

## Red Cross Campaign Fund Drive Opens Saturday

### House Would Outlaw Closed Shops In State

Many Liquor Bills Before Body; Cherokee Bill Turned Down

**By Staff Writer**  
Raleigh—(Special)—With a definite affirmative vote, the house of representatives Tuesday passed and sent to the senate a bill to outlaw the closed shop in North Carolina.

The vote followed more than two hours of debate during which opponents of the measure pleaded that the record of labor in North Carolina "does not warrant this slap in its face."

Other opponents asserted that the bill would have no effect on the great majority of North Carolina industries and hence would be "nothing but an idle gesture."

**29 Proposed Liquor Laws**  
The perennial row over liquor has resulted in introduction in the general assembly of 29 proposed laws.

The bills range from one offered by Senator George Penny of Guilford calling for a state-wide referendum on the prohibition question to one sent forward by the Wake delegation providing for a referendum in Middle Creek township in Wake on the sale of wine and beer.

A public hearing on the proposed state-wide referendum has been scheduled for March 4 and 5 by the joint finance committee. Prior to the hearing, a bill similar to the Penny measure probably will be introduced in the house.

Among the other 21 measures related to liquor is a bill that would prohibit beer and wine sales without elections in Ashe and Transylvania counties.

Another would provide for an election in Alleghany county along with some others on the sale of wine and beer.

**Cherokee Bill Foomed**  
Opposition resulted in an unfavorable senate committee report for Rep. Dan Tompkins' resolution memorializing congress to emancipate the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

The senate education committee voted an unfavorable report after 10 Indians from the Cherokee reservation voiced their protest at an hour-and-half hearing. Senator Parker arranged for the public hearing and made the motion for the unfavorable report. Only Swain's Senator Baxter Jones voted against the Parker motion.

**Truck Hearing Started**  
The joint utilities commission opened this week the first in what probably will be a long series of hearings on a bill to rewrite the truck laws and define, classify and regulate motor carriers.

Chief opposition to the measure (Continued on Page 4)

### Mail Service Is Curtailed Here

Because of condition of the highways blocked by snow drifts mail service in some sections has been curtailed for a short time. Obids and Oval routes out of West Jefferson were blocked for two days.

Several others out of West Jefferson and Jefferson were partially curtailed from some sections of their routes. All of them made efforts to make the complete rounds, however.

The mail from North Wilkesboro was slightly delayed for two days and had to detour some because of the snow drifts in the highway.

### Tax Deputy To Be Here March 3, 4

John N. Smoot, deputy collector, of Lenoir, will be at West Jefferson Monday and Tuesday to assist taxpayers in filing State Income Tax returns, it was announced this week.

Mr. Smoot will be located at Mrs. Tugman's here, and will work from 9:00 a. m. until 4:00 p. m. each day. Those who desire to contact him may reach him there.

## County Has Week Of Severe Winter Weather And Snow

### DRIVE CHAIRMAN



H. D. Quessenberry, chairman of the Red Cross Campaign Fund Drive.

### Grass And Clover Seed Available In AAA Farm Plans

Farmers Again Reminded To Complete Plans For 1947 Practices Before Mar. 8

Melvin Campbell, chief clerk of the AAA office announced that beginning next week farmers would be able to obtain grass and clover seed under the purchase order plan through the AAA office. It was explained that this would be handled similar to the lime and potash. The farmer will be given a ticket at the AAA office for the kind and amount of seed his farm is approved for. This ticket is then to be taken to the seed dealer where the seed may be obtained by the farmer paying a small part of the cost.

"The farmer should see that the kind and amount of seed he expects to use this year is entered on his farm plan. Community Committeemen have the farm plans in each community and will assist farmers in executing them. It is necessary that a farm plan be made before seed can be furnished," Mr. Campbell said.

He said that he again wanted to remind the farmers that the 1947 plans are now in the hands of the community committeemen and that they must be completed now.

"The county's program for the year calls for \$100,338.00 for improved farm practices, but in order to get this plans must be made by the farmers and must be completed before March 8," he concluded.

## Ashe County Boys And Girls To Celebrate 4-H Club Week

March 1-9 will be celebrated by the 536 boys and girls in the 4-H Clubs in Ashe County along with the rest of the country. Of these 536 members, 262 club boys are planning to, or have already started work on 174 crop projects and 131 livestock projects.

The main objectives for Ashe County's 4-H Clubs during this week will be to:

1. Acquaint parents in every community with what 4-H members are already doing.
2. To encourage 4-H clubs to inventory in their community those young people eligible for membership and to stimulate every 4-H member to enroll at least one new member. The national 4-H goal is 3,200,000 members for 1950.
3. To use National 4-H Club Week for the announcement of the 4-H club calendar of 4-H events for the year on a county basis.

### Travel Badly Hampered; Schools Are Closed; Few Accidents Reported

Following snow which started a week ago Wednesday morning, Ashe county has experienced a week of bitter winter weather, with the temperature dropping to as low as two degrees above zero and scarcely rising to as high as thirty. Added to the low temperature has been daily snow blizzards. As a result many of the county roads are still impassable and some sections of the main highways are covered with ice and snow.

An official reading of the measurement of the snow, which fell Wednesday a week ago, was nine and one-half inches, and with the low temperature much of this still remains on the ground. Slight blizzards almost every day since then have added some to the original snowfall which has been whipped by winds to leave some spots totally bare and to drift as much as (Continued on Page 4)

### All-Star Teams To Play Tourney Games Tonight

Schedule Postponed Until This Week Due To Condition Of Roads

Highways blocked with snow and ice caused the officials of the Northwest all-star tournament to postpone their scheduled games until this week. Playing will be resumed tonight and continue through Saturday.

Last Wednesday, Riverview Wildcats and the Boone all-stars were scheduled to play but Boone failed to show up and the game was postponed.

The Y. M. C. A. boys from Fries, Va., however, were able to come and won an easy victory over the Jefferson all-stars, 51-22. Pack was high scorer for the lads from Virginia scoring 16 points, and Dixon led the pace for the Jefferson boys by scoring 8.

In the second game Wednesday night the Mt. City Jaycees defeated the Elkland all-stars, 46-34. Stout, of Mt. City, led the scoring with 14 points.

Tonight's schedule is as follows: 6:00, Hollar's Inc. vs. Miller's Creek; 7:00, winners of Riverview-Boone game vs. Crumpler Rebels; 8:00, Mt. City Jaycees vs. Fries, Y. M. C. A.; 9:00, Blowing Rock vs. Mocksville Millers.

Friday, 7:00, winners of Thursday night's 6:00 and 7:00 games will play; 8:00, winners of 8:00 and 9:00 scheduled games will play.

Saturday at 8:00, Friday night winners will play.

### The Red Cross Is On The Job Serving Veterans



During the fiscal year the Red Cross expects to spend \$80,000,000 in behalf of servicemen at home and abroad and for veterans and their families. This service merits your generous support.

### ASSISTANT AGENT



O. M. Fulcher, who has begun work as assistant county farm agent in Ashe county.

### County Guernsey Breeders Are To Meet On March 7

H. D. Quessenberry, county agent, announced this week that a meeting of all Guernsey breeders of the county would be held at the community building on Friday, March 7 at 7:30 p. m., to discuss the possibilities of a county unit in connection with the State organization.

Mr. Quessenberry stated that this meeting was being called because of the interest of the Guernsey breeders of the county. "I would like to insist that all breeders of Guernsey cattle, even though they only have one or two registered animals, be present at this meeting to help decide the need of an organization and whether or not we should go ahead with it at this time," he said.

T. F. Cooley, manager of Klondike Farm, at Elkin, is expected (Continued on Page 4)

## Burns Fatal To Bryan Blevins; Home Destroyed By Fire At Phenix Creek Tues. Morning

### Farm Planning Meetings Have Been Postponed

Revised Schedule Announced; Unfavorable Weather Is Cause Of Change

The farm planning meetings scheduled to open on Monday have been postponed because of the unfavorable weather and the impassable condition of many of the roads and will open on Friday evening if the weather permits, H. D. Quessenberry, county agent announced yesterday.

At these meetings farmers will have an opportunity to discuss production, price and the market outlook for important crops of this section.

Representatives of all farm agencies of the county including J. T. McLaurin, soil conservationist, Thomas H. Sears, FHA supervisor, representatives of the AAA office are expected to cooperate with the county agents in these meetings.

In addition to the discussions a sound motion picture will be presented.

The revised schedule is as follows: Friday, February 28, Helton school, at 7:00 p. m.; Monday, March 3, Riverview school, at 7:00 p. m.; Tuesday, March 4, Green Valley school, at 7:30 p. m.; Wednesday, March 5, Idlewild, at T. E. Hartsog's, at 7:00 p. m.

### Funeral Will Be Held This Morning At Scott Cemetery At Phenix Creek

Fire took its first victim of the year in Ashe county on Tuesday afternoon, when severe burns sustained by Bryan Blevins, 21, son of Mrs. Rhoda Blevins, earlier in the day, proved fatal. He died at the Ashe county hospital at 4:45 o'clock.

As far as it could be determined, the fire, which totally destroyed the Blevins home at Phenix Creek, below Jefferson, around 7:30 o'clock, Tuesday morning, originated when a coal-burning heater exploded setting the wooden structure ablaze. Both Bryan and his mother, the only occupants of the home at the time, were able to make their way out. But shortly afterwards, thinking his mother had re-entered the building, Bryan went in again in search of her. It was then that he was severely burned before he discovered she was not on the inside. A motorist passing by, brought the injured man to the hospital immediately, when it was found his burns were critical.

The building and all of its furnishings were totally destroyed and were without insurance coverage, it is understood.

Funeral service will be held today at 11 o'clock at Shelter church. Burial will follow in the Scott cemetery.

In addition to his mother, the deceased is survived by two brothers, Allan Blevins, Jefferson; L. H. Blevins, Charlotte, four (Continued on Page 4)

## More Ashe Farmers Urged To Use Contour Strip Cropping

James T. McLaurin and Roy R. Beck, of the Ashe unit of the New River Soil Conservation District, this week stressed the importance of farmers making plans for the current year, to include more contour strip cropping.

It was pointed out that contour strip cropping was first started in this county around eight years ago. And from the first few who then saw the need, the practice has grown to such an extent that more than 600 farmers will be strip cropping parts of their farms this year. "We hope that more and more farmers will start this practice. So far not one gully or gulley has appeared in a field where strips of the correct width are on the exact contour and all natural draws have been kept in permanent grass of adequate depth. Invariably farmers report increased crop yields within a few

years after changing from solid field cropping to contour strip cropping," McLaurin said.

Strip cropping, combined with contour tillage, crop rotations, winter cover crops, and grassed waterways has been proved by both experiment stations and farmers to be very economical and effective and one of the most practical means of conserving soil and water on cultivated land. Mr. Beck pointed out in discussing the practice.

"Contour strip cropping divides the length of the slope, checks the momentum of runoff water, filters out the soil being carried off, and increases the absorption of rain water by the soil. This is accomplished by the multitude of obstructions offered by the dense close-growing crops in alternate strips, which by slowing down the rapid flow of water cause it to spread and soak (Continued On Page 4)

### Need Is Great; Cooperation Of Everyone Asked

H. D. Quessenberry Is Chairman; Initial Gifts Are Sought

Ashe county's Red Cross Campaign Fund Drive will officially open on Saturday, March 1 with H. D. Quessenberry as drive chairman.

The county's quota has been set at \$2330 and the cooperation of everyone is asked in raising this. Special letters for initial gifts have already gone out and a number of workers will also make solicitations, it was announced.

Sharpe S. Shoemaker is co-chairman with H. D. Quessenberry and other special aids include Mrs. Ward Ray, Miss Lenna Gambill, L. P. Colvard and Rocco Cutri.

Mrs. W. G. Vannoy, chapter chairman said that since 65 per cent of the funds raised would remain in the local chapter, she felt like Ashe county people would be most anxious to support the drive. "Knowing the large number of men in service and veterans aided by the Red Cross, should be an incentive to give," she declared.

Drive Chairman Quessenberry, a veteran of World War II, said that he believed that all families of men in service as well as all others knowing of the invaluable service rendered by the Red Cross should give their whole-hearted support to the campaign.

Schools will not make special drives as in times past, but have been asked to raise some contributions.

A number of special workers have been named for the county. They include: Mrs. V. C. Lillard, Creston; Mrs. J. J. Miller, Todd; James Graham, Transou; Mrs. Mathew Reynolds, Grassy Creek; Mrs. Claudia Johnson, Warrensville; Mrs. Fred Graybeal, Fig; Bruce Graybeal, Fig; Mrs. Ed Eller, Lansing; Mrs. Bryan Kirby, Sturgills; H. H. Burgess, Obids; Mrs. E. V. Pierce, Crumpler; and W. S. Watson, Beng. Other workers and committees are to be named within a short time Chairman Quessenberry said.

### Clothing Drive Still Underway

Needs Of European Countries Cited; Some Collections Already Taken

In an effort to aid the hundreds of thousands in war-torn Europe that are suffering from lack of clothing, a drive to collect clothes is now being sponsored by the three churches here. Some collections were made over the week end, but because of the unfavorable weather, the drive is to be continued to enable more people to make contributions.

Those who have clothing to give and have not turned theirs in are asked to contact Rev. Hoyt Wood, pastor of the West Jefferson Methodist church, Rev. E. W. Powers, pastor of the West Jefferson Baptist church, or Rev. W. P. Boyle, pastor of the West Jefferson Presbyterian church.

It was pointed out that useful clothing that has as much as six months' wear is needed. When it is all collected and sorted it will be shipped abroad.

### Movie Will Be Shown At Rotary

A moving picture pertaining to the dairy industry will be given by Harvey Payne at the Rotary meeting tonight. "John Martin and Son" is the title of the movie which is produced by the National Dairy Products Corporation. J. Lester Segraves will be in charge of the program.

Raymond Francis was guest speaker at the club last Thursday and spoke on "The Life of George Washington," giving not only highlights of his life as a statesman, but as Washington, the man. The speaker was introduced by Hoyt Wood. Earl Davidson was in charge of the program.

### Schools Expected To Re-Open Mon.

Ashe county schools which were closed on Wednesday of last week because of the heavy snowfall are expected to re-open on Monday provided that the roads over which the buses travel, can be cleared.

B. H. Duncan, superintendent of schools said yesterday that the highway department had done some work on these roads, and in some cases, because of the constantly drifting snow, this work had to be done over again.

He pointed out that provided that there was no more sleet or snow, most of the bus routes should be open for travel by Monday.

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