

# Vocational Education Program Snagged By Lack Of Teachers

**Although Funds Were Provided by Legislature for Extended Program, Draft Intensifies Natural Shortage of Instructors.**

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HENDERSON, July 25.—The demand for more and better vocational training in North Carolina has now been clearly increased by the national emergency and the draft, but on the other hand the same emergency and program has presented vocational division leaders with more problems and difficulties than they have ever before faced.

T. E. Browne, head of the Tax Heat setup, is wringing his hands daily as he tries to remove or delay around the many obstacles which stand in the way of putting to the test the increased appre-

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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED  
FRANCHISE.**

Take notice that the City Council of Henderson, North Carolina, will vote on the granting of the following proposed franchise to the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company.

An Ordinance authorizing the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company to use the public streets of the City of Henderson, North Carolina, for the purpose of erecting, constructing, maintaining and operating lines of telephone and telegraph thereon and thereunder.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Henderson, North Carolina, that permission be and the same is hereby granted to the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, its successors and assigns, to erect and maintain lines of telephone and telegraph, including the necessary poles, fixture and electrical conductors upon above under and over the public roads, streets and highways of the City of Henderson, North Carolina, to carry telephone toll traffic and associated long distance service through said City and to carry such traffic from, to and through any local telephone exchange located in said City, provided that all poles shall be neat and symmetrical.

Section 2. The work of erecting poles and constructing underground conduits under this ordinance shall be done subject to the supervision of the City, and the Company shall replace or properly repair and repair any sidewalk or street that may be displaced by reason of such work, and upon failure of the Company to do after twenty days' notice, it writing, shall have been given by the Mayor of the City to the Company, the City may repair such portion of the sidewalk or street that may have been disturbed by the Company, and collect the cost so incurred from the Company.

Section 3. In consideration of the rights and privileges herein granted, the Company, when requested by the City, will designate and provide without cost to the City on each pole owned and used by the Company hereunder and during its ownership and use thereof, either (a) space for a fixture for, or (b) space for a crossarm for, the poles of the police and fire alarm signalling system of the City; provided, however, that no use shall be made by the City of said space on such poles which will result in interfering with or impairing the operation or use of the Company's property or service, or which will endanger, damage or injure the person or property of the public employees of the Company or City.

Section 4. The Company shall indemnify the City against, and assume all liabilities for, damages which may arise or accrue to the City for any injury to persons or property from the doing of any work herein authorized, or the neglect of the Company or any of its employees to comply with any ordinance regulating the use of the streets of the City, and the acceptance by the Company of this ordinance shall be an agreement by it to pay to the City any sum of money for which the City may become liable from or by reason of such injury.

Section 5. The Company shall file with the City Clerk of the City its acceptance of this ordinance within sixty days from the date when it shall take effect.

Section 6. Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed as a surrender by the City of its right or power to pass ordinances regulating the use of its streets.

Section 7. This ordinance shall be in force for a period of thirty (30) years from and after the date of its passage.

The said proposed franchise will be placed on first reading at a meeting of the City Council to be held at City Hall at 8 p. m., July 28, 1941; on second reading at a meeting to be held at City Hall at 8 p. m., August 25, 1941; and on third and final reading at a meeting to be held at City Hall at 8 p. m., September 22, 1941.

Proposed voted by this year's General Assembly.

The legislators saw their duty and voted about half a million dollars increase for each year of the current biennium and general expectations were that there would immediately follow an immediate expansion of the whole vocational program.

Everyone visioned more schools with teachers of vocational agriculture, more home economics instructors all over the state and a vastly broadened system of trade and industrial classes.

Mr. Browne reports that there

have been authorized some 50 additional teachers of vocational education, and corresponding increases in the economics and industrial training fields; but he offers no guarantee that when fall comes all these authorized classes will be organized and functioning.

Reason is the great difficulty in finding qualified teachers for the authorized classes. Grimly ironical is the fact that the federal government, which is urging all state agencies to cooperate in at least three important fields, is by its own action making it extraordinarily difficult for the state units to do so.

The President and other federal officials are urging the state to place particular emphasis on (1) the regular agricultural training program

which will play a big part in meeting the stepped up food production

of national defense, (2) the special food and food production program

launched and supported by the federal government and (3) the shop

training for defense programs

for which Congress has appropriated approximately \$15,000,000.

Now then, while urgently asking all states to cooperate in making these three programs effective, the federal government, through the draft program, is stepping right in and making it tough for the states to do it.

Mr. Browne says there is a remarkable lack of unity among North Carolina local draft boards in the matter of deferring draft contestants essential to carrying out the three programs upon which so much stress is laid. Every single one of them demands teachers of vocational agriculture. Yet some boards defer these teachers, others will not.

The governor and the adjutant general are powerless to remedy the matter, because the draft law specifically prohibits any exemption of deferment for any particular class of workers. Each case must stand on its individual merits, with the result that exactly opposite rulings are often made by draft boards acting on practically identical facts.

So almost daily the division of vocational education gets the news that some trained, experienced teacher of vocational agriculture must quit and report for military service. Which might not be so bad if it

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## Dog Hero Saves 2



Harold Smith, 11, of Memphis, Tenn., is shown with "Poochie," the dog that pulled Harold and another boy from the Mississippi River when they were on the verge of drowning. The boys were in a party of ten that fell into a deep hole while wading. Two of the lads were drowned.

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were not for the fact that Mr. Browne and his aides perennially face an almost insurmountable difficulty in the matter of salaries paid the vocational teachers.

The starting salary under the state schedule is \$1,440 per year; and Mr. Browne points to the difficulty of getting the men he wants at this figure when they can secure much more from other agencies which require no higher degree of training.

For instance, he cites the FSA, which pays \$1,800 as the starting salary for trained agriculture teachers.

Even the state Extension service has openings as assistant county agents at \$1,600 a year.

It logically follows that the vocational division cannot get the men it wants, and cannot get any at all until the full requirements of the FSA, the extension service and other agencies have been satisfied.

Most other Southern states also pay more than North Carolina for their vocational teachers, Mr. Browne said, and there's an added angle of competition for services. Daily there are reports of some North Carolina teacher resigning to take a place in Virginia or of some recent graduate refusing a Tar Heel offer because he can get more in the Old Dominion.

What's true of the agriculture teacher is equally true of home economics and trades instructors. The latter class, in particular, presents a big problem right now.

Mr. Browne pointed out that there now exist about 3 vacancies for trade and industry teachers; but asked rhetorically how he can get them for about \$1,200 a year, when those qualified for the posts can go to Newport News any day and get shipbuilding jobs which pay ten to twelve dollars a day, with steady overtime and much overtime.

Well, why not train enough technicians at North Carolina State College to provide a big reservoir in which to draw? That's a question Mr. Browne said is asked him continually, particularly by legislators when the matter of vocational training is being studied in the General Assembly.

The answer is easy. Young men entering State know full well that on graduation as trained vocational teachers they cannot expect to make much more than a hundred dollars a month, if that much, while the same effort and study will qualify them in the engineering field where even starting salaries are almost double that sum.

All in all, the situation is not one over which to yet enthusiastic, but Mr. Browne and his fellow workers in the vocational field are far from down-hearted. They go on the theory that their aims and objectives are so obviously vital that the whole problem can and will be worked out in the end.

The people, they feel, are going to demand a well considered, well-ordered and rounded program of vocational education and will, in the end, get it.

**W. H. WALTERS DIES  
AT HOME IN OXFORD**

Oxford, July 25.—Funeral services for W. H. Walters, who died at his home yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, will be held in Oxford this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Survivors include his wife, the former Viola Jones; his mother, Mrs. Kate Walters of LaGrange; three sons, Sidney J. of Winston-Salem; William H. of Leecoochee, Fla., and John D. of Oxford; three sisters, Mrs. Lloyd Davis of Ayden, Mrs. G. L. McWhorne of LaGrange, and Mrs. W. R. Henderson of Richmond, Va.; our brothers, D. H. of Kinston, H. L. of Columbia, S. C., R. N. of Warren, and N. H. of Durham.

## Softball Net Tonight For War Plane

Net proceeds from the double header softball game at the fair grounds park tonight will be turned over to the Old North State Fund being raised locally as a quota for the State fund for purchase of a \$75,000 ambulance airplane to be donated to the British people.

Games to be played are both on the regular schedule and will be between the Home Guards and Big Star in the first contest, and Western Auto and Rose in the second.

Mr. J. M. Peace, chairman of the campaign, said today the Old North State Fund committee was anxious that a large crowd attend in order to make the receipts as large as possible.

Mrs. Peace expressed appreciation of the work being done by the co-ordinated workers. She also said that owing to the fact that some of the workers on the committee had been absent from the city it had been impossible to get around to all parts of the territory assigned workers, and for that reason the soliciting will be extended into next week.

## Standings

CITY SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Club	W.	L.	Pct.
North Henderson	13	5	.733
Rose	17	5	.773
Hosery Mill	15	3	.652
Gro-Ameo	14	9	.609
Western Auto	13	9	.591
Home Guard	5	17	.237
Watkins	5	18	.217
Big Star	3	19	.136

## PIEDMONT LEAGUE

Club	W.	L.	Pct.
Durham	48	33	.593
Portsmouth	49	39	.557
Norfolk	44	42	.512
Charlotte	42	41	.506
Richmond	42	42	.500
Asheville	41	42	.494
Greensboro	37	35	.451
Winston-Salem	32	51	.336

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

Club	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	62	23	.639
Cleveland	53	39	.576
Boston	47	43	.522
Chicago	45	46	.495
Philadelphia	42	47	.472
Detroit	43	50	.462
Washington	34	53	.391
St. Louis	34	54	.336

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

Club	W.	L.	Pct.
St. Louis	59	31	.656
Brooklyn	53	31	.652
Cincinnati	47	40	.540
Pittsburgh	44	40	.524
New York	44	40	.524
Boston	35	52	.402
Philadelphia	21	65	.244

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Asheville	Norfolk

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