lives and injure over 500 other persons on North Carolina's streets and highways during the long weekend.

The state will count its holiday highway toll from 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, through midnight Sunday, Jan. 2, for a period of 78 hours. In the same period last year, the casualty count was 20 killed and 469 injured in 1,141 accidents.

Leading causes of accidents were speeding, driving left of center, failure to yield, making unsafe movement and driving under the influence.

"Let's start the New Year off

right by holding traffic deaths to the minimum on this first holiday weekend of 1972," Thomas B. Watkins, president of the motor club and the National Automobile Association, urged.

"It could be the best year of your life. Don't risk it in careless driving on the highways!"

Proctor T.V. Winner

L.C. Proctor, Rt. 1, Hertford, N.C. had an unexpected present under the family Christmas tree this year.

Mr. Proctor won a color television set from Winslow-Blanchard Mtr. Co. Inc. of Hertford as part of the dealership's winter service program for customers. Cecil E. Winslow dealership Vice president, and R.A. Winslow, service manager, presented the award at the dealership on Christmas Eve.

Customers who visited Winslow-Blanchard Mtr. Co. Inc. during November and early December could obtain a free winter cooling system checkup. They could also register for a chance to win a 14-inch Philco-Ford portable television.

"Nearly 800 area residents took advantage of the free offer to prepare cars for winter driving," the local dealer noted. "The inspection included a check of each car's radiator, fan, drive belts, anti-freeze protection and heater and radiator hoses."

Nationally, 1,000 television sets were awarded by Ford Customer Service Division and participating Ford and Lincoln-Mercury dealerships.

Hertford's

Moving Ahead

For several years it seemed as if the town of Hertford was at a standstill. Few new businesses were started and almost no major improvements were undertaken.

Recent events seem to indicate that this period may now be ended and the town may be entering upon a new period of growth that will surpass even the best years the past represented.

The shopping center continues to grow and downtown shopping district which is the heart of the business community. Continued growth in both the downtown district and the new shopping center need the assistance of every merchant and business man if it is to be successful and if they are interested in seeing improvements and growth.

Renewal License

Cards Mailed

Approximately 3,156,581 renewal license cards needed to obtain 1972 vehicle license plates will be mailed today to North Carolina motorists, according to James H. Stamey, Director of the Registration Division of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

The new reflectorized blue on white plates will be issued throughout the state on January 4, 1972. Motorists are cautioned in order to renew a license plate you MUST have a renewal card before presenting it for the new plate. This will expedite issuance of the plate.

Persons who have failed to receive their license plate renewal card by early January, should contact the Registration Division, Department of Motor Vehicles, Raleigh.

The deadline for displaying the new 1972 plate is February 15.

Senator Jordan Reports

By Senator B. Everett Jordan
Summer Jobs, 1972

WASHINGTON — On January 8 the U.S. Civil Service Commission will hold the first of a series of written tests for 1972 summer jobs in the federal agencies. Those who did not apply by the December 3 deadline can still submit applications by January 7 to take the test on February 12 and by February 2 for the final test to be given on March 11. Applications postmarked after February 2 will not be accepted.

Proper application forms are contained in CSC Announcement No. 414 entitled "Summer Jobs in Federal Agencies," and I will be glad to send copies to anyone on request. The booklet is also available at area CSC offices, most major post offices, and college placement offices, and from the U.S. Civil Service Commission office in Washington, D.C. 20415.

Applicants who were rated eligible on tests given earlier this year do not need to be re-examined if they have filed with the Commission a special form updating their qualifications and indicating their availability for employment in 1972.

Not all summer jobs in the government require eligibility by written test, and full information on these positions is given in Announcement No. 414. According to Commission sources, last year 157,485 persons took the nationwide CSC

exam, but only 12,600 were appointed. Therefore, all candidates are urged to apply early to receive maximum consideration.

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Small Business Administration Interviews

The Regional Director of the Regional Office of the Small Business Administration in Charlotte, Mr. George W. Marshall, notified me that representatives of his office will be available for interviews and financial counseling with interested small business concerns according to the following schedule: (businessmen interested should telephone the local number given for an appointment.)

ASHEVILLE - 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Chamber of Commerce, 131 Haywood Street, telephone 254-1981 - January 18, February 15, March 21, April 18, May 16 and June 20.

BOONE, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Grand Jury Room, Courthouse (2nd floor), West King Street, Chamber of Commerce of Boone, Telephone - 264-2255 February 17, April 20 and June 22.

DURHAM - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Durham Chamber of Commerce (Durham Hotel), Chamber of Commerce in Durham, Telephone 682-2133 - January 11, February 8, March

14, April 11, May 9 and June 13. FAYETTEVILLE - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Rooms 215 (Conference Room), Federal Building, 301 Green Street, City Manager's Office in Fayetteville, Telephone 483-6168 - February 9, April 12 and June 14.

GREENSBORO - 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Greensboro Chamber of Commerce, North Greene Street, Chamber of Commerce in Greensboro, Telephone - 273-8687 - January 11, February 8, March 14, April 11, May 9 and June 13.

GREENVILLE - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Social Security Office, 1207 West 14th St., City Manager's Office in Greenville, Telephone 752-4137, January 25, February 23, March 28, April 25, May 23, and June 27.

RALEIGH - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Municipal Building, 110 South McDowell Street, City Manager's Office in Raleigh, Telephone 755-8211 - February 10, April 13 and June 8.

Inquirers when applying for an appointment should contact the City Manager's Office, Room 309, for place of appointment.

WILMINGTON - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, 514 Market Street, Chamber of Commerce in Wilmington Telephone - 762-2611 - January 27, February 24, March 30, April 27, May 25 and June 29.