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CAROLINA NEWS

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TEACHERS POLL SHOWS PAY NOT POPULAR

The State Education Commission has conducted a poll of North Carolina public school teachers. The poll shows that only six per cent of the teachers consider their salaries sufficient for a satisfactory standard of living.

DR. WALL RE-ELECTED ORPHANAGE SUPT.

Trustees of the Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina have concluded their annual session at Thomasville, N. C. Zeno Wall of Thomasville has been re-elected general superintendent of the orphanage, and Dr. I. G. Carter of Chapel Hill will continue as board chairman.

ESCAPED CONVICT BACK AFTER 8 MONTHS FREEDOM

Convict Herman Marchessault peacefully in a mental prison cell after eight months of stolen freedom. The 24-year-old March escaped eight months ago from a five to eight year sentence for breaking, entering and larceny.

SPECIAL COURSES ARE OFFERED TO STATE TEACHERS

North Carolina State College officials say they will offer special three-week and six-week summer sessions to teachers this year. The sessions will be for public school teachers in renewing their certificates as required by the State Board of Education.

ASHEVILLE PHYSICIAN HEADS STATE SOCIETY

The president-elect of the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina is an Asheville physician, Dr. G. Westbrook Murphy. Doctor Murphy was named to the top post at the closing session of the society's annual convention at Pritchard last week.

TOTS CONFESS BREAKING IN STORE

Charlotte police say a four-year-old boy whose head barely reached the top of the detective's desk has confessed to breaking into two stores.

The three have been charged with throwing a rock through a window of the Charlotte Work shop to enter and steal several handkerchiefs and some soft drinks. Officers say they also broke into another store and took 15 cents.

BOMBER CRASH KILLS HENDERSON SOLDIER

The United States air force says a Henderson, N. C., man was killed last week when a B-29 Superfortress crashed and burned near Wiesbaden, Germany.

LITTLE LABOR TROUBLE IN NORTH CAROLINA NOW

The State Labor Department says North Carolina had only nine-tenths of one per cent of strikes in the nation last year—only 35 out of more than 3,600 strikes in the nation.

Only seven-tenths of one per cent of the strikers in the nation were North Carolinians. They lost one and one-half per cent of the total time lost in American industry because of labor disputes.

Labor Commissioner Forest Shuford says "this record in itself constitutes a tribute to the intelligence and patriotism of both workers and management in North Carolina. It shows that our people have been able to adjust their differences through cooperation and teamwork."

SCHOOL OFFICIAL

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retired the previous year. "Since Haywood retired about \$60,000 in bonds last year, this means we can borrow \$40,000 this year, but that sum would hardly more than put needed repairs on one or two buildings, and not relieve the congestion at all."

"We school people realize, along with others, that taxes must be kept down to a point where the average man can pay. It is foolish to go beyond that point."

Through taxation, Mr. Messer said he figured \$125,000 could be set aside a year for school buildings, but that it would take 10 years to get the needed \$1,250,000 for immediate urgent needs. He said the estimates were based on recent contracts let in this area, where the average cost was \$9 per square foot.

By cutting the plans to a minimum, as to present needs, Mr. Messer said it would take \$1,243,500 just for buildings. This figure did not include cost of any land, grading, landscaping, or any repairs to several buildings.

"So acute is the need of more buildings in Haywood, that right here in Waynesville high, we have four more teachers allotted us than we have rooms for them to teach. That creates a critical situation for any school," he said.

A break-down of the estimates for proposed schools showed:

Jonathan Creek	\$390,000
Spring Hill	116,500
Waynesville Vocational	
Building	375,000
Bethel High	362,000
Total	\$1,243,500

"The average Haywood school building today is sub-standard, and has out-lived its day. There is no remedy for changes, or remodeling."

"The 1947 legislature discussed at length, the proposal of the state setting up a fund of ten millions for school buildings, but that divided among 100 counties would only mean an average of \$100,000 per county, and our minimum program here calls for at least a million and a half dollars," he pointed out.

Mr. Messer pointed out that there are three probable ways of obtaining money for the school building program: 1—a bond issue voted by the people, which would be difficult to carry at this time; 2—that in November the citizens of North Carolina will vote to rescind the constitutional amendment voted a few years ago which limited borrowing power of counties to 66 per cent of the amount of bonds retired the year before; and third, there is every indication that the 1949 legislature will seriously consider making state funds available for counties to build schools. In view of these three measures, Mr. Messer said he felt personally that it would be better for Haywood to await further developments.

MUSIC CLUB

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John W. Taylor, Miss Stephanie Moore and Charles Isley.

It is the desire of the Waynesville Music Club, according to Dr. Mary Michal, president, to further the cause of good music in the community through the facilities of WHCC by reaching a larger audience than might otherwise be possible. It is the hope of the music club too, that these programs will stimulate musical appreciation as to build up a supply of records in the Haywood County Library. All who are working on these programs are contributing their services in the interests of good music for our community.

Dried figs may be sliced into slivers with a kitchen scissors and then added to hot, cooked oatmeal or farina. If the figs are very dry they are easily softened by steaming in a strainer over boiling water.

State Education Unit Seeks Opinions Of Citizens

The North Carolina State Education Commission was authorized by the Legislature and appointed by the Governor to make a study of all phases of education in the state as a means of determining problems and recommending improvements. As one aspect of the study which is now under way the Commission believes it would be helpful to obtain opinions and suggestions from representative citizens of the State.

The blank printed below may be used for submitting your suggestions and comments in a brief form. Please do this now while you are thinking about the matter. It will take only a few minutes of your time. The names of individuals who submit suggestions will not be made public.

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_

- How good do you think the schools of North Carolina should be?
  - Among the best in the nation.
  - About as good as the national average.
  - About the average for the Southern States (that is, below the national average).
- If you believe the schools should be at least equal to the average for the nation would you be willing to pay the taxes necessary to reach this goal?
  - Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
- What do you think about salaries now being paid teachers in North Carolina?
  - About right.
  - Should be raised slightly.
  - Should be raised considerably.
- For what purpose should school facilities be used?
  - For school purposes only.
  - For both school and community purposes during the regular school year only.
  - For both school and community purposes on a year-round basis, as needed.
- Which should receive more emphasis in the schools of North Carolina? (check none, one or more.)
  - The fundamental skills, reading, writing, arithmetic and spelling.
  - Education for citizen life.
  - Education for earning a living.
  - The development and use of the resources of the state.
- In your opinion what are the two or three most serious weaknesses or handicaps of the schools of the state?
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
- In your opinion what are the two or three strongest or best features of the schools of the state?
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete and return to this paper.

3 Out Of 4 Feel That Teachers Should Get More, Survey Reveals

BANQUET

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the Chamber office on Main Street and a number of stores in Waynesville and Hazelwood.

Edward A. Wayne, vice president of the Federal Reserve Bank in Richmond, Va., will be the highlight speaker. He will be introduced by Jonathan Woody, president of the First National Bank.

The banquet will be prepared by Mrs. Rufus Siler and the staff of the Hazelwood school cafeteria and served by 4-H club boys and girls. Entertainment features are being arranged by Charles Isley.

The Chamber of Commerce drive which started last week is seeking to enlist a more widely representative membership this year in order to carry out its most ambitious program for which a budget of \$12,000 has been set up. Partial reports turned in by campaign workers to date indicate that it is going well, but officials emphasize that it is necessary for all groups to meet assigned quotas or the drive will fall short of its goal.

AMERICAN LEGION TO MEET THURSDAY NIGHT

The American Legion will meet Thursday night at 8 o'clock on the third floor of the Masonic Temple. The meeting date has been changed from Friday due to the Chamber of Commerce banquet.

New officers for the coming year will be installed, including Fred Campbell, commander, who succeeds William Medford.

TAX EVADERS FINED

At Raleigh, Federal Judge Don Gilliam has clamped \$5,000 fines on two prominent Wayne county doctors. Dr. Albert G. Woodard of Goldsboro and Dr. George R. Benton of Frequent were convicted of income tax evasion. Judge Gilliam says he spared them prison terms because of their age and health. But the judge had a few remarks to make about leaving off the prison sentence. "I have observed that every one of these large tax dodgers who come before me is rich, sick, dumb, have good reputations and are thrifty," he said.

In 14 Southwestern Conference football encounters, Mississippi and Mississippi State have broken even.

Newman Named Head Of Canton Commerce Group

FIVE NEW DIRECTORS ELECTED AT ORGANIZATION MEETING LAST WEEK

F. I. Newman, Canton lumberman, was re-elected president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce at an organization meeting held at the Imperial hotel last week. Other officers are: Charles S. King, vice president, M. C. Sprinkle, treasurer, and Mrs. Leta H. Smathers, secretary.

Five new members were named to the board of directors. They include: Dr. H. A. Matthews, Howard Myers, W. B. Huger, C. C. Nicholls and Harry Winner.

Mrs. Smathers, who has served as secretary to the body for the past fifteen years, gave a report for the year just closing, and plans for the new year were discussed.

It was pointed out that many improvements had been made in the work of the organization, and the group feels that the coming year offers greater opportunities for service.

Mrs. Smathers requests that everyone cooperate in the work by giving helpful criticism and suggestions, and in keeping in touch with the work of the organization, to help put them in effect.

Robert Luther Wins Model Plane Contest At Library

A large scale Monocoupe type model airplane, built by Robert Luther, won first prize in the contest which was judged Monday morning at the Haywood County Public Library.

Second place was taken by the "Zing" model placed by Mark Miller. The third ranking entry was built by Ted Rogers. They are still on exhibit at the library.

The first place winner will receive a book on plane building state's Miss Margaret Johnson, librarian. Judges for the contest were Marion Bridges and Paul McElroy.

Cecil Mehaffey Serving Aboard Naval Carrier

Cecil R. Mehaffey, son of Mr. Raymond Mehaffey of Waynesville is aboard the aircraft carrier USS Philippine Sea now operating as a part of the U. S. Naval Mediterranean Force.

When last heard from by his mother, Mehaffey was sailing from Malta for France. The carrier has stopped previously at Gibraltar, Bone, Algeria, Stax, Tunisia, and Argostoli, Greece, all of which were interesting places to visit.

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