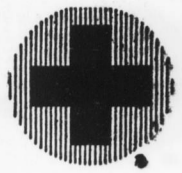




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Red Cross Drive Nearing Half Of Quota

Dry Measures Before Solons; Hearings Are Set

Auto Loan Agencies Hearing And Railroad Yards Draw Much Fire

By Staff Writer
Raleigh—(Special)—The biennial revenue bill, containing amendments to the state's continuing revenue act, was passed on second reading by the house Tuesday, but not until Rep. Odus Mull of Cleveland had attached to it an amendment to dry up sale of wine and beer in Cleveland county.

The revenue act is designed to produce an estimated \$184,000,000 in general fund revenues during the coming biennium.

In sending forward his amendment to provide that no licenses to sell wine shall be issued in Cleveland after July 1, and authorizing the Cleveland commissioners to prohibit the sale of beer after July 1, Mull succeeded in bringing to the floor the issue of local prohibitions against the sale of wine and beer, circumventing the house's so-called "gag rule."

Auto Loan Agencies
The Committee on Banks and Banking held a public hearing yesterday on a bill which calls for the repeal of that section of the law exempting auto loan agencies from supervision of the State Banking Commission.

The 1945 general assembly gave the commission power to regulate small loan agencies, but inserted an amendment exempting agencies which make loans of \$50 or more, if secured by mortgage.

Post Begins New Serial This Week

Stu Lawrence and Lotus Ames Begin Work In "Rival Adventure."

Following the last chapter of the exciting story of the Royal Mounted in "Beyond the Law," there is beginning this week in The Post a new serial entitled "Rival Adventure."

Stu Lawrence, just back from four years of service during the war, eagerly takes hold of his new assignment given by Chadwick, departmental head of Narcotics division, who presents Lawrence with the one clue in a case involving a narcotic ring.

From the story, it is gathered that narcotics are being sent into the States by way of New Orleans and the main office of the ring is in the Cafe Duval, located on the waterfront in New Orleans. Lawrence is all for the new assignment until he learns that the chief has hired a woman, Lotus Ames, to work with him. Believing such an assignment is not for a woman, Lawrence objects, until he sees Miss Ames, who is not only beautiful but intelligent.

The adventure begins when Lotus applies for a job as singer in the waterfront cafe where she hopes to find valuable information in order that the narcotic ring may be exposed. The readers will not want to miss a chapter of this exciting new serial which begins this week.

LUNCHROOMS ARE STILL OPERATING

As far as it could be learned this week, only two of the school lunchrooms in the county, Duncan and Warrensville, have been closed down because of lack of funds. And most of the others expect to continue operation until school closes.

Most of the lunchrooms are operating on a fifteen-cent per person basis during this month and some of them plan to increase the price to 20c next month.

Some of the schools report a decrease in the number of those participating in the program, since the price has been advanced.

County Teachers To Get Around \$23,000 Extra This Month

NAMED MAYOR



T. E. Parker, named by the board of aldermen to fill out the unexpired term of C. O. Parsons, as mayor of West Jefferson.

T. E. Parker Is Named Mayor By Town Aldermen

Will Fill Out The Unexpired Term Of Former Mayor C. O. Parsons

T. E. Parker, well known West Jefferson business man, was named mayor at a continued meeting of the board of aldermen on Saturday night. He will fill out the unexpired term of former Mayor C. O. Parsons, who resigned from this position recently.

Mayor Parker, a former member of the board of aldermen, has also served as town clerk. He is familiar with the affairs of the town and the members of the board of aldermen said they felt fortunate in securing him for the position.

The newly elected mayor operated a grocery store here for a number of years until he sold it out to Gwyn Little.

County Gets Six New School Buses;

The county has recently secured six badly needed school buses to replace some that had served long past their day.

Two new buses to replace those that were totally beyond repair went to Riverview and Virginia-Carolina.

The four others that were rebuilt bodies on new chassis went to Riverview, Lansing, Healing Springs and Nathan's Creek.

Mr. Duncan, superintendent of schools, said that he hoped to get two more in the near future. Because of strikes there was much delay in securing these.

A Delayed Christmas Scene?



Ashe county people, who dreamed of a white Christmas had to wait awhile. But one West Jefferson citizen described the 11-inch snow last Friday night as a nightmare instead of a dream. The above scene shows the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Davidson on College Avenue. (Staff Photo)

Other State Employees Also To Get Part Of Bonus Given By Legislature

Ashe county teachers will get their first bonus granted by the N. C. legislature when they receive their seventh month vouchers next Tuesday, March 18 and the total for the 170 teachers of the county will amount to around \$23,000.00 B. H. Duncan, county superintendent of schools announced this week.

The other part of the bonus will be paid in the eighth and ninth months. The bonus the individual teachers will receive next week run from \$96.00 to \$132.00, it was explained.

Many public officials as well as private citizens have expressed themselves as long being in favor of the raise in salary for teachers and are happy to see them receive part of it.

Schools bus drivers and janitors will also come in for their proportionate part of the bonus.

Other state employees in the county benefitted by the bonus included members of the highway forces, State highway patrolmen and agricultural workers that are paid by the State.

Telephone Co. To Improve Service In Near Future

Official Meets With Town Board To Outline Plans For Improvement

W. S. Beddingfield of the Central Telephone Company met with the members of the town board on Friday night, at their request, to discuss the possibilities of improving the telephone service.

Mr. Beddingfield, who told of the handicaps of operation and shortages of materials, also explained that extensive work is now underway for the installation of additional equipment that will greatly improve facilities. He explained that more details of this would be ready for announcement in the near future as the plans went forward.

Winchester To Assist Veterans

Jack C. Winchester, assistant State service officer, will be at the community building Thursday, March 20 to assist veterans and dependents, it was announced this week.

Mr. Winchester will be at the community building from 11:00 a. m. until 5:00 p. m. and will be prepared to assist veterans in making applications for widows pensions, veterans pension or compensation, back pay, National Service Life Insurance Claims or any other items pertaining to veterans or their dependents.

West Jefferson Given New White Way Last Friday Night



On top of the remains of snow more than two weeks old, West Jefferson was literally given a new "white way" last Friday night. On Saturday morning the snow here, as well as throughout the county, measured eleven inches in depth. The above scene was taken in the business section of Jefferson Avenue. (Staff Photo)

54 Ashe Veterans Are Now On Farm Training Program

Many More Are Eligible; Shortage Of Teachers Limits Program

There are now 54 Ashe county veterans on the farm training program in the county. B. H. Duncan, superintendent of schools, announced this week. It was pointed out that this was less than half of those who applied and had letters of eligibility, but because of teacher-facilities, 54 was the maximum number that could be entered on the program this spring. The final date for enrolling was March 1.

Classroom training is being given at Jefferson high school and field training on the various farms. The county has three assistant teachers, Walter B. Miller, Kermit Jones and Roy Beck. These are under the supervision of R. L. Tait, who is in charge of vocational agriculture at Boone.

Plans are now underway to secure a full-time vocational agricultural teacher for this county for next year and if this is done the program can be expanded to include more veterans.

V. F. W. Elects New Officers

Lee Caudill Is Named Post Commander To Succeed Sam L. Davis

At the regular meeting of the Albert F. Lewis Post 6513 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, which was held at the community building Tuesday night, officers were elected for the coming year, Sam L. Davis, past post commander, has announced.

Lee Caudill, was elected as post commander to succeed Mr. Davis. Other officers elected were: J. C. Gambill, Jr., senior vice-commander; Howard Hodge, junior vice-commander; Bailey Barker, adjutant; Lowell Smithy, G. T. Badger and John F. Hardin, trustees; and Paul Swanson, service officer.

Mr. Davis stated that the newly elected officers would be installed at the meeting to be held on April 1.

Farm Meetings Are Announced

H. D. Quessenberry, county agent, has announced the schedule for the farm planning meetings to be held next week. It is as follows:

Monday, March 17, Furches Belview Baptist church, at 7:00 p. m.; Tuesday, March 18, Baldwin Methodist church, at 7:00 p. m.; Wednesday, March 19, Crumpler, at S. V. Alexander's home, at 7:00 p. m.; Friday, March 21, at Fleetwood school, at 7:00 p. m.

Much Interest Is Shown In Proposed Frozen Food Plant At Meeting; Good Attendance

Guernsey Cattle Breeders Of Ashe Organize Here

Paul Shatley Of Jefferson, President; Mrs. Joe Davis Secretary-Treasurer

A large majority of the Guernsey cattle breeders of the county met at the community building on Friday and organized the Ashe County Guernsey Breeders Association.

At this time W. R. Farnum, Extension Dairy Specialist, was present and cited the value of an organization of this kind to the individual. He praised the county for the progress made in purebred herds and stressed the importance of continuing to go forward.

Paul Shatley, of Jefferson, was chosen as president of the group and Max Barlow, as vice-president. Mrs. Joe Davis, of Laurel Springs, is secretary-treasurer.

The directors are: G. B. Price, Clifton; Walter Burkett, West Jefferson; Charlie Goodman, West Jefferson; Win Edwards, West Jefferson; Carl Blevins, Crumpler. (Continued on Page 4)

April 22 Is Date For Spelling Bee

B. H. Duncan, superintendent of schools, announced this week that April 22 had been set for the county finals in the Journal-Sentinel Spelling Bee. Schools will have their elimination contests prior to that time. The county winner on April 22 will be entered in the contest in Winston-Salem, May 3.

County Teachers Meet, Name Officers and NCEA Delegates

At a county-wide teachers' meeting held at the courthouse yesterday afternoon, officers of the county unit of the NCEA were named and delegates discussed to represent the county at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Educational Association to be held in Asheville March 27-28-29.

Mrs. Gertrude Vaught, who has effectively served as president of the county unit for the past two years was again named president. The other officers were also unanimously re-elected. They are Ron Davis, vice-president; Mrs. Earl Graybeal, secretary; Miss Mamie Smithy, treasurer.

Each principal was asked to see who could go to the State meeting and the final selection

Operation And Costs Are Outlined By Broughton And Coad

A group of approximately 60 interested citizens were present at the meeting last Thursday when Former Governor J. M. Broughton and James E. Coad, vice-president and treasurer of Southern Food Lockers, Inc., were present and outlined the possibilities and costs of erecting a frozen food plant here.

Broughton, who was presented by W. B. Austin, pointed out the value of a plant of this kind to an agricultural section and introduced Coad who explained the building, operation and benefits.

Coad cited a number of other places in North Carolina where plants are being operated very successfully. He suggested that his company considers a number one plant for West Jefferson which can be erected at an approximate cost of \$52,000.00. Such a plant would contain 500 individual lockers as well as bulk storage space. Coad pointed out that his company was interested in erecting the plants and that they were to be locally owned and financed.

OYSTER SUPPER TO BE HELD AT HELTON

There will be an oyster supper at Helton School on Saturday night, March 15, it was announced this week.

The supper is being given for the benefit of the school and the public is cordially invited to attend.

On Saturday night, March 29, a box supper will be given at Helton school, for the benefit of the school lunch room. The public is cordially invited to attend.

\$968.40 Reported Yesterday; More Is Expected Soon

Unfavorable Weather Has Curtailed Drive Throughout The County

A total of \$968.40 was reported yesterday on the county's Red Cross quota of \$2330, H. D. Quessenberry, drive chairman, announced.

Mr. Quessenberry pointed out that because of the snow-blocked roads and severe winter weather that the drive had been slowed down, but urged that all workers who had not been able to make collections to do so at once.

Tuesday, March 18, will be Red Cross Day in the schools and they are asked to make their collections among the students and teachers and turn in their funds at once.

"We want to finish the drive on time and hope that everyone who has not responded will do so at once. The work the Red Cross is doing in disasters as well as for veterans and men still in service, merits your support," Mr. Quessenberry said.

Contributions not previously announced include the following: Jefferson Lodge 38, \$25.00. C. S. Neal, \$20.00.

Woman's Society of Christian Service, Dr. C. T. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Duncan, H. D. Quessenberry, Mable Vannoy Circle, Wade E. Eller, Joseph B. East-ridge, \$10.00 each.

Edith Pierce, Dr. Bruce Porter, Mary Grant, Elizabeth Miller, Ophus Fulcher, John Wilkins, Walter Phillips, W. A. Campbell, Mrs. C. R. Latham, W. W. Terry, \$5.00 each.

Rev. S. S. Graybeal, \$3.00. Mrs. C. M. Dickson, L. E. Ham, \$2.50 each.

Worth Knox, W. M. Lewis, Roy Ashley, Julia Baugess, J. D. Stansberry, \$2.00 each.

Will LaFavers, John Knox, Stacy Slarns, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Baker, Mrs. Will LaFavers, Clarence Bower, Glenn Woods, Rev. J. R. Short, T. J. Graybeal, \$1.00 each.

Crumpler Rebels Are Given Award

Lose To Blowing Rock In Finals Of Blowing Rock Tourney Saturday

Ashe county's Crumpler Rebels were runner-ups in the Blowing Rock all-star tournament finals held at the Blowing Rock high school gymnasium Saturday night. They were defeated 41-32 by the Blowing Rock all-stars.

The team was awarded a bronze trophy for playing in the finals and two players were named on the all-tournament team. They were Sidney Absher and T. B. McMillan, both guards. Blaine Cox was named the player showing more sportsmanship than any other player in the contest.

In the semi-finals Friday night, Crumpler defeated Crossnore 40-37 and in the elimination contest on Wednesday night won over the Cove Creek all-stars 42-27.

Twelve teams entered the Blowing Rock tournament.

RECORD SNOWFALL HERE ON FRIDAY

Ashe county was blanketed with a record snow on Saturday following the heavy snowfall which began around 7:30 Friday evening and continued until the next morning.

The depth of the snow varied from 11 inches in West Jefferson to 13 inches in some other parts of the county.

Travel was hazardous as the snow fell, but after the road scrapers got underway on Saturday most of the main highways were soon cleared. Bob Watson, popular mail carrier, reported that he literally had to "plough through." Paul Weaver, of Helton, said he brought his milk to the highway on a sled.

Children also used sleds and apparently enjoyed snowballing in the snow that was light and without sleet.