

Churches Ask To Aid Polio Fund, Sunday

Wildlife Bill Is Before Solons; Other Measures

Transportation, Fireworks, Agricultural Census, Veterans Considered

By Staff Writer
 Raleigh—(Special)—A variety of legislation ranging from fireworks to the separation of the game and fish division from the department of conservation, which literally brought on fireworks is before the N. C. Legislature this week.

The North Carolina Wildlife Federation, which claims 18,000 members, had legislation introduced into the General Assembly Wednesday to divorce the Division of Game and Inland Fisheries from the State Department of Conservation and Development.

At the concluding session of the two-day annual meeting Tuesday, federationists re-elected P. K. Gravelly, of Rocky Mount, president for next year, and leaders who asked that their names not be used said their sponsored separation bill would be dropped in hoppers in both houses today.

Their divorce bill, which calls for the creation of a nine-man commission to assume all duties relating to game and fish, was circulated among legislators, and the federation's legislative committee says it now has the signatures of 61 House members and 14 Senators.

Insurance Changes

Proposed legislation to revamp North Carolina's insurance laws ran into a storm of opposition at a hearing here Tuesday.

More than a score of spokesmen for banks, insurance companies, building and loan associations, mortgage loan firms and realtors enthusiastically picked alleged flaws in proposed bills drafted by the Commission on Revision of the North Carolina Insurance Laws.

Principal opposition was aimed at proposals which would, in effect, eliminate group-insurance coverage of members of professional associations without a common employer and stop the writing of so-called "controlled" insurance business.

Views of the controversial matters was aired at a public hearing conducted by the revision commission and attended by about 100 persons. Presiding over the hearing was Dean R. H. Wattach of the University of North Carolina Law School, chairman of the revision commission.

The commission met last night (Continued on Page 4)

James R. Welch Buried On Sunday

Funeral service for James R. Welch, 71, of Lansing, was held Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at the Long Branch Missionary Baptist church. Burial was in the church cemetery with Rev. H. M. Winkler officiating.

Mr. Welch, who had been in ill health for sometime, died at his home on Friday.

Survivors include his wife, Leeener Ham Welch, three daughters, Mrs. Harrison Blackburn, of Bina, Mrs. Vance Ham and Mrs. Doran Lynch, of Lansing; one son, Earl Welch, of Lexington. Also surviving are two brothers, Monroe Welch, of Clifton; Robert Welch, of Lansing; four sisters, Mrs. Rebecca Elliott and Miss Mary Welch, of Lansing, Mrs. James Hart, of Darlington, Md., Mrs. Freeland Blevins, of Whetop, Va.; eleven grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Five County Men Are Discharged

Five Ashe county men were discharged from the U. S. Army through the local draft board, it was announced this week by Samuel L. Davis, local clerk.

Those discharged were: James E. Ham, of Tuckerdale; Albert W. Bowlin, of Glendale Springs; Hobart L. Bare, of Wagoner; Clifford H. Hoosier, of Sly, and William H. Luther, of Todd.

GOING TO MEXICO



President Truman, above, will fly to Mexico early in March for a visit with President Miguel Aleman, the White House has announced.

Ashe Schools Are Invited To Enter Spelling Contest

Journal-Sentinel Will Again Sponsor Big Event For Schools Of This Area

B. H. Duncan, Superintendent of Ashe county schools this week received an invitation along with other school officials in this area to take part in an annual Journal-Sentinel Spelling Bee.

Elimination contests are held in each county and the champions go to Winston Salem for the finals.

Last year, young Louis Craft of the Lewisville school system was the winner in the Journal and Sentinel contest, earning a trip to Washington, D. C., participation in the National Spelling Bee, and a chance at fame and fortune.

The winner and his or her escort will be sent to the Capitol City to compete with State winners from all over the country, at (Continued on Page 4)

Mother Of P. G. Wright Dies In Va.

Mrs. Flora Parker, of Damascus, Virginia, died at her home there Friday morning at the age of 81, following a brief period of serious illness. She was the mother of P. G. Wright, of West Jefferson. Mr. and Mrs. Wright were at her bedside at the time of her death. In addition to Mr. Wright she is survived by one daughter, Miss Hope Parker, of the home.

Funeral service was held at Damascus on Saturday afternoon.

V-C Girls And West Jefferson Boys Still Lead County Teams

Virginia-Carolina girls and West Jefferson boys continue to hold the top bracket among the county teams, with each chalking up another victory this week. In Tuesday's game the border state girls ran up a score of 51-13 over their opponents from Elkland.

Interest continues to run high with unusually good attendance. The scores for Tuesday's games as reported are as follows:

BOYS
 Jefferson, 30, Nathan's Creek, 25; Virginia-Carolina, 24, Elkland, 20; West Jefferson 37, Fleetwood 24.

GIRLS
 Jefferson, 28, Nathan's Creek, 14; Virginia-Carolina, 51, Elkland, 13; Fleetwood, 24; West Jefferson, 14.

The results of the Lansing-Healing Springs games were not available.

Schedule
 The schedule for Tuesday is as follows:
 Nathan's Creek at Elkland.
 Healing Springs at W. Jefferson.

County Finals In Conservation Contest, Today

County Winners To Get Prizes; To Enter Group Contest Feb. 13

J. T. Mc Laurin, soil conservationist announced this week that the county finals in the Soil Conservation Speaking Contest would be held at the community building this afternoon, when representatives from six high schools will compete, beginning at 1:30. The public is cordially invited to attend.

A total of three prizes will be awarded locally. First prize of \$25.00 to be given by the First National Bank; second, of \$15.00, by Belk's; third of \$10.00, by Kraft Foods.

The winner in the county contest will go to North Wilkesboro for the group contest on February 13. And the winner here will go to Elkin on February 20 for the finals. Here the contestants will compete for \$350 in savings bonds and a trip to the annual convention of the State Bankers Association at Asheville, according to a recent announcement by J. Frank Doggett, Soil Conservationist for State College Extension Service.

The students, winners in seven district elimination contests, will be judged in the finals by Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, Raleigh; Dr. Jane S. McKimmon, former assistant director of the State College Extension Service; Dr. R. W. Cummings, State College Agronomy head; Mr. Gurney P. Hood, state commissioner of banks; and Mr. M. G. Mann, Cotton Growers Co-operative.

Doggett said that the contest began October 1 in 45 counties of the state, and is sponsored by the State Bankers Association. The Association's convention, to which the state winner will receive an expense-paid trip, will be held May 29 and 30.

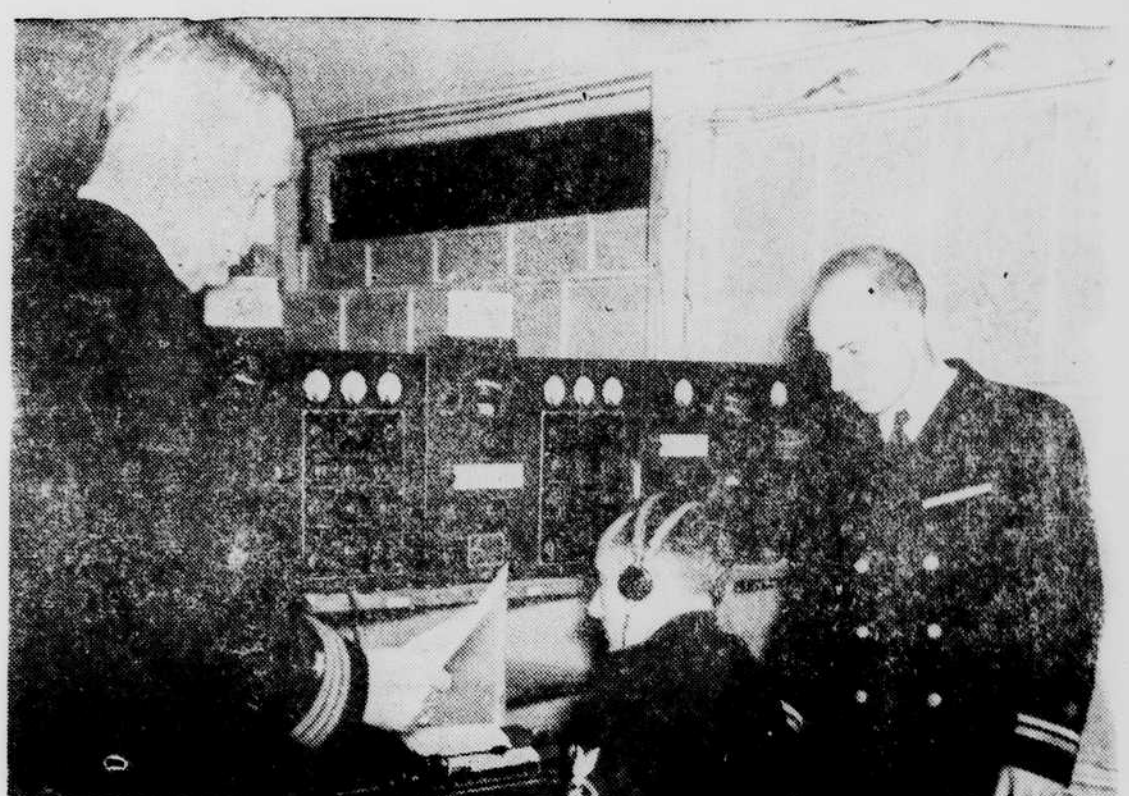
Ashe Bldg. & Loan Has A Good Year

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Ashe Building and Loan, on Monday night, the statement submitted by the secretary-treasurer, Glenn B. Graybeal shows that considering conditions the association had enjoyed a good year.

The stockholders elected the same directors and the directors are W. E. Vannoy, W. B. Tribble, J. L. Segraves, J. K. Hunter, J. G. Rhodes, Glenn B. Graybeal, R. R. Badger, J. L. Segraves is president, W. B. Tribble, vice-president and Glenn B. Graybeal, secretary-treasurer.

A new series of stock is opened every three months and installment stock is being accepted at any time, Mr. Graybeal said.

Navy May Establish Radio Unit In County



An Electronic Drill of Naval Reservists at the Charleston Naval Base in S. C. is pictured here. A similar setup will be used by Reserve Electronics Companies and Platoons in communities where they are established. Left to right are Commander Thomas I. Dean, Chief Radioman Rex C. Wiggs (from Warsaw, N. C.) and Lieutenant Roy C. Heavner (from Landrum, S. C.).

All AAA Reports Must Be In Before Feb. 15 For Credit

Failure To Make Reports On 1946 Practices May Prove Costly To Farmers

It was announced this week by G. Melvin Campbell, secretary to the AAA committee, that all farmers participating in the 1946 AAA program must get their reports in before February 15. He explained that it would be necessary to report all of those to the state office and place them on the register of indebtedness who had not made their reports by that date.

It was also pointed out that it would be necessary to charge the producer twice the original cost of the material not reported. This means that any future payments due the producer would be taken to pay for the unused material and that no new material could be delivered to the producer until the unreported material is paid for, it was reported.

By making the report now lime and phosphate that has not been spread can be transferred to the 1947 program at no extra charge to the farmers, Mr. Campbell stated.

"Be sure to come in and make this report, or if it is not convenient you may write in stating (Continued On Page 4)

All-Star Games Are Well Attended

Much interest was shown in the all-star games played in the Jefferson gymnasium on Saturday night, the proceeds of which went to aid in the Infantile Paralysis Fund Drive.

In the first game the undefeated Crumpler team handed Jefferson a defeat by a score of 38-18.

In the second game, Riverview and West Jefferson clashed, with Riverview winning by a score of 20-18.

The losers of the first two games played in the third game with West Jefferson defeating Jefferson with a score of 28-20.

In the final game the winners of the first two games met with Crumpler defeating Riverview by a score of 17-13.

Proceeds of the game netted a total of \$73.38.

Hunting Season Closes On Friday

Attention is called to the fact that tomorrow, January 31, the hunting season officially closes. District Game Protector, Walter F. Edmisten, of Boone, pointed out that sportsmen as well as land owners must cooperate for the protection of wildlife.

Sunday Schools And Churches Asked For Gifts

County-Wide Observance Is Called For; T. E. Parker Is Chairman

All churches in Ashe county are asked to aid in the fight against infantile paralysis, by taking a special collection on Sunday to help raise the county's quota of \$2650.

T. E. Parker, chairman of this special day observance said that he hoped either in the Sunday school or the church service a special collection would be taken at each church and sent in to the county chairman, W. Glenn Little.

Leaders pointed out because of the close relation of the work with the teaching of Christ they felt that all churches would cooperate. The county has a quota of \$2650, and reports yesterday afternoon reveal that only \$1575 has been raised.

Individuals and others who have not sent in their contributions are asked to do so at once.

The following contributions not previously announced are listed here:

- Firestone Store, Ray Drug Co., W. J. Food Center, Blackburn's Store, Vannoy Furn. Co., \$25.00 each.
- Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home, \$20.00.
- Colvard Oil Co., Burgess Furn. Co., \$15.00 each.
- Bruce Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gambill, Worth Shepherd, Mrs. Irene S. King, Roger Holman, M. G. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Ray, E. O. Woodie, J. L. Segraves, Paul J. Thomas, \$10.00 each.
- Robert Colvard, \$8.00. O. R. Young, \$6.00.
- G. E. Kilby, E. B. Shepherd, Walter Phillips, James Tucker, Smith Eggers, George W. Shepherd, Ray Sturgill, W. A. Campbell, J. T. Sturgill, Duvall's Grocery, I. M. Cook's Store, Dr. Bruce Porter, Carl W. Blevins, W. B. Oliver, Rev. W. E. Denny, Fred N. Colvard, John W. Knox, Wiley Burgess, R. D. Houck, Mr. (Continued on Page 4)

Ed Eller Heads Legion Post 275

Other Officers Named; Recreation Room Now Open To Public

Officers for the new year were named at the meeting of the Lansing Post 275 of the American Legion at the Legion hall last Wednesday night. Chosen as commander was Ed Eller, to succeed Ray Blevins.

Other officers named were Frank James, first vice-commander; Ed Ham, second vice-commander; Ray Powers, adjutant; Tom Goss, sergeant at arms; Walter Osborne, chaplain; Ray Blevins, historian.

The public is reminded that the Legion hall will be open each Tuesday from 4:00 p. m. until 10:00 p. m. and on each Sunday from 2:00 to 7:00. All those desiring recreation are welcome to visit there, it was pointed out.

The next meeting of the Lansing post will be held Wednesday, February 5. Following the next meeting new members will be initiated.

Rifles are being secured for the legion, it was stated, and they are expected to be here at an early date.

Fri. Is Deadline For License Tags

The public is again reminded that 1947 license tags must be on all automobiles by Friday, or a penalty will be imposed. Patrolman D. A. Houston stated this week. He said that if a car owner has his license and does not have them on his car, that does not excuse him from the penalty. Patrolman Houston also warned the public to have all equipment checked, as more than a dozen persons were arrested during the week end for improper equipment and fighting.

County May Get Naval Reserve Electronic Unit If Enough Interest Is Shown By Citizens

Reports Reveal Progress Made By FHA Families

Naval Reserve Electronic Companies and Platoons are being organized throughout the Sixth Naval District and at present companies in Columbia, S. C., and Charlotte, N. C., have been activated. Weekly drills are now being conducted every Thursday evening at eight o'clock, with Headquarters Sixth Naval District (NAO-7) acting as master control station. The primary frequency for these drills is 2792 KC's and 2656 KC's is the secondary.

Lieutenant Commander H. M. Kennickell, of Winston-Salem, Naval Reserve Representative for this area announced today that West Jefferson may get a local unit if sufficient interested personnel can be found.

The units will be primarily for those reservists who have had communication, radar and technical electronic experience, however there will be openings for those interested in learning the electronic field.

The Electronic Warfare Companies and Platoons will participate in drills with each other and with the organized Reserve when the Reserve Armories are completed. In the meantime equipment (Continued on Page 4)

Proposed Board Is Suggested

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Democratic party held on Saturday afternoon at the courthouse the following were named to be recommended to the N. C. Legislature as a proposed county board of education: G. O. Burgess, West Jefferson; Clyde Houck, Todd; E. C. Francis, Helton; Arthur Rose, Glendale Springs, and Bradley Sturgill, Grassy Creek.

Skyland Post Wins Award For Editorial At N. C. Press Meet

The Skyland Post was presented a certificate of merit for second place among the weekly newspapers in North Carolina for the best editorial at the final meeting of the N. C. Press Association at Duke University last Friday. The presentation of awards was made by Gov. R. Gregg Cherry.

Contests in the various phases of classes of newspaper work in both daily and weekly papers are sponsored each year by the State Press Association. The editorial on which this paper was adjudged second place was "An Indictment," published November 21, dealing with the deplorable treatment of children by confining them to common jails. In the year that ended June 30, 58 of the State's 100 counties violated the statute by doing this.

Several other prizes were won by papers published by Ed M. Anderson. The Transylvania Times won first place among larger weeklies for general excellence and also for community service. Second place in general

Mrs. Osborne, 78, Succumbs At Fig

Funeral service for Mrs. Cora Osborne, 78, of Fig, was held on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Riverview Methodist church. Burial followed.

Mrs. Osborne, who died at her home at Fig on Friday, is survived by several children.