

Canton Negro Killed As Car Runs Into Truck

Johnnie Pressley, 27, Waynesville truck driver, was ordered held for the July term of Haywood county superior court under \$2,000 bond following a hearing Monday in Canton police court before City Judge Ralph R. Mease in connection with the highway death last Thursday evening of Eugene Logan, 25-year-old Canton Negro.

Technically charged with manslaughter, Pressley, according to witnesses, had parked his truck on highway No. 19, within Canton's city limits to repair a fuel pump. Logan, driver of a 1936 Ford sedan, witnesses testified, crashed into the rear of the truck and was instantly killed as a result of a fractured skull. Witnesses also testified at the hearing that the truck was unlighted and that no highway flares were near the location of the parked truck which is said to have been loaded with gravel.

Logan's brother, Cecil, 23, also was painfully injured in the crash. Pressley, represented by Attorney Alvin Ward, of Waynesville, waived testimony in the case and filed notice of appeal after Solicitor T. A. Clark announced that the state rested.

Welfare Payments Low In Haywood

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work.

Dr. Winston pointed out that while the state average was \$27 that the average per family unit here in Haywood was \$19 for four persons under the aid to dependent children program.

The speaker told briefly of the history of the welfare department, and the larger scope of work now being carried on by the organization. The work ranges from supervision of orphanages, foster homes, boarding homes, county homes, general relief, and supervision of children under 14 who have run afoul of the law.

In speaking of adoptions of children, Dr. Winston pointed out that the requests for children is far in excess of the children available.

Dr. Winston mentioned a bill that will soon be introduced in Congress which would set up another cabinet post, heading education, welfare and health.

Mrs. Sam Queen, head of the Haywood welfare work, presented Dr. Winston to the club.

Red Cross

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American Red Cross, Waynesville. While the quota for the Haywood Chapter is around half as much of last year, the actual funds necessary to operate locally will be more than last year, due to the large number of men in the process of returning to the States, it was pointed out by the chairman.

In the industrial group committee, with Aaron Proxost as chairman, the Welton Shoe Corporation led with a total contribution of \$390.57, with the Unagista Manufacturing making second place, donating \$257.

Other industrial groups contributed as follows: Dayton Rubber plant, \$125; A. C. Lawrence Company, \$75.00; Hoyle and Pilkington, Inc., \$26.99; and Pet Dairy Products Company \$50.00.

Teacher Shortage Is Alarming

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tion—competent teachers, which can only be had when they can be encouraged with sufficient salary.

"Take for instance, the janitors are also underpaid. There is not a business man outside the asylum that would invest several hundred thousand dollars in a building and turn it over to a \$45 to \$60 a month man to keep up. Neither is there a level-headed man who would turn over even an empty \$2,300 bus to a 16 to 17-year-old boy to drive for \$13.50 a month that is the material side, to say nothing of the responsibility of the safety and lives of 35 to 50 children on each trip."

Mr. Allen pointed out, "I am not critical of the young bus drivers, they have done a remarkable job, but it is just too much to expect of them, and under the present wage scale we are getting far more than we are paying for."

During the discussion, mention was made of getting federal funds to supplement the salaries of the teachers, without further cost to the state. There was a difference of opinion expressed on this, those opposing the plan feared federal limitation, increased costs in administration and failure to get value received for the expenditure, and the complications of usual red tape in handling local problems where federal agencies are involved.

Those expressing themselves favoring the federal aid plan, pointed out successful agencies now operating in the state under such a system, and also, North Carolina ranks almost at the top in federal revenue paid, and it should be brought back to the state in some form. Opposition offset the latter with the fact that a large portion of the federal revenue collected in the state is cigarette tax, which the manufacturers pay before shipping the merchandise.

One civic leader expressed himself, and others talking on the subject agreed, "North Carolina is definitely on the downward trend in education, and will continue in this direction until attractive salaries are offered and potential teachers and leaders are induced to make teaching a profession, rather than seeking other fields."

Instance after instance was cited where former successful teachers and instructors have entered the industrial field, or other businesses because of the difference in salaries.

One suggestion brought out in the discussion of the schools, was SHORTAGE OF TEACH — TWO — the need of a trained nurse on duty at each school to check the students as to teeth, eyes, ears and general health. The nurse would also follow through on each case of illness, and where a contagious disease was indicated, the student would immediately be isolated from others in an effort to curb the spread of the disease. A further possibility of the health program, was having an active physician on duty available for a group of schools, to take care of emergencies and accidents.

Ree, C. R. Crockett, president, presided, and E. N. Davis was in charge of the program.

department of education, said that low salaries are the chief cause of the critical teacher shortage in the South.

His claim was substantiated by reports from superintendents of education in six Southeastern states. Collins said that efforts were being made in Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, Virginia, Florida and Louisiana to secure teacher pay increases.

Superintendents Questioned

Collins said he had questioned each of the state school superintendents in these states to see what they were doing to combat the instructor shortage.

Florida's system of granting scholarships to promising high

school graduates interested in becoming teachers, is being considered by North Carolina, Louisiana, and Georgia, Collins said. But he predicted that such a plan would not be practical in Georgia until teacher salaries were raised comparable with other college graduates.

Superintendent John F. Williams, of Kentucky, wrote that "the exodus of qualified teachers has not only left us with an inadequate supply, but also has had an extremely detrimental effect on the decision of young people of ability to choose teaching as a career."

Kentucky, he said, now had set up machinery in each locality of the state to encourage young peo-

ple to become teachers.

Louisiana Superintendent John E. Cox outlined that state's three-point program to combat teacher shortages. It included a 20 per cent pay increase for teachers, a comprehensive study of teacher education, including teacher recruitment and selection, and an independent study of teacher education by the school superintendents. Cox predicted Louisiana would propose a plan similar to Florida's scholarship fund for teacher trainees.

Dabney S. Lancaster, of Virginia, said that "the most important factor in the problem of securing an adequate number of teachers is to see that adequate salaries are paid

He said that teacher pay in Virginia had been doubled in the past five years, but that further increases must be sought.

Higher Pay Sought In N. C.

North Carolina, through its teachers and principals, is urging young people to enter the teaching profession, according to Superintendent Clyde Erwin. He said that the department of education may suggest Florida's plan for scholarships. And he added that higher wages for teachers were constantly being sought.

J. M. Tubb, of Mississippi, said that all high schools and colleges in the state had been urged to form teacher organizations for those who planned to enter, or were

studying for the profession. He said that such groups already had proven a stimulus to young people to become teachers.

Mississippi legislators and business men are also being urged to make teaching jobs more desirable through increased salaries, Tubb said.

Colin English, Florida superintendent of education, told of the recently-approved Lewis bill which appropriated \$400,000 for scholarships to teacher trainees. The law provides a scholarship of \$400 a year for high school graduates meeting standards set by the state board of education who are recommended by their principal and county superintendent.

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