

SUPERIOR COURT OPENS MONDAY

Record Spending Program Adopted By N. C. Assembly

Ended Saturday Night After Appropriating More Than \$360,000,000

By Staff Writer
 Raleigh—(Special)—The 1947 General Assembly, which concluded its activities Saturday night, wrote approximately 1,000 new laws into the books—laws which affect in one way or another practically every citizen of North Carolina.

In appropriating more than \$360,000,000 to be spent during the 1947-49 biennium, the 1947 session embarked on the State on the greatest spending program in its history, and the session may be known as "The Spending Legislature."

Enactment of a far-reaching program of highway safety legislation may cause it to be known as the "highway safety Legislature."

The Legislature enacted a law to prohibit the closed shop and along with it the union shop, and maintenance of membership shops, and it refused to pass legislation providing a maximum 48-hour week and a 40-cent minimum hourly wage.

Good Health

On the other hand, the session appropriated \$6,250,000 to be matched with Federal and local funds to construct hospitals throughout the State and completed carrying out recommendations of the Medical Care Commission by appropriating \$3,790,000 to be matched with \$1,500,000 in Federal funds for a four-year medical school and teaching hospital at the University of North Carolina. This may win for it the name of "The Good Health Legislature."

The biennial appropriations (Continued on Page 4)

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Baseball Group Meets Next Tues.

Players And Fans Invited To Attend Meeting At Community Building

It was announced this week by W. L. Hughes, president of the Mountain Baseball League, that there would be a meeting of all players, managers and fans as well as all others interested, at the community building next Tuesday night at seven o'clock.

At this time plans will be made for the season provided there are enough teams interested in taking part.

Last year there were several teams in the league and interest throughout the season as well as in the series was unusually good. Scottville was the winner of the series.

Walker Rites Held Yesterday

Funeral service for Mrs. Sarah Walker, 78, of Fleetwood, was held at the Big Flatts Methodist church at 2:00 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Interment was in the family cemetery with Rev. G. C. Burkett officiating.

Mrs. Walker died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Emory Parsons, Tuesday afternoon.

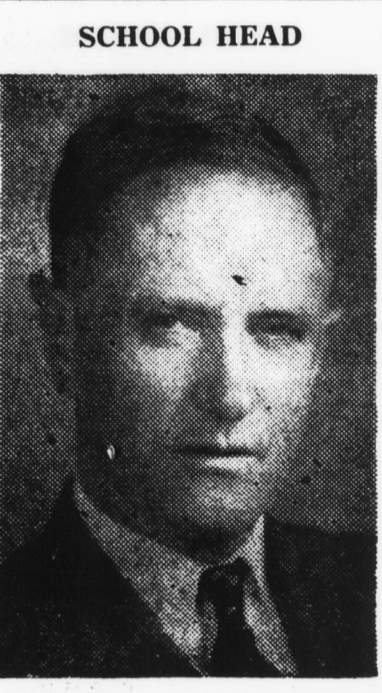
Survivors include one son, H. V. Walker, of West Jefferson; one daughter, Mrs. Emory Parsons, of Fleetwood; seven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Legion Spelling Bee On April 12

Schools were again reminded this week that the finals in the American Legion Spelling Bee would be held on Wednesday, April 16, at the courthouse. All schools are invited to take part in this event with students from the fourth through the twelfth grades.

County winners in each grade will be presented medals by the Legion, J. B. Hash, chairman said.

School Committees Will Be Named At Board Meeting Fri.



A. B. Hurt, who was named superintendent of schools on Monday. He will begin work July 1.

SCHOOL HEAD

Hurt Is Elected Superintendent Of Schools To Succeed Duncan

Ashe county's newly elected school board held an organizational meeting on Monday, named Larry P. Colvard chairman and elected A. B. Hurt county superintendent of schools. Kyle Dickson, who had earlier placed an application with the board members for the superintendent's place, withdrew his application.

The board will meet on Friday, April 11 to name school committees it was announced. It was pointed out by members of the board that this would give school patrons and others interested an opportunity to consider the matter before the new committees are chosen.

In addition to naming the various school committees, the board will also take up other school problems.

Members of the new board are G. O. Burgess, Cleve Francis, Clyde Houck, Bradley Sturgill, Arthur Rose and L. P. Colvard. Colvard was also a member as well as chairman of the outgoing board.

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The officers installed were James L. Smithy, commander; James C. Gambill, Jr., senior vice-commander; Howard Hodge, junior vice-commander; Arnold Little, officer of the day; Sam L. Davis, adjutant; and Lee Caudill, trustee.

Meetings will be held every second and fourth Wednesday of each month at the community building here, it was announced.

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The measure, introduced by J. O. Blevins in the legislature, was ratified last week.

The measure provides for the following: "The governing board of the Town of West Jefferson may, in its discretion, list, value and re-value all property for the purpose of town taxation separately and independently from and without regard to any listing, valuation or re-valuation of such property for purposes of State and County taxation."

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Manslaughter, Rape Cases On Docket For Trial

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This will be Solicitor Johnston's first appearance in court here since beginning his duties this year.

Mrs. Daryle Bare, charged with manslaughter in connection with the fatal shooting of Guy Bare last August, is expected to be tried. On docket are the cases of Earl Severt, James Gambill and Junior Petty charged with rape.

Paul Davis charged with the burning of an automobile belonging to Claude Eldred is expected to be tried as is the case of Page Sheets charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill in connection with injuries sustained by Don Miller and John Cox in an affray on the Glendale Springs road recently.

There are also a large number of divorce cases expected to be heard as well as a number of petty criminal cases. Several charged with operating a car while under the influence of liquor will also be tried.

Demonstration Of Blasting April 15

It was announced this week by H. D. Quessenberry that there would be a special demonstration of ditch blasting with dynamite on Tuesday, April 15, on the farm of S. V. Alexander at Crumpler. All farmers interested are urged to attend this demonstration.

H. M. Ellis, agriculture engineer extension specialist, will be in charge of the demonstration.

PUBLISHER ANDERSON IN TEXAS THIS WEEK

Publisher Ed M. Anderson, chairman of the legislative committee and research bureau of the National Editorial Association, is attending the annual convention in Fort Worth, Texas, this week.

VFW Team Will Play Jefferson

The VFW basketball team will clash with the Jefferson high school boys in a game to be played in the Jefferson gym on Saturday night at 7:30, it was announced here this week.

Immediately following the VFW-Jefferson game there will be a game between the faculty of the Jefferson school and the business men of Jefferson and West Jefferson. The business men's team will feature such players as Dr. Dean C. Jones, Austin Jones, Larry Colvard and others, it was stated.

Basketball fans are reminded that this will be the last of basketball games to be played this year. The proceeds of the games will go toward buying warm-up jackets for the Jefferson high school team, it was pointed out.

Fashion Show Is Held By School

The home economics department of Jefferson high school held its annual fashion show on Tuesday evening when a large number of students took part. The stage, decorated in spring colors, formed an attractive background. The ninth and tenth grade girls modeled cotton, silk and woolen dresses, which they had made.