

# Colleges, re-districting, utilities clarified as key legislative issues

By CLIFF BLUE  
**ISSUES** . . . Many people are asking what will be the big issue or issues confronting the 1963 General Assembly.

It could be that some of the big issues will work themselves out without a fight in the legislature. This has happened quite often in the past. We remember back before the opening of the 1947 session of the General Assembly that it looked like there would be a big fight over separation of the Wildlife division from the Department of Conservation and Development. The issue was hot as a pistol. But everything was finally agreed to and the Wildlife division was set up as a separate department without a floor fight at all.

**RE-DISTRICTING** . . . The issue of re-districting the State Senate which practically everyone agrees must be done, may result in a big fight, or it could be worked out without a fight.

**UTILITY LAWS** . . . R. E. A. supporters will be asking for legislation to continue services within REA areas taken into town. This will cause a big fight. If some of the proposals advocated by members of the General Statutes Commission are proposed, they too, will create a fight. The Utility committees could be a hot spot.

**HIGHER EDUCATION** . . . There will be emphasis on higher education during the 1963 General Assembly kindred to the emphasis on education in the public schools during the 1961 General Assembly. Community Colleges will likely be greatly encouraged. Four year institutions of higher learning for Wilmington and Charlotte will likely be provided for, with due consideration being given to Asheville.

**AUTO INSURANCE** . . . The public is right upset with the cost and red tape connected with automobile liability insurance. Something should be done, and we believe something will be done to make compulsory liability insurance more palatable to the paying public. In this

## Deaths

**MRS. EMMA J. JONES**  
 Mrs. Emma Jane Overaker Jones, 91, died Friday morning in a High Point hospital after a short illness. She was a former resident of Hillsboro.  
 Funeral services were conducted Saturday at 3 p. m. at Walkers Funeral Home in Hillsboro by the Rev. Louton Pettit and the Rev. R. E. Scarlett. Burial was in St. Matthews Episcopal Church cemetery.  
 Surviving are one sister Miss Alice Overaker of High Point; and several nieces and nephews.

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matter we do not want to burn down the barn to get rid of the rats.

**BUDGETARY MATTERS** . . . Budgetary matters, appropriations for the state institutions and agencies and for carrying on the services of the state as well as the enactment of the necessary revenue laws always constitute major issues before every General Assembly. 1963 will be no exception.

**CITY EXTENSION** . . . We note that some towns have been able to expand their borders without a hard-fought vote of the people under legislation enacted by the General Assembly. Southern Pines has been able to expand its boundaries considerably under the new law.

**SIMULTANEOUS VOTING** . . . While the 1963 General Assembly will convene in the people's new and modern State House, the members will lack the automatic voting machines which some 28 of the legislative bodies in the nation now have. Among the states having the automatic voting machines for their legislative bodies are West Virginia, Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Missouri, Iowa, Wisconsin,

Minnesota, Michigan, Nebraska, and Kansas.

Some of the legislators might not want them because on some "hot issues" they prefer the voice or standing vote rather than the ayes and nays. However, before many years voting machines will likely be installed.

**PEOPLE** . . . Bill Moore is doing a good job as editor of the Laurinburg Exchange, following in the footsteps of his fine dad who passed on about a year ago. . . We are always amazed at the amount of work Mrs. E. F. McCulloch, publisher of the Bladen Journal, can turn out. . . We hear that a new newspaper may soon make its debut in Rockingham, N. C. . . Rep. Dan Simpson of Morganton and Rep. Bill Osteen of Greensboro are engaged in a fight for the position as GOP minority leader in the 1963 General Assembly. Bill Cobb, we understand, is backing Simpson — his fellow townsman. . . George Uzzell would like to re-district the 9th district. No doubt some in the eighth would like to do the same thing, including some who supported the 1961 re-districting plan.

## 60 draw duty as court jurors

The names of 60 Orange County persons have been drawn for jury service in the one-week civil term of Orange County Superior Court which will open on Monday, Jan. 21, in Hillsboro. By townships the potential jurors are:

**Chapel Hill** — Basil G. Taylor, Donald G. Tarbet, Helen D. Wilkins, Herman Turk, Matthew W. Atwater, Esther Sump, Samuel J. Smith, Donald E. Stewart, Mack Burnett, E. E. Scheer, Ulysses Clark, Mrs. Claude Baldwin, Ann Lessie Russell, Mrs. Gales E. Andrews, Mack J. Preslar.

Charles B. Morris Jr., Columbus Foushee, John R. Dykers, Jr., Hosley Perry, James Foushee, C. Y. Tilson, Laura Farrar, Julius E. Toomer, Neal H. Tracy Roland Gates, Mildred C. Cox, Mrs. English Bagby, Peter Ford, Ralph M. Trimble, Fritz Sulzer, Frank D. Crawford, Nelson Cotton, John and Ellemet Byars, and Dudley J. Cowden.

**Hillsboro** — Jerry D. Hughes, Annie Jones, Carl S. Jervis, Mrs. E. L. Holmes, Robert F. War-

ren, Nocho Walker, J. H. Craven, Mrs. C. J. James, E. L. Horner, Mildred Currie, George Nichols Sr., Arthur Crabtree, Lacy Cooper, Margaret Cheek, and Roland Holden.

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## Ruritans make plans for year

The 74-member Cedar Grove Ruritan Club held its initial planning meeting for 1963 this past Thursday night in the Aycock School Cafeteria under the direction of its new President, Howard Compton.

Following supper, served by the Carr Methodist Church "W.S.C.S.", President Compton directed the club through business session devoted mainly to making committee assignments and presidential appointments.

Standing committee Chairmen and their respective committeemen will carry the main load of club accomplishments during the new year.

The chairman of the Finance Committee, Oscar Compton, announced plans for a rummage sale to be held early in the spring. This project is expected to raise several hundred dollars in club funds to promote good will activity in the local community.

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