

Expect To Reach Polio Fund Quota This Week

Teachers Pay Still Problem; Many New Bills

Would Encourage Teachers By Offering Free Tuition; Hearing On Fireworks

By Staff Writer
Raleigh.—(Special)—With attention still focused on the teachers' salary problem, the legislature got off to a busy start this week with a number of bills related to other matters being introduced.

John Umstead of Orange took legislative steps yesterday to encourage persons to enter the teaching profession.

Umstead's bill would provide free tuition to residents of the State who study in State-supported institutions and agree to teach in the state's school system after graduation.

Instead of paying cash for tuition, the student would sign a note and, if she or he enters the teaching field within five years after graduation, the note would be cancelled, but only after teaching the time specified.

Should Umstead's bill pass, it would be a reinstatement of a law that went out of existence in 1933 during the depression days when the State and its institutions of higher learning were in dire need.

Umstead remarked, prior to introducing his measure, that some of the best teachers in the State were educated under terms of the old law.

Assembly Busy
In all, it was one of the most active days of this assembly session.
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Cars Damaged In Wrecks Near Here

Drivers Escape Serious Injuries; Two Collisions Are Reported

Two accidents occurred in and near Sparta last week causing serious damage to the automobiles involved although the occupants suffered little injury.

Carl Gentry, of Roaring Gap, and Silas Larue, of Piney Creek, had a head-on collision on the west end of Sparta last Thursday night around nine o'clock, it was reported. The damage to Gentry's car was estimated at \$174 and the damage to Larue's car estimated at \$300. Neither of the drivers were said to have been injured. Blinding lights was reported to be the cause of the accident. Hearing in regard to the accident is still pending.

Saturday afternoon around six o'clock a car driven by Leonard Busic, of Sparta, collided with another vehicle driven by Frank Choate, also of Sparta, near the Twin Oaks section.

It was reported by investigating officers that as Busic endeavored to pass Choate that Choate made a left hand turn, failing to give signal. Choate's car was damaged beyond repair and the automobile of Busic's estimated as being damaged at \$400.

Busic was reported to have suffered a knee injury in the accident.

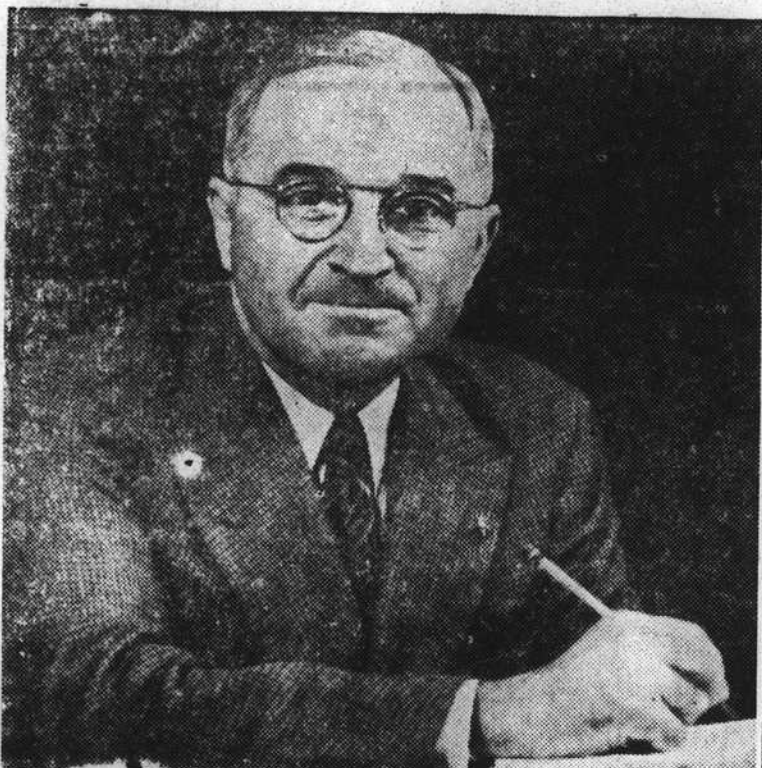
Mercury Takes Quick Tumble

King Winter, who has long delayed his appearance, made his presence known this week, when the mercury, which arose to the fifties last week, dropped down to zero in Alleghany county, Tuesday morning.

Along with the low temperature were flurries of snow and strong winds. Motorists without anti-freeze suffered. Water pipes in many buildings were frozen and those who had scorned overcoats so far found it necessary to button them up tight.

In Sparta as low as two degrees above zero was reported. Other sections of the county reported from zero on up to 16 above. But everyone was unanimous in agreeing that it was "really cold" after so much warm weather.

President Truman Endorses Drive



President Truman, who has given his endorsement to the nation-wide March of Dimes Drive to fight infantile paralysis.

Popularity Contest For USO Drive Is Being Conducted In Schools; Still Short Of Quota

Other Events Are Planned; C. R. Roe Is Chairman For Alleghany County

Alleghany county's quota of \$300 for the USO Fund Raising Drive is still far from being reached, C. R. Roe, chairman, announces this week, but plans are underway to complete it this week if it is at all possible.

Sparta high school, along with civic organizations who have been giving entertainments for the benefit of the drive, is now sponsoring a "Most Popular Serviceman" contest in connection with the drive. Votes are being cast for the contestants the proceeds of which are going to the drive.

Those nominated by the high school rooms are:

Twelfth grade, Mrs. Ida Warren's room, Fleet Joines, S-1C, Pfc. D. C. Bledsoe and Sgt. Ernest Andrews; Roy Ellison's room, Wade Irwin, HA-1C.

Eleventh grade, Miss Minnie Lou Edwards' room, Sgt. Millard Crouse and Wade Naylor, S-1C.
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VFW Meeting To Be Held Thurs.

The regular meeting of the local post of the VFW will be held at the community building next Thursday, January 30, it was announced this week by Amon Edwards, commander. The meeting will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

All members and veterans who would like to join are urged to be present.

Alleghany Schools Are To Observe 'Good Health Week'

Alleghany schools along with others throughout North Carolina are asked to observe "Good Health Week," February 2-8. This week has been designated by Superintendent Clyde Erwin and county superintendents and principals are asked to take appropriate steps in its observance.

Special pamphlets and suggestions have been sent to the schools to make use of in addition to local material.

Students are expected to have classroom programs as well as an assembly program. Health needs of each community are to be emphasized as well as those of the State at large. The use of posters and other visual material is advocated.

"In suggesting that North Carolina public schools observe a particular week as Good Health Week, I am not unmindful of the fact that our health programs function as a year-round proposition. However, it is my judgment that much good can be accomplished in stimulating inter-

Goodman Lumber Plant Is Bought By W. Carl Irwin

No Announcement Made By New Owner Of Use Planned For Property

It was learned this week that W. Carl Irwin, prominent Twin Oaks business man and rural mail carrier had purchased the Goodman Lumber plant and about 50 acres surrounding it, owned and operated by M. A. Goodman for a number of years.

No definite announcements have been made by the new owner regarding the use of the property.
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Sheriff Calls Out Fire Dept.

A fire fighting brigade was called out late Sunday night when the home of Sheriff Glenn D. Richardson was reported to have caught fire.

The fire began in the flue of the chimney and caused a huge blaze but due to the wet condition of the shingles after the tremendous amount of rainfall last week, no damage was reported. The "so-called fire house," however, was in need of repair as it was almost impossible to reach the fire fighting apparatus since the building was about to cave in, it was reported.

Stores To Start Closing On Wed. Afternoon Here

Cooperation Of Public Asked In Order To Give Employees Some Time Off

Following a meeting of a group of Sparta merchants it was decided to begin closing on Wednesday afternoons of each week effective January 21.

Merchants pointed out that it has been the practice to close on Wednesday afternoon, for six months in the year, for some time, and because of the fact that they felt employees should have more time off, it was decided to start the closing earlier this year than usual.

It was explained that all stores were anxious to serve the needs of the public and asked that everyone shop Wednesday morning in order not to be inconvenienced by the afternoon closing.

Stores and business houses that will close at 12:00 o'clock each Wednesday until further notice are as follows:

The Northwestern Bank, Belk's, Smithy's, Jay Hardin's, Mick or Mack, Cash and Carry, Sparta.
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Ransom Brooks Buried Tuesday

Funeral service for Ransom Brooks, 44-year-old resident of Cherry Lane, was held Tuesday at one o'clock at the Woodruff Primitive Baptist church. Officiating was Rev. Shade Caudill and interment was in the Woodruff cemetery.

Mr. Brooks succumbed to the Davis hospital at Sparta Sunday after a brief illness, it was reported.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Edith Brooks, and five children, Harrel, Billie, Dorothy, Jimmy and Mildred.

P-T.A. To Meet On Wed. Night

The Parent-Teachers Association will hold its meeting Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock in the Sparta high school library, it was announced this week.

Ralph Gentry, president, has urged that all parents and teachers be present. The meeting, it was called to the attention of the public, will be on Wednesday instead of Tuesday as was previously announced.

At Conservation Board Meeting

R. Floyd Crouse, chairman of the fish and game committee, in a report on the meeting of the Board of Conservation and Development held at Raleigh last week, stated that the first section of the bass hatchery, located near Morganton, is now nearly completed.

The board is asking the legislature for an appropriation of \$40,000 which is needed to finish the twenty-one acres of rearing ponds and to fill them with small black mouth bass.

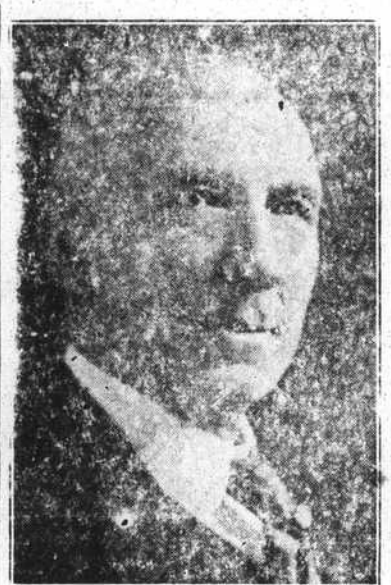
Alleghany Men Are Discharged

Thirteen Alleghany men received their honorable discharges through the local draft board during the last two weeks, it was reported by Samuel L. Davis, local clerk.

Of the thirteen men discharged ten served in the U. S. Army and three in the U. S. Navy.

Those discharged include Franklin A. Royal, of Roaring Gap; John T. Hamm, of Laurel Springs; Rufus C. Edwards, of Whitehead; Odis V. Brooks, of Furches; Jesse G. Fender, of Sparta; Essau Dixon, of Laurel Springs; Page D. Higgins, of Ennice; Fred J. Weaver, of Peden; James M. Sturgill, of Sparta; John Page Billings, of Whitehead; Roy N. Fender, of Sparta; Ray V. Smith, Jr., of Roaring Gap; Vernon B. Wyatt, of Laurel Springs.

Lauded By 1947 N. C. General Assembly



The late R. A. Doughton, left, and Eugene Transou, right, were lauded in a joint resolution which passed the 1947 N. C. General Assembly last week.

Late R. A. Doughton And Eugene Transou Lauded In Resolution By Legislature

B. B. Dougherty Is Again Named Bank President

Northwestern Has Good Year; Alton Thompson Cashier At Sparta

Stockholders of the Northwestern bank met in the home office in North Wilkesboro last week and increased the membership on the board of directors to 20. The directors re-elected Dr. B. B. Dougherty, head of Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, as president of the bank, and all other officers were re-elected.

The directors for 1947 are: N. B. Smithy, Ralph Duncan and C. O. McNeill, North Wilkesboro; R. L. Doughton and D. C. Duncan, Sparta; M. A. Higgins, Ennice; M. E. Reeves, Laurel Springs; W. D. Farthing, Boone; Gordon H. Winkler, Boone; W. W. Mast, Valle Crucis; W. C. Berry and W. F. Hughes, Bakers.
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Heavy Bond For Evans Brothers

At a hearing Saturday, before Justice of the Peace B. F. Waggoner, for Johnny and Odell Evans, who were held in the Alleghany county jail for several weeks in connection with the robbery-wounding of Kelly Williams and his sister Miss Mae Williams on November 10, both men, bound over to Superior court, were charged with robbing with firearms, assault with a deadly weapon resulting in serious injury and their bonds were set at \$7,000.00 each. They are still being held in jail.

Honor Roll For Sparta High School Is Given By Teachers

The honor roll for the fourth month of Sparta high school has been announced this week by the teachers. The following is a list of those who made honor roll grades:

First grades: George Ed Farmer, Joe Thomas Hampton, Homer Miles, Barbara Sue Busic, Betty Lou Busic, Lois Edwards, Patsy Miles, Hazel Woodruff, Mary Jane Sturdivant, Ray Billings, Tommy Edwards, Ronny Hash, Nancy Nell Cox, Clayta Ann Fender, Betty Sue Williams, Gail Randolph, Clara Ann Woodruff, Hardin Lyons, Kyle Murray, Rose Marie Andrews, Dewey Edwards, Lorraine Roberts, Dale Poole, Rose Crouse, Juanita Todd and Shirley Anders.

Second grade: Vivian Andrews, Edward Crouse, Lewis Porter.

Third grades: Walter Lee Hampton, Harley Walker, Sandra Shockley, Mickie Randolph, Linda Jo Reeves, Alma Jo Dutton, Stella Flo Dutton, John Wayne Edwards, Bobby Busic,

Resolution Introduced By Wade Brown Cites Record Of Two Men

In a joint resolution of respect and sympathy relative to the deaths of the late Gov. R. A. Doughton and Eugene Transou, both former N. C. legislators, introduced last week before the 1947 assembly by Senator Wade E. Brown, the records of these distinguished men were cited. The resolution, which was passed unanimously, is printed here:

"Whereas, this General Assembly has heard with profound regret of the death of the Honorable Rufus A. Doughton and the Honorable Eugene Transou, both of whom were formerly members of the General Assembly of North Carolina; and the members of the General Assembly do hereby desire to give expression of their deepest sympathy to the families of these distinguished men and to commemorate and make a record of the long and continued public service of these patriotic and competent public servants; and

"Whereas, the Honorable Rufus A. Doughton was born at Laurel Springs on January 10, 1857, he
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Miss Pat Burgiss Honored At UNC

Miss Patricia Burgiss, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. T. Roy Burgiss, of Sparta, has been tapped as one of the seven members of the Rho Chi fraternity at the University of North Carolina.

Rho Chi, national honorary fraternity, is ranked with Phi Beta Kappa. Miss Burgiss, who is a junior this year will be graduate "cum laude" when she receives her degree next year.

Total Of \$245.50 Is Raised; More To Be Reported

Mrs. Choate Pleased With Response; List Of Contributors Announced

Reports from the drive to raise funds to fight infantile paralysis, which began last Wednesday in the county, show that the total of \$245.50 has been raised toward the county's quota of \$300.00, Mrs. Ruth J. Choate, chairman, announced yesterday.

Mrs. Choate stated that she was pleased with the generosity shown by the business firms, civic organizations and individuals who have given to the drive and said she hoped that Alleghany county would more than make its quota, this week.

The chairman, in making a special plea that everyone should contribute said, "Make a contribution toward the mighty arsenal upon which the American people draw, in combatting polio epidemics." Contributions will be taken through January 31, it was pointed out.

A complete list of schools will be given next week as their reports had not all been turned in. Following is a list of contributors this week:

State highway employees, \$31; Dance sponsored by county officers, \$25.50; Sparta Pipes, Inc., \$25; Northwestern Bank and Belk's Department store, Business and Professional Woman's club, \$10 each; Community building employees, and Sparta taxi cab companies, \$9 each; Smithy's store, \$7.

Castevens motor company, Firestone Service station, B. and T. Drug company, \$1.00 each.
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Ten Arrested At Atwood's Place

Assault And Public Drunkenness Are Charged; Will Be Tried Monday

Warrants were issued for ten men by Sheriff Glenn D. Richardson and his deputies following a heated argument at Mack Atwood's place at Twin Oaks last Thursday night.

Mack and Jimmy Atwood were charged with assault and released under \$200 bond pending a hearing before G. Glenn Nichols, justice of the peace, here Monday.

Eight other men charged with public drunkenness and released under \$100 bond each were Jimmy Brooks, Louis Brooks, Gale Wyatt, E. J. Jenkins, all of Piney Creek; Dean Joines and George R. Atwood, of Whitehead; and Bayne and Maynard Landreth, both of Sparta. They will also be tried before Justice Nichols, Monday.

SENATOR WADE BROWN WOULD AID TEACHERS

Senator Wade E. Brown this week introduced one of many bills that would aid teachers indirectly as far as salaries go. His bill advocates that teachers be allowed exemption on income tax for expenses incurred in attending summer schools.

SCHEDULE GIVEN FOR BALL GAMES

The schedule for the remainder of the basketball season for Sparta high school has been announced as the following:

Sparta vs. Sugar Grove, there, January 24.
Sparta vs. Piney Creek, here, January 25.
Sparta vs. Ronda, there, January 30.
Sparta vs. Boonville, there, February 4.
Sparta vs. Low Gap, there, February 6.
Sparta vs. Fries, Va., there, February 14.
Sparta vs. Boonville, here, February 18.
Sparta vs. Flat Rock, here, February 20.
Sparta vs. Mt. Airy, there, February 25.
Sparta vs. Mt. Airy, here, March 4.