

File Answer To Land Co. Claim To Streets

More Funds Are Sought For Needy; May Cut Districts
Sick-Leave Pay For Teachers Sought; Mecklenburg Declaration Considered

By Staff Writer
 Raleigh—(Special)—An appropriation of \$200,000 during the coming biennium to assist counties of the State in aiding indigent persons between the ages of 18 and 65 was requested of the General Assembly's joint appropriation committee Tuesday by the State Board of Welfare.

Dr. Ellen Winston, State Welfare commissioner, in requesting the appropriation for a program of "general assistance" pointed out that the Advisory Budget commission has recommended appropriations totaling \$3,500,000 for old-age assistance and \$1,300,000 for aid to dependent children during the biennium.

The additional appropriation of \$200,000 was requested, Dr. Winston said, to aid county welfare departments in caring for a "great group of forgotten people"—those too old for aid for dependent children and those too young for old age assistance.

Sick Leave For Teachers
 North Carolina's public school teachers and principals, one of the few groups of State employees not now entitled to sick leave, had hopes of being able to draw checks for an annual 12-day period of compensated sick leave.

Representative N. F. Ransdell of Wake county introduced a bill Monday night which would give the school group this time for sickness. The teachers and principals would draw their full pay while sick for 12 days.

The present arrangement, under State Board of Education regulations requires a sick teacher or principal to pay \$5 a day for a substitute.

Mecklenburg Declaration
 A public hearing will be held at 9:30 a. m. today on a measure by Representative Dellinger, of Gaston, which would declare the truth of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

The measure would make it a legal fact that there was such a declaration; teachers could not doubt its truth in their classrooms; and books questioning its authenticity could not be taught.

Representative Stoney, of (Continued on page 4)

W. E. Vannoy, Jr. To Speak To Club

Rotarians Hear Alton Weaver, County Contest Winner, Last Week

Wade E. Vannoy, Jr. will be the guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Jeffersons Rotary Club tonight at the community building. Mr. Vannoy, who completed his studies at Wake Forest College last semester, will speak to the Rotarians on "The Purpose of Education." Dr. Dean C. Jones will be in charge of the program.

Alton Weaver first place winner in the county soil conservation contest, was guest speaker last Thursday when he spoke on "Why We Should Practice Soil Conservation." Glenna B. Graybeal introduced the speaker.

Immediately following the Rotary program, a moving picture film on approved methods of operating a Grade A dairy barn and milk processing plant will be shown farmers and dairymen who are urged to be present. A film on proper methods of handling food in restaurants will also be shown. The public is cordially invited.

Ashe, Alleghany Will Be On Air Sat.

Ashe and Alleghany counties will be given some publicity on the air, over WSJS, Winston-Salem on Saturday at 12:45 p. m. in connection with the regular program, "News of Northwest North Carolina. Representatives of The Skyland Post and the Alleghany News have been invited to be special guests.

Polio Fund Drive Is Nearing Quota; Want All Funds Reported

Churches, Schools And Individuals Are Asked To Turn In Funds Now

W. Glenn Little, chairman of the county drive to raise funds to fight infantile paralysis announced yesterday that a total of \$2,453.75 had been collected on the county's quota of \$2650, and asked that all schools, churches and individuals who have not turned in their collection, do so at once. Churches that failed to make a collection last Sunday are asked to do so this Sunday and turn this in on Monday.

Chairman Little said he was well pleased with the response of many and said that he was confident the quota could be made if final collections were turned in.

The following contributions have not been previously reported.

Ashe County Woman's Club, \$25.00.
 Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Graybeal, Zeb Witherspoon, \$15.00 each.
 Badger's Funeral Home, C. E. Segraves, Parkway Theatre, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Dent, Mr. and (Continued on Page 4)

Ashe Men Bound Over To Court In Fireworks Case

Hearing Held Before Parsons For Val Sheets And Frank Miller

In a hearing before Mayor C. O. Parsons, last Friday, two Glendale Springs men, Val Sheets and Frank Miller were bound over to superior court in connection with injury of Helen Bare, eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bare of the Glendale Springs Jefferson road. The bonds of the two young men were set at \$1,000.00 each.

The Bare child was painfully and seriously injured on Sunday December 15, while playing in the yard of her home near the river bridge.

According to the parents of the child the injury was believed to be sustained by a dynamite cap of some other explosive thrown from a passing car. She lost the sight on one eye, three fingers and sustained other injuries.

Bare and Sheets were among those passing at the time the child was injured, officers pointed out.

N. C. Soil Conservation Leaders



Here is a group of soil conservation leaders: Sitting, reading from left to right, Alonzo Edwards, Hookerton, past president; Herbert White, Caswell county, State president; E. B. Garrett, State Conservationist, SCS, Raleigh; Wade E. Eller, Ashe county, first vice-president; Hauley Poole, Moore county, second vice-president of the North Carolina Association of Soil Conservation District supervisors were elected recently at the state meeting held in Goldsboro.

Ashe County Men Finish Training At Fort Bragg



Pvt. James W. (Bud) King, left, Pvt. Wayne J. Wallace, center, and Pvt. Thomas E. Rash, right, have recently completed basic training at the Replacement Training Center, Fort Bragg. King is the son of Mrs. J. W. King, of Bina; Wallace is the son of Mrs. Alice Wallace, of Grassy Creek, and Rash is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Rash, of Milan. They were inducted last October.

Teachers Not To Get Emergency Pay In 6th Month

Some Delay In Handling Matter Is Announced By State Office

B. H. Duncan, county school superintendent, stated this week that teachers will not be given their emergency pay in the sixth month check as was expected.

In a letter received from Paul Reed, comptroller of the N. C. State Board of Education, Mr. Reed stated that vouchers would prior to February 25 throughout the state will not include the bonus voted recently by the legislature. The reason for the delay was that details of the payments have not as yet been worked out and therefore will not be available before February 25.

All teachers, Mr. Duncan pointed out according to instructions, will receive one-half of the bonus with their March checks.

Mr. Duncan stated that the reason for clarifying such statements was because some teachers were under the impression that they would receive their bonus this month.

Plans Underway For New Building

Plans are now being completed for an educational building to be added to the Smethport Methodist church, work which will begin as soon as materials are available, it was announced here this week.

The new addition will contain four rooms, a furnace will be installed in the church, and new pews will be purchased, as well as other repairs made, it was pointed out.

When completed, this will be the most modern building on the Warrensville charge and it is hoped that it will be completed by next winter, it was stated.

FIRE BREAKS OUT IN SERVICE STATION

The Lone Pine Service Station, just beyond Jefferson, caught fire yesterday morning about 11:30, although little damage was done.

The West Jefferson fire department was called out although the flames had been extinguished before they arrived on the scene.

Officials reported that the fire was probably caused when the stove pipe became too hot.

BASKETBALL GAMES POSTPONED TUESDAY

Several of the high school basketball games, scheduled for Tuesday night, were postponed because of the severe cold weather and the ice-covered highways. These are to be made up later.

The only games reported were between Healing Springs and West Jefferson. Healing Springs girls won by a score of 17-9 and the West Jefferson boys, 42-12.

Mercury Drops Below Zero As Cold Wave Strikes County; High Winds, Snow Flurries

County Winners Of Conservation Contest Named

Alton Weaver Winner Of First Place, Will Go To North Wilkesboro

Alton Weaver, of West Jefferson high school, was winner of the first place in the county soil conservation contest held last Thursday when six of the nine high schools were represented. Second place was captured by Zella Campbell, of Lansing, and third place by Ann Francis, of Jefferson.

Judges were R. E. Black, Alleghany county agent, Miss Clyde Fields, superintendent of schools of Alleghany county, Alton (Continued On Page 4)

Roby P. Lewis Buried Tuesday

Funeral service for Roby P. Lewis, 52-year old resident of West Jefferson who died at his home here Saturday, was held at the West Jefferson Baptist church Tuesday morning at eleven o'clock. Interment was in the family cemetery. Officiating was Rev. E. W. Powers, pastor.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Della Lewis, and four children, Dennis, Hester, Charlie and R. P. Lewis.

Boy Scout Week Is To Be Observed From February 7-13

Ashe county will join in with the rest of the country in the observance of Boy Scout Week, Feb. 7th to 13th on a nation-wide scale, says Dr. James E. West, Chief Scout of the Boy Scouts of America, and will be a great value to boys. Boy Scout Week, he says, emphasizes the romance and drama of Scouting.

In a statement for Boy Scout Week, marking the 37th anniversary of the original incorporation at Washington, D. C., Dr. West who was Chief Scout Executive from 1911 to 1943, says:

"Throughout the country Boy Scouts and their parents and friends are observing Boy Scout Week. Sometimes I am asked because of my long association with the Boy Scouts of America, starting in 1911, why Scout leaders place so much emphasis on this occasion.

"I always tell them that we do it because of its great value to boys. Very deliberately we developed the observance of this anniversary to create dramatic opportunities for boys to take part in a nation-wide celebration.

"From the start of Scouting we have conducted as a part of the program, spectacular features which create a desire on the part of boys to be Scouts.

"In our annual observance of Boy Scout Week we emphasize the romance and drama of Scouting in a way to impress boys and attract them to the program. We feel it desirable to do this annually because a new crop of boys of Scout age comes up each year. A new crop of boys does not absorb the experience of those who went before. We have to do it over and over again.

"I believe that the greatest responsibility that we as leaders in Scouting have today, as it has always been, is to think in terms of creating and maintaining an intense desire on the part of boys to be Scouts. The techniques of that are the techniques that we use in our Boy Scout Week observances.

"This is important not of course for the sake of mere number, but because of what Scout training means to the future citizens of America, because of the way in which Scouting does help boys to develop into men of character, trained for citizenship."

Not Due \$25,000 Answer States; Claims Denied

Plat Of Town On Public Records Is Cited By Representatives Of Town

West Jefferson town officials, last Friday, filed with the Clerk of Superior court a replication to the claim of the West Jefferson Land company filed earlier in the year claiming the town park and the streets and alleys and asking the sum of \$25,000.

In replying to each section of the claims previously filed by the land company, the replication calls attention to the fact that there is on record in the office of the register of deeds the plat of the town showing the location of the park and that some of the present town officials were at the original sale of the land company and recalled that banners were used dedicating the park.

It is also admitted that the land originally owned by the West Jefferson Land Company included the property in question for the park as well as streets and alleys, which the owners "in their own interest and for the purpose of promoting the sale of their property, dedicated to the use of the public and to said town." It further points out that land was similarly dedicated for religious and school purposes.

In summing up the replication the following is cited: "That the plaintiff respectfully contends that the defendants have no right in law or in equity to revoke their dedication of streets and alleys or to claim as compensation therefor the sum of \$25,000.00 or any other amount any more than the defendants have the right to revoke the dedication of the land in question."

Weapon Permits Must Be Secured

Mayor C. O. Parsons Asks The Cooperation Of Public

Mayor C. O. Parsons pointed out that he wished to remind the public of the law in regard to possession of firearms and public cooperation is asked in observing these laws.

According to the laws of North Carolina, no person is allowed to purchase a pistol before securing a permit. This also applies to the purchase of pump guns, bowie knives, dirks, daggers and metal knuckles. Before securing any of the above articles, it was pointed out, the purchaser must secure a permit from the clerk of the court of the county in which he resides.

This law does not apply to regular shotguns or rifles but it does to machine guns, sub-machine guns and automatic arms which can be fired more than 16 times and which must be listed with the clerk. Such weapons may be obtained by the clerk's permission by banks, merchants and other such businesses or by law enforcement officers, it was stated.

Machine guns or war relics or souvenirs should also be reported. Failure to obtain a permit before purchasing a pistol is punishable by a maximum fine of \$200 and a minimum sentence of six months, or both, it was pointed out.

The cooperation of all citizens who plan to purchase firearms is urged.

J. D. Jones Buys Grocery Store

J. D. Jones, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Jones has purchased Yoder's grocery store here and is now operating it.

The new store, Jay Dee's, gets the name from the initials of the new owner. While he is one of the town's youngest merchants, he is experienced in the business, having worked with his father as well as at Davidson's. J. D. announced that he would carry a complete line of staple and fancy groceries, fresh fruits and vegetables and dairy and poultry feed.