

Wildlife Separation Bill Passes Senate With Only Two Dissenting Votes

House Expected To Concur And Let The Measure Become Law

The Senate on Tuesday voted almost unanimously in favor of the Wildlife bill creating the State Wildlife Resources Commission. The bill, passed by the house by a big majority, now goes back to that body for concurrence in amendments.

T. N. Massie, chairman of district nine, received a wire late Tuesday evening from Ross O. Stevens, executive secretary of the State Wildlife Federation, which stated that the bill had passed the senate with only two dissenting votes. Secretary Stevens and district chairman Massie have worked hard in building up the sentiment for the bill. Almost every county in the state has an active Wildlife club with thousands of members who have worked hard for the past two years in preparation for the bill.

The House passed the measure creating the separation and setting up the State Wildlife Commission, with a membership of nine qualified members with staggered terms so that no one Governor would appoint the entire membership. Governor Cherry did not favor this part of the bill and asked the senate to amend it so that the members would serve two to four years appointed by the governor. The Senate included the amendment and it now has to be approved by the House. Wildlife separation supporters feel that the House will let it become law as it now is, rather than risk a chance of delay with no bill at this session. The Governor and Commission will fix the salaries of the nine commissioners.

Funeral Rites Are Held Wed. For Mrs. Ida Wood

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock for Mrs. Ida Wood, 68, who died at her home, Tuesday, at 10:30 a.m., following a heart attack last Saturday. Services were conducted at the home and burial followed in the Wesley's chapel.

Mrs. Wood is survived by her husband, James Wood; three sons, Ingle and Jack Wood of Sylva, and Mount Wood of Macon county; one daughter, Miss Molly Wood of Spruce Pine; four brothers, Elbert, June and Obie Jamison of Enka and Rev. Enoch Jamison of Sealy; twenty grand children and two great grand children.

Forest Service Launches Fifth Annual Fire Prevention Drive

The Fifth annual Co-operative Forest Fire Prevention Campaign is being launched this week in North Carolina by State Forester W. K. Beichler. It is a part of the National Co-operative Forest Fire Prevention Campaign, which is being announced simultaneously in all the eleven states of the South.

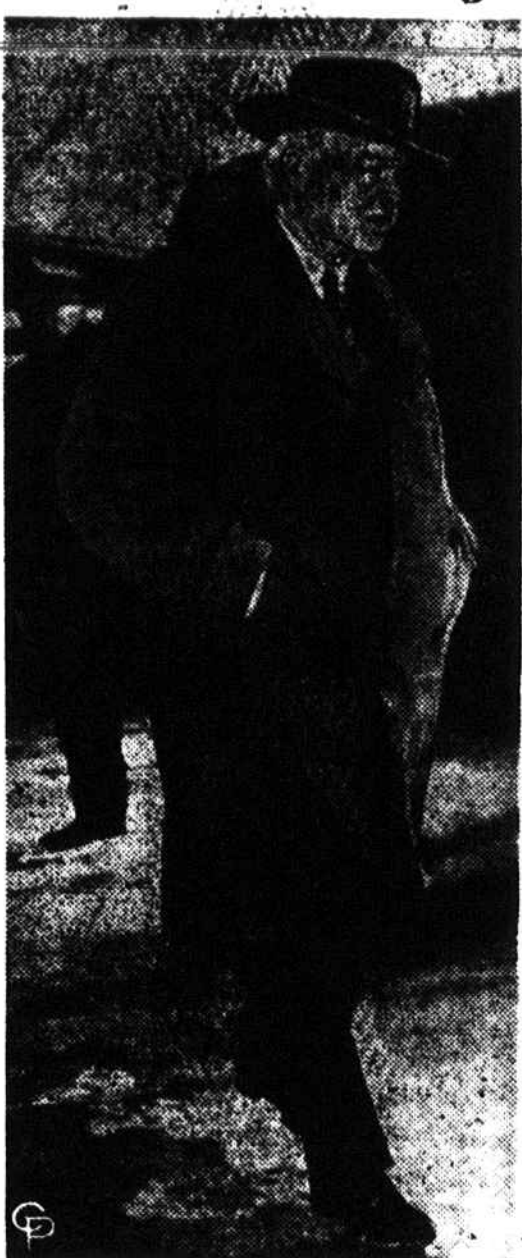
Key slogans for the campaign will be geared to the expectation of greatly increased use of the forests by recreation seekers and to urgent Nation-wide need for timber for home-building in the next few years. The first slogan is, "Please, folks, be extra careful this year. Remember only you can prevent forest fires." The second is, "Burned Timber Builds no Homes."

In discussing the importance of the Co-operative Forest Fire Prevention Campaign this year, State Forester Beichler said:

"We see thousands of half-finished houses in every town and city. Most of them are waiting for the necessary lumber to make them habitable and comfortable homes. We see thousands of acres of productive southern forest lands which have been cut-over and are now burned and blackened by preventable forest fires. Many are damaged so badly that they do not produce one shingle or one 2x4 to help in the construction of these needed homes."

The magnitude of this annual disaster, said Mr. Beichler, can be

Silent On Survey



FORMER PRESIDENT Herbert Hoover is shown after he disembarked from an Army C-54 transport plane at Mitchel Field, L. I., New York. He declined to make a statement on his 8,000-mile trip surveying European food needs for President Truman. Hoover was accompanied on the trip by Hugh Gibson, former envoy to Belgium. (International)

Farmers Requested To Make Application For Tree Seedlings

Jackson county farmers desiring to secure, without cost, seedlings for planting this spring on eroded lands, and to reinforce understocked woodlands, should make application for tree seedlings as soon as possible, either at the county agent's office in the courthouse or at the district forester's office in the Lloyd hotel building.

The seedlings are being made available to farmers in the Tennessee Valley Authority area of the State through a joint project of the TVA and Forestry and Parks Division of the Department of Conservation and Development.

WAR DEPARTMENT MAKING PLANS TO REMOVE WAR DEAD

Next Of Kin Will Get Questionnaires Within Next Few Months

T. W. Ashe, Veterans Service Officer for the local post American Legion, has announced that questionnaires will be mailed within the next two or three months to next of kin of American Service men who lost their lives in the recent war and who are buried overseas, in order to ascertain the disposition to be made of the remains of those members of the armed forces or civilians who served.

This program is not alone a War Department program, but rather a coordinated program, jointly planned and participated in by all the armed forces of the United States and those governmental agencies whose personnel served overseas in World War II with the armed forces. The Quartermaster General of the Army, acting for the Secretary of War, will administer this program. Local American Legion Service officers will assist and aid those next of kin who need additional information in completing these questionnaires.

The Quartermaster General Department has announced that the first removal of bodies will be begun in the Hamian area and the second in the Belgium area; other areas to be released at a later date.

Three choices are given in the disposition of these removals. Burial in a National cemetery, either at home or abroad; burial in a private cemetery in the United States or; burial in a private cemetery abroad.

Miss Martha Lou Hunter To Be Associated With Veterans Adm. Hospital

Miss Martha Lou Hunter, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. T. Hunter of Western Carolina Teachers College, left Tuesday morning for the Veterans Administration Hospital at Swannanoa, where she has accepted a position as laboratory technician.

Miss Hunter, who served four and a half years in the Woman's Army Corp., returned to the States last November. She served two years in the States and two years in the European Theatre Laboratory in England, later being transferred with the same unit to Germany and France, where she spent the last six months before returning to the States.

Miss Hunter is a graduate of W. C. T. C. and received further training at the University of Arizona, Duke University, and John Hopkins Hospital. Before entering service she was employed by the North Carolina State Board of Hygiene. She was given her discharge from the WAC in January.

Sylva High Reaches Finals At Cullowhee

The Golden Hurricanes from Sylva high school defeated Murphy 31 to 27 at Cullowhee Wednesday afternoon to reach the finals of the State District Basketball Tournament.

Bryson and Cagle were Sylva's chief point makers with 9 each, while Hal Wilson played a grand defensive game.

The Hurricanes will play the winner of the Waynesville-Canton contest Wednesday night for the Western District championship.

Jackson Farmers To Have Important Meeting March 10

There will be a very important meeting of Jackson County farmers at the courthouse at 10:30 a. m. Monday, March 10, for the purpose of electing a county board of directors of the Jackson County Farmers Cooperative.

H. L. Meacham, general manager of the Allied Farmers Cooperative, will be at this meeting. All Jackson county farmers are urged to be present.

D. C. Higdon
Blaine Nicholson

Cape Hatteras State Park, operated by the North Carolina Division of Forestry & Parks, is located in Dare County on the Atlantic Ocean. Facilities are located here for fishing and vacationing.

QUOTA OF \$2118 SET FOR JACKSON COUNTY RED CROSS DRIVE

Quotas Reduced With End Of War But Need For Funds Still Great

With a quota of \$2118 set for the American Red Cross Fund Drive, A. J. Dills, executive secretary of the local chapter, is urging that the county speed up the drive in order that it may be completed in March.

Workers for the communities and townships have been appointed and materials sent them. Solicitation of funds has already begun and it has been asked that every person that can and will, donate one-half a day's work to this important drive.

With the close of the war, quotas have been reduced but there is still great need of supplying the American Red Cross with funds to carry on their important work. Red Cross operates in civilian disasters as well as in military emergencies.

TRUMAN EXTENDS BEST WISHES TO 4-H CLUB MEMBERS

President Sends Letter To State Leader Harrill

President Harry S. Truman has issued the following letter through L. R. Harrill, state 4-H Club leader for the State College Extension Service, in connection with the annual observance of National 4-H Club Week which began Saturday and ends March 9:

"To All 4-H Club Members: "It gives me great satisfaction to know from March first to ninth nearly two million of you 4-H Club members will be observing your annual 4-H Club Week. You are to be congratulated especially on your 1947 theme, 'Working Together for a Better Home and World Community.' The challenge is great, but because of your past records of achievements we have faith that you will accomplish creditably the 1947 goals which you have set for yourselves.

"We are proud of your 4-H Clubs which are spread across our great nation. They constitute an outstanding body of youth aiming to attain worthwhile goals in life. With the help of the Extension Service of the Department of Agriculture and the State agricultural colleges, together with many voluntary cooperators and local leaders, 4-H Clubs have become an outstanding influence in developing the cultural, social and recreational, as well as the practical aspects of modern rural life. As a character-building influence they are unsurpassed.

"We take satisfaction also in the fact that 4-H Clubs are democratically organized and conducted, with programs based on individual and community needs, and that as members of these clubs, you are concerned with work important to the home and the farm, as well as those activities that make for sturdy citizenship.

"My best wishes for a successful 4-H Club Week this year."

Rev. Mark Osborne Entertains Schools, Clubs Past Week

The Rev. Mark R. Osborne, Jr., pastor of the Cullowhee Baptist church entertained the students at assembly programs in two neighboring schools last week.

On Thursday of last week he met with the Rotary club at Andrews where he gave a program of humorous reading, etc. The program was given in the school at Andrews upon the invitation of Miss Meredith Whitaker and her home room.

Last Friday he and Mrs. Osborne were entertained at lunch with the faculty of the Cherokee Indian school, after which they brought an assembly program of musical numbers and humorous readings, accompanied by Miss Mittleburg of the music department of Cherokee school. Miss Ruth Hooper of Cullowhee and Mr. Osborne also presented a violin-clarinnet duet.

Working Together For A Better Home and World Community Theme of National 4-H Week

FIRST GRADERS TAKE FIRST TRAIN RIDE



When Asheville to Murphy passenger train No. 17 pulled into Sylva, February 14, anxiously awaiting its arrival for their first ride were 31 children from the first grade of the Cullowhee elementary school. The children are shown above being assisted on board by Conductor Harvey West and Flagman Henry Pangle. A number of instructors from the school made the trip with the children which ended at Barkers Creek. Here they were met by other faculty members in cars to carry them back to Cullowhee.

The following children were in the group: Harry Lee Coggins, Ray Irving Adams, Arnold Ashe, Samuel Caldwell, Conrad Claybo, Hoyle Cline, Claude Dills, Harold Ensley, Joe F. Haskett, Tommy Norton, Marvin Parker, Lenoir Taylor, Wayne Taylor, Junior Tolbert, Guy Wilson, Billy Smith, Freddie McCann, Lucky Chappell, Alice Ruth Ammons, Betty Bishop, Thelma Bishop, Christine Coggins, Tommy Stephens, Mary Stephens, Lillie Taylor, Ruby Teague, Mamie Wilkes, Irene Wike, Levern Woods, Shelby Conner, and Delma Jo Bryson.

Little Symphony To Give Three Concerts On 20th

The North Carolina Little Symphony, which will appear in Sylva on Thursday, March 20, has scheduled three performances for that date, two being children's concerts and one for adults in the evening. Much preparatory work toward familiarizing the children with the orchestra and a background of music appreciation is being done by the teachers of the school. Words for two songs which will be sung with the Symphony has been sent teachers and are being learned in the school.

Funds for the Symphony, which is partially state supported and financed by individuals, were subscribed by firms and business men of the town. Securing the Symphony for Sylva has been under the direction of Mrs. Grover Wilkes and Mrs. Paul Ellis.

The morning performance will begin at 10:30 and the afternoon performance at 2:30. The following program for children has been arranged: "Linz" Symphony No. 36, in C Major, Mozart; Polonaise and Badinerie from Suite in B Minor No. 2, Bach; Mock Morris, Grainger; I Danced With a Mosquito, Liadov; Farandole from L'Arlesienne Suite No. 2, Bizet; and Jamaican Rumba, Benjamin.

Legislators May Be Home For Easter

The members of the General Assembly down at Raleigh are making some progress on appropriations and other state-wide measures and are hopeful of being through their work in time to be home for Easter. The members are studying salary increases for teachers and other state employees.

Three alternatives appear likely for the committee:

1. An amendment to boost all state salaries 30 per cent.
2. A proposal to boost state salaries 25 per cent.
3. An amendment to separate school teachers in a salary bracket from other state employees, with the teachers' ear marked for larger pay increases.

Nine items The legislature's appropriations still must consider nine more items. They include:

- The N. C. Veterans administration for which an appropriation of \$336,980 has been recommended for the biennium;
- North Carolina college at Durham for which a total of \$728,476 is recommended;
- Aid to dependent children, with \$1,300,000 recommended;
- Teachers and state employees' re-

Parent-Teachers Will Have Study Course March 11

Beginning at 11:00 o'clock Tuesday morning, Mar. 11, the Sylva Parent-Teacher association will hold its annual study course. Those attending will eat lunch in the school cafeteria and following lunch the course will be concluded. The theme for the study will be "Building for Tomorrow." Members will speak on the various types of building: physical, mental, moral, and spiritual.

A short business session will be held in the afternoon following the study course. Miss Bertha Cunningham, chairman, Mrs. Harry Ferguson, and Mrs. C. M. Warren are the committee making the arrangements for this program.

retirement system, with \$9,423,712 recommended;

Medical Care commission for indigent care, with \$1,000,000 recommended, and

Appropriations from the agricultural fund to operate the state department of agriculture, with \$2,014,323 recommended.

Scott Advises The Farmers To Reduce Production Costs

By W. KERR SCOTT
Commissioner of Agriculture
Farmers in North Carolina and in the nation are receiving lower prices for most commodities than a month ago, and we are now seeing the first general, natural supply-and-demand break in prices since the beginning of the emergency period nearly seven years ago.

Prices which farmers throughout the United States will average this year are expected to run about 10 per cent below those experienced in the autumn of 1946. It is anticipated that the decline will be rather sharp next winter, and that the average for the 1947-48 farm marketing year may be as much as 18 per cent under the levels of last year.

We should bear in mind, however, that this would not be a low level of income. It would be lower than what we have been accustomed to during the war years, but still about as high as any year prior to 1946.

If production costs continue to climb, the net income of course will drop lower than the estimates. This is the crux of the agricultural income problem. It isn't what we receive for our commodities that is so important; but it is what we receive in relation to what we must pay to produce these commodities. Consequently, farmers should

Jackson County Clubs Preparing For Larger Field Of Work In 1947

The theme, "Working together for a better home and world community," features National 4-H club week, which is being observed internationally during March 1-9.

4-H Clubs everywhere have made plans for special activities to highlight the work of their club and to emphasize their 1947 theme. It is their objective, as a group, to focus attention on 4-H club work, locally, state, and national in such a way as to increase the effectiveness of 4-H club work.

Defined, the 4-H clubs are groups of young people who are engaged in farming, homemaking, or community activities under the guidance of cooperative extension workers, and local volunteers trained by them. Any boy or girl, between 10 and 21 years, who agrees "to learn to do by doing" may enroll. The various clubs elect their own officers, plan and conduct programs based on the needs and interests of the young people, hold regular meetings, and take part in community activities. There are 4-H clubs in practically every state, and in Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico. These clubs have helped to develop 10,000,000 young citizens since their beginning. The program is helping to increase farm incomes, improve standards of living, increase the satisfaction of community life, and prepare young people for the world ahead.

Four distinctive educational objectives make up the club work. HEAD: To instill in the minds of rural young people an intelligent understanding and appreciation of nature and the environment in which they live; to teach young people the value of research and to develop in them a scientific attitude toward the problems of the home and farm.

HEART: To help rural young people develop desirable ideals and standards for farming, homemaking, community life and citizenship, and a sense of responsibility for their attainments.

HANDS: To provide rural young people an opportunity "to learn by doing" through conducting certain farm or home enterprises and demonstration to others what they have learned.

HEALTH: To develop in young people habits of healthful living; to provide them with information and direction in the intelligent use

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