

## To Start Research For Turkish Tobacco At Transou

### Many At Hearing On Co-Operative Levy Proposal

#### Anti-Fireworks Measure Is Passed By North Carolina Senate

**By Staff Writer**  
Raleigh—(Special)—With the exception of senate passage of a rigid anti-fireworks bill, the legislature worked principally in committees the first of the week and made what its leaders considered good headway.

Hearings were concluded on a highly controversial wildlife bill, which would separate the division of game and inland fisheries from the department of conservation and development. The house committee planned to vote on the measure tomorrow; the senate committee, later.

#### Cooperatives Tax

Proposed levy of income and franchise taxes on farmers' co-operatives Monday occasioned the largest public hearing in North Carolina's legislative annals.

Over 3,000 proponents and opponents of a proposed amendment to the revenue bill, which would tax co-operatives the same as private enterprises, attended the hearing before the House Finance Committee in Memorial Auditorium.

Chairman Kerr, Craigie Ramsey, Representative from Rowan, allotted each side one hour.

Willard L. Dowell, executive secretary of the North Carolina Merchants' Association, supported the bill which, he said, was aimed at "giant money-making co-operatives who're doing big business and are able amply to pay taxes."

He quoted Representative Henry C. Fisher of Blount's estimate which placed co-operatives' business between \$50,000,000 and \$75,000,000 annually. "By 1950, co-operatives will capture at least \$100,000,000 of North Carolina's business volume," Fisher sponsored the bill.

**Safer Driving Sought**  
House judiciary one directed Chairman Frank Taylor of Wayne to name a sub-committee to revise, if it considers it necessary, a measure to cause proof of financial fitness.

**Dr. Pugh Named To Head Hospital**  
Former Alleghany Man Elected Chief of Staff of Gaston Hospital

Dr. C. H. Pugh, prominent Gastonia physician, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Pugh, of Laurel Springs, was elected chief of staff of Gaston Memorial hospital at the recent annual business meeting of the staff for election of officers.

Dr. Pugh, who succeeded Dr. J. Lee Robinson, has been prominent in local and state circles for a number of years. He has been secretary of the Gaston County Medical Society for the past 20 years, and previously served as secretary of the Seventh District Medical Society, composing a number of counties in the section in which he resides. He is a member of the N. C. Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

Active in the civic, religious and fraternal life of Gastonia, as well as its medical professional work of Main Street Methodist church, is a member of Gastonia Civitan Club and is a member of the local and state Masonic bodies, in which he held numerous positions.

**Driver's Permits Issued On Tues.**  
Alleghany county residents who would like to secure learner's permits or driver's licenses should contact David G. Hatcher each Tuesday.

### Tommy Tunks On A Toot!!



He presses the first key down and the music goes round and round and comes out a deep bass note. Although Tommy Tunks himself is a soprano, being only one year old, the horn belongs to his dad, who is a professional musician.

### \$52,000 Included In County's AAA Program; Farmers Must Complete Plans Before Mar. 8

#### Urged To Consult Community Committeemen On Farm Practices

While more than half of the farmers of Alleghany county have already made plans to participate in the AAA program which offers \$52,000.00 in improved farm practices in the county, there are many that have not completed their plans yet.

Since these must be in before March 8, they are asked to contact their community committeemen and complete plans at once.

The county AAA committeemen have selected the following 12 important farm practices for the 1947 program: Liming material, phosphate, potash, winter cover crops, plowing under red clover, permanent pastures, mowing pastures, contour strip cropping, open ditch drainage, tile drainage, forest planting and hay crops.

It was pointed out that while all farmers would not want to carry out all of these, that they were varied enough so that some of them were adaptable to all farms.

The community committeemen are as follows:  
Barrett — Chairman, Lonnie Davis; vice-chairman, Hurst Higgins; regular member, James

#### MRS. DELIA CROUSE, 69, DIES AT HOME

Funeral service for Mrs. Delia Crouse, 69, who died at her home Monday, was held at the Zion church Wednesday afternoon. Interment was in the church cemetery.

She is survived by two sons, Earl Crouse, of here, Plat Crouse, of South Carolina; and one daughter, Mrs. Robert Edwards, of Alleghany, and 12 grandchildren.

### Mid-Piedmont Tournament Entered By Sparta Girls

Sparta girls have entered their second tournament of the season and have been asked to play in the Mid-Piedmont Tournament which opened last night at Barium Springs and will continue through Monday, February 24.

The girls will be opposed by Stanley, who defeated Berryhill 28-23 last night. Playing will begin at 4:30 o'clock.

The Sparta teams divided honors at Booneville Tuesday night when the girls won a 27-25 victory over the Booneville girls. Clarice led the scoring for the home town girls scoring 14 of the 27 points.

Booneville boys were the victors on their own court defeating the hard fighting Sparta boys 35-18. Setting the pace for the local boys was Bill Reeves and Booneville held only a two point lead at the

### Alleghany USO Quota Surpassed Here This Week

#### More Contributors Are Announced; Schools Give Cooperation

Alleghany this week surpassed its USO quota of \$300 and is reported to be one of the first counties in the state to reach its quota.

Contributions not previously reported are as follows: Sparta Pipes, Inc., \$25; Pine Swamp, \$10.03; Piney Creek school, \$6.00; B. & T. Drug Co., \$5.00; Farmers Hardware, and Irwin Motor company, \$2 each; Modern Dry Cleaners, \$1.

Mr. Roe said he was well pleased with the response and wished to thank everyone for their cooperation.

### 4-H Club County Council To Meet

The officers of the twelve 4-H clubs of Alleghany county which make up the county council, will meet at the community building here March 1, it was announced this week.

One of the main purposes of the meeting is to name officers of the council and all club officers are urged to be present.

Mrs. Isom Wagoner, home demonstration agent, and John Burch, assistant county agent, will assist the county council in making their plans and setting up objectives for the year.

### Sheriff Names 2 New Deputies

Two new deputies have been named by Sheriff Glenn D. Richardson in addition to the four who are already serving. Wade Hoppers, of Piney Creek, and Wayne Hoppers, of Sparta, are the new deputies.

Others serving are C. Brant Taylor, of Sparta; Ross Richardson, of Whitehead; George Royal, of Roaring Gap; and Roe Dickens, of Ennice.

### Leaders Hope To Continue School Lunchrooms Here

#### Federal Funds Allotted For Projects Will Be Exhausted Soon

Alleghany county children as well as any others may be eating cold biscuits at noontime instead of the usual appetizing hot lunches served in the school lunchrooms, if some plans are not worked out to continue the present system, by the end of this month.

Miss Clyde Fields, county superintendent of schools, along with others in the State, has received an announcement from the State office pointing out that because of the limited allotment for lunchrooms and the greatly increased number of lunches served, there will not be sufficient funds in the present allotment to continue the program much longer after the end of this month.

The State office has suggested various plans for continued operation including the raising of prices and the cutting down of the number of school lunches served.

Because of the number of children now included in the lunchroom program and the benefits derived from it, Superintendent Fields said she hoped plans for its continuance throughout the school year could be worked out.

### Rev. Eli Long, 78, Buried Tuesday

Rev. Eli A. Long, Laurel Springs, 78 years old, died early Monday morning at a local hospital, after a lingering illness of several weeks.

Funeral was held at Meadow Fork Baptist church, near Laurel Springs, at 2:00 p. m. Tuesday. Following this, burial was in the family cemetery.

Rev. Shade Caudill and Rev. Charlie Kilby officiated. Nephews and grand-nephews served as pall bearers.

Surviving him is his wife, Mrs. Ruth Long, Laurel Springs, two sisters, Mrs. Sallie Thompson, Laurel Springs, and Mrs. F. W. Cheek, Whitehead, also a number of nieces and nephews.

### Julian Hyde Is Prize Winner

Julian Hyde, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hyde, was the winner of fourth place in the district Soil Conservation contest held in North Wilkesboro last Thursday when winners from the counties in this area competed with each other. Julian, a student at Glade Valley, was presented with \$10.00.

Alton Weaver, of West Jefferson high school was the winner of the first place.

### 92 Sign Up For Farm Training

Ninety-two veterans have enrolled at Sparta high school to take co-operative farm training under provisions of Public Law 364, Ralph Cheek, vocational teacher, stated this week.

The maximum enrollment is 54 and Sparta has already exceeded this number by 38.

**Recapping Shop To Open Tuesday**  
A new retread shop featuring Firestone factory methods will have its grand opening here on Tuesday, February 25, it was announced this week.

## Make Plans For Red Cross Drive; Carl Irwin Is Chairman

### NAMED DRIVE CHMN.



Carl Irwin, who has been named chairman of the Red Cross Fund Drive.

### Stills Captured Near Bull Head Mt. By Sheriff

#### Richardson Released Under \$500.00 Bond; To Be Tried Next May

Two Alleghany county stills, located in the Cherry Lane township, were raided and his deputies

end. John Richardson, of Cherry Lane, was arrested when he was found at the still located in the Bull Head Mountain section about 4:00 p. m. Friday afternoon.

The 50-gallon still was in operation at the time of the raid and 800 gallons of beer were destroyed. Also found were one and one-half gallons of liquor. Richardson was turned over to the Alcoholic Tax Unit authorities.

U. S. Commissioner Edney Ridge, of Greensboro, announced that Richardson, Alleghany county, was released under a \$500 bond after a preliminary hearing on a charge of operating a still. The case is to be tried in the May term of District Court at Wilkesboro.

The second still, also in the Bull Head Mountain section, was raided about noon Saturday. The still, located near the home of Jim Wall, near Cherry Lane, although not in operation when the sheriff and his deputies arrived, was reported to have been in operation that morning.

The 50-gallon still was destroyed as well as 1,000 gallons of beer, the sheriff reported.

In a report, Sheriff Richardson stated this week that approximately 12,000 gallons of mash had been destroyed in raids on ten stills in the county since he began his tenure in office as well as 30 gallons of whiskey.

### Former County Man Active In Wash. State Senate Affairs

W. Howard Roup, former Alleghany man, senator from the tenth district in Cloverland, Washington, has been named chairman of the Senate Interim Committee on Agriculture for the twenty-ninth legislature of Washington.

Mr. Roup, Asotin county wheat farmer and president of the Lewiston Grain Growers association, with members of his committee has done much research in an effort to thoroughly examine the work of the State Department of Agriculture and the agricultural functions of the State College of Washington as directed by the Senate.

The interim committee, so called because it will function in the interval between the close of the last legislature and the opening of the new, one year from now. (Continued On Page 4)

### Community Chairmen Are Named; Quota Is Set At \$390 For Alleghany

Tentative plans were made this week to officially open the Red Cross fund drive in Alleghany on March 1 and Carl Irwin was named drive chairman. The county's quota is set at \$390 for the drive.

The following community chairmen have been named to serve with Chairman Irwin and have been given quotas: E. J. Pugh, Cranberry, \$50.00; Mrs. Eugene Mitchell, Prather's Creek, \$40; Mack Woodie, Piney Creek, \$70; Bill Sprinkle, Gap Civil, \$100; I. W. Wagoner, Glade Creek, \$70; Ralph Gentry, Cherry Lane, \$30; Mrs. Ethelene Richardson, Whitehead, \$30.

Attention is called to the fact that 65 per cent of the funds raised remain in the local chapter to take care of the necessary work here. The remainder goes into the national headquarters fund.

"Because of the many calls on the Red Cross in disaster work, home service and for men still in service, I believe we will have no trouble in raising our quota," one official said.

### Activities Of School Filmed

Moving pictures of the activities of the school and students

school in the fall and were color shots. Here especially for the showing of the films were J. A. Kellenberger, chairman of the Board of Trustees; Dr. Chester Alexander, pastor of the Burlington First Presbyterian church, O. T. Anderson, director of the school's campaign for raising building funds; and Mr. Jones, who was in charge of showing the films.

### VFW Meeting To Be Held Tonight

The meeting of the local VFW Post will be held tonight at 7:30 at the community building. Commander Amon Edwards urges that all members be present. Any veterans who would like to join are also asked to attend.

### \$25.00 MORE ADDED TO POLIO FUND DRIVE

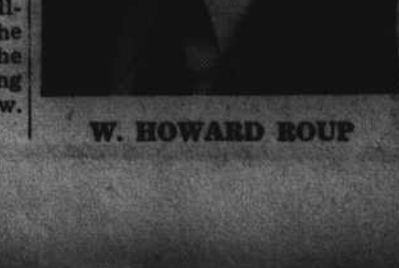
Little Pine school this week turned in a total of \$25.00 to be contributed to the March of Dimes campaign.

The contributions by rooms are as follows: Mrs. Cecil Gibson's room, \$3.00; Mrs. Eula Truitt's room, \$5.00; Mrs. Mallie Handy's room, \$3.50; and D. C. Wyatt's room, \$13.50.

### Hearing Held For Poe Saturday

In a hearing before B. F. Wagoner, justice of the peace, Saturday, Crockett Poe, of Sparta, was bound over to the next term of Superior court.

The hearing was called following the accident on February 10 when the car which Poe was driving collided with an automobile driven by Lt. Col. William Preston. Poe was charged with drunken driving.



W. HOWARD ROUP

### Nearby Test Farm Is Chosen; Plans For Work Studied

#### Several Officials Visit Farm To Discuss Possibilities Of Development

The State Test Farm at Transou has been selected for research for Turkish tobacco for the western part of the State, it was learned here this week.

This new department will be operated in connection with the experiments being carried on here under the Extension Department, of which John Wilkins, agronomist, is in charge. It was pointed out that the selection of research here was made because of the progress made in this area in the experiment.

In discussing the per acre average for all the counties, Wilkins said that the per-acre average for all counties in 1946, based on the nine acres contracted, came to 1,202 pounds. Multiplying this yield by the price the farmer received for his crop 75 cents a pound—the value per acre is \$901.50.

"The 18 acres designated to be planted in Western North Carolina in 1947 have been taken by farmers who made early requests," Wilkins said.

During the past week a number of officials have visited the test farm at Transou, discussing the various possibilities of the development of projects underway there. Among the visitors were F. E. Miller, director of N. C. Test Farms and Professor J. C. Pierce who is in charge of beef cattle and sheep research. Dr. Luther Shaw, USDA, burley tobacco specialist, of Waynesville, was also here in the interest of the burley

the interest of may drying. There is a possibility that some hay drying equipment may be secured for the farm soon.

All officials were pleased over the prospect of the proposed experimental work to be carried out this year.

There is a possibility that some of the work may be curtailed because of lack of funds available, it was learned.

### Caudill Hearing Set For March 8

#### Charged With Assault; Buster Murphy Wounded By His Brother In Stabbing

Warrants on the charge of assault were issued for two men this week and one arrest was made by Sheriff Glenn D. Richardson.

Clarence Caudill, of Sparta, who was reported to have assaulted his father, Philo Caudill, was arrested early Sunday morning and released on \$200 bond pending a hearing set for March 8. The hearing will be held before G. Glenn Nichols, justice of the peace.

Caudill was reported to have assaulted his father with a shovel.

A warrant was issued for Handy Murphy, of Ennice, who was reported to have stabbed his brother, Buster Murphy, with a pocket knife Saturday night. Buster is now undergoing treatment for his wounds in the Mt. Airy hospital. The Murphy brothers were reported to have been in an argument at the home of Kyle Higgins at the time of the assault.

Kyle Higgins, of Ennice, is being held in the county jail on the charge of possession of non-tax paid liquor.

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