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State Teacher Allotment Allows Ashe County New Teachers; 8 More Buses

Slight Increase in Salaries Also Also Indicated; County to Get New School Buses

23,584 TEACHERS APPROVED

The state school commission in Raleigh has approved allotments of 23,584 teachers to schools in North Carolina. The figure was an increase of three over total original and additional allotments made for the 1935-36 term.

Officials of the commission predicted additional appointments, to be made in some special cases, may swell the increase to 100 before December 1.

New Teachers and Buses

Ashe county, the figures show, has been allotted 183 teachers which is six more than the 177 teachers allowed for 1935-36. County Superintendent J. Ivan Miller is very much pleased with the added number and states that the attendance, on which the allotment is based, last winter would have been even better had the severe weather not cut it down.

Mr. Miller, it is understood, has arranged to get eight new buses for the county. Each new bus that the county gets makes transportation for the children safer.

The Raleigh meetings have also indicated that salaries will get a slight raise, probably amounting to five percent over the depression figures.

Attendance and Allotments Increase

Average daily high school attendance increased from 139,349 in 1934-35 to 147,101 in 1935-36, but attendance in elementary schools dropped from 622,256 to 612,834, total attendance was 761,604 in 1934-35 compared to 759,935 in 1935-36.

The largest attendance drop was in rural elementary schools, where many children were forced to miss classes because of the severe winter.

The board at its meeting in Raleigh decided to spend \$1,036,000 for plant operation during the 1936-37 school term, a slight increase over the \$1,015,000 allotted in 1935-36.

A total of \$1,763,000 was earmarked for use in school transportation during the coming term, a decrease from the \$1,771,000 used in 1935-36.

School libraries will receive \$27,000, compared to \$23,000 during the last term.

The board allotted \$6,000,000 for the salaries and expenses of superintendents, an increase of \$20,000 over the 1935 appropriation.

The only other major item to come from the \$20,900,000 school fund appropriated by the 1935 general assembly is teachers' salaries.

Jefferson Recital Will Be Given by Miss Emily Worth

Miss Emily Worth, of Jefferson, graduate student of the Spoken English and Dramatic Art Department of Greensboro College will present a recital Friday evening, July 24, at 8:15 o'clock. On her program, Miss Worth will recite an original arrangement in three parts of "The Scarlet Letter," by Nathaniel Hawthorne.

The recital is sponsored by and for the benefit of the Jefferson Epworth League of the Methodist church. Place of the program will be announced later.

FUNERAL HELD FOR RUTH MULLIS AT M. E. CHURCH

Funeral services were held for Ruth Mullis, aged 21, at the West Jefferson Methodist Church Tuesday morning. The deceased who is reported to have mistakenly drunk wood alcohol, was a daughter of the late "Big" Roby Mullis, and a graduate of the local high school. She is survived by a number of sisters and one brother.

Judge Oglesby Dies in Charlotte Hospital Monday

Judge Scheduled to Preside Over July Term of Court in Ashe Victim of Appendicitis

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon in Concord for Judge John M. Oglesby, aged 49, who died Monday night in a Charlotte hospital following an operation for appendicitis. Acute peritonitis followed the operation and resulted in death.

Judge Oglesby is known in this county where he has presided over court, and he was scheduled to hold the July term which convenes on Monday, 27th.

Judge Oglesby's grandmother was a Reeves and through her he was related to Dr. Reeves, of this city.

Mrs. Oglesby, the former Miss Sara Josephine Hudgins of Marion, and three young daughters, Josephine, Sara Montgomery and Ann Christian Oglesby were with him at the end.

Judge Oglesby was appointed by Governor August W. McLean in April, 1925, to the superior court bench upon the death of Judge B. F. Long of Statesville. He was the son of the late Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Oglesby, and was born in Mount Pleasant March 31, 1887. He was educated at Trinity Park school and Randolph Macon college and studied law at the Chattanooga College of Law and the University of North Carolina, receiving his law degree from the former institution.

Prior to entering the law profession, Judge Oglesby was engaged for several years in newspaper work. He started his journalistic career on The Concord Times and later became city editor of The Concord Tribune when that newspaper was purchased by the late J. B. Sherrill. Later he was associated with The Roanoke Times, Atlanta Constitution and Chattanooga Times.

In 1916 Judge Oglesby resigned as city editor of The Tribune and enlisted as a private in Company I, First North Carolina infantry, and served on the Mexican border with the Carolina troops. During the World War he served in the Marine Corps, and after the war began his legal practice in Concord.

Mr. Oglesby was active in many civic and military organizations, especially in the affairs of the American Legion. He was a member of the Marine Corps League of America, Delta Theta Phi legal fraternity and a former president of the Cabarrus Country club.

Number in Jail in June Sets Record

Deputy Burkett States That He Cannot Praise Conduct of the People

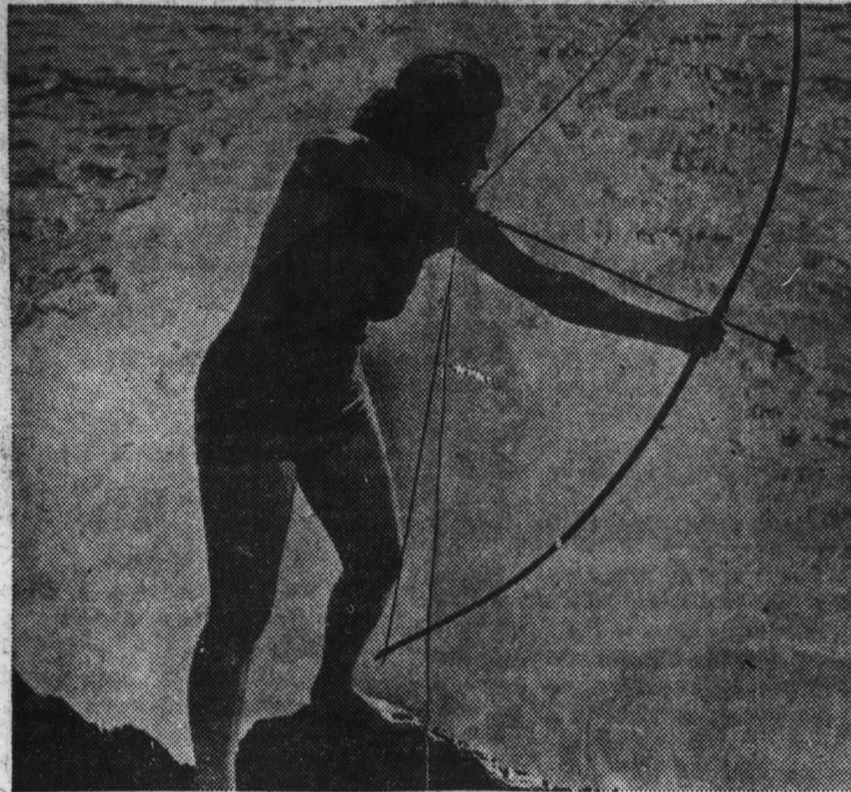
Deputy-sheriff David Burkett, Ashe county jailer, reveals the fact that the number lodged in the jail during June set an all-high record for all the time Sheriff H. M. Miller has been in office and, as far as Mr. Burkett can ascertain, for all time. Sixty-one offenders of the law were jailed during June.

Mr. Burkett says that this high number does not speak very loudly for the good conduct of the people but that he feels it is a compliment to the deputies in the county and to their attention to their duties.

The electric storm in West Jefferson Saturday evening blew out several fuses in residences and in one instance lightning caused light bulbs to burst.

Rev. Mr. Campbell, of the Union Baptist Church, baptised a number of converts at New River Sunday morning.

Primitive Fishing Sport Is Revived



Going back to the primitive sport of fishing with a bow and arrow, Miss Mary Todd is pictured fishing for bass at Santa Monica, Calif. A steel tip arrow with a long cord to retrieve the fish is used.

Nation Sweltered in Heat During Last Week With Over 1,500 Dead

Dick to Preach in Chautauqua Here

Beginning July 21 and Lasting Two Weeks Services Will Be Conducted

"All thoughtful people of the community," announces Rev. John W. Luke, "will be interested to learn of the coming to this city of Rev. F. Marion Dick. Mr. Dick, of Greensboro, N. C., is one of the outstanding young evangelists of the Presby-



REV. F. MARION DICK

terian church. During a series of services recently held at New River, both young and old heard him with profit."

The evening services, at which Mr. Dick will preach, according to Mr. Luke's announcement, will begin at 8 o'clock on July 21 and continue through August 2. Mr. Luke will lead the song services which will precede the sermons. All people of all denominations are given a cordial invitation.

During the two weeks, a Bible School for children and young people will be conducted. A splendid program is being planned and a good group of workers has been secured. The school will begin each morning at nine o'clock and last until eleven-thirty. The children and young people of the community are especially invited to attend.

Cal Barker Hurt in Sunday Quarrel

Cal Barker was carried to the Wilkes Hospital Sunday afternoon suffering from a head wound allegedly inflicted by Rash Miller who, during a quarrel, threw a rock at Barker. The blow took effect on Barker's skull.

It is reported that the quarrel came about following a discussion of the death of Luther Miller and the subsequent trial in which Rash Miller was held and then dismissed.

Rain in West Brings Hope to Parching Land; Friday Hottest Day Here

Over 1,500 were reported dead throughout the nation last week as a result of the heat wave that covered the entire United States and extended into Canada. Losses from drought which was estimated to be over three hundred million dollars, continued to grow even after cooling rains fell in many of the Western states after a burning, blistering drought of several weeks duration.

Millions on sun baked farms of the drought states of the northwest and more sweltering millions in cities and town of the north central states were cheered by the statement of Forecaster J. R. Lloyd.

"Definite indications of a break up in the heat in the northwest are seen.

"A new mass of cool air from the northern Pacific is moving over the north Rocky mountain region—Idaho, Montana and Wyoming, causing showers and cooler weather in that section."

A few hours later the Chicago weather office said the cooling temperatures had reached western Idaho and as far south as western Colorado.

Corn Crops May Be Saved
Weather forecasters, however, saw that much of the corn crop of the nation might yet be saved if the rains became more general, or if rain came within the next week. This forecast cheered millions of farmers.

Friday Hottest Day Here
Joe Worth, official weather reporter for the government, announced this week that Friday was the hottest day of the summer in Jefferson. The government thermometer registered, on that day, ninety-two and one-half in the shade.

Parts of the county have had much more rain than other parts, but no direct suffering has been reported, and the section in and around the Jeffersons has been fortunate enough to not suffer any from drought.

Relief Jobs Provided
Mr. Roosevelt, reviewing government activities to alleviate distress in the emergency regions, announced that 16,500 cropless farmers already were at work on Federal jobs in the drought zone, authorized were 75,000 more. The AAA again modified the soils conservation program to increase the supplies of feed crops in the north central region.

The President approved another relief measure—for Washington government offices workers. With the mercury at 103 and still climbing, department heads were granted permission to send their staffs home whenever necessary because of the heat.

County Superintendent J. Ivan Miller is leaving this week for a tour of Washington, D. C. Mr. Miller expects to take ten or twelve school boys with him. The trip will be an educational one.

Farmers Should Take Advantage of Soil Project

County Agent Estimate That the County Could Benefit by \$40,000 or More

(C. J. RICH, County Agent)
Ashe County farmers could earn \$40,000 or more. The new Soil Conservation Program makes provision for every farmer, no matter how few acres he owns, to earn at least \$10 for carrying out certain soil building practices. (Things that improve his soil).

There are, according to 1935 census figures, 4,061 farmers in Ashe county. If 4,000 of these farmers were to earn \$10 each, that would be \$40,000 coming into the county to help improve our soils. No one doubts but what that amount would certainly help in liming, phosphating, and seeding to clovers and grasses many of our acres.

Be sure that you drop into the county agent's office in the lodge building in Jefferson or see your township committeeman and fill out a work sheet so that you will be in position to ask for your payment this fall.

The following men have been appointed to act as members of the Community Committee in their respective townships.

Pond Mountain—Bryan Davis, Fig. Harrigan—Fred Blevins, Tuckerdale.

Laurel—Emmit Oliver, Fig. Helton—Bryan Pennington Sturgills.

Grassy Creek—G. D. Cox, Grassy Creek.

Piney Creek—Emory Tucker, Tuckerdale.

Creston—V. C. Lillard, Creston. Clifton—J. C. Little, Clifton.

Elk—R. B. Brown, Todd. Pine Swamp—H. H. Lemley, Fleetwood.

Walnut Hill—J. R. Phipps, Jefferson.

Chestnut Hill—J. B. Pierce, Grassy Creek.

Peak Creek—Will Transou, Laurel Spring.

Obids—J. C. Crawford, Obids. Committeemen for Horse Creek, North Fork, Old Fields, West Jefferson, and Jefferson townships have not yet been chosen.

There will be a meeting of these committeemen Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock at the Jefferson school building. It is very important that the committeemen attend this meeting. It will require about one-half a day's time for which they will be paid.

Second Series of Meetings to Finish This Week

The second series of meetings on the Soil Conservation Program is coming to a close this week, the last two meetings being held on Friday in Jefferson and West Jefferson. The meeting in West Jefferson is to be in the gymnasium at 8:00 o'clock, Friday night. The one in Jefferson is at the school building at 2:00 o'clock Friday afternoon.

The interest continues to be good this week in the meetings. As farmers learn more about the program they seem to appreciate it more. But remember, in order to derive benefits from the program you must fill out a work sheet. These sheets may be filled out either in the county agent's office in Jefferson, in your community with your committeemen, or at one of the community meetings.

Other Meetings Scheduled
Five other meetings have been scheduled for next week.

Little Helton school, Tuesday, July 21, 2:00 p. m.

Baldwin, Bethany church, Wednesday, July 22, 9:30 a. m.

Mill Creek school, Wednesday, July 22, 2:00 p. m.

Idlewild, Thursday, July 23, 9:30 a. m.

Obids, Thursday, July 23, 2:00 u. m.

PEAK CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ENJOYING REVIVAL

Excellent preaching and good attendance have marked the revival that is being held at Peak Creek Presbyterian Church by Rev. J. H. Henderson, of Spartanburg, S. C.

An interesting feature of the meeting last Sunday was a visit from the Obids choir and the many good selections they gave.

Band Instructor Arrives; Holds First Practice

Promoters Pleased With Good Response; All Interested Invited to Join

J. G. Ingram from Mississippi, has arrived in West Jefferson and already begun on his work of organizing and instructing a brass band for the county. The band is being sponsored by the American Legion Post in Ashe.

Mr. Ingram was well pleased, as were the band supporters here, at the good attendance at the first practice held the first of the week. Sixteen men were present and twelve of them had suitable instruments. All persons who would like to take advantage of this instruction are asked to get in touch with Mr. Ingram and make arrangements to join. The band will be run on the idea of always having room for one more, according to a statement by one of the officials.

The Legion is sponsoring a minstrel on which practice has already begun and which will be given at an early date. The proceeds will be used for band funds.

Anxious to Have Names of Blind

Winston-Salem Woman Has Information for Those Wishing to Attend Clinic

The North Carolina State Commission for the Blind, writes Mrs. Hattie Price Starling, of Winston-Salem, in a communication to The Skyland Post, is a state department especially designed for the welfare and help of the blind. The commission is holding a free clinic in Raleigh during August for the treatment of the eyes. Anyone in the state who is unable to secure proper treatment is entitled to this service, free.

To secure this service, the one wishing it should apply to their local welfare department at once for information, or write Mrs. Hattie Price Starling, 619 S. Marshall St., Winston-Salem, N. C. Mrs. Starling has been appointed to take a survey of this district and she states that the time is limited to get into the clinic and that application should be made at once.

To enter the clinic, one much be unable to pay for his treatment in any other way. He must have an examination by his local physician, and the proper blanks filled out.

Mrs. Starling points out that there have been many successful treatments of folks who would have been blind but for the clinic treatment. Out of forty-three examined on June 15th, thirty could not be helped because their cases had reached such an advance stage. Others have been helped, and are able to go about their duties when they were previously not able to get around without being led.

Mrs. Starling is anxious for anyone knowing any person suffering from eye disorder, even slight, to send in his name and address to her, at once, as the commission has other things to offer besides the clinic, such as machinery and equipment for those who wish to start in business for themselves.

Wilkes and Ashe counties have had no complete survey made of their blind and Mrs. Starling will appreciate any help the public in these counties can give her in this humane movement.

Local Baptists to Build Pastorium

Work is beginning at once on the erection of a pastor's home in this city for the West Jefferson Baptist Church. A lot on the street occupied by the residences of H. R. Vannoy and Charles McNeill has been bought and plans for the building are now ready to be executed.

Rev. W. T. Whittington, pastor, says that the new residence will have five rooms, and it will measure something like 28 by 32, complete.

Mr. H. H. Burgess, county tax supervisor, states that work on the tax books is progressing nicely.