

Jackson School Equipment Described As Inadequate In Report By The Grand Jury

Recommend Additional Buildings, New Buses, Highway Improvement

The Grand Jury of the Superior Court declared in a report last week that much of the equipment of the county's school set-up was totally inadequate to meet the needs of a modern educational system.

The most glaring fault that the jury pointed out is the lack of a high school and lack of access to a high school in Canada township.

"Although there is a primary State highway traversing the township from Tuckasee to the Transylvania county line, it is unimproved," the report informed. "The precludes either the erection of a high school building in the township or the transportation of the children to a high school elsewhere."

The jury's report stated that the deplorable condition of many of the county's roads, particularly during inclement weather, prevents many children from attending school, and "is impeding the educational, agricultural, and industrial growth of the county."

The Sylva high school was tabbed as lacking facilities necessary to a first-class high school, and the report cited the need for drinking fountains in the local elementary school.

Deficiencies were declared existent also in schools at Webster, Beta, Willits, Addie, Dillsboro, Qualla, and Greenville. The jury recommended the purchase of ten new buses, thorough examinations for the drivers of all school buses, the improvement of roads, the construction of such equipment as auditoriums and sanitary facilities, and an overall plan of school expansion and improvement.

The group recommended that plans for a bond issue or some other fund-raising arrangement be made as soon as possible.

Colored Boys Now Eligible For Corps

Charlotte, N. C.—Doors of Marine Corps recruiting offices, temporarily closed to them during the post-war stabilization period, have been reopened to colored youth, according to an announcement by Marine Corps Headquarters, Washington, D. C. Colored enlistments had been limited to ex-Marines until appropriations, quotas and other considerations had been settled.

Drill fields and classrooms as well as the extensive recreational facilities of Montford Point, part of the Marine Base at Camp Lejeune, are being readied for the Negro 17 to 29-year-olds who enlist from the Southeast. Qualifications and other information may be obtained at all Marine Corps recruiting offices including the station at Asheville, for any colored youths who may wish to enlist.

Home Economist Will Hold Demonstration At School

"Food production and food preservation is an important part of building the peace. Victory gardeners and home canners are called on to remobilize at once to help in the campaign to increase food supplies at home and fight famine overseas," says Miss Margaret Murphy, well-known Home Economist who will lecture and demonstrate home canning at Sylva school cafeteria on June 28 at 2:00 P.M. The meeting is being arranged by Miss Martha Barnett, Associate FSA Supervisor, and Miss Josephine Johnston, Jackson County Home Demonstration Agent and is open to all interested homemakers. Miss Murphy is a graduate of Iowa State College at Ames where she received her B.S. Degree in Home Economics and for several

FRANCHISE REFUSED TO TRUCK CONCERN

At a meeting last Thursday evening in the Community House a group of Sylva citizens including business and professional men voted almost unanimously against awarding a franchise to the Blue Ridge Trucking Company on the grounds that the present line serving this territory is sufficient.

The group, under the chairmanship of Felix Picklesimer, president of the Chamber of Commerce, was informed that it would be possible for a hosiery mill to be located in Sylva, but the organization is asking the town to submit 20,000 dollars, to be paid back over a set period.

After deliberating, the group decided to contact the hosiery mill before making any commitments, and resolved to encourage as many of the better plants as possible to establish branch factories in the vicinity of Sylva.

Other mills mentioned were the Huffman Mills of Morganton, and the Glen Raven Knitting Mills, of Altamahaw.

Tommy G. Fisher Receives Naval Discharge

Tommy G. Fisher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Fisher, arrived home last Thursday, having received his discharge after 35 months service with the U. S. Navy. He served for some time in the Mediterranean theater, later going to the Aleutians for a period of service.

In October, 1945, while stationed in California, he suffered a broken leg in a motorcycle accident and spent the time since then in naval hospitals. He has recovered sufficiently to have the steel brace removed and be given a medical discharge.

At the time of his discharge he had the rating of Coxswain. He plans to return to school this fall.

CLINIC OPERATES ON FORTY YOUNGSTERS

Nearly forty Jackson children underwent operations on Tuesday and Wednesday at the county's annual Tonsil and Adenoid Clinic at the Sylva high school.

Dr. J. R. McCracken, Waynesville surgeon, was assisted by Dr. Tom Stringfield, Waynesville anesthetist, Dr. Mary Michal, Mrs. J. R. McCracken, district nurse, Mrs. Doris Hix, Swain, Mrs. Jessie Lollis, Transylvania, and Mrs. Ruby Bryson and Mrs. Fannie Sell, both of Haywood.

The Parent-Teachers Association kept the group of children supplied with books and magazines, and nightly rounds of coffee. An ice-box obtained through Boyd Sossamon was used by the medics for the storage of supplies.

STEVENS SPEAKS AT WILDLIFE MEETING

The Wildlife Club of Jackson county held its first dinner meeting Tuesday night at the Fairfield Inn and heard Ross Stevens, executive secretary of Wildlife Clubs in the State, sound the need for changes in the conservation and development system in North Carolina.

Mr. Stevens, who was introduced by club president, C. F. Dodson, stated that the conservation and development of fish and game has become a political football and that "it is the system that is wrong, not the individual." The speaker added that it is the purpose of the Wildlife Clubs to do something about it.

A committee was sent to study the fish and game situation in other states a few years ago, and they perceived two major faults in the North Carolina program.

Mr. Stevens informed the group. First, the fifteen-man committee that administers the Department of Conservation and Development has little or no interest in wildlife resources; they vote on game and fish laws without proper knowledge, Stevens said. The second fault, he continued, is the four-year political turnover. The speaker cited the case of a program that was stranded several years ago "because it was slated by the preceding administration."

Mr. Stevens said that legislation that has been set up by the Wildlife Club would divide the State into nine sections with one man in each section. Each man on the board would have to be a hunter or fisherman. The program would be made self-supporting, through license fees, and would need no financial aid from the general taxpayer.

In order to defeat the evil of political turnover, the speaker added that a ruling to retain at least five experienced men on the proposed nine-man committee would enable the group to continue programs of conservation and development more easily. "We can get this thing through," he stated, "your club and all the other clubs of the State. I am confident."

Approximately one hundred members and guests were present and heard brief talks by C. F. Dodson, T. N. Massey, John McDevitt, Mike Jennings, and Dan Tompkins.

Two films on fishing were shown to the group after the speeches.

District Deputy Grand Master To Visit Dillsboro Lodge

Gordon Moore of Franklin, District Deputy Grand Master of the 42nd district of the Masonic Lodge, will be guest of the Dillsboro Lodge Thursday evening, June 20, at 8 o'clock at their regular meeting in the Masonic hall. This is Mr. Moore's first official visit to the Dillsboro lodge since being elected as district deputy grand master last April.

The lodge is giving the entire time of the meeting to Mr. Moore, who will lecture and discuss matters pertaining to the work of the lodge. All Masons are especially urged to be present at this time.

Florists Return From Convention In Chicago

Mrs. Lucille Painter, Miss Sue Hooper, and Mrs. Ralph Dills returned last Sunday from Chicago, where they attended the first national meeting of the Telegraph Delivery Service.

Mrs. Painter and Mrs. Dills were students at a flower design school, and the group visited exhibits, made a sightseeing tour, and attended two dances held during the week.

SOSSAMON'S... in Sylva

White and Schreiber At Music Center



Alfred M. White, left, specialist in piano at the Smoky Mountains Music Center this summer, has recently been discharged from the navy. He was graduated from Furman and has done graduate work at the University of North Carolina and at the Juilliard School of Music under James Frisbin. Nelson O. Schreiber, right, recently discharged from the Army Air Forces, is a specialist in violin and band music for the Center. He holds an M. A. degree from Columbia and was made a member of the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra this year.



Highway Fund Is Adequate To Finance Road Program

Petroleum Committee Executive Says Available

Funds Will Meet All Possible Needs If Used Exclusively For Roads

Members of the Jackson county Petroleum Industries Committee and other interested citizens held a dinner meeting Monday at the Jarrett Springs Hotel to discuss the development of secondary roads in the county.

J. C. Cannon, chairman of the local unit presided and introduced the speaker, S. Gilmer Sparger, Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Petroleum Industries Committee who stated that available highway revenues are adequate to finance the state's most ambitious road building program over the next three year period.

Using charts to illustrate his subject, he showed that only 84.3 of Jackson county's roads are all weather roads. Mr. Sparger further declared, "with the highway fund surplus already available and current gasoline tax revenues exceeding all previous estimates North Carolina's road systems can be improved and expanded. The only thing is to make sure by necessary legislation that these revenues are spent exclusively for road construction and maintenance. To do otherwise would be a breach of trust with the motorist who pays taxes annually for this purpose."

\$100,000,000 Available For Road Construction And Maintenance

Basing his figures on reports from the State Highway and Public Works Commission and the U. S. Public Roads Administration, he said that more than \$100,000,000 would be available for road construction and maintenance over the next three year period, the major portion of this amount to come from the 6 cents per gallon road tax on gasoline. The fund would also be supplemented by motor vehicle fees and Federal Aid.

"From these figures it is obvious that North Carolina can as soon as equipment and trained personnel are available embark on a sound highway program with the assurance that the highway department is able to finance a completely adequate road system, and without any increase in the present rate of gasoline taxation."

Stating that it was squarely up to the oilmen of the section to enlist the aid of all interested people, he concluded with the statement that the condition of secondary roads must be improved now.

The local committee went on record in favor of repeal of subsection whereas funds derived from the gasoline tax and Motor Registration Fees will be used for the Administration of the Highway fund and not transferred to the General Fund.

W. R. Enloe Named New Chairman For The Local Unit

Mr. Cannon named W. R. Enloe, recently returned from the European area, to serve as the new chairman for the local unit. The

Petroleum Secretary



S. Gilmer Sparger (above), executive secretary of the North Carolina Petroleum Industries Committee, stated at a meeting of the Jackson county Petroleum Industries Committee that highway revenue now available is adequate to finance the state's most ambitious road-building program for the next three years.

New Traffic Meter Installed On Dillsboro Highway

The North Carolina State Highway Commission installed a traffic meter approximately on the half way mark of the highway between Sylva and Dillsboro, last Monday.

These markers which are to be placed on strategic points on the majority of highways in North Carolina will record traffic in order to determine the amount of travel, particularly during the summer months.

The meter is an electrical appliance which automatically marks each passing car.

At a later date the town of Sylva will place a similar meter on the Asheville highway, directly opposite the Mead Corporation.

Dillsboro Man Injured In Freak Sawmill Accident

Ernest Dills of Dillsboro lost a toe off his left foot last week in a sawmill accident at Dillsboro.

Dills was walking along the log-track and slipped on a small piece of wood that was hidden by sawdust, and nearly fell flat on the saw wheel, which was revolving slowly after the power was cut off.

He was rushed to Harris Community hospital for treatment.

Grains saved through the 50 percent reduction order affecting brewers will be used for feed purposes, say Washington officials. nomination was unanimously accepted.

Members attending the dinner meeting included, Mr. Cannon, Mr. Enloe, Charlie Bumgarner, Sam Cogdill, Ernest Lewis, Howard Allison, Claude Allison, Art Goodson, Dave Cagle, Lewis Bumgarner, Paul Ellis, Gilmer Sparger, Neal Crawford, Carroll Bell, E. J. Leary and M. B. Cannon.

Music Center To Present Operatic Work Saturday

New Straw Vote To Be Taken On Sunday Movies

Felix Picklesimer, president of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, announced Wednesday that a new straw ballot would be taken Saturday, June 22, to determine whether the people of Sylva want Sunday movies.

The voting will be held at the Sylva Fire Department. The polls will be open from 7 A.M. until 7 P.M. Persons of 16 years of age and over living within the city limits will be eligible to vote. It was stipulated, however, that in the interests of a fair election all ballots must be handed in individually by the person voting.

Picklesimer explained that due to exponents and proponents soliciting votes was the reason the other ballots were not counted. The straw ballot was initiated in an effort to give every citizen an opportunity to express his own opinion without pressure from any outsider.

Because of campaigning and vote soliciting it was felt that the first ballot was not a free and true expression of the majority of people interested in the issue.

Under the new plan, it was pointed out, there would be no opportunity for one person to gather up hundreds of votes and place them personally in the ballot box.

Those connected with the straw vote said they are holding a balloting held for one day at the fire department—where each voter would have to come to get a ballot and then place it in the box just as in the regular elections—would be the best way of obtaining the true sentiments of the people.

In this way, the results would give the Sylva Board of Aldermen an opportunity to act in behalf of the majority of the people, without prejudice.

TWO BADLY CUT IN WEEK-END FRAGAS

Lutner and Corbin Hensley, both of Dillsboro, were badly cut by Jim Pangle of Sylva last Saturday afternoon near Sutton's Mill in a fracas that followed a traffic argument.

Patrolman Charles Lindsay, who made the arrest, stated that the Hensleys had stopped their truck on the road, and Pangle, following was unable to pass for several minutes due to the oncoming traffic. A fight ensued and the Hensley brothers incurred serious cuts. They were rushed to Harris Community Hospital for treatment.

Pangle was taken to the Sylva jail and charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

Corbin Hensley was discharged from the hospital on Monday, and Lutner is still undergoing treatment.

Geoffrey To Head Summer Players At Waynesville

Maurice Geoffrey, well-known stage director and designer, will open Waynesville's first summer Theatre in July, Miss S. A. Jones, Secretary of the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce, announced yesterday.

The company will be known as the Waynesville Summer Players, and the opening date is Tuesday, July 16. The plays will be presented in the Waynesville High School Auditorium through the cooperation of M. H. Bowles, Superintendent of the Haywood County Schools. Special scenery and lighting effects will be installed in the auditorium for the series of productions.

Geoffrey is the Director of the Tampa Little Theatre, one of the South's outstanding theatre groups. Released from service last November, he served with the Army Air Corps and in addition to his regular duties he was director of the Third Air Force Theatre

Festival Opera Group To Give Performance Of Mozart's "Figaro"

The Smoky Mountains Music Center will present the Festival Opera Group in a production of Mozart's opera, "The Marriage of Figaro," in Hoey Auditorium at WCTC on Saturday evening at 8:15.

The opera, under the direction of Clifford Bair of Winston-Salem, will feature many singers and technicians prominent in western North Carolina music circles.

Miss Jane Frazier of Winston-Salem and New York, who has the leading role as Susanna, has sung many feature roles in productions given by the Piedmont Festival, and was the leading coloratura soprano last season with the New Orleans Opera Company. She has been acclaimed one of the few true coloraturists of the day.

Lewis Marsh, baritone, now of Winston-Salem, will sing the role of Figaro. Marsh was a member of the Opera Comique of Paris, and has had some leading roles in other cities of France and Belgium. He is at present developing live-talent shows through the facilities of radio station WSJS.

The Countess will be sung by Miss Amelia Cardwell, lyric soprano of Greensboro. She has worked in Piedmont Festival music and art productions for four years, and has been prominent in operatic and oratorio presentations throughout the State.

The role of the Count will be filled by Ted Bodenhamer of Winston-Salem, recent returnee from the armed forces and well known to music lovers in western North Carolina for his work in productions by the Mozart Festival in Asheville.

Miss Elizabeth Dickman, formerly of Florence, S. C., and now coach for operatic roles under Frederick Shore in New York, will sing the part of Cherubino. Miss Dickman has had wide experience as an USO trouper overseas.

The alternate role for Cherubino will be executed by Miss Marie Van Hoy of Winston-Salem, who has done much solo work in church circles and the Piedmont Festival. She is at present choir director at Christ's Moravian Church in Winston-Salem.

A. J. Fletcher, bass of Raleigh, organizer, director, and performer in the music group of that city, and Harold Moag, bass, of Greensboro, received recognition for his performance in the opera "Bianca", produced by the Euterpe Club, will alternate in the role of Doctor Bartolo.

The roles of Antonio and Don Curzo will be sung by Louis Bianco, buffo tenor, of Mt. Airy; the role of Barberina by Dora Allcorn and Betty Lou Ball, both of Winston-Salem.

Singing the part of Basilio will be Clifford Bair, president of the National Association for Opera.

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